



Sacramento Regional Transit District Agenda

BOARD MEETING

4:00 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT Q STREET AUDITORIUM

1102 Q Street 4th Floor, Suite 4600, Sacramento, California

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(13th St. Light Rail Station – served by all three light rail stations)

ROLL CALL — Directors Brewer, Budge, Dickinson, Hume, Kennedy, Maple, Rohrbough, Schaefer, Serna, Singh-Allen, and Chair Jennings

Alternates: Directors Leary, Lopez-Taff, Sander and Suen

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of January 27, 2025
- 2.2 Receive and File: Quarterly Treasurer's Report (J. Johnson)
- 2.3 Resolution 2025-02-010: Approving the Third Amendment to the License Agreement for Underground Conduit and Fiber (Arden and Oxford Street – APN: 275-1032-002-000) with MCIMetro Access Transmission Services LLC (C. Flores)
- 2.4 Resolution 2025-02-011: Authorizing the Execution of the Amendment for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program for the SmarT Ride Microtransit Project (L. Ham)
- 2.5 Approving the First Amendment to the Contract for On-Call Flagging Support Services with National Railroad Safety Services, Inc., and Conditionally Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve and Execute Work Order No. 6 for On-Call Flagging Support Services for the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project (H. Ikwut-Ukwa)
 - A) Resolution 2025-02-012: Approving the First Amendment to the Contract for On-Call Flagging Support Services with National Railroad Safety Services, Inc.; and
 - B) Resolution 2025-02-013: Conditionally Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve and Execute Work Order No. 6 with National Railroad Safety Services, Inc. for On-Call Flagging Support Services for the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project
- 2.6 Resolution 2025-02-014: Approve Contract Change Order No. 5 to the Contract for Low Floor Vehicle Platform Conversion Phase 3 with PNP Construction, Inc. (H. Ikwut-Ukwa)

- 2.7 Resolution 2025-02-015: Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement for American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, District Council 57, Local 146, Administrative Technical Unit for the Term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 (D. Topaz)
- 2.8 Resolution 2025-02-016: Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Work Order No. 18 to the Contract for General Engineering Support Services with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. for Design Support During Construction for the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project (H. Ikwut-Ukwa)

3. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA*

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1 Information: Presentation for SacRT Street Harassment and Transit Safety Survey (L. Hinz)
- 4.2 Information: Light Rail Modernization Update (B. Araujo)
- 4.3 Chair Appointment to SacRT's Retirement Boards: ATU, IBEW, OE3, MCEG, and AFSCME (S. Valenton / T. Smith)

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 5.1 General Manager's Report
 - a. Major Project Updates
 - b. SacRT Meeting Calendar
 - c. Next Stop News (January/February)
 - d. Customer Service Response to Feedback and Comments (L. Hinz)

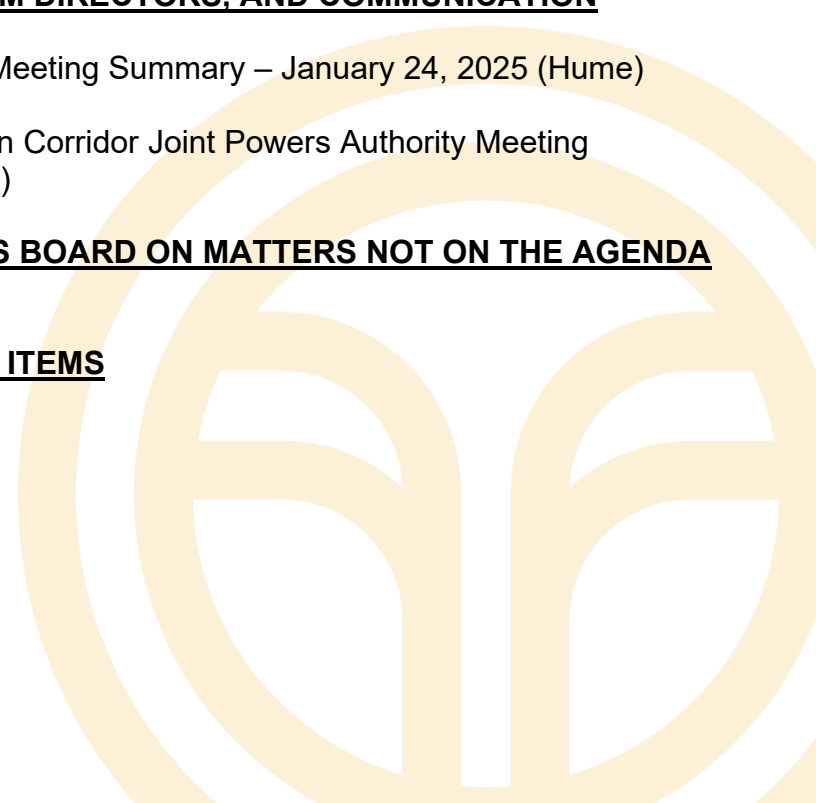
6. REPORTS, IDEAS AND QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS, AND COMMUNICATION

- 6.1 San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Meeting Summary – January 24, 2025 (Hume)
- 6.2 Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting Summary – February 3, 2025 (Budge)

7. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (If Necessary)

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

9. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION



10. **CLOSED SESSION**

10.1 Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to 54956.9 (d) Anticipated Litigation

One or more cases

11. **ADJOURN**

*NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF JANUARY 27, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2025**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 4:03 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Dickinson, Hume, Kennedy, Maple, Rohrbough, Schaefer, Singh-Allen and Chair Jennings. Absent: Director Serna. Director Brewer arrived at 4:07 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of January 13, 2025
- 2.2 Conditionally Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Award Contracts for General Construction Management Support Services and to Award and Execute a Work Order for Supplemental Construction Management Support Services for the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Construction Project (H. Ikwut-Ukwa)
 - A) Resolution 2025-01-005: Conditionally Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Award Contracts for General Construction Management Support Services to Atlas Technical Contractors LLC; and
 - B) Resolution 2025-01-006: Conditionally Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Award Contracts for General Construction Management Support Services to MCK Americas, Inc.; and
 - C) Resolution 2025-01-007: Conditionally Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Award Contracts for General Construction Management Support Services to PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.; and
 - D) Resolution 2025-01-008: Conditionally Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Award and Execute a Work Order for Supplemental Construction Management Support Services for the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Construction Project
- 2.3 Resolution 2025-01-009: Approving the Third Amendment to the Contract for Supplemental Paratransit Services with UZURV Holdings, Inc. (B. Araujo)

Public Comment:

Item 2.2 - Jeffery Tardaguila asked about the Dos Rios master plan.

Item 2.3 – Helen O’Connell commented on the UZURV supplemental service.

ACTION: APPROVED. Director Maple moved; Director Hume seconded approval of the consent calendar as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Ayes: Directors Brewer, Budge, Dickinson, Hume, Kennedy, Maple, Rohrbough, Schaefer, Singh-Allen and Chair Jennings; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Director Serna.

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

- 3.1 Resolution 2025-01-001: Commending Patrick Kennedy (Chair Jennings)
- 3.2 Resolution 2025-01-002: Commending Lisa Kaplan (Chair Jennings)
- 3.3 Resolution 2025-01-003: Commending Mai Vang (Chair Jennings)
- 3.4 Resolution 2025-01-004: Commending Mike Kozlowski (Chair Jennings)

Chair Jennings welcomed new SacRT Board member, Director Rohrbough and new alternate SacRT Board Member, Director Lopez-Taff who were both in attendance.

Director Lopez-Taff and Director Rohrbough each provided a brief statement.

Chair Jennings recognized and expressed sincere gratitude for previous Chair, Patrick Kennedy and leaving Board members, Lisa Kaplan, Mai Vang and Mike Kozlowski.

Director Maple complimented Director Kaplan for her work on the SacRT Board.

ACTION: APPROVED. Vice Chair Singh-Allen moved; Dickinson seconded approval of Items 3.1-3.4 as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Ayes: Directors Brewer, Budge, Dickinson, Hume, Kennedy, Maple, Rohrbough, Schaefer, Singh-Allen and Chair Jennings; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Serna.

4. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA*

Public Comment:

Helen O'Connell commented on accessibility issues with the new low floor trains.

Jeffery Tardaguila commented on ramp deployment and low floor train limitations and accessibility.

Robert Coplin commented that the Zinfandel fare machine does not take cash, ramp deployment and customer satisfaction.

Mr. Li stated that SacRT VP, Operation, Blanca Araujo, will provide a comprehensive update presentation on the new low floor trains at the next SacRT Board meeting.

Chair Jennings thanked the public for their comments.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 SacRT Board and Commission Appointments (T. Smith/S. Valenton)

- A. Chair Appointment: Reappointments of Board Members to the Ad Hoc Real Estate Committee

ACTION: Chair Jennings appointed himself or Vice Chair Singh-Allen to attend as leadership and appointed Directors Brewer, Budge, Kennedy, Maple, Rohrbough and Schaefer to the Ad Hoc Real Estate Committee.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

6.1 General Manager's Report

- a. Major Project Updates
- b. SacRT Meeting Calendar
- c. Customer Service Response to Feedback and Comments (L. Hinz)

Mr. Li asked for a moment of silence to honor Ahmed Morris, SacRT employee for 19 years, who suddenly passed away.

Mr. Li provided a brief presentation.

Mr. Li added that SacRT must always be alert about protecting formula-based money being kept in this region so that service cut challenges will not be faced in the future. Mr. Li thanked the Board, SacRT partners and SacRT riders, and announced that many peer agencies have needed to cut services to 65%-90%. SacRT has provided 100% of service throughout the Covid pandemic with the exception of the first three months when the entire nation shut down.

Chair Jennings complimented staff and the public for the successful transition to SacRT Flex.

Director Rohrbough looks forward to working with the SacRT Board and staff.

Written Public Comment:

Item 6.1 – Rick Hodgkins commented on customer service feedback and updates.

Public Comment:

Robert Coplin complimented SacRT staff.

Chair Jennings stated SacRT is striving towards 100%.

7. REPORTS, IDEAS AND QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 Mobility Advisory Council Meeting Summary – January 16, 2025 (B. Araujo)

8. **CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (If Necessary)**
9. **ADJOURN**

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51p.m.

RICK JENNINGS, Chair

A T T E S T:
HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Jason Johnson, VP, Finance/CFO
SUBJ: QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Under SacRT's Board-adopted Investment Policy, the Treasurer for the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is required to submit a Quarterly Treasurer's Report to the Board of Directors. The report fulfills this requirement and certifies that SacRT has sufficient funds available to meet its expenditure requirements for the next six months.

FISCAL IMPACT

None as a result of this report.

DISCUSSION


The Quarterly Treasurer's Report (Attachment 1) for the quarter ended December 31, 2024, provides the depository, maturity date, par value, current market value, and estimated annualized interest earnings for SacRT's investments. California Government Code 53646 allows but does not require submission of a quarterly Treasurer's Report; in the adopted Investment Policy (Resolution 12-10-0162), the Board made the Treasurer's Report a mandatory requirement (Section VI). This informational report fulfills that requirement.

Attachment 1

SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT OF INVESTMENTS & CASH DECEMBER 31, 2024

DEPOSITORY	RATE %	BENCHMARK	MARKET VALUE	PAR VALUE	ANNUALIZED INT. RETURN	SPECIAL NOTES
INVESTMENTS						
LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (LAIF)	4.55%	N/A	\$ 72,299,076	\$ 72,299,076	\$ 3,285,993	Type: State Pooled Investment Account Considered 1 day funds
CALTRUST	5.10%	4.55%	\$ 73,635,067	\$ 73,635,067	\$ 3,755,388	Type: Joint Powers Authority Pooled Investment Account Considered 2 day funds Benchmark: Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)
CHANDLER ASSET MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO	3.78%	3.42%	\$ 3,510,534	\$ 3,573,512	\$ 132,698	Type: District Investment Account Considered 2 day funds Benchmark: ICE BofA 1-5 year unsubordinated US Treasury and Agency Index
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			<u>\$ 149,507,655</u>		<u>\$ 7,174,080</u>	
AVERAGE PERCENTAGE ON INVESTMENTS	4.80%	WEIGHTED AVERAGE MATURITY		1.52 days		
OPERATING ACCOUNTS						
US BANK	N/A	N/A	\$ 4,946,671	\$ 4,946,671	-	Type: District and Worker's Compensation Checking Accounts Immediate Access
US BANK	N/A	N/A	\$ 212,957	\$ 212,957	-	Type: District Investor Accounts Restricted for 50-FIG by Third Party Agreement Immediate Access Upon Release of Restrictions
US BANK	N/A	N/A	\$ 99,141	\$ 99,141	-	Type: District Checking Account Restricted by Grantor Agencies for Capital Projects Immediate Access Upon Release of Restrictions
TOTAL OPERATING ACCOUNTS			<u>\$ 5,258,769</u>		<u>-</u>	

I hereby certify that the above amounts and locations of accounts represent the total investments of Sacramento Regional Transit District as of the date of this report and that the investments are in conformity with the Investment Policy as updated in Resolution 2024-06-052 on June 10, 2024. I hereby certify that Sacramento Regional Transit District has sufficient funds available to meet its expenditure requirements for the next six months.



 JASON JOHNSON
 VP OF FINANCE/CFO

1/22/2025
DATE



 HENRY LI
 GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

1/22/2025
DATE

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Chris Flores, Chief of Staff/VP, Real Estate
SUBJ: APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR UNDERGROUND CONDUIT AND FIBER (ARDEN AND OXFORD STREET – APN: 275-1032-002-000) WITH MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES LLC

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will result in the extension by one year of a license granted by SacRT to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC (MCImetro) to operate and maintain transverse fiber crossings within SacRT owned property subject to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approval at Arden Way and Oxford Street.

FISCAL IMPACT

MCImetro will pay SacRT a one-year license fee of \$940. This revenue was included in the FY 2025 Operating Budget.

DISCUSSION

The Board previously granted MCImetro a one-year license to operate and maintain fiber below and perpendicular to SacRT tracks at Arden Way and Oxford Street on February 28, 2022, and later amended the agreement to add a second year on February 27, 2023 and a third year on February 26, 2024. MCImetro would like to renew its license for an additional year to operate and maintain 144 strands of fiber in a transverse presentation along SacRT property with the APN 275-0132-002-0000 and located in Fee Schedule Zone 2. In consideration for SacRT authorizing MCImetro to continue to operate and maintain its fiber within SacRT's right of way, MCImetro will pay an annual license fee of \$940. The fee amount was determined based on the Board-adopted Fee Schedule for a transverse crossing in Zone 2 (Resolution 09-11-0185), as escalated by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02-010

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

February 10, 2025

APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR UNDERGROUND CONDUIT AND FIBER (ARDEN AND OXFORD STREET – APN: 275-1032-002-000) WITH MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES LLC

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Third Amendment to License Agreement for Underground Conduit and Fiber within SacRT’s Parcel known as Assessor Parcel Number 275-0132-002-0000 by and between the Sacramento Regional Transit District (therein “SacRT”) and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC (therein “Licensee”), whereby the term of the existing license is extended by one year subject to payment by Licensee of an annual license fee of \$940 for 144 strands and SacRT retaining the right to terminate pending Federal Transit Administration’s concurrence, is hereby approved.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized and directed to execute the foregoing Second Amendment to License Agreement

RICK JENNINGS, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Laura Ham, VP, Planning, Grants and Procurement
SUBJ: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AMENDMENT FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM FOR THE SMART RIDE MICROTRANSIT PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of this action will allow California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to approve the amendment, referenced as Corrective Action Plan (CAP), transferring Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds from the Smart Ride Microtransit project to the Expanded Route 68 Service project.

FISCAL IMPACT

Allows Caltrans to approve the CAP transferring \$362,034 LCTOP funds from the Smart Ride Microtransit project to the Expanded Route 68 Service project.

DISCUSSION

The LCTOP is one of several programs that are part of the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 through Senate Bill 862. The LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. Approved projects funded by LCTOP will support new or expanded bus or rail services, expand intermodal transit facilities, and may include equipment acquisition, fueling, maintenance, and other costs to operate those services or facilities, with each project reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

SacRT requested \$1,220,423 in the fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 LCTOP funds to support the Smart Ride microtransit service in three communities: Downtown Sacramento, North Sacramento, and Rancho Cordova, offering corner-to-corner, on-demand share-ride transportation. Effective January 1, 2025, the Smart Ride microtransit service was discontinued, with the final day of service on December 31, 2024. SacRT has utilized \$858,389 in the FY2023-24 LCTOP funds towards the operating expense of Smart Ride microtransit services for the period from July 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024. SacRT

proposes transferring the remaining \$362,034 LCTOP fund balance from the SmaRT Ride Microtransit project to the existing Expanded Route 68 Service project which provides enhanced service in the Arden Arcade, Oak Park, and North Laguna communities. The route 68 changes were implemented in 2019, and are eligible for continued LCTOP funding if LCTOP Guideline requirements are met.

Caltrans requires a CAP to approve LCTOP fund transfers from one project to another. Because the transfer from the SmaRT Ride Project to the Expanded Route 68 project exceeds \$100,000, Caltrans also requires a SacRT Board Resolution for transparency purposes. Staff recommends the Board approve the attached Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02-011

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

February 10, 2025

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AMENDMENT FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM FOR THE SMART RIDE MICROTRANSIT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Regional Transit District is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board of Directors wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Henry Li, General Manager/CEO; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Regional Transit District wishes to implement the following LCTOP project(s) listed above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

THAT, Henry Li, General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

THAT, the Board hereby authorizes the submittal of the Corrective Action Plan for the SmARt Ride Microtransit Project to the Department, transferring \$362,034 unspent

FY2023-24 LCTOP funds from the SmaRT Ride Project to the Expanded Bus Route 68 Service Project

RICK JENNINGS, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Henry Ikwut-Ukwa, VP, Capital Programs
SUBJ: APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR ON-CALL FLAGGING SUPPORT SERVICES WITH NATIONAL RAILROAD SAFETY SERVICES, INC. AND CONDITIONALLY DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE WORK ORDER NO. 6 FOR ON-CALL FLAGGING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE DOS RIOS LIGHT RAIL STATION PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolutions.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approving the First Amendment to the On-Call Flagging Support Services Contract with National Railroad Safety Services, Inc. (NRSS) will increase the maximum Contract Total Consideration by \$1,000,000.

Conditionally Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to approve and execute Work Order No. 6 will assist Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) to avail flagging support services for the construction of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project once the funds become available.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Contract for On-Call Flagging Support Services with NRSS was awarded in 2023 with a Total Consideration amount of \$3,000,000. Funds are encumbered and applied against the Total Consideration for specific projects as Work Orders are issued. To date, \$787,762 has been committed for Work Order Nos. 1 through 5, including amendments to those Work Orders. The proposed First Amendment would increase the Contract Total Consideration in the amount of \$1,000,000 in connection with the parallel request to conditionally delegate authority to the General Manager/CEO to approve and execute Work Order No. 6. Approval and execution of Work Order 6 No. is expected to surpass the Contract Total Consideration amount prior to the end of the term.

Work Order No. 6 is anticipated to have a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500,000 for ongoing flagging services based on firm-fixed daily pricing provided as part of the

proposal for the duration of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project. This will be funded by a combination of Federal and State funds.

DISCUSSION

SacRT is required by the Public Utilities Commission (General Order 175-A) to provide roadway worker protection, also known as railroad flagging, to support all activities in the SacRT rail right-of-way and infrastructure and systems. Under normal circumstances, the SacRT Light Rail Maintenance Department provides these services. However, at times the demand for railroad flagging exceeds the capacity of the department's personnel resources. To alleviate this problem, SacRT solicited bids from third party contractors to provide flagging services under a Contract for On-Call Flagging Support Services.

On December 11, 2023, the Board awarded three on-call contracts for railroad flagging support services for ongoing SacRT construction projects and third parties requesting access to SacRT's right-of-way, including a contract with NRSS.

The Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project construction contractor, DMZ Builders requires flagging services to construct the new station along the existing Blue Line. NRSS has the trained personnel and availability to meet SacRT's flagging needs for the Dos Rios Light Rail Station project and is already performing these services under Work Order No. 5

Work Order No. 6 would be funded with TIRCP Cycle 7 funds recently awarded to SacRT. These funds are not currently available to be committed to a contract but will be needed as soon as they are available. To avoid any delays in the construction work, SacRT is requesting that the Board delegate authority to the General Manager/CEO to award and execute a Work Order once those funds are available.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02-012

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

February 10, 2025

**APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR ON-CALL
FLAGGING SUPPORT SERVICES WITH NATIONAL RAILROAD SAFETY
SERVICES, INC.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the First Amendment to the Contract for On-Call Flagging Support Services by and between the Sacramento Regional Transit District, therein referred to as "SacRT," and National Railroad Safety Services, Inc., therein referred to as "Contractor," whereby the maximum Total Consideration is increased by \$1,000,000, from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000, is hereby approved.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO and/or his designee is authorized and directed to execute the First Amendment.

