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Cc: [Devin Strecker](#); [Todd Dunivant](#)
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On behalf of the Sacramento Republic FC see enclosed letter of support for the Dos Rios Station. As noted in the letter, the Dos Rios Station will be a critical transit option for a venue that will be a region wide draw and is critical to improve the fan experience, sustainability, and viability of the future stadium for your customers and users in the entire Sac RT service area.

We look forward to this keystone station being approved and moving forward as previously promised to the community.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Smith

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Sacramento Regional Transit Board
C/O Henry Li, General Manger/CEO
December 18, 2023

Dear Mr. Li,

As you are aware, Sac Republic FC has worked with the City of Sacramento and other community partners to make a stadium at the Railyards a reality for most of the last decade. This is envisioned as a community asset and destination for residents throughout your service area for major sporting and entertainment events.

In all of our planning and communication with leagues, investors, and stakeholders, the promised Dos Rios Station was an integral transportation option to bring fans and event goers to and from the stadium. Although the upcoming 7th Street station will be a “front door” for the stadium, with upwards of 20,000 people expected at games and events, the single tracked and truncated Greenline and likely bottleneck at the Intermodal Station, will limit the practicality of riding Light Rail to and from the events. Having a secondary access just a few blocks north for event goers to access the much more robust Blue Line at the promised Dos Rios station dramatically raises the viability of a “Transit Oriented” stadium and neighborhood.

The abrupt cancelation of this promised station took us by surprise, especially given the significant federal grant funds earmarked for the Station through the Mirasol Village project. We understand that the Board is set to reconsider their recent vote to sideline the Dos Rios Station at your upcoming January meeting and we want to wholeheartedly encourage keeping the previous promise to the community and reinstate the Dos Rios Station project.

We continue to work every day to bring the stadium to the Railyards and hope that the Sac RT Board will do their part to help ensure that Transit will be a hallmark of sustainability of the region’s enjoyment of the future events at the stadium.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Todd Dunivant
Sacramento Republic FC President & GM

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Chair Kennedy, Vice Chair Jennings, and SacRT Board members,

On behalf of Sacramento Metro Advocates for Rail and Transit (SMART), I urge the SacRT Board to **(1) approve Director Jennings' motion to reconsider and rescind the Board's November 13, 2023 vote, and (2) approve a motion to direct staff to fully fund the construction of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project and move the Project forward as originally planned, meeting Strategic Growth Council (SGC) guidelines.**

SMART is a not-for-profit, broad-based coalition of business, labor, transportation, environmental, neighborhood, faith-based, and community leaders founded in 2019 to educate, organize, and advocate for expanded and improved rail and transit services in Sacramento. In the past few years, SMART has continued to grow as the Sacramento region's premier voice for smart growth, responsible climate action, and sustainable transportation.

For the reasons set forth in the staff report as well as those stated in the attached Op-Ed in the Sacramento Bee and SMART's letter to the Board of November 13, 2023, it is abundantly clear that the only way that SHRA and SacRT can satisfy the Strategic Growth Council's requirements and salvage the remaining SGC Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant funds for Mirasol Village is to construct the Dos Rios Light Rail Station as originally planned. Fortunately, State Senator Ashby and Sacramento's elected and community leadership have come together to provide SacRT with multiple contingency plans to close the remaining funding gap and allow SacRT to construct the station without further delays.

Thank you for your commitment to growing transit and sustainable communities in our region.

Yours truly,

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Attachments:

1. SMART Jan 8, 2024 letter to RT Board
2. SMART Nov 13, 2024 letter to RT Board
3. Sacramento Bee Op-Ed



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January 8, 2024

Re: Item 4.1, Jan 8, 2024 SacRT Board Agenda - Support Motion to Reconsider and Approve Construction of Dos Rios Light Rail Station

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Yours truly,

Steve Cohn

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cc: Senator Angelique Ashby, SD8
Henry Li
Lashelle Dozier



November 13, 2023

Re: Support for Dos Rios Light Rail Station, Nov 13 SacRT Board Agenda Item 7.1

Chair Kennedy, Vice Chair Jennings, and SacRT Board members,

On behalf of Sacramento Metro Advocates for Rail and Transit (SMART), I am writing to voice our strong support for SacRT staff option #1 to revise the Dos Rios Light Rail Station schedule and budget, allowing for construction bids to go out in December 2023. SMART is a not-for-profit, broad-based coalition of business, labor, transportation, environmental, neighborhood, faith-based, and community leaders founded in 2019 to educate, organize, and advocate for expanded and improved rail and transit services for the Sacramento region. In the past couple years, SMART has continued to grow as the Sacramento region's premier voice for smart growth, responsible climate action, and sustainable transportation.

