

STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 18, 2024
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 15, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2024**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 4:01 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Brewer, Budge, Schaefer, Hume, Jennings, Kaplan, Maple, Singh-Allen and Chair Kennedy. Absent: Directors Kozlowski, Serna and Vang.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of September 23, 2024
- 2.2 Resolution 2024-10-102: Approving the First Amendment to the Contract for Security Guard Services with Blue Knight Security & Patrol Inc. (L. Hinz)
- 2.3 Resolution 2024-10-103: Approving a Sole Source Procurement and the Second Amendment to the Contract for Pre-Employment Background Investigation Services with TruView BSI, LLC (D. Topaz)
- 2.4 Resolution 2024-10-104: Approving a New Light Rail Station Cleaning and Maintenance Agreement with the City of Rancho Cordova (L. Hinz)
- 2.5 Approving the First Amendment to Personal Services Contracts (L. Ham)
 - a) Resolution 2024-10-105: Approving the First Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with Kevin Alvarez; and
 - b) Resolution 2024-10-106: Approving the First Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with Rowan Brandt
- 2.6 Resolution 2024-10-107: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Bind SacRT Subrecipient Agreements with The Sacramento Area Council of Governments to Receive SB 125 Funds for Transit Operations and a Comprehensive Operational Analysis/Long Range Plan (J. Johnson)

The Clerk stated there was a correction to Item 2.5 Resolutions 2024-10-105 and 2024-10-106 to include the effective date of January 1, 2025 and a copy was provided to the Board.

ACTION: APPROVED. Director Jennings moved; Director Kaplan seconded approval of the consent calendar with the corrected Resolutions for Item 2.5. Motion was carried by voice vote. Ayes: Directors Brewer, Budge, Hume, Jennings, Kaplan, Maple, Schaefer, Singh-Allen and Chair Kennedy; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Directors Kozlowski, Serna and Vang.

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 4.1 Information: Update Regarding Transitioning SmaRT Ride Service to a Proposed Equitable and Transportation Disadvantaged Eligibility Based Microtransit Service (L. Ham)

Anthony Adams, Director of Planning, provided a presentation on the proposed program.

Director Budge asked about service hours and cost savings.

Mr. Adams commented overall service hours will be reduced and save 4/5 of the cost.

Director Budge asked what the savings would be if SacRT continued to operate but reduced service to only eligible riders.

Mr. Adams responded the cost would be about half, around \$5M.

Mr. Li added that less than 50% of riders would be eligible to ride with the new program and anticipated cost is approximately \$16/ride compared to current cost of \$47/ride.

Director Budge asked about ridership per zone.

Mr. Adams stated this information will be provided to the Board.

Mr. Li added that ridership reports will be provided to the Board and public.

Director Brewer commented on rollout outreach.

Devra Selenis, VP, Communications & Partnerships, responded that all resources will be used to make sure the public is aware.

Director Jennings asked about the trial period and is excited to work with Via.

Mr. Adams responded it would be an 18-month trial period with 6-month check ins.

Mr. Li responded during the trial period, there would be regular updates for the Board.

Director Kaplan commented on service hours, eligibility, and adjustments to service.

Mr. Li stated that SacRT staff will be monitoring service and is able to adjust, adapt, and improve as needed.

Director Kaplan appreciates staff providing this option for those that are most vulnerable.

Director Singh-Allen thanked Mr. Li and staff for the due diligence and keeping the public interest at heart.

Director Hume asked about Via's ability and capacity to provide services needed in a timely manner.

Mr. Li responded there are many options to help the project move this forward successfully.

Director Hume noted the decision was driven by expectations placed on SacRT by the state and he appreciates the creativity and due diligence.

Chair Kennedy appreciates staff for listening to concerns and is supportive of the proposed program. He asked about the procurement process.

Olga Sanchez-Ochoa, General Counsel, responded there is more flexibility using local funds.

Written public comment:

Glenn Mandelkern submitted comment on SmarT Ride.

Public Comment:

Jeffery Tardaguila commented on the SmarT Ride funding Dos Rios funding.

Mr. Li responded that SB125 is the reason for this alternative solution.

Michelle Baker commented on bus route 19 and how helpful SmarT Ride is to her.

Chair Kennedy asked for staff to address Ms. Baker's concerns.

Barbara Stanton, RFTM, congratulated staff on the new plan and asked about the application process.

Mr. Adams responded there is a self-verification process and as soon as paperwork is submitted, they will be eligible.

Michael Bevens commented on service gaps and recommended neighborhood circular routes to service the nine zones.

Dan Allison, STAR, appreciates the proposed program. He stated student service should be based on parent qualification and service gaps should be revisited.

Helen O'Connell commented on reassigning drivers and operational staff.

Miguel Pena commented on Roseville receiving a grant for their Arrow program.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Director Hume left the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Written Public Comment:

Rick Hodgkins commented on road closure awareness.

Ronnie Miranda commented on route 86.

Public Comment:

Jeffery Tardaguila commented on bicycles on the low floor trains and multi-function connect controls.

Robert Coplin commented on public outreach, low floor vehicles, RydeFree RT and cancellations.

Helen O’Connell commented on competitive wage and benefits for all employees.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

- 8.1 General Manager’s Report
 - a. Major Project Updates
 - b. SacRT Meeting Calendar
 - c. Customer Service Response to Feedback and Comments (L. Hinz)

Mr. Li provided a brief report.

Public Comment:

Jeffery Tardaguila commented on bus cancellations and the upcoming SACOG meeting.

Robert Coplin commented on public safety, infrastructure for electric buses and additional lighting at light rail stations.

Helen O’Connell commented on the importance of operations.

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

- 9.1 Mobility Advisory Council Meeting Summary – September 19, 2024 (B. Araujo)

Public Comment:

Helen O’Connell is glad to see the MAC summary on agenda.

9.2 San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Meeting Summary – September 20, 2024
(Hume)

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

11. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

12. **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 5:22 p.m.

PRESENT: Directors Brewer, Budge, Schaefer, Jennings, Kaplan, Maple, Singh-Allen and Chair Kennedy.

ABSENT: Directors Kozlowski, Hume, Serna and Vang

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

13.1 Conference with Labor Negotiator
Pursuant to Section 54957.6
District Negotiator: David Topaz

A. Employee Organization: Local ATU 256 (SacRT GO)

14. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

15. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Chair Kennedy announced that there would be no report out on the Closed Session items.

16. **ADJOURN**

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

A T T E S T:
HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary