

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 8, 2022
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF JULY 25, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
July 25, 2022**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:31 p.m. via Zoom. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Kennedy, Nottoli, Serna, Valenzuela and Chair Miller. Absent: Directors Jennings and Schenirer. Director Hume joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of June 13, 2022
- 2.2 Resolution 2022-07-072: Authorize the Board of Directors to Teleconference from July 25, 2022 through August 24, 2022, in Compliance with the Brown Act Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 as Amended by Assembly Bill 361, During the COVID-19 Pandemic (O. Sanchez-Ochoa/T. Smith)
- 2.3 Resolution 2022-07-073: Approving a License for Beneto, Inc. to Install and Monitor a Temporary Groundwater Monitoring well at Folsom Boulevard and Routier Road within SPJPA Property (J. Adelman)
- 2.4 Resolution 2022-07-074: Approve Project List for Funding Under the Roadway Repair and Accountability Act (SB1) State of Good Repair for Fiscal Year 2023 (J. Adelman)
- 2.5 Resolution 2022-07-075: Approving the RydeFreeRT Student Transit Pass Agreement with the County of Sacramento (J. Adelman)
- 2.6 Resolution 2022-07-076: Delegating Authority to The General Manager/CEO to Approve and Execute Furniture and Fixtures Contracts and Amendments Over \$150,000 for the Q Street Administrative Building Project (J. Adelman)
- 2.7 Resolution 2022-07-077: Approving the Agreement for Bulky Waste Removal and Disposal Services with the County of Sacramento and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Execute Amendments to the Agreement to Extend the Term (L. Ham)
- 2.8 Resolution 2022-07-078: Approving the Contract for Ultrasonic Rail Flaw Testing Services with Pro-Traxx, Inc. (R. Forrest)

- 2.9 Resolution 2022-07-079: Approving a Sole Source Third Amendment to the Commercial Sales Agreement with Johnson Controls for Fire and Burglar Alarm Services and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Amend the Commercial Sales Agreement with Johnson Controls (L. Ham)
- 2.10 Resolution 2022-07-080: Conditionally Approving the Contract for On-Call Cummins Cylinder Head Reconditioning Services with B & R Head & Block Repair (C. Alba)
- 2.11 Resolution 2022-07-081: Approving the First Amendment to Contract for Revenue Vehicle Tire Lease and Services with Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC (C. Alba)
- 2.12 Resolution 2022-07-084: Approving a Cost-Sharing Agreement for Operation of Route E37 Commuter Bus Service With the University of California Davis (L. Ham)
- 2.13 Resolution 2022-07-085: Approving Work Order No. 11 to the Contract for General Engineering Support Services – 2020 with Mark Thomas and Company, Inc. to Provide Final Design for the Watt I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project (L. Ham)

Public comment was taken by phone from Glenn Mandelkern and Jeffery Tardaguila.

Mr. Mandelkern suggested that Board meetings return to in-person while still providing the zoom option.

Mr. Tardaguila stated that he did not see mention of the minutes from the General Manager report.

Director Budge informed Mr. Tardaguila that it was Item 2.1

Director Howell moved; Director Budge seconded approval of the consent calendar as written. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Kennedy, Nottoli, Serna, Valenzuela and Chair Miller. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Director Jennings and Schenirer.

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila, Allison Kustic and Glenn Mandelkern.

Mr. Tardaguila thanked Mr. Li for the report back of what took place at the closed session and for being an ambassador. He is concerned about bus cancellations especially if they are in one area. Mr. Tardaguila appreciates being able to work with SacRT staff to get this information better explained on the website and is hoping that when routes are canceled there could be a sign to alert riders to check the website.

Ms. Kustic commented on the declining amount of service in East Sacramento and River Park in particular. She encouraged the Board to restore full service to Route 134 in September, make existing service more reliable, and expand the boundaries of the Smart RT routes so that people can rely on public transportation as a primary form of transportation.

Mr. Mandelkern recognized positive observations pertaining to bus cancellations stating that in May and June there were between 70 to 90 cancellations daily and this month there were approximately 20 cancellations daily on the worst days and some days there were none. He gave special thanks to Blanca Salcedo for doing a TV interview in Spanish and encouraging people to become bus drivers.