The Dos Rios Light Rail Station is a fundamental component of the award-winning Mirasol Village campus of 427 affordable apartments spearheaded by SHRA and housing for thousands more residents in the surrounding Grocers and River District. The Dos Rios station is so important that SacRT, SHRA, and the City of Sacramento successfully partnered in 2018 to obtain a \$23 million Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant from the Strategic Growth Commission (SGC) for construction of Mirasol Village of which \$17.6M was directed to Dos Rios Station, as well as \$18.8M in Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Grant (AHSC) funding of which \$940k was allocated to the station, as well as \$1 million federal earmark by Congresswoman Matsui, to pair with \$4.2M of SacRT's State Transit Assistance and FTA-5307 Funds. [See SacRT staff report.](#) The station will provide badly needed access to the SacRT transit system and contribute to significant ridership growth in the surrounding community, thereby increasing mobility for thousands of residents, while decreasing greenhouse gas emissions.

Unfortunately, as with many projects delayed by the pandemic, cleanup issues at the former industrial site owned by SHRA, supply chain problems, and other factors have combined to create a two-year delay and rising construction costs. As a result, the project now has a \$19 million funding gap and is in danger of losing \$20 million in grants because of delays in meeting project milestones, most importantly the release of bids in Dec 2023 and start of construction in 2024. In the face of state agency threats to pull all funding and redirect to other projects elsewhere in California, Senator Angelique Ashby convened a meeting of state, local, and federal officials, and community stakeholders on November 2, 2023, to develop a viable solution for Dos Rios station so that SacRT can retain the project's grant funding and build the

station pursuant to a revised schedule and budget, which is reflected in Option 1 in the SacRT staff report. Thanks to Senator Ashby's leadership, a consensus was reached among everyone present, including the representatives from the Governor's office, that so long as SacRT keeps to the revised schedule and budget, the state funding will be secure. However, the state officials also warned that if there were any further delays, particularly with SacRT Board approval in November and release of construction bids in December, then state funding would be pulled.

Fortunately, as described in Option 1, the \$19 million funding gap can be closed through an initial \$10 million SACOG allocation to SacRT from SB 125 funds, which SACOG CEO James Corless has committed to bringing to the SACOG Board for approval as soon as possible, and a commitment from SacRT to fund the balance. Note that RT's additional \$9M commitment would mainly go towards funding risk and contingency built into the budget and would leverage over \$30 million in other state and federal matching funds, which would still make the project among the largest transportation project beneficiaries of state and local matching funds in terms of ratio to local match in the region. Making matters even more compelling, if SacRT can find ways to reduce the construction costs below its current \$43M estimate, e.g., through value engineering, bid negotiations, project management, or otherwise, its investment would be reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of cost reductions.

In conclusion, no other scenario besides Option 1 would satisfy the commitments made to SGC and the Governor's office at Senator Ashby's meeting on November 3, and ensure the construction of the station that is so vital not only to Mirasol Village and Alchemist Public Market, but several other housing and mixed-use development projects that are either under construction or proposed for the immediate area, the Grower's District, and the River District at large. We therefore urge you to approve a resolution endorsing Option 1. We also stand willing to work with SacRT to request commitments from the City of Sacramento and other local partners to contribute towards the funding gap if necessary based on the construction bid process.

Thank you for your commitment to growing transit and sustainable communities in our region.

Yours truly,

Steve Cohn

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cc: Senator Angelique Ashby, SD8
Mayor Darrell Steinberg
Sacramento City Councilmember Katie Valenzuela
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I live in Sacramento's Central City and I am emailing to say that I am in strong support of building the Dos Rios light rail station to serve the newly completed Marisol residential project and the area adjacent to it. Building this station would be a good use of money since Marisol is a large residential project and its' residents would benefit from having easy access to a light rail station. When Marisol was originally approved, my understanding was that it would have an adjacent light rail station. Locating light rail stations adjacent to large residential projects is important to meeting the regions vehicle miles traveled reduction goals.

Thank-you for this opportunity to comment.

Karen Jacques

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Dear Chair Kennedy, Vice Chair Jennings, and SacRT Board Members,

Please find Civic Thread's letter in support of the board reconsidering their previous vote at the November 13 board meeting and directing staff to fully fund the construction of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project.

Thank you,
Kathryn

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January 5, 2024

VIA EMAIL

SacRT Board of Directors
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000
Sacramento, CA 95811

RE: Support for Motion to Reconsider November 13, 2023 Vote on Dos Rios Light Rail, and move forward to construct the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project (Item 4.1)

Dear Chair Kennedy, Vice Chair Jennings, and SacRT Board Members:

Civic Thread is pleased to see the SacRT board is reconsidering the decision on funding the Dos Rios Light Rail station. **Civic Thread continues to fully support the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project to be fully funded utilizing SacRT, SACOG, and grant funds.** Below, we have outlined the factors which we see as making this outcome both vital and necessary:

Funding

Given the SACOG Board approval of the Senate Bill 125 Transit Funding Initial Allocation Plan Approval, the provided \$10 million dollars will bring the anticipated shortfall to only \$9.2 million dollars. Additionally, as a testament to the **regional significance of this project** including and beyond the immediate community, **Senator Ashby has dedicated support in pursuit of closing the remaining financial shortfall** and in light of unforeseen circumstances, supporting any cost overrun issues. As one of the largest awards given by the Strategic Growth Council to a single entity, **delivering on this Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) project also positions SacRT and the region as more competitive for future transit projects.** Furthermore, while construction of a light rail poses a high up-front cost, long-term maintenance and operations are more efficient in comparison to the operational cost of running a bus that delivers a similar service.

Equity

Prior, there was a concern from SacRT that the construction of this light rail station would take funding away from transportation opportunities for disadvantaged communities. **The approval of every single project presents an opportunity cost.** We can't lose sight of the opportunity that is at risk of being lost now.

Currently, there is a total of \$27M, made up of CTC and SB125 funds that are at stake of being removed from this recognized Promise Zone whose vision is to “*enjoy good health, improved educational opportunities, living wage jobs, economic opportunity, and sustainable communities.*”¹ CalEnviroScreen identifies members of the River District, including Mirasol Village residents as being in the **99th percentile of high sensitivity to pollution** with its highest exposures related to traffic, and top two health burdens of **low birth weight and asthma impacting predominantly Black and Hispanic populations within this census tract.**² This area, in which Mirasol Village resides, is currently experiencing the consequences of disinvestment, and displays an urgency for this funding to meet the community’s transportation needs. The light rail station will also pose benefits from anticipated environmental and health improvements.

Community Impact

The Dos Rios Light Rail has been promised to the River District community for decades. It was a critical touchstone of the TCC Grant which funded the Mirasol Village affordable housing project, as well as an impetus for private developers to consider the River District for future housing and commercial developments. Private developers may pull future projects if this station is not built. The light rail station will serve as a catalyst to improve the entire area by bringing in jobs, businesses, resources, and housing.

Most importantly: right now, there is an existing community that lacks access to critical resources, employment, and even food. Civic Thread staff, through our work at the Mirasol Village Community, have heard directly from residents about the transportation insecurity they are experiencing. **Existing transit has been noted to be unreliable, and a barrier to connectivity to resources,** recreation, community, and employment. Anecdotally, we have heard from residents that without a personal vehicle and/or the ability to drive, **people are stranded on the evenings and weekends.**

Yes, an improved Bus 33 with evening and weekend service *might* address some of these challenges for a few years, in combination with other potential transportation alternatives. The Board Chair noted at the November Board Meeting that he does not understand the “love affair with light rail when we have a great bus system”.

¹ <https://www.sacramentopromisezone.org/>

² https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/11d2f52282a54cee6184203/page/CalEnviroScreen-4_0/

At the December 8 Board Meeting, two women who live at Mirasol Village walked forty minutes to the SACOG office to attend and deliver comments. After the vote was delayed, they had to walk those same 1.5 miles home on N. 12th Street at 9pm because there is no effective public transportation in the evening. At a certain point, the lived experience of people who rely on transit must be acknowledged, and respected in the funding decisions that people who have far greater access to resources make.

Nothing is as reliable as a Light Rail, supplies the same level of consistent service without delays or cancellations, and comes with the assurance that it will operate for decades. Residents of the River District community see the light rail as a superior option, and after having been passed over and provided subpar transportation options for countless years, it is time to finally show up for this community and provide something that has real longevity.

Mirasol Village is a community of people that watches the light rail pass them by every 15 minutes without stopping. With manifold other reasons for funding this project listed above, we also simply appeal to the Board's sense of justice for meeting the needs of a severely disinvested community and keeping a promise that was made. Why wait even a few years when we can make it happen now? We just need the political will which has been demonstrated at the state level via Senator Ashby and at the regional level via the SACOG Board of Directors. The remaining rests with you.

Thank you for revisiting this issue and we strongly urge the SacRT Board members to approve both the Motion to Reconsider and motion to direct staff to fully fund construction of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Canepa
Project Manager

Tabetha L. Smith

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Gentlepersons

Please keep the commitment to build a light rail station easily accessible to Mirasol Village and the surrounding community.,

It is so important that we model the principles we stand for.

Affordable housing needs to include reliable, accessible public transportation so that very limited incomes can be spent on necessities not on fossil fuels.

If we want to really combat climate change, we need to make out public transportation robust and our private transportation more and more inconvenient. Expanding light rail is an important piece of that.

Thank you for your reconsideration of this issue.

Diane Wolfe

Tabetha L. Smith

From: Cynthia Abbott <cynthia-abbott@sbcglobal.net>
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January 7, 2024

Sacramento Regional Transit District Board
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Chair Kennedy, Vice Chair Jennings, and SacRT Board members:

Re: Support for Dos Rios Light Rail Station, Agenda Item 7.2

I appreciate that tomorrow the SacRT Board of Directors is reconsidering its vote against proceeding with the Dos Rios Light Rail Station at Marisol Village. As a retired federal employee and Sacramento city resident, the station is a project that I'm familiar with and hope that the board will move forward to allocate sufficient funding to proceed with the construction of the Station.

As you are aware, the transportation component of the development of Marisol Village was promised to the residents and their River District neighbors and is vital to create a truly healthy, livable, and equitable neighborhood. The station, located at the northern Gateway to the city, will provide desperately needed access to the SacRT transit system for residents of Marisol Village and their neighbors.

Failure to follow through with development of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station will result in the loss of millions of dollars in federal, state and regional funding for Sacramento not to mention the inestimable amount of human capital investment expended by federal, state and local leaders and employees to ensure that the development is realized.

As a Sacramento resident of 23+ years, I am painfully aware of the multiple challenges our community faces to improve the quality of life for underserved neighborhoods, connect isolated residents to affordable housing and life-sustaining services, improve air quality and further climate action goals. I'm also aware of the reinvestment, revitalization and progress made throughout the community and the region to date that begs to be leveraged to further advance healthy, livable and equitable neighborhoods.

I urge you to vote to proceed with the Station and ensure that the promises made to Marisol Village and River District residents and neighboring stakeholders are realized so that they, the city and our region thrive.

Sincerely,

Cynthia L. Abbott

Tabetha L. Smith

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Good Day To You Regional Transit Board:

I Believe It Would Be Unkind Of Regional Transit To Eliminate And Ignore The Fact That The Dos Rios Station Can Give Many Of The River District Employees And Residents Rides From That Station, To The Watt & Interstate 80 Area Where There's A Nearby Walmart.

This Is Approximately 8 Stops From The Dos Rios Station To Watt & Interstate 80.

An Alternative Of Using These Stations, Is Riding The #33 Shuttle Bus From Richards Blvd., And Get To The Alkali Flat Station.

Otherwise, (The Idea That's Been Brought Up) Changing The #33 Shuttle Bus Line So That It Meets The #11 Bus Line At The Township 9 Light Rail Station.

The #11 Bus Also Goes To The Natomas Part Of Town Where There's A Walmart As Well.

Currently, Walking To The Township 9 Location Is Tiresome And The Weather Plays A Big Part With That.

But The #11 Bus Often Has Cancellations That Not Only Impact The Disabled Riders, But The Community Of Riders Who Need To Get To The Walmart.