RICK JENNINGS, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02-013

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

February 10, 2025

CONDITIONALLY DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE WORK ORDER NO. 6 WITH NATIONAL RAILROAD SAFETY SERVICES, INC. FOR ON-CALL FLAGGING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE DOS RIOS LIGHT RAIL STATION PROJECT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, authority is hereby delegated to the General Manager/CEO and/or his designee to approve and execute Work Order No. 6 to the Contract for On-Call Flagging Support Services between the Sacramento Regional Transit District, therein referred to as "SacRT," and National Railroad Safety Services, Inc., therein referred to as "Contractor," whereby Contractor agrees to provide specified flagging services in support of SacRT's Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, conditioned upon the State of California releasing the Transit and Intercity Rail Capitol Program (TIRCP) funds to SacRT.

RICK JENNINGS, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Henry Ikwut-Ukwa, VP, Capital Programs
SUBJ: APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 TO THE CONTRACT FOR LOW FLOOR VEHICLE PLATFORM CONVERSION PHASE 3 WITH PNP CONSTRUCTION, INC.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approving Contract Change Order (CCO) No. 5 to the construction contract will allow PNP Construction, Inc. (PNP) to perform modified demolition, add railing, and abandon the water line service with the City of Sacramento at the Alkali Flat/La Valentina Light Rail Station.

FISCAL IMPACT

CCO No. 5 will increase the Contract Total Consideration by the lump sum amount of \$232,138.00, from \$6,376,324.00 to \$6,608,462.00. CCO No. 5 is being funded with federal and state funds.

DISCUSSION

The Light Rail Modernization Project includes the procurement of low floor light rail vehicles, 15-minute service to Historic Folsom, and the station platform conversions to accommodate low-floor light rail vehicles. The Low Floor Vehicle Platform Conversion Phase 3 Project includes adjusting four Blue Line station platforms to an 8-inch elevation above top of rail; replacing detectable warning tiles/directional guidance tiles; adjusting all facilities and furniture on the platforms to the new height; removing all in-ground artwork in direct conflict; modifying tree grates/planters; modifying drainage facilities; modifying adjacent improvements to meet ADA requirements; and adding crosswalk areas, fencing, and signage. Upon full integration of low floor vehicles, SacRT will be operating up to 3-car trains with Siemens S700 vehicles.

On October 23, 2023, the Board conditionally awarded the Contract for Low Floor Vehicle Platform Conversion Phase 3 for the Base Bid of \$5,874,774.00 to PNP. Through a series of Contract Change Orders, numbered 1 through 4, Staff and the Board have effected changes to the Base Bid contract amount as shown in Table 1:

Table 1:

Change Order #	Date	Scope Change	Fiscal Impact	Total Contract Amount
Base Bid Contract	4-Dec-24	Base Bid	\$5,874,774.00	\$5,874,774.00
1	1-Nov-24	Roseville Rd Redesign	\$131,465.00	\$6,006,239.00
2	5-Dec-24	Alkali Flat/La Valentina Track Repair	\$76,583.00	\$6,082,822.00
3	5-Dec-24	Swanston Redesign	\$164,329.00	\$6,247,151.00
4	29-Jan-25	Globe Redesign	\$129,173.00	\$6,376,324.00

A total of four CCOs have been executed to date for the Contract, bringing the Total Consideration to \$6,376,324.00.

Under CCO No. 5, PNP will provide additional work at the Alkali Flat/La Valentina Light Rail Station for the amount of \$232,138.00, bringing the Total Consideration from \$6,376,324.00 to \$6,608,462.00. The additional construction will include repairing the asphalt area, adding railing on the outbound platform, and abandonment of the waterline service with the City of Sacramento.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02-014

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

February 10, 2025

APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 TO THE CONTRACT FOR LOW FLOOR VEHICLE PLATFORM CONVERSION PHASE 3 WITH PNP CONSTRUCTION, INC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, Contract Change Order No. 5 to the Construction Contract for Low Floor Vehicle Platform Conversion Phase 3 between Sacramento Regional Transit District, therein referred to as "SacRT," and PNP Construction, Inc., therein referred to as "Contractor," whereby Contractor agrees to implement revised design plans at the Alkali Flat/La Valentina Light Rail Station, and the Contract Total Consideration is increased by \$232,138.00, from \$6,376,324.00 to \$6,608,462.00, is hereby approved.

THAT, General Manager/CEO and/or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute Contract Change Order No. 5 to the Contract.

RICK JENNINGS, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: David Topaz, VP, Employee Development and Engagement
SUBJ: APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, DISTRICT COUNCIL 57, LOCAL 146, ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICAL UNIT FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

If approved by the Board of Directors, Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) would enter into a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for this unit retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 (36 months) covering all wages, hours, and working conditions for bargaining unit employees.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed agreement for AFSCME employees includes rate adjustments to salary and benefits above what was previously budgeted for FY 2025. However, the increases will be offset through vacancy savings (within the AFSCME employee pool) during the current fiscal year. Therefore, a budget amendment is not required at this time; however, expenditures will be monitored, and an amendment will be submitted to the Board for approval if needed at a later date. Additionally, if approved, the new agreement terms will be included in future year budget proposals.

DISCUSSION

Representatives of SacRT and AFSCME have negotiated a successor CBA for employees in various Administrative Technical classifications listed below in the AFSCME unit:

Accessible Services Eligibility Specialist
Administrative Assistant I
Administrative Assistant II

Administrative Technician
Customer Advocate I
Facilities Maintenance Scheduler
Graphic Designer
IT Project Coordinator
IT Technician
Marketing and Communications Specialist
Network Operations Engineer
Network Operations Technician
Safety Specialist I
Safety Specialist II
Senior Customer Advocate
Senior Safety Specialist

The negotiating teams reached a tentative agreement for a full and complete settlement of issues opened for negotiation. The agreement is scheduled to be voted on by the AFSCME membership on February 6, 2025, and is subject to approval by the SacRT Board of Directors.

The CBA provides an equitable total compensation package for employees while maintaining fiscal responsibility based upon important compromises on the part of each party, including:

1. Term of Agreement: 3 years from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.
2. Wage/Salary Package:
 - Creates a competitive 10-step salary range for each classification, 3% per step, with a new 30% wide range, with modest 2.5% range adjustment in year 2 and year 3, capping top of range growth at just over 5% over 3 years.
 - Provides up to 3% match into a 401a for each employee contributing an equal or greater amount into their 457.
 - Rolls in previous on-call/call-out pay procedures from prior side agreements and modifies on-call work week to match needs of the departments.
 - Caps vacation accrual for new hires at two times annual accrual rate, codifies sick leave use, incentive, and unpaid sick discipline procedures.
 - Adds paid bereavement leave and codifies state law required application of bereavement leave, eliminates emergency leave.
3. All Terms and Conditions Inclusive of Coverage by the SacRT Personnel Policy Manual (PPM)

- Codifies all normal working conditions, leaves, and benefits consistent with the existing benefits structure of the CBA and the PPM.
- Clarifies DAT policy application for the bargaining unit.
- Streamlines and clarifies the grievance process.
- Conforms the CBA to light duty SOP.

Staff recommends approval of the CBA and adoption of the attached Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02-015

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

February 10, 2025

APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, DISTRICT COUNCIL 57, LOCAL 146, ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICAL UNIT FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the labor contract settlement terms between Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees , District Council 57, Local 146, Administrative Technical Unit (AFSCME), establishing compensation, benefits, retirement, and other terms and conditions of employment for members of the AFSCME Administrative Technical bargaining unit, for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, are hereby approved.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized to bind SacRT to a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with AFSCME, establishing compensation, benefits, and other terms and conditions for employees.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized to execute the CBA on behalf of SacRT to implement the terms.

RICK JENNINGS, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Henry Ikwut-Ukwa, VP, Capital Programs
SUBJ: APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO WORK ORDER NO. 18 TO THE CONTRACT FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES WITH MARK THOMAS & COMPANY, INC. FOR DESIGN SUPPORT DURING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE WATT/I-80 TRANSIT CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approving Amendment No. 1 to Work Order No. 18 with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. will allow for additional scope and time for design support services during construction of the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project.

FISCAL IMPACT

Amendment No. 1 to Work Order 18 will increase the allowable total compensation for Work Order No. 18 by \$341,662.37, from \$314,904.75 to \$656,567.12. This will be funded by a combination of Federal formula grant funds and state STA or Solutions for Congested Corridor funds.

DISCUSSION

The current Watt I-80 Transit Center (Transit Center) is one of the busiest transfer centers in the Sacramento region. It has been prone to safety and security issues throughout the years because of the location of the Transit Center both above and below a major freeway, with steep enclosed stairwells, and in a safety challenging community.

On June 12, 2023, the Board conditionally approved Work Order No. 18 for Mark Thomas to provide design support during construction of the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project for the amount of \$314,904.75, which was executed on August 15, 2023. Mark Thomas has provided construction support since SacRT issued Notice to Proceed (NTP) to Thompson Builders Corporation for the construction contract on May 8, 2024.

Amendment No. 1 to Work Order No. 18 is required to modify the scope of work and add funding to the Work Order due to additional scope, complexity, and project length. The additional scope includes: 1) redesign due to Caltrans and County of Sacramento additional calculations and redesigns to accommodate updated standards, 2) complexity of unknown site conditions that have required a redesign and resequencing of work on the Watt Avenue bridge deck, and 3) adding construction support staff for weekly site visits.

In addition, the expected duration of the design support services has expanded from 12 months after NTP for the construction contract to an unspecified time. Due to pending negotiation of the time impact of Contract Change Orders with the construction contractor, the anticipated time for completion is currently uncertain. The baseline construction schedule at the time of NTP was 18 months. SacRT anticipates that CCO No. 5 with Thompson Builders Corporation will add 105 days for construction resequencing and there are additional delays that will further extend the construction time for completion. Adding weekly participation in site visits, coupled with an extended project duration, will increase the support costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02-016

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

February 10, 2025

APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO WORK ORDER NO. 18 TO THE CONTRACT FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES WITH MARK THOMAS & COMPANY, INC. FOR DESIGN SUPPORT DURING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE WATT/I-80 TRANSIT CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, Amendment No. 1 to Work Order No. 18 of the Contract for General Engineering Support Services (2020) by and between Sacramento Regional Transit District, therein referred to as "SacRT," and Mark Thomas & Company, Inc., therein referred to as "Consultant," whereby Consultant will provide additional design support during construction of the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project and the allowable Total Consideration is increased by \$341,662.37, from \$314,904.75 to \$656,567.12, as further set forth therein, is hereby approved.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO and/or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute Amendment No. 1 to Work Order No. 18.