Mr. Li stated that Mr. Mandelkern's observation is directly related to how many positive COVID cases SacRT has had. In the months of May and June, there were over 60 positive COVID cases and this month there have only been about 25 cases.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Resolution 2022-07-082: Annual Performance-Based Evaluation for the General Manager/CEO, Henry Li, and Fifth Amendment to Employment Contract (S. Valenton)

Shelly Valenton shared that the Board met in Closed Session on June 13th to conduct the General Manager's annual performance evaluation and the Board was provided with a comprehensive list of SacRT's accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2022 as well as the General Manager's goals for Fiscal Year 2023. SacRT is in the second year of implementing the new strategic plan approved by the Board back in 2020 that incorporates performance measures for all SacRT's strategic priorities. SacRT's performance scorecard to date is showing FY 22 performance at an overall score of 91.4 out of 100 which indicates that SacRT is making tremendous progress in all strategic performance areas even while operating during a pandemic. The Board determined that the General Manager met or exceeded the key performance goals set for FY 2022 and in

recognition, it is proposed that the General Manager receives a 3% performance-based salary increase. Staff also conducted research on comparable CEO contracts and determined that 12 months of severance pay for termination without cause is more in line with current standards. The proposed contract amendment will also modify Mr. Li's employment contract to increase the number of months he is entitled to receive if terminated without cause from six to twelve months.

Public Comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila.

Mr. Tardaguila is concerned that a missed strategic opportunity is Mariposa Village. He believes SacRT is compensating by expanding the micro transit but is concerned that the Mariposa Village residents do not know that the service is available to them.

Director Harris complimented Mr. Li on his performance as General Manager stating his accomplishments have been good for SacRT and he moved the Resolution.

Director Hume said he would be abstaining from the item but not because he has lack of confidence in Mr. Li, who has done a fantastic job. Mr. Li is doing his best and unfortunately some of the service expectations are not being met through no fault of Mr. Li or the agency. Director Hume shared he was unable to attend the closed session meeting to discuss Mr. Li's performance review, which is why he is abstaining from voting.

Director Harris moved; Director Valenzuela seconded approval of item 7.1. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Kennedy, Nottoli, Serna, Valenzuela and Chair Miller. Noes: None; Abstain: Director Hume; Absent: Director Jennings and Schenirer.

Public Comment was taken by phone from Barbara Stanton on Item 6.

Ms. Stanton expressed her concern regarding bus cancellations and mentioned she will be meeting with Devra Selenis and other SacRT staff members to figure out ways to contact people who do not have electronics to let them know that their trips might be canceled. She was thankful for the expansion of the downtown Smart Ride to Marisol Village.

- 7.2 Resolution 2022-07-083: Declaring an Emergency and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve and Execute a Contract Over \$150,000 for Replacement of a Damaged Overhead Contact System Pole (L. Ham) **[Note: Resolution Requires 4/5th vote]**

Laura Ham provided a brief explanation regarding the damaged overhead contact system pole replacement and declaring it an emergency. She explained that a structural analysis was performed which determined that the pole must be replaced in less than 60 days. SacRT staff has completed a temporary fix at this time and trains are operating through the area on a slow order until the pole is replaced.

Chair Miller asked what caused the damage.

Ms. Ham responded it was essentially an electrical failure.

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila and Barbara Stanton.

Mr. Tardaguila misunderstood and was wanting to comment on Item 7.3.

Ms. Stanton was testing the hand raising feature and did not have a comment.

Director Budge moved; Director Nottoli seconded approval of item 7.2. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Kennedy, Nottoli, Serna, Valenzuela and Chair Miller. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Director Jennings and Schenirer.

7.3 Information: Proposed Citizens' Transportation Tax Initiative in Sacramento County (L.Ham)

Laura Ham was thankful for the opportunity to share information regarding a proposed transportation ballot initiative in Sacramento County known as the Sacramento County Transportation Maintenance, Safety, and Congestion Relief Act of 2022. The new initiative was brought forth by a citizens group called Committee for a Better Sacramento and is primarily based on the 2020 Sacramento County measure formulated by the Sacramento Transportation Authority. Based on estimates, SacRT is expected to receive over 3.3 billion over the course of the 40-year measure and more recent projections show it could be up to 3.5 billion or close to 90 million annually.

Ms. Ham provided a quick overview of where the initiative is at in the process of moving to the ballot and then discussed the funding identified for SacRT in the initiative.

Ms. Ham stated that SacRT currently has one of the largest and most accelerated capital expansion programs in SacRT's history with over 6 billion in planned initiatives. She then provided an overview and description of the Capital Projects and information regarding an academic analysis of the 2020 Expenditure Plan that was conducted by the University of the Pacific.

Director Budge asked how the major thoroughfares for the high frequency buses were identified.

Ms. Ham responded that about a year ago staff presented a high frequency bus study to the Board where SacRT conducted an analysis of high ridership corridors and the most likely candidates to move forward for high frequency service and additional which is how they were identified.

Director Budge mentioned high frequency bus routes would work best on routes with a high degree of residential riders rather than routes with a high degree of commercial and heavy truck traffic and is hoping this will be discussed further in the future.

Ms. Ham thanked Director Budge and responded that uses along the corridor and potential ridership will be looked at.

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila.