The #11 Bus Has Approximately 9 Bus Stops, And A Short Freeway Ride From Township 9 To The Natomas Walmart.

I've Personally Waited (Quite Some Time) As Long As It Takes 2 #11 Buses To Take Me Back To The Mirasol Village Apartments.

Please Allow Us To Have The Long Anticipated Dos Rios Light Rail Station By Considering The Comments I'm Submitting.

Thank You.

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Hello Chairman Kennedy and Directors

Hopefully, you have read the SacRT staff's new report with a presentation regarding the Dos Rios Light Rail Station. It should give you enough information to vote for the station.

After this board rejected the station in the first round, some board members and others stepped up to obtain an extension of the grant and find money to fill the gap. They were successful.

There are several reasons to go forward; it will provide reliable service for all residents of Marisol Village and the area, find matching funds for SacRT projects in the future, and for the River District to expand housing and retail developments. It will fulfill the promise.

RiderShip for the Masses urges all board members to rescind the November 11, 2023 vote, and vote to approve to go forward to build the station while continuing to provide route 33 Dos Rios Bus support.

Your decision will complete the Vision that is the Dos Rios Light Rail station and fulfill the promise.

Thank you!

"B"

Barbara Stanton

Director

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Please find below my comment on item 4.1 of the Jan 8 SacRT board meeting.

I urge the SacRT board to reaffirm their November decision.

According to the SacRT staff report:

“The new Mirasol Village housing offers a total of 427 units for low-income residents with additional market rate units also available. The vision for the historically isolated area includes full connectivity to transit, employment centers, services, retail, and cultural amenities, creating a vibrant gateway to downtown Sacramento. Although SacRT’s existing Blue Line light rail route runs directly through the eastern portion of the River District, the nearest stations to the Mirasol Village Housing Complex are Alkali Flat/La Valentina Station, which is more than a half-mile to the south, and Globe Station, which is over a mile to the north across the American River. Access to the Green Line to Downtown is almost a half-mile to the west. The distance between stations leaves much of the eastern end of the River District effectively isolated from the rest of the city with limited access to the regional transit system.”

So we are talking about 427 affordable units and an unspecified number of market rate units that are about a half-mile (about a 10-minute walk) to 2 locations on the existing lightrail which is closer than most Sacramentans are to a lightrail station.

The substitute proposal which the RT board approved back in November apparently includes special zero-emissions bus service (which i guess means EV buses). This special bus service to Marisol should be quite adequate. If the market-rate residents don't want to ride the bus, they can walk 10 minutes to lightrail or they can live somewhere else. And the low-income residents will probably be happy to have good transit access by bus.

RT's resources are very constrained. i'm unclear on who made what promises, but political promises are regularly broken due to financial constraints. RT's mandate is to service the WHOLE sacramento community. I estimate that a large majority of sacramento residents (including myself) live further than half a mile from light rail.

Reversing the SacRT board's November decision does not seem fair to the Sacramento region as a whole.

Muriel Strand, P.E.

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I write today in support of reinstating plans to build Los Rios Light Rail Station at Marisol Village.

The transportation component of the development of Marisol Village was promised to the residents and the community and is vital to create a truly healthy, livable, and equitable neighborhood. The station will provide desperately needed access to the SacRT transit system for residents of Marisol Village. In addition, research has shown that households with lower incomes are high propensity riders and are vital to ridership growth in the system.

Failure to follow through with development of this station will result in the loss of millions of dollars in funding for Sacramento, including impacting access to Alchemist Public Market (see: <https://alchemistpublicmarket.com/>).

Access to both affordable homes and transit is imperative to strengthen and stabilize families with low incomes and neighborhoods that have suffered from disinvestment for decades. A vote to proceed with the Los Rios Lightrail Station is a vote for equity, reinvestment, and healthy and affordable homes and neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Shawn Mainville
Board Member, Alchemist CDC

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From: [Kate Lenox](#)
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Subject: Support the Dos Rios Light Rail Station-Vote Yes
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Dear Board Members:

I urge you to reconsider decision on the Dos Rios light rail station. The housing in the area was built with the express promise of a station nearby. It defeats the purpose if low income residents don't have close access to light rail. We need the Dos Rios station in order to meet climate goals, and support those who ride public transportation.

Please vote yes on funding to build the Dos Rios light rail station.