RICK JENNINGS, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Lisa Hinz, VP, Security, Safety, Customer Satisfaction & Facilities
SUBJ: PRESENTATION FOR SACRT STREET HARASSMENT AND TRANSIT SAFETY SURVEY

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

DISCUSSION

Presentation to provide information regarding the SacRT Street Harassment and Transit Safety Survey.

As part of the statewide initiative to improve public safety, Senate Bill 434 (SB434) requires the top ten transit operators in California to conduct surveys to identify and address issues related to street harassment on public transit.

Between October and November 2024, SacRT launched a comprehensive outreach effort to better understand and address the safety concerns of transit riders. The goal was to engage riders and collect their thoughts on transit safety.

The insights from this survey will help SacRT better understand the safety concerns of its riders and inform recommendations to pursue future funding opportunities focused on safety and security. Furthermore, the survey results are available to the public on www.sacrt.com.



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Street Harassment Survey

Lisa Hinz, VP of Security, Safety, Customer Satisfaction & Facilities

Overview

Senate Bill 434 (SB434)

- Statewide initiative to improve public transit safety
- Requires the top 10 transit operators in California to conduct surveys
- Targets outreach in underrepresented communities

Project Purpose

- Collect rider insights on transit safety
- Study the input and feedback received
- Identify ways to enhance safety
- Create a more respectful ride across the transit system



Process and Methods



Timeline

October 7 –
November 10, 2024



Participants

~1,060 transit riders,
members of the public,
key stakeholders, and
SacRT operators



Methods

25 Outreach Events:

- Rider Questionnaire (Online and In-Person)
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Operator Drop In Session

Key Findings



- Majority of riders “*almost always*” or “*always*” feel safe on SacRT services
- Feeling “*unsafe*” is often associated with:
 - Disruptive behavior from other riders
 - Traveling in specific geographic areas
 - Lack of fare enforcement
 - Wait times/service disruptions during non-daylight hours
 - Accessibility challenges, e.g., insufficient seating

Peer Comparison

We looked at 4 peer agencies, VTA, MTS, SFMTA and BART, to assess our results against theirs.

- VTA is the agency most similar to SacRT in that we both have open light rail systems. Our scores were almost identical.
- BART has a closed train system, which allows them to secure who enters and exits their system.
- SFMTA interviewed only 600.
- MTS in San Diego only conducted 500 surveys, half the number we did.
- On all systems, most riders witnessed or experienced incidents of harassment.

Sacramento Regional Transit Safety Survey

Sacramento Regional Transit, or SacRT, is seeking to better understand how to keep bus and light rail train rides safe and respectful. The following questions are sensitive, but will help keep SacRT services and stations safe. Your response is important even if you choose to skip some questions. The survey is for adults (18 years or older). All responses will be kept confidential.

1. How often do you typically use SacRT services, such as bus and/or light rail?
 2 or more days a week
 1-4 days a month
 A few times a year or less

The following questions ask about your experiences using SacRT services over the past year or so. Think about all parts of a transit trip, both onboard and while waiting at stations or stops.

2. How often do you feel safe using SacRT services?
 Always Almost Always Sometimes Almost Never Never

3. Have you experienced behaviors that make you feel unsafe, or seen others experience this behavior, while using SacRT services in the past year? Examples of such behavior include hostile comments, sexual comments, following or stalking, unwanted touching, personal property damaged or stolen, and sexual assault, among others.
 Happened to me

6. When did these incidents happen? (Check all that apply)
 Daytime
 After dark
 Not applicable

7. When these incidents happened, did you report any of them? (Check all that apply)
 Did not report any
 To SacRT (via phone or social media)
 To SacRT (via the Alert SacRT app)
 To police/law enforcement
 Other (specify): _____
 Not applicable

7a. Did you receive an appropriate response?
 Yes
 Sometimes
 No
 Not applicable

8. When these incidents happened, do you think the victim was targeted because of...? (Check all that apply)
 Race or ethnicity

Complete this survey and get a \$10 credit on your Connect Card!

Participant Recommendations

- Increase security
- Explore partnerships with schools
- Upgrade existing infrastructure and technology
- Prioritize service frequency and reliability



Next Steps

What we are already doing:

- Operator Assaults Task Force
- Operator De-escalation Training
- Selected a Bus (Operator) Barrier Design
- Off Duty SacPD Officers Riding Trains
- SSD Security Officers will be Riding Trains
- Sac State Social Worker Interns

What we are going to do:

- Prioritize, Review and Act on Customer Feedback
- Create New Communication on Trains and Buses
- Create an Operator Assault Prevention Video





QUESTIONS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Blanca Araujo, VP, Operations
SUBJ: LIGHT RAIL MODERNIZATION UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

DISCUSSION

This presentation provides an update on the S700 light rail vehicles, addressing public concerns, operational improvements, and ongoing efforts to enhance service reliability.

The S700 vehicles began service on September 1, 2024, with 22 vehicles on-site and 20 currently in operation. Since their deployment, SacRT has received public feedback regarding sound levels, ramp usability, signage, and passenger capacity.

SacRT has implemented key improvements, including lowering external announcement volumes, adjusting horn and gong levels, increasing ADA dwell time, and adding new signage and hand straps. Additional refinements are ongoing, particularly with ramp operation and schedule optimization.

Additionally, an update will be provided on the Folsom 15-Minute Service. While the passing track at Glenn Station has been completed, operational challenges are being reviewed to ensure a consistent and efficient schedule. SacRT continues to evaluate system-wide scheduling adjustments to minimize delays and improve service predictability.

To enhance public communication, SacRT is expanding its outreach beyond the Mobility Advisory Council (MAC) to ensure broader awareness of ongoing efforts and improvements.

SacRT remains committed to transparency, community engagement, and operational excellence to enhance the rider experience.



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Light Rail Modernization Project Update

Blanca Araujo, VP of Operations

Content Overview

- Overview of Low-Floor Train Launch
- Public Feedback
- SacRT Actions
- Folsom 15-Minute Service
- Communication

Low-Floor Train Launch



- The launch of the S700 low-floor trains marked a significant milestone for SacRT and our riders.
- Worked extensively with Mobility Advisory Council (MAC) and community stakeholders during manufacturing, testing and implementation phases.
- Key Improvements:
 - Near level boarding
 - More accessible
 - Quieter and smoother rides
 - Open interior design
 - Improved safety features

Low-Floor Train Launch



Let's Celebrate

New S700 Low-Floor Light Rail

DETAILS

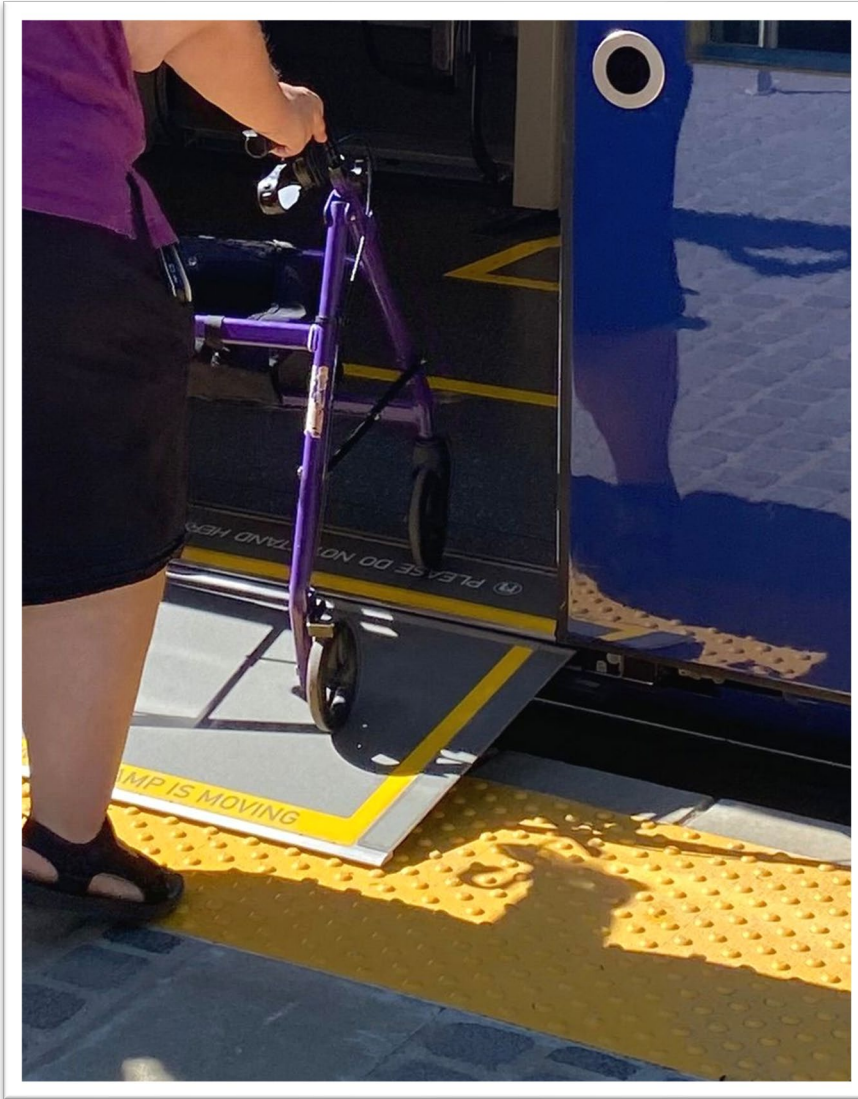
Tuesday, September 3, 2024

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

7th & Richards/Township 9 Station

- Launched September 1, 2024
- 22 low-floor trains on site (included in the 45 S700 train purchase order)
- A total of 45 trains were ordered, with funding secured for up to 59
- To fully transition to an entirely low-floor system, a maximum of 66 trains are needed
- Will receive delivery of S700 trains over the next few years at a rate of up to two per month

Public Feedback



- New Gong/Bell Sound
- Public Address Announcements
- Ramp/Door Deployment
- Interior Signage and Decals
- Passenger Capacity

SacRT Actions Taken

- ✓ Sound Adjustments (Ramp, Horn/Gong, Announcements)
 - ✓ Ramp & Door Adjustments for Accessibility
 - ✓ Signage & Passenger Information Enhancement
 - ✓ Bicycle & Passenger Flow Adjustments
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Sound Adjustments (Ramp, Horn/Gong, Announcements)

- Reduced gong volume to 75 dB (± 1 dB) (previously 85 dB (± 1 dB), industry avg 83.85 dB).
- Worked with the community at 39th and 48th Street stations related to the gong/bell sound.
- Secured a contract with a sound engineer to perform testing.
- Lowered exterior announcement volume to 80%, ensuring ADA compliance.
- Reduced redundant announcements, including removing directional train approach messages that were not previously part of the system.
- Working with Siemens to relocate the ramp deployment speaker.