Mr. Tardaguila is concerned with the timing because of the way the Measure was put together and who it is principally funding. He questions where the rest of the two, three, four billion dollars is going. He asked staff how this compares to what is currently going on with proposition A dollar category funding wise compared to this new initiative that will be over 40 years. Mr. Tardaguila encouraged the Board to read the ballot carefully and thinks this needs to be a more regional effort to figure out how to get more local dollars.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 8.1 General Manager's Report
 - a. Major Project Updates
 - b. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li acknowledged that it is the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act, a vital landmark civil rights law.

Mr. Li announced that SacRT has been awarded over \$30 million in state grant funding through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). SacRT was awarded nearly \$24 million to help purchase 8 additional new low-floor light rail vehicles and now has secured funding to support the purchase of 44 new vehicles with a goal to get to 72. SacRT was awarded \$5 million to support connectivity and planning at Sacramento Valley Station (SVS), and \$1.5 million for contactless fare payment devices on board the SacRT bus network. The most recent state budget also includes \$3.6 billion for the next TIRCP program round.

Mr. Li thanked the federal delegation for championing infrastructure investment and public transportation. He thanked Congressman Ami Bera and announced that last week the house of representatives passed the FY 23 minibus appropriations package which includes \$3.7 million earmarked for SacRT's light rail modernization. Mr. Li also thanked Senator Alex Padilla who has submitted an \$8.7 million request to support SacRT's light rail modernization program.

Mr. Li announced that SacRT has officially launched the SacRT in the Community blog which will help SacRT better connect with riders and the community while also telling stories and the positive contributions SacRT is making in communities.

Mr. Li shared important information for riders that on July 15th, the 8th & O light rail station westbound platform will be temporarily closed for approximately three years due to major renovation construction of the California Department of Water Resources Building. He thanked everyone for their patience during the service disruption.

Mr. Li stated that SacRT recently conducted a safety and the security analysis of North 12th Street, between Ahern and C Streets which has a long history of heavy pedestrian traffic and trespassing. Following the analysis, SacRT implemented several actions to mitigate trespassing. Mr. Li thanked the Engineering, Safety, and Security teams for making this happen.

Mr. Li is proud of the SacRT workforce and their perseverance and commitment to the community over the last couple of years. SacRT has been hosting quarterly employee appreciation events to help build morale and thank the workforce for their tireless dedication. He thanked Director Jennings for stopping by and engaging with employees. Mr. Li was notified by SacRT's EEO office that over the last four years, none of the sexual harassment complaints that have been brought to his attention resulted in a finding. Mr. Li attributes this to excellent training and SacRT's collective effort to create a culture of respect.

Mr. Li thanked Chair Miller and Vice Chair Kennedy for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend APTA's Transit Initiatives and the Communities Workshop last week. The conference was a great peer-to-peer conversation to share the experience of other communities' initiatives and lessons-learned. The initiative campaign team had a great press conference last week and hosted a productive fundraising campaign event.

Mr. Li provided an update on the status of the Roseville Road safe parking program. He announced that last week, following the approvals of the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration, the three-party lease was executed. SacRT staff is participating in weekly coordination meetings with the City of Sacramento and is preparing for the tentative launch this fall.

In conclusion, Mr. Li gave a brief COVID update stating that the region has been experiencing a surge in cases over the last few months which has impacted staff levels and service reliability. Thankfully there has been a decline in cases this month but he reminded everyone to take precautions and be safe.

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila and Glenn Mandelkern.

Mr. Tardaguila thanked Mr. Li for providing an accessible written and visual report and hopes that will be ongoing in the future. Mr. Tardaguila is concerned about the light rail location at 9th and O Street being closed and recommended having a sandwich board at 8th and O Street directing riders to alternative paths and he also requested the changes be added to the website. He also is concerned about insurance services and how reports get reported and the route by which they are connected to the contact of information services.

Mr. Mandelkern agreed with Mr. Tardaguila that the schedules for bus routes need to be updated for 8th and O Street especially for newcomers and the online schedules for those routes affected by the closure of those bus stops need to be modified as well.

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

9.1 Capital Corridor JPA Meeting Summary – June 15, 2022

Director Budge appreciates Mr. Li acknowledging the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and she thinks this would be a good end to the meeting to acknowledge the participation of not only current loyal participants but also a couple of people who brought issues of “access for all” to regional transit. One is Jim Notley, who she described as a perfectly lovely person she knew quite well and has since passed on, and the other is Frances Gracechild from Resources for Independent Living. Both brought to this organization a heightened awareness of what it is like when you cannot just open the door because there is no automatic button to push.

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffrey Tardaguila.

Mr. Tardaguila recognized there was no SacRT representation at the CCJPA Meeting. Mr. Tardaguila will be attending the ADA Zoom meeting and encouraged participation.

9.1 Capital Corridor JPA Meeting Summary – June 15, 2022

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**

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

14. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

15. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

16. **ADJOURN**

Linda Budge requested adjournment tonight in memory of Jim Notley and Frances Gracechild.

After a moment of silence and no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary