

## STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** April 28, 2025  
**TO:** Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Sarah Poe, Senior Planner  
**SUBJ:** SAN JOAQUIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY – MARCH 19, 2025

### RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

Vice Chair Pat Hume was present for the special meeting of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority on March 19, 2025 (10:00am-12:00pm).

### Meeting Notes

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

#### **Item 2. Public Comments**

- Zachary Moore (TCU Board of Trustees)
- Carter Lavin (Transbay Coalition)
- Melvin Willis (ACCE)
- Freddy Dunst
- Stephanie Taddeo (Representing Contra-Costa County)
- Carmen Martinez (Resident of Contra-Costa County)
- William Goodwin (public)
- Michael Barnbaum (public)

#### **Item 3. Consent Calendar**

- All items were passed on consent.

#### **Item 4. Adopt a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Approving the Draft 2025 San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Business Plan Update and Authorizing and Directing the Executive Director to Execute Any and All Documents Associated with the Master Fund Transfer Agreement Supplements for Operations, Administration, and Marketing Budgets for Fiscal Year 2025/2026**

(Michael Hanebutt)

- Staff's purpose is to draft funding plans for the next two fiscal years
- Key Areas include
  - 7<sup>th</sup> round trip to implement this year

- Connecting Bus Route between Merced and San Jose
- Coordination of early opening of Fresno Merced segment of CHSR
- Cross Valley Corridor coordination between Hanford, Visalia, and Farmersville
- Thruway Bus Optimization along I-5 to Sacramento
- Signage and Wayfinding Project implementation with ACE
- Etc.
- *Item Passes*

**Item 5. Adopt a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Adopting the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Addendum for the Madera Station Relocation Project, and Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Any and All Documents Related to the Project (Dan Leavitt**

- This item is part of the larger Valley Rail Project
- Intended to integrate San Joaquins service with future CHSR service
- No Fiscal Impact
- Verboon asks about using PIO to show how much this project means to Amtrak at the federal level
- *Item Passes*

**Item 6. Adopt a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Approving Amendment 01 to the Agreement with RailPros, Inc. (RailPros) for Environmental Review, Planning, and Preliminary Engineering Services for the Madera High-Speed Rail (HSR) Station Full Build Project Increasing the Compensation Amount by \$949,750 for a New Amount Not-To-Exceed \$2,937,130, Utilizing the First Option Year, and Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate, Award, and Execute Any and All Agreements and Documents Related to the Project including Approving Any and All Amendments thereto within Her Spending Authority (Dan Leavitt/Autumn Gowan)**

- Additional improvements for the relocated Madera Station will need to be made as CHSR expands into the Bay Area
- Previously the board approved an agreement with Rail Pros Inc. for Environmental Study, but the agreement is set to expire on June 30, 2025
- This amendment will extend the contract to June 30, 2026
- A Director asks for clarification on the funding that remains for this project
- *Item Passes*

**Item 7. Adopt a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Approving ‘Gold Runner’ as the Official Brand Name of the San Joaquins Intercity Rail Corridor and Adopt the Official Brand Marks Reflected in Attachment A, as Attached Hereto (David Lipari)**

- Staff have been undergoing brand changes in support with Caltrans
- Seeks to change name of service from “San Joaquins” to “Gold Runner”

- Staff mentions wanting to identify with where the service has gone in the past few decades
  - More thru-way bus
  - Connection with Valley Rail, CAHSR, etc.
- Vice Chair Hume congratulates staff on a good job
- Alternate Hernandez makes similar comments
- *Item Passes*

**Item 8. Adopt a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Authorizing the Chair to Execute Amendment 02 to the FY 2024 San Joaquin Intercity Passenger Rail Service Operating Agreement with Amtrak to Extend the Term of the Continuation Period through September 30, 2025, and Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate, Award, and Execute Any and All Amendments and Documents Related to Extending the Continuation Period**  
(Angela Miller/Autumn Gowan)

- Various program changes have had changes to San Joaquins' operating plan in terms of roles and responsibilities
- Staff would like to amend the San Joaquin Intercity Passenger Rail Agreement for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time
  - To expire September 30, 2025
- *Item Passes*

**Item 9. San Joaquins Service Restoration of the 7th Roundtrip (Trains 701 and 704 – Sacramento - Bakersfield)** (Andy Cook)

- This item is informational; no action taken

**Item 10. Update and Discussion of Bay Area Marketing and Outreach Efforts for Amtrak San Joaquins** (Marques Cook/Christian Ollano)

- This item is informational; no action taken

**Item 11. Board Member Comments**

- *No Board Member comments were made*

**Item 12. Executive Director's Report**

- This item is informational; no action taken

**Item 13. Adjournment:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for: Friday, May 16, 2025 – 1:15 pm