Ramp & Door Adjustments for Accessibility

- Requested better ramp usability and extended dwell times for ADA boarding.
- Increased the dwell time door controllers from 15 to 20 seconds.
- Continue to work with Siemens to refine ramp request functionality.
- Installed hand straps for standing passengers, as well as additional decals and signage.
- Tape Switch (Ramp Activation Strip) Challenges:
 - Passengers found the tape switch hard to use. After MAC tested other options reverted to the original design
 - Tape switch did not always hold ramp requests. Expect to resolve issue through Siemens software update



Signage & Passenger Information Enhancements

- Clear signage is essential for accessibility and passenger flow.
- Redesigned decals and station signage based on MAC and ADA feedback.
- New signs help passengers locate boarding areas, bicycle storage, and priority seating.
- We continue to evaluate and adjust signage to improve clarity.



Bicycle & Passenger Flow Adjustments

- Addressed concerns about bicycles occupying ADA spaces.
- Implemented a policy similar to San Diego MTS, restricting bikes in ADA areas during peak times. 4 bikes are allowed on each low-floor train (2 in front and 2 in rear)
- Installed decals inside trains to mark designated bicycle areas.
- Monitoring passenger flow to ensure safe and comfortable boarding for all riders.



Folsom 15-Minute Service



- Service resumed to all **Folsom area stations** on January 5, 2025.
- **New passing track at Glenn/Robert G. Holderness Station** enables more frequent service.
- Working with **operators and scheduling teams** to test different train movements to improve efficiency.
- Timing the **two trains passing at Glenn** is critical for smooth operations.
- Evaluating **system-wide delays** that could impact timing and making adjustments.
- During track construction, the **crossing arms at Glenn/Robert G. Holderness Station did not meet CPUC standards**, requiring us to implement a **slow order** in this area.
- Gathering **operational data** to refine scheduling and improve system flow.

Public Communication Commitment

Tour New Light Rail Vehicles

SacRT Employees Invited

This is a voluntary event for SacRT employees only. Please check with your supervisor before attending.

Join us for a tour of the new S700 low-floor light rail vehicles.

We are thrilled to invite all SacRT employees to a tour of our brand new low-floor S700 light rail vehicles. Get ready for a firsthand look at the cutting-edge technology and features that will elevate the light rail experience.

✓ Please wear closed-toe shoes and no high heels. Also, no cell phone photography is allowed.

When:

Wednesday, February 28, 2024
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Stop by any time between)

Where:

Maintenance Heavy Repair Facility (MHRF)
2760 Academy Way, Sacramento



Learn more about the Light Rail Modernization Project at sacrt.com/modernization



- Continue collaboration with MAC and public stakeholders
- Ensure accessibility and community involvement in resolutions
- Regular Board meeting updates



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Thank you!

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Shelly Valenton, Deputy General Manager/CEO & Tabettha Smith, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: CHAIR APPOINTMENT TO SACRT'S RETIREMENT BOARDS: ATU, IBEW, OE3, MCEG, AND AFSCME

RECOMMENDATION

Chair Appointment

FISCAL IMPACT

None as a result of this action

DISCUSSION

Retirement Boards (5)

In 2014, SacRT's five Retirement Boards revised their Bylaws to create four-year terms for each of the members. Chair Kennedy appointed himself to the Retirement Boards on January 28, 2019, and assumed Director Morin's term that expired on December 31, 2021. Director Kennedy was reappointed to the Retirement Boards on January 10, 2022, with a term that expires December 31, 2025. Shelly Valenton, SacRT Deputy General Manager/CEO, was reappointed as alternate on January 8, 2024, with a term that expires December 31, 2027. General Manager Henry Li was reappointed to the Retirement Boards on January 8, 2024, with a term that expires December 31, 2027. When a term expires or is vacated, the Chair of the Board of Directors needs to appoint a Management Staff Member or Board Member to assume the seat of the expired term. A Management member is defined as a Board member or a member of SacRT's Management staff.

SacRT's Retirement system is governed by 5 retirement boards. Each Retirement Board (ATU, IBEW, OE3, AFSCME, and MCEG) consists of two members and an alternate appointed by the applicable union, and two members and an alternate appointed by the SacRT Board Chair. The two members and the alternate will serve concurrently on all five Retirement Boards, which meet concurrently. For 2025, the Retirement Boards have adopted a meeting schedule in the months of February, March, April, June, July, September, October, and December to review the performance of the SacRT Retirement system's investments, and Retirement Plan fund managers, as well as to approve disability retirements as needed. The meetings are held from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Patrick Kennedy has expressed that he wishes to resign from the Retirement Boards and have a replacement appointed. At this time, the SacRT Board Chair needs to appoint 1 management member to serve on each of the Retirement Boards to assume Director Kennedy's term which expires December 31, 2025. The SacRT Board Chair may appoint the same member to each Retirement Board.

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Henry Li, General Manager/CEO
SUBJ: GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

SacRT Meeting Calendar

Regional Transit Board Meeting

March 10, 2025
1102 Q Street - SacRT Auditorium
4:00 P.M.

Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting

February 26, 2025
1102 Q Street - SacRT Auditorium
1:00 P.M.

Mobility Advisory Council Meeting

February 20, 2025
1102 Q Street - SacRT Auditorium
2:30 P.M.

Blue Line Platform Station Construction Underway

Blue Line station platform construction is ongoing at Globe Station, affecting service through early March. These upgrades are part of SacRT's efforts to modernize the system for new low-floor light rail vehicles, improving accessibility and rider experience.

Service Impacts in February:

- **Weekends:** A bus bridge will operate between Alkali Flat/La Valentina and Marconi/Arcade stations on the following weekends: February 15–16, 22–23, and March 1–2.
- **Weekdays:** Globe Station will be closed from February 1–28 with no shuttle bus available. Riders are encouraged to use Arden/Del Paso Station as an alternative.

Construction schedules may change due to weather or other factors. Stay updated by visiting sacrt.com/stationclosure or downloading the free Alert SacRT app for the latest information.

SacRT is Hosting Two Hiring Events in February

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is holding two in-person hiring events in February for all open SacRT positions.

SacRT offers extremely generous and competitive benefits package for medical, dental, paid sick leave, retirement, and tuition reimbursement. Also, \$2,000 signing bonuses for bus drivers and we offer paid training!

The hiring events will be held at SacRT's Administration Building in midtown Sacramento.

Hiring Event Details:

- Tuesday, February 11th, 2:00 pm- 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, February 26th, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where:

SacRT Administrative Building, Auditorium
1400 29th Street, Sacramento, CA

SacRT Flex Service Now Available for Eligible Riders

SacRT Flex, a new shared-use neighborhood shuttle service, is available for eligible riders, including seniors (62+), low-income individuals, and persons with disabilities. Operated by Via, SacRT Flex offers a convenient and affordable transportation option tailored to those with the greatest mobility needs.

- **Operating Hours:** Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (excluding most holidays).
- **Service Areas:** Available in nine zones, including Citrus Heights-Antelope-Orangevale, Arden-Carmichael, Downtown-Midtown, Elk Grove, Florin-Gerber, Folsom, Franklin-South Sacramento, Natomas-North Sacramento, and Rancho Cordova.
- **Cost:** \$2.50 per trip for eligible riders and adult companions; free for children riding with parents.
- **Apply Online:** sacrt.com/applyflex
- **Ride Requests:** Book rides at least 24 hours in advance (up to two days in advance) using the SacRT Flex app or by phone.

SacRT Flex is funded as an 18-month pilot program through Measure A, a Sacramento County transportation funding initiative. The program prioritizes accessibility and efficiency, with Via managing scheduling, operations, and fare collection for a seamless rider experience. For more details including the eligibility process, visit

Track Your Bus in Real-Time with SacRT's BusTracker App

The SacRT BusTracker App provides real-time arrival times and bus locations using GPS technology, making it easier than ever to plan your trip. Simply use your smartphone, tablet, or computer to track your bus, receive real-time stop predictions, and even sign up for text or email alerts about your route.

Riders on Elk Grove Transit can now use BusTracker to see real-time arrival times and locations for Elk Grove buses. Download the app today at sacrt.com/BusTracker.

SacRT Employee Recognition Program

As one of the great places to work in the Sacramento region, SacRT has always placed a high priority in investing and celebrating its workforce through a multifaceted Employee Recognition program – This is evident in the high employee satisfaction rating.

And to keep the program motivating, SacRT is always seeking new ways to highlight the significant achievements of its workforce. Starting this month, SacRT will publicly recognize major milestone anniversaries of employees during monthly Board of Director meetings.