Thank you,

Kate Lenox

Sacramento, 95819

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From: [Tiffany Wilson](#)
To: [Board Comments](#)
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Sacramento Regional Transit Board,

I am emailing to support the Board rescinding the November 13, 2023 vote and to move forward with the allocation of capital funds to proceed with the construction of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station.

The Marisol Village plan includes the construction of the light rail station, and it is imperative that SacRT move forward as planned to increase transit accessibility and to help meet the city and region climate goals.

Sacramento MUST invest in transit expansion as it is a vital backbone to making increased density and reduced parking mandates work for our city. Additionally, a robust transit system is necessary to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Finally, an investment in transit advances equity for our low-income, mobility impaired, and transit dependent residents.

Tiffany Wilson
District 6, City of Sacramento resident

From: [Cristina Navarro](#)
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I am writing to express my strong support for the construction of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station, a critical project that holds immense promise for growing community in the River District. This station represents more than just transit; it symbolizes a commitment to equity, accessibility, and the well-being of a community that has long been overlooked.

The promise of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station has ignited hope and anticipation among residents who have been waiting for this vital connection to the broader Sacramento area. Breaking this promise would not only be a letdown to the community but also a failure to address the pressing issue of transportation inequity. Access to reliable public transportation is a fundamental right that every community deserves, and the Dos Rios Station is a crucial step toward ensuring that right is realized for all.

The benefits of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station extend beyond transportation, positively impacting the local economy, job opportunities, and overall quality of life for residents. Now, more than ever, we must prioritize projects that uplift underserved communities and contribute to a more inclusive and connected city.

I urge decision-makers to honor their commitment and prioritize the construction of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station. Let us not falter in our dedication to fostering a city that values every resident and provides equal opportunities for growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Cristina Navarro

(she/her/hers)

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From: [Jonathan Cook](#)
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Dear Chair Kennedy, Vice Chair Jennings, and SacRT Board members:

Re: Support for Dos Rios Light Rail Station, Agenda Item 4.1

On behalf of Sacramento Housing Alliance, we urge your support for agenda item 4.1 to reconsider the Board vote on agenda item 7.1 Dos Rios Light Rail Station taken on November 13, 2023.

Our affordable housing, equity, and mobility goals will all be advanced by the completion of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station.

This station was a critical component of the Marisol Village community plan including development of over 427 affordable homes. As noted by our partners, the Dos Rios station is so important that SacRT, SHRA, and the City of Sacramento successfully partnered in 2018 to unlock state and federal funds to complete this project.

The transportation component of the development of Marisol Village was promised to the residents and the community and is vital to create a truly healthy, livable, and equitable neighborhood. The station will provide desperately needed access to the SacRT transit system for residents of Marisol Village.

We strongly urge you to reconsider the November 13th vote and adopt staff's recommendations, to direct the General Manager/CEO to allocate sufficient funding to fill the budget shortfall and proceed with the construction of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station.

Sincerely,

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Good evening

My name is Greta Lacin, and I'm the president of the River District Board.

I'm delighted to speak up for a second time in Support of the Dos Rios light rail station.

Thank you Vice Chair Jennings for bringing this forward for a second look.

The fact that all of you are examining this project more carefully indicates that you recognize the importance of this project, as one that will support regional climate action goals, will support green infill housing, and will support climate justice for underserved communities.

I am also heartened by the ongoing support shown by Senator Ashby and the support of SACOG for this project, as well as the ongoing work put into researching funding by RT Staff.

I have confidence that this board will find a way to bring the Dos Rios light rail station forward TONIGHT as the important project that it is, not only for the River District, but also for our region.

From: [Glenn Mandelkern](#)
To: [Board Comments](#)
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Dear Board:

I am submitting again my public comments for you to revisit and incorporate as you deem appropriate within the files and developments you've encountered between our last meeting and tonight's.

Glenn Mandelkern
Citrus Heights

No matter the outcome for tonight's Agenda Item 4.1, one issue remains: how will Mirasol Village residents get easily to/from EXISTING Light Rail stations?