Because so many employees are proud of their achievements, and management wants to acknowledge as many employees as possible, this month's recognition will include active team members reaching major anniversary milestones (5 years plus) from January 2024 through January 2025. Congratulations to the following SacRT team members:

January 2024

5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years	30 Years
Alberto Muniz	Amritpaul Bains	Charles Doolin	Bertrand Alexander	John Kiser	Janelle Montoya
Heller Chappel	Lydia Lowe	Jennifer Anne Ohnmeiss	Beverly Niedzwiedz	Mariza Montung-Fuller	
Olivia Aronson	Magen Thomas		Sharon Tytus		
Ricky Echols	Shaun Harris				
Shanikwa Holman	Sherie Burries				
Sharon Viramontes					
Shavyonne Booth					
Shelwin Singh					
Stoney Cooper					

February 2024

5 Years	10 Years	20 Years	25 Years
Jennifer Snipes	Anthony Bertuccelli	Rhonda Del Rio	Michael Smith
Justin Langes	Garrett Heapy	Sunny Yu	
Raymond Gutierrez			
Robert Vasquez			
Roberto Faricelli			
Shakeeba Opeyany			
Shelly Valenton			

March 2024

5 Years	10 Years	25 Years
Arvinder Bajwa	Amandeep Singh	Lydia Thames
Christopher Beaver	Christena Hancock	
Erica Agnew	Deanna Strong	
Jasen Milano	Joanna Pringle	
Jaskaran Gill	Myrtle Pettus	
Melissa League	Rozonna Chenevert	
Preston Kopp	Sheronica Grey	
Rachel Duffey		
Randall Rodriguez		
Theresa Titus		
Thomas Mowbray		
Tony Garcia		

April 2024

5 Years	10 Years	25 Years	30 Years
Kevon Spier	James Butler	Mahagony Bonafide	Randall Bergquist
	Kerry Kriske	Ruben Vasquez	
	Sean Wikrent		

May 2024

5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	35 Years
Claudia Bloodworth	Romeo Tabotabo	Donita Thompkins	Jessica Shevlin	Bonifacio Torres
Donovan Sear	Sandra Zarco Reyes	Evonne McGriff Beck		
Doughty Meacham	Selena Cappa	Shannon Alston		
Esperanza Harper				
Ezra Kim				
James Nivens				

Kelvin Adams
 Lemuel Talley V
 Meghan Haswell
 Roderick Avery

June 2024

5 Years	20 Years
Alexander Mahshi	Alicia Price
Christine Velasquez	Judy Wong
Ernie Morales	Reakerl Randall-White
Jefferson Kohlhepp	Shabon Hankerson
Kevin Addington	
PFGem Roque	
Tou Cha	

July 2024

5 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years	30 Years
Alexander Levi Aguilar	George Kirbyson	Brian Medeiros	Elaine Ung	William Winston
Angela Collier	John Haswell	Matthew Mibach	Karen Garnica	
Ashwinder Punia	Paul Selenis			
Benjamin Levy				
Berhanu Ashenafi				
Beverly Joyner				
Billy Her				
Biresh Kumar				
Darnell Kelley				
Dean Fazli				
Donna Torris				
Edwin Rivas				
Edwin Smith				
Eve Wynne				
James Parker				
Jamie Holder				
Jesus Larrazolo				
Hernandez				
John Peter Patague				
Justin Ford				
Kenneth Beall				
Latasha Holmes				
Marsha Morrison Willis				
Michael Carlisle				
Nathaniel Johnson				

Nichols Hans
 Pamela Orcutt
 Peter Yang
 Rahim Sanger
 Rayford Harvey
 Rebecca Salas
 Reginald Brown
 Richard Jacquez
 Sergio Gomez
 Sheena Woods
 Steven City
 Susan Hahn
 Syed Shah
 Tarsem Singh
 Teri Young-Hightower
 Thomas Hill
 Tsong Yang
 Veronica Chavez

August 2024

5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years
Alexis Williams	Joseph Phillips	Casey Courtright	Gina Hill	Laura Ham
Daniel McAnally			Hernan Laguer	
Harmeet Saini			Michael LaForm	
Jedediah Valentine			Theresa Cardona	
Joseph Bryant				
Juan Zurita				
Keith Hoffman				
Kenneth Williams				
LaQuesha Williams				
Ricky Highley				
Shakaricka Hughes				
Tawon Sago				
Tonya Lacaze				
Wendy Revelle				

September 2024

5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years
Bruce Cleveland	Baljinder Mangat	Prasad Kanugula	Brian Dunn	Michael Verrastro
Dulce Gomez	Michelle Robertson	Raymond Cook	Dewayne Mayes	Nadezhda Mokhov

Marcell Booker
 Ricky Marlowe
 Volodymyr Kovalchuk
 Widalys Torres

Joshua Jones
 Peter Guimond
 Rafael Monarrez
 Pascasio
 Sai Khang

October 2024

5 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years
Danielle Ward Benson	Maria Whitworth	Robert Ramirez	Al Hall
Gregory Walters		Raekeitha Smith	David Klawitter
Herbert Dungeon			Juliette Terry
Huynh Nguyen			
Jan Papio			
Lisa Hinz			
Miguel Menchaca			
Sandra Bobek			

November 2024

5 Years	15 Years	20 Years	30 Years
Bernice Quinones	Craig Norman	Cam Piini	Raza Kansari
Brian Kubach		Deirdre Chan	
Ifraz Khan		Linda Miranda	
Leti Talakai		Maricela King	
Mary Smith		Rachel Rangel	
Mason Vue		Rebecca Rhodes	
Matthew Crouch		Yvonne Archie	
Michelle Garvin			
Renee Nielson			
Rudolph Morones			
Shahbaz Iqbal			
Susan Gonzales			

December 2024

5 Years	10 Years	20 Years
Connie Dumas	Lameakkitawan Izzard	Jarrod Burklow
Felix Cital Sanchez	Lawrence Eutsey	
Hardeep Mangat	Mark Hicks	
Jason Coveau	Patricia Aguilera	
Jeffrey Vanacore		
Jessica Cruz Mendoza		
Joanne Montanez		

Michael Yearwood
Richard Heredia
Shawn Rodrigues

January 2025

5 Years	20 Years	30 Years
Charity Oakley	Solomon LaBrada	Caylene Davis
Charlie Delos Santos	Ahmed Morris	
Christopher Pauley	Jacquelyn Whittiker	
Christopher Prillwitz		
Frank Bays		
James Rowland		
Jorge Navarro		
Kevin Leleu		
Leslie Camara		
Manuel Duenas		
Terry Gordon		

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

This month, we're teaming up with Soroptimist International of Elk Grove to spread awareness and educate the public about these crimes and how to spot them. Everyone can play a role in ending human trafficking.

To report a tip about possible human trafficking or to connect to anti-trafficking services, contact the **National Human Trafficking Resource Center**:

- **Call** 1-888-373-7888
- **Text** "BeFree" to 233733
- **Visit** humantraffickinghotline.org

Ride Free on the SacRT Holiday Bus

There's still time to enjoy SacRT's annual FREE Holiday Bus. The holiday themed 40-foot bus will travel on various routes throughout the region through Thursday, January 2, 2025, so catch it while you can!

View the schedule at sacrt.com/holidaybus.

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Bus service adjustments begin January 5th



New SacRT Flex service officially launches on January 2nd



Blue Line platform construction continues this month



SacRT Launches Bus Stop Enforcement Program

Bus Service Adjustments - Effective Sunday, January 5, 2025

SacRT is kicking off 2025 with several bus route changes to improve connections and the overall rider experience. Several bus routes will have schedule and route changes, including adjustments to improve safety, connections, and access to new destinations:

Route 19 (Rio Linda): The terminus of bus route 19 will be relocated to the southbound stop on Watt Avenue at Elverta Road. In addition, two minutes have been added to the outbound direction and two minutes have been removed from the inbound schedule.

Route 23 (El Camino): Departure times from Arden/Del Paso Station will shift one minute later to improve connections.

Route 61 (Fruitridge): To provide a better connection with students at West Campus High School, the 3:12 p.m. trip from Florin Town Centre will depart five minutes later at 3:17 p.m.

Route 88 (West El Camino): Adjusted departure times for improved station connections.

Routes 103, 106, and 129: Extended service to the new State of California office building at 7th Street & Richards Boulevard.

Visit sacrt.com/servicechanges for detailed timetables.

Rider Alert: SacRT Holiday Service
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(Monday, January 20, 2025)

Sunday/Holiday Schedule: SacRT fixed-route buses, light rail and SacRT GO paratransit services

No Service: Causeway Connection, Elk Grove Local, Elk Grove Commuter, Folsom Stage Line, Rancho Cordova, SacRT e-van and SacRT Flex

Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project Update

Due to construction at the Watt/I-80 Transit Center, a bus bridge (shuttle bus between stations) will be in place on the Blue Line on the following Thursday evenings in January:

Thursday, January 2 and Thursday, January 9, 2025:

No light rail service at Watt/I-80 Station. Instead, there will be a bus bridge between Watt/I-80 and Roseville Road stations from 8 p.m. to end of service. **Note:** during the Watt/I-80 Station closure, riders needing to board light rail traveling toward downtown need to catch the special shuttle bus to Roseville Road on the northbound side of Watt Avenue (upper level). The southbound stairway and elevator at Watt/I-80 Transit Center is closed through May 2025. Riders can use the northbound stairway or elevator to access Watt Avenue.

The bus stop located on the southbound side of Watt Avenue (upper level) is temporarily closed due to construction activity on Watt Avenue. Riders can catch the bus at an existing bus stop in front of Sacramento Inn & Suites (formally Red Roof Inn) located at Watt Avenue near Longview Drive. Learn more about the project and bus bridge information at sacrt.com/WattI80.

Get \$2 Off Admission at the Downtown Ice Rink

A Sacramento tradition, the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink presented by Dignity Health is open through Monday, January 20, 2025, in Ali Youssefi Square (7th and K streets). The Downtown Ice Rink is the perfect place to make lasting holiday memories in the heart of our city. Adults skate for \$15 and children ages 6 and under skate for \$8. Show your same-day SacRT ticket or pass and receive \$2 off! Learn more at downtownsac.org.

Blue Line Platform Station Construction Continues in January 2025

SacRT is continuing Blue Line station platform construction at Globe Station this month.

During construction, the station will be closed from Saturday, January 18 to Sunday, March 2, 2025. During weekends, when power is shutdown there will be bus bridges (shuttle bus between stations) in place between Alkali Flat/La Valentina and Marconi/Arcade stations.

Blue Line Station Service Disruptions:

Saturday, January 18 - Monday, January 20, 2025:

(Globe Station Closed – No Light Rail Service)

Blue Line: Bus bridge between Alkali Flat/La Valentina and Marconi/Arcade Stations

Tuesday, January 21 - Friday, January 24, 2025:

(Globe Station Closed – No Light Rail Service)

During weekdays, light rail trains will travel through Globe Station; however, customers will not be able to board or deboard. No shuttle bus available. Riders should use Arden/Del Paso Station.

Saturday, January 25 - Monday, January 26, 2025

(Globe Station Closed – No Light Rail Service)

Blue Line: Bus bridge between Alkali Flat/La Valentina and Marconi/Arcade Stations

Monday, January 27 - Friday, January 31, 2025

(Globe Station Closed – No Light Rail Service)

During weekdays, light rail trains will travel through Globe Station; however, customers will not be able to board or deboard. No shuttle bus available. Riders should use Arden/Del Paso Station.

There will be a service disruption every Saturday and Sunday through March 2, 2025. A bus bridge will be in place between Alkali Flat/La Valentina

(Continued)

and Marconi/Arcade stations on the following dates: February 1-2, February 8-9, February 15-16, February 22-23, and March 1-2.

The timeline may shift due to weather or other factors. Visit sacrt.com/stationclosures or call 916-321-BUSS (2877) for more information. Download the free Alert SacRT app to get timely notifications on light rail service.



SacRT Flex Now Available for Eligible Riders

SacRT Flex, a new program operated by Via, officially begins service on Thursday, January 2, 2025. In December a soft launch phase began for eligible riders to test the new service. SacRT Flex is a limited subsidized neighborhood shuttle service restricted to a group of qualified riders, including seniors (age 62+), low-income individuals, and persons with disabilities.

To ride SacRT Flex, eligible riders must register in advance. Learn more about the application process at sacrt.com/flex.

SacRT Launches Bus Stop Enforcement Program

SacRT, in partnership with the City of Sacramento, has launched the Bus Stop Enforcement Program to improve safety and accessibility for all riders.

Unauthorized parking in bus stops can create safety hazards and delays, making it challenging for buses to safely pick up and drop off passengers. This program, which began on December 19, 2024, aims to keep stops clear and transit running smoothly.

Visit sacrt.com/SafeBusStop for details on the program and citation process.

Track Elk Grove Transit Buses in Real-Time with SacRT's BusTracker App

Great news for Elk Grove transit riders! You can now track Elk Grove buses in real time with the SacRT BusTracker app, showing exact arrival times and live bus locations—just like other SacRT fixed-route buses. Soon, Elk Grove riders will also receive notifications for service delays and cancellations, keeping you updated on any schedule changes. Download the free SacRT BusTracker app at sacrt.com/bustracker.

Join the SacRT Team: Two Hiring Events in February!

Are you ready to be part of an agency that connects people to opportunities, experiences, and each other? SacRT is committed to providing safe, clean, and accessible transit services to our community—and we're looking for passionate individuals to join our team!

This February, we're hosting two in-person hiring events at the SacRT Auditorium, located at 1400 29th Street, Sacramento.

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- Wednesday, February 26th | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

How to Get There:

The SacRT Auditorium is conveniently accessible via bus routes 30, 38, 67, and 68, or by light rail to the 29th Street Station. Street parking is also available. Learn more and apply today at sacrt.com/hiringevents.

MLK March for the Dream

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, January 20, 2025. Show your support by participating in the MLK365 March for the Dream. The march offers two options: from the Oak Park Community Center at 8 a.m., or from Sacramento City College at 9:15 a.m.

SacRT is offering a free ride flyer to get march participants to and from Sacramento City College. View and download the free ride flyer at sacrt.com/freerideflyer. SacRT staff and a SacRT bus will participate in the march. Learn more at mlk365.org.

SacRT's Customer Service Hours are Changing in January

Effective Monday, January 6, 2025, the new hours of operation on weekdays will be as follows:

- Call Center: 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Sales Center: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Weekend hours of operation in the Call Center will remain the same, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sales Center will remain closed on the weekends. For more information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

Heading Back to School? Ride Free with SacRT!

Students, as you get ready to go back to school, remember that you can ride SacRT's bus and light rail – for free. All you need is your valid RydeFreeRT card, which is available for students/youth in TK through 12th grade.

If you don't have a card, you can pick one up from participating local libraries, schools or SacRT's Customer Service and Sales Center, located at 1225 R Street, Sacramento. RydeFreeRT cards are valid until June 30, 2025. Learn more at rydefreert.com.



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Blue Line service disruptions continue in February



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Blue Line Service Disruptions in February: Globe Station Construction Continues

Blue Line station platform construction is ongoing at Globe Station, affecting service through early March. These upgrades are part of SacRT's efforts to modernize the system for new low-floor light rail vehicles, improving accessibility and rider experience.

Service Impacts in February:

- **Weekends:** A bus bridge will operate between Alkali Flat/La Valentina and Marconi/Arcade stations on the following weekends: February 1, 8–9, 15–16, 22–23, and March 1–2.
- **Weekdays:** Globe Station will be closed from February 3–28 with no shuttle bus available. Riders are encouraged to use Arden/Del Paso Station as an alternative.

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Has Extreme Weather Impacted Your Mobility? Share Your Feedback

Summer heat and winter storms are nothing new for Sacramento. However, these events are becoming more frequent and intense as a result of climate change. The City of Sacramento and SacRT are taking action to prepare for these changes through SacAdapt.

SacAdapt will guide the City and SacRT in preparing for climate impacts—like extreme heat, flooding, and high winds—to our transportation system.

Our first step is to understand how existing and future extreme weather events are impacting our transportation system. We want to hear from you about how extreme weather has impacted your travels around Sacramento!



Take the survey and learn more about the SacAdapt project at sacrt.com/sac-adapt.

Construction Continues at the Watt/I-80 Transit Center

During February, construction activities at and around the Watt/I-80 Transit Center will continue with some impacts to bus riders.

Work on the southbound side of Watt Avenue continues through May, and the SacRT bus stop located on the southbound side of the upper level of Watt Avenue remains closed during this time. Affected bus routes include 1, 26, 84 and 93. Riders can catch the bus at an existing bus stop in front of Sacramento Inn & Suites (formally Red Roof Inn) located further down Watt Avenue toward Longview Drive. As this work continues, the southbound elevator and stairs remain closed. Riders can use the northbound elevator or stairs to get to the upper

level. The northbound bus stop is not impacted at this time.

Work is also underway on the eastbound I-80 onramp on the south side of Watt Avenue. This impacts pedestrians who are crossing Watt Avenue to board their bus. Pedestrians crossing Watt Avenue will now need to use the traffic signal at Longview Drive.

For more details about the project, please visit sacrt.com/watt180.

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- **Operating Hours:** Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (excluding most holidays).
- **Service Areas:** Available in nine zones, including Citrus Heights-Antelope-Orangevale, Arden-Carmichael, Downtown-Midtown, Elk Grove, Florin-Gerber, Folsom, Franklin-South Sacramento, Natomas-North Sacramento, and Rancho Cordova.
- **Cost:** \$2.50 per trip for eligible riders and adult companions; free for children riding with parents.
- **Apply Online:** sacrt.com/applyflex
- **Ride Requests:** Book rides at least 24 hours in advance (up to two days in advance) using the SacRT Flex app or by phone.

SacRT Flex is funded as an 18-month pilot program through Measure A, a Sacramento County transportation funding initiative. The program prioritizes accessibility and efficiency, with Via managing scheduling, operations, and fare collection for a seamless rider experience. For more details including the eligibility process, visit sacrt.com/flex.

We're On Track for Valentine's Day! Win a Free Monthly Pass

Share your most creative and heartfelt transit-themed Valentine's Day message! Whether it's a pun, a poem, or a sweet love note, make it transit-inspired. The SacRT community will vote on their favorites, and the winner will receive a free monthly pass!

To enter, visit sacrt.com/valentines-day, then fill out the google form. You can also tag us on social media and use #ValentinesDay. Keep the message short and sweet (less than 50 words) and age appropriate. The deadline to submit is Thursday, February 13, 2025.

We'll share a shortlist of the top submissions on social media. Riders can vote for their favorite message during our Valentine's Day pop-up at 16th Street Station, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The winner will be announced on Valentine's Day – Friday, February 14, 2025.

Visit, sacrt.com/valentines-day for more information.

Additional Bus Stop Closures on Franklin Blvd Starting February 11

Beginning Tuesday, February 11, 2025, additional Elk Grove Transit Services bus stops on Franklin Blvd. will be closed due to ongoing road construction. These closures will remain in effect through summer 2025.

New Stops Impacted:

- Franklin Blvd at St. Augustine Dr. (Routes 12 and 112)
- Franklin Blvd at Elk Grove Blvd. (Routes 12 and 112)

Nearby alternative stops are available. Previously closed stops remain closed through mid-April. For full details and alternate stop locations, visit sacrt.com/FranklinClosure.

Stay Informed and Safe with the Alert SacRT App!

Did you know you can receive real-time service alerts and report safety concerns with just a few taps? The Alert SacRT app makes it easy to stay updated on your specific light rail line—Blue, Gold, or Green—and quickly connect with SacRT Police Services.

Get Service Alerts: Customize notifications for your light rail line under "Service Alerts" in the app.

Report Safety Concerns: Use the "Report an Issue" button to discreetly send text or photos to SacRT Police.

Text a Tip: Don't have a smartphone? Send a text directly to SacRT Police at 916-318-3330.

Download the free Alert SacRT app today at sacrt.com/AlertSacRT.

Honor Rosa Parks and Celebrate Transit Equity Day with Free Bus Rides!



SacRT invites you to join us in commemorating the life and legacy of Rosa Parks on **Transit Equity Day**, Tuesday, February 4, 2025. Rosa Parks' brave act of defiance on a bus in 1955 ignited

a movement for civil rights and transit equity, paving the way for greater accessibility and inclusivity in public transportation.

In honor of her contributions and her birthday, all rides on SacRT's fixed-route buses will be FREE with a free ride flyer on this special day.

As a tribute to Rosa Parks, we are designating a seat at the front of every bus with a special "**Reserved for Rosa Parks**" sign. This gesture serves as a reminder of her courage and the ongoing importance of equity and inclusion in transit. For more information, visit sacrt.com/transitequityday.

Bus Stop Enforcement Program Begins Issuing Citations February 18

Starting Tuesday, February 18, 2025, the City of Sacramento will begin issuing citations to vehicles parked illegally in bus stops as part of SacRT's Bus Stop Enforcement Program. Launched in December 2024, the program aims to improve rider safety, accessibility, and service reliability.

Since the program began, more than 1,400 warnings have been issued to vehicles obstructing bus stops. Starting February 18th, citations will be mailed to the registered owner of any vehicle detected blocking a bus stop or bike lane. The program uses AI-enabled cameras on 100 SacRT buses, with evidence reviewed by the City before citations are issued.

Keeping bus stops clear helps ensure safer, more efficient service, especially for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Learn more at sacrt.com/safebusstops.

Track Your Bus in Real-Time with SacRT's BusTracker App

Never be left guessing when your bus will arrive again! The SacRT BusTracker App provides real-time arrival times and bus locations using GPS technology, making it easier than ever to plan your trip. Simply use your smartphone, tablet, or computer to track your bus, receive real-time stop predictions, and even sign up for text or email alerts about your route.