A recent SacBee article described the walk from Mirasol to the closest light rail station as arduous. Route 33 could be augmented before 2026. While some worry of delays, we have 2 recent examples of quick implementations:

- 10/22/23 and 5 routes relocated to the Power Inn Station
- 12/8/23 temporary bus stop during Sac State's strike

Next, how do other apartment communities manage their connections with light rail? Might it surprise you that some have changed from "Have to" to "Want to" thinking? Instead of thinking they have to take the bus to use light rail, they now want to.

Car drivers are frequently told to combine multiple errands. What life activities can they do along the same path? Well, transit riders can do trip linking too, from shopping to exercising.

In Citrus Heights, while we don't have light rail, we have Routes 1, 23, 25 and 93 serving Blue Line. And 21 and 124 serve Gold Line.

We also use these for other tasks between Light Rail and our apartments. Our budget-starved minds have us visiting bargain market Grocery Outlets along Routes 1 or 21. Our \$10 monthly gym has us weighing Planet Fitness by Routes 21 or 23. Could these be copied in Mirasol's vicinity?

Revisiting station or bus. After Laura Ham comes Hamlet who advises,
“Nothing is good or bad, but thinking makes it so.”

From: [Gale Morgan](#)
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I have heard others talk about the lost opportunity costs of \$20 million (Cap & Trade) and \$10 million (SACOG). Indeed, it would be a great loss to Sacramento to see those funds pulled back. However, many seem unaware, or just ignore the regular operating budget impact.

Maintaining a light rail station between two existing stations has minimal cost compared to operating a bus route. Route 33 currently costs \$535,000 per year to operate. The proposed improvements needed, if the station is abandoned, would increase costs by \$386,000. The total would then be \$921,000. Those are current year dollars.

When the station is completed, SacRT could discontinue Route 33. That has always been the baseline plan. So, this is a one-time capital project that would allow SacRT to save almost \$1 million operating every year. And of course, the light rail service would be a much higher quality service than Route 33. Better frequency, longer hours, seven days of service, and direct service to vastly more destinations without a transfer.

As far as bus versus rail goes, I like bus service and think it often gets overlooked in favor of a more politically glamorous light rail, and undoubtedly, new light rail is costly to construct. But it's important to note this is an infill station. Yes, it costs money to build the station and to maintain it. But there would be no change to the annual operating cost for the train to stop there because the train is already going by.

That operating cost is the crucial thing. An extension not only costs money to build but requires more cars and train operators. But an infill station (like Dos Rios) does not. It just lets us get more riders with the system we already have.

Gale Morgan,

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Gale Morgan

From: [Clancy Taylor](#)
To: [Board Comments](#)
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Dear SacRT BOD,

My name is Clancy Taylor, and I am a community member, an affordable housing professional, and a SacRT user. I am writing in support of the Marisol Village/Dos Rios station. Do not allow the City of Sacramento and our fellow residents to lose a VITAL housing and transportation project, as well as state and federal funding! Losing out on competitive AHSC grant funds puts a bad name to the City and to SacRT and adds trepidation to the funders when considering partnering with SacRT and the City in future endeavors.

* The transportation component of the development of Marisol Village was promised to the residents and the community and is vital to create a truly healthy, livable, and equitable neighborhood. The station will provide desperately needed access to the SacRT transit system for residents of Marisol Village. In addition, research has shown that households with lower incomes are high propensity riders and are vital to ridership growth in the system.

* Failure to follow through with development of this station will result in the loss of millions of dollars in funding for Sacramento.

* Access to both affordable homes and transit is imperative to strengthen and stabilize families with low incomes and neighborhoods that have suffered from disinvestment for decades.

* A vote to proceed with the Station is a vote for equity, reinvestment, and healthy and affordable homes and neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
Clancy A Taylor

From: [Jacquolyn Duerr](#)
To: [Board Comments](#)
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I am a 40-year resident of the City of Sacramento and hope that public transportation, in my lifetime, soon will serve all of us but especially in lower income neighborhoods. It is a critical element of the affordable housing equation.

The transportation component of the development of Marisol Village was promised to the residents and the community and is vital to create a truly healthy, livable, and equitable neighborhood. The station will provide desperately needed access to the SacRT transit system for residents of Marisol Village. In addition, research has shown that households with lower incomes are high propensity riders and are vital to ridership growth in the system. In addition, lower income households using public transportation have more income available for family needs.

Investment in this station is a deposit toward increased equity, reinvestment, and healthy affordable homes and neighborhoods.