Riders on Elk Grove Transit can now use BusTracker to see real-time arrival times and locations for Elk Grove buses, just like SacRT's fixed-route service.

Download the app today at sacrt.com/BusTracker.



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Henry Li – GM/CEO Update

February 10, 2025

SacRT Employee Recognition

January 2025 Milestones:

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Charity Oakley	Solomon LaBrada	Caylene Davis
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Manuel Duenas		
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SacRT Fan Mail



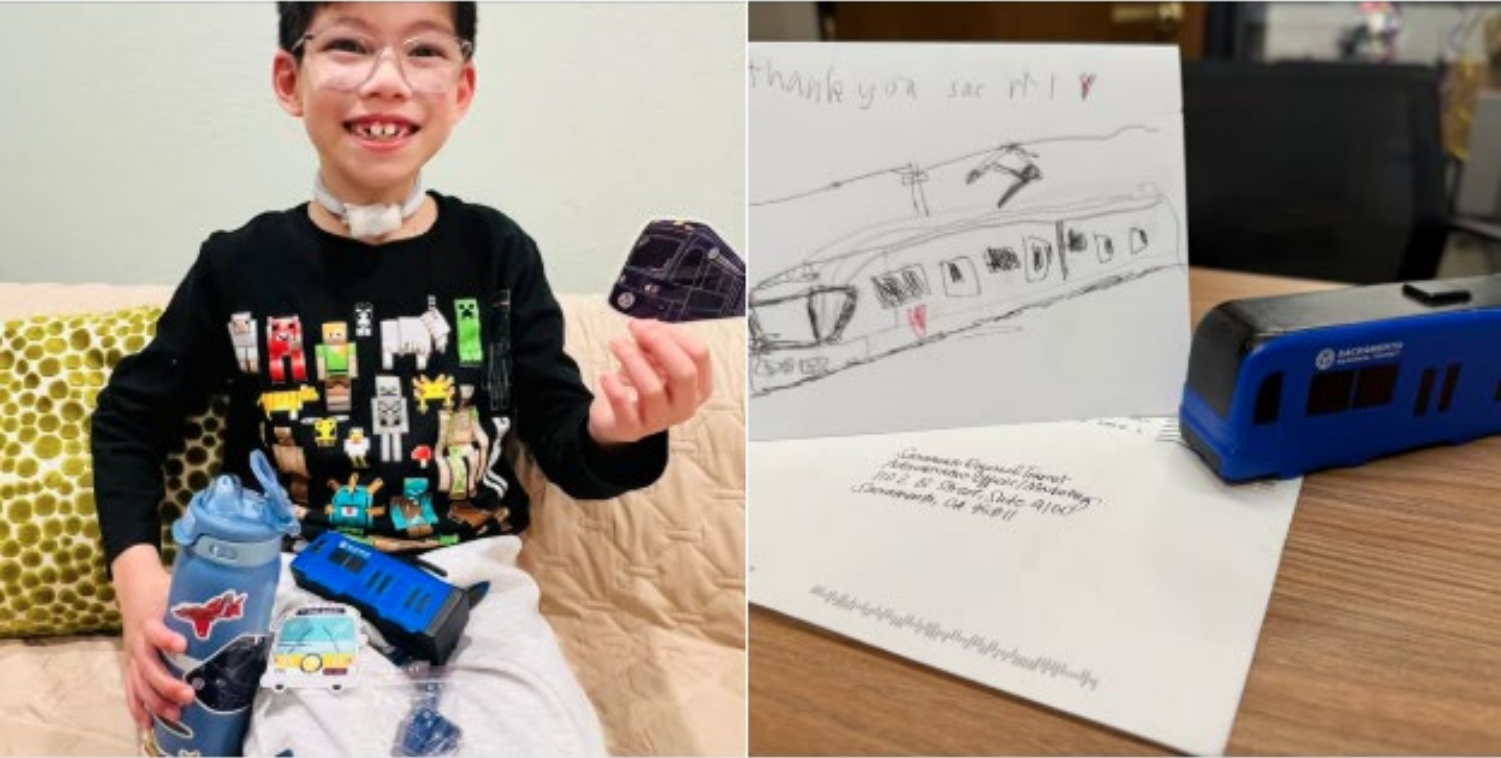
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👤 ✨ Meet Ferris, one of our biggest little train fans! Last summer, he got a SacRT light rail sticker at a community event and proudly placed it on his water bottle. When he lost it over winter break, he was heartbroken. ❤️ But don't worry—we sent him a new sticker (and some extra train swag!), and just look at that smile! 😊💙

Ferris even sent us a hand-drawn card featuring a train—how awesome is that?! 🚆👏 Thanks, Ferris, for being such a great SacRT fan! ❤️ #SacRT #TrainFan #LightRailLove #Sacramento



We're Hiring

Come to our **February** Hiring Events

DAY 1 **TUESDAY**
February 11th
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

DAY 2 **WEDNESDAY**
February 26th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

SacRT 1400 29th Street Auditorium



SacRT Federal Funding



THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

January 27, 2025

M-25-13

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Matthew J. Vaeth, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget *M. Vaeth*

SUBJECT: Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs



THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

January 29, 2025

M-25-14

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Matthew J. Vaeth, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget *M. Vaeth*

SUBJECT: Rescission of M-25-13

OMB Memorandum M-25-13 is rescinded. If you have questions about implementing the President's Executive Orders, please contact your agency General Counsel.

TODAY, PUBLIC TRANSIT

Job Creation

430K+
People

work for public
transportation agencies



50K Jobs

created and supported
per \$1 billion investment
in job creation

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ECONOMIC RETURN

produced by long-term
investment in public transit

\$382 Million

IN TAX REVENUE

supported per \$1 billion
investment in job creation

Supporting Private-Sector Jobs

2,000+
SUPPLIERS

in 48 states and DC

More than

\$42 Billion
IN TRANSIT SPENDING

flows to the private sector
(59% increase since 2020)

Transit Equity Day



STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Sarah Poe, Senior Planner
SUBJ: SAN JOAQUIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEETING
SUMMARY - JANUARY 24, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

Chair Pat Hume was present for the special meeting of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority on January 24, 2025 (10:00am-12:00pm).

Meeting Notes

Item 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Item 2. Public Comments

- Faramarz Nabavi (public) advocated for the Café Cars to continue being in service until an appropriate alternative could be rolled out
- One comment noted specific instances of delay on the San Joaquins line

Item 3. Consent Calendar

- All items were passed on consent.

Item 4. Election of Officers (Stacy Mortensen)

- Director Verboon was elected as Chair
- Director Bergis and member Hume were as elected as Vice Chair

Item 5. Adopt a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Approving Transfer of Maintenance of the State Owned Northern California Passenger Rail Fleet, consisting of 66- Bilevel Vehicles and 24- Locomotives, from Caltrans to the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Any and All Agreements Necessary to Carry Out the Transfer (Brian Schmidt)

Previously, Caltrans requested the Rail Commission to enter into an agreement for commissioning new Siemens Vehicles

This has led to a year's long process in slowly de-commissioning the legacy fleet in favor of new Siemens cars for both San Joaquins and Capitol Corridor

This agreement will hand maintenance responsibilities and oversight of the new cars to the Rail Commission

Chair Hume praises the action taken

Kirk Thompson (public) asked if there's a possibility of station relocation along the UP line and what the authority SJJPA has to reduce "sand walking" cause by using the UP line

Item passes

Item 6. Adopt a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Approving the Signage and Wayfinding Manual for Use on the San Joaquins Corridor and Authorizing the Executive Director to Approve Minor Changes to the Document (David Lipari)

The Valley Rail Program intends to unify passenger experience via wayfinding, ticketing, customer service, etc.

In January 2024, the SJJPA approved a contract to assist with developing wayfinding materials

The deliverable for the project is a Signage and Wayfinding Manual to be used on the San Joaquin line

Chair Hume asks if this manual is intended to be applied to the thruway bus service (Yes)

Kirk Thompson (public) praises the effort to unify signage and wayfinding

Joel Campos (public) asks what feedback the team has received from the ADA community

Item passes

Item 7. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority 2025 Business Plan Preview (Michael Hanebutt)

- This item is informational; no action taken

Item 8. Email Marketing Program Update (Mariah Bryant)

- This item is informational; no action taken

Item 9. Amtrak San Joaquins Student Ambassador Program Update (Carmen Setness)

- This item is informational; no action taken

Item 10. Allensworth Update (Carmen Setness)

- This item is informational; no action taken

Item 11. Board Member Comments

- *No Board Member Comments*

Item 12. Executive Director's Report

- This item is informational; no action taken

Item 13. Adjournment

The next regular meeting is scheduled for: Friday, March 21, 2025 – 10:00 am

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 10, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Director Linda Budge
SUBJ: SACRAMENTO PLACERVILLE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEETING SUMMARY OF
FEBRUARY 3, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

Written Report by Director Budge from the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA Meeting of February 3, 2025

MEMO TO: RT Board of Directors

Cc: Interested Parties

RE: Sacramento – Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting of February 3, 2025.

The SPTC/JPA Board met on February 3rd, in Folsom City Hall as usual. The membership included RT Representative and Rancho Cordova Alternate, Linda Budge; Sacramento County Representative Rosario Rodriguez, El Dorado County Representative George Turnbo, Folsom Representative and Chair Sarah Aquino.

Minutes for November 2024 meeting were approved. The consent calendar also included the quarterly budget update, and information on the proposed budget for 2025/2026.

The approval of the CEO Contract with Vickie Sanders was also included, but there were some technical issues with the language, and the item was continued until the May meeting.

The contract with the PSVRR has been approved by the City of Folsom. It will be heard at Sacramento B/S on 2/25, and is being scheduled for hearing at the El Dorado County B/S.

Since Rancho Cordova City Council voted to join the SPTC/JPA as a full member, the revised and updated Joint Powers Agreement was voted on and approved. That also triggered an updated Continuing Agreement to Advance Funds, which was also approved. That's really just a lengthy title for the agreement that payments from the members fund the JPA.

There was a lengthy discussion of work and progress on the natural trail that parallels the rails from Folsom to Latrobe. Due to all too familiar permitting issues with the state and federal regulatory agencies, and the need to get environmental inspections at every step, a plan was decided on to try to include more people to work with the volunteers. The goal is to finish this initial step by early 2026 when the current permits expire.

The next meeting will be on May 19th, since the normal date conflicts with the annual Cap to Cap.

Linda Budge, AICP
2/4/2025