Failure to follow through with the development of this station will result in the loss of millions of dollars in funding for Sacramento.

Please vote to proceed with the transportation component of the Marison Village development

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Item 6

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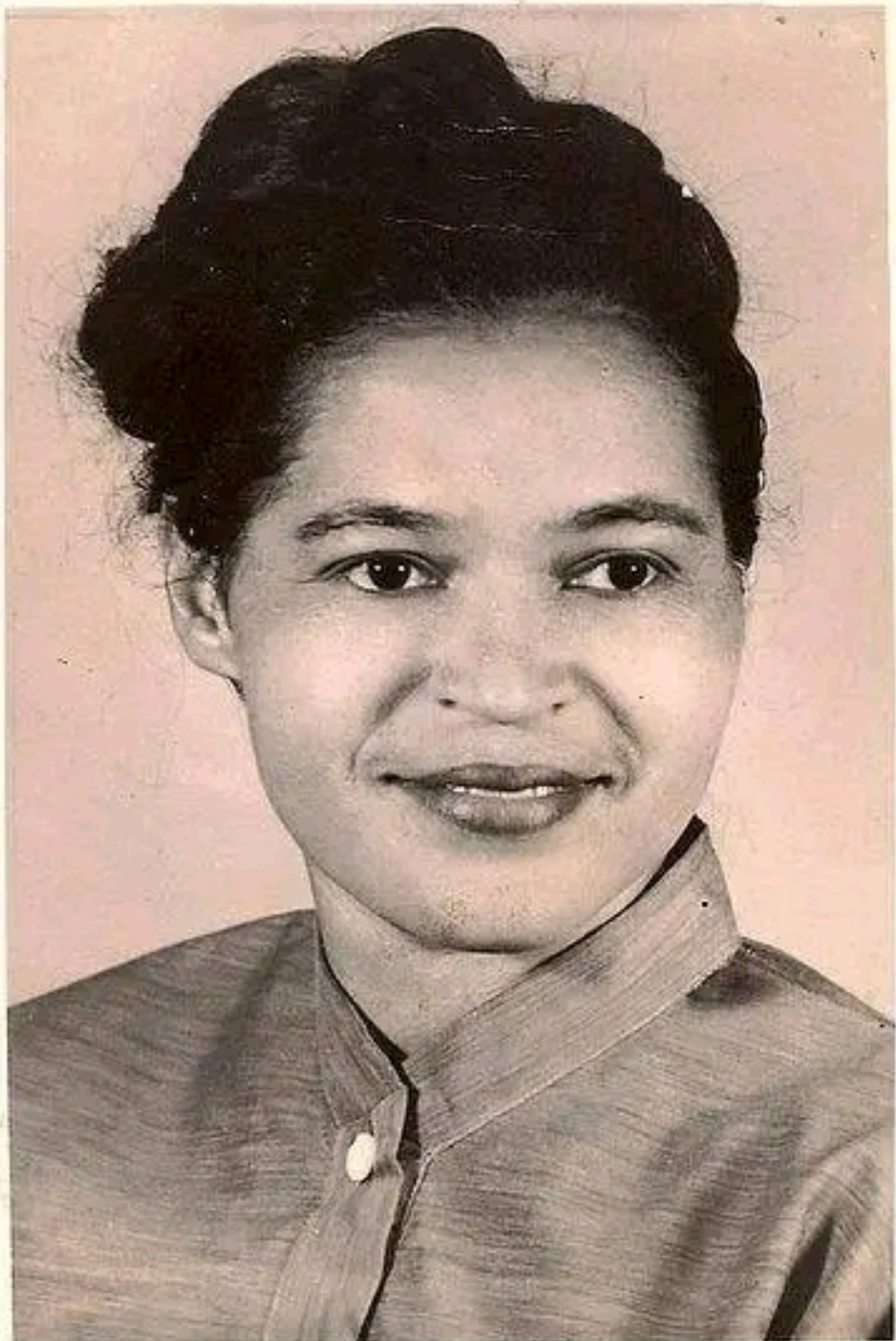
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11:30 am - Press Conference
SacRT Board Invitation (Representation)

Celebrating the "hidden figures" of the
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leading the way towards Transit Equity and Inclusion.

Michael Harris, Co-Chair
2024 California Rosa Parks Day
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