



November 12, 2017

Regional Transit Board of Directors
Henry Li, General Manager/CEO
1400 29th Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Re: Board Item 10 – Sale of 65th Street

Dear Board of Directors and Mr. Li:

The Sacramento Transit Riders Union (SacTRU) is writing to express our concern and opposition of the sale of the 65th Street property without additional information being provided to the Board, the MAC, and members of the public. We request an analysis and presentation of the route impact that the sale of the property would have on the bus lines that currently use the station. We also request that a presentation of the impact of such route designs be presented to the MAC board for input and discussion before the sale moves forward.

The 65th Street Station is a bus transit center in the center of the system that serves 1,500 average daily boardings and has at least 8 bus routes that run through it (26, 38, 61, 65, 82, 87, Hornet Shuttle, and Amador Transit). Prior to the sale of the property, SacTRU requests that staff provide an analysis of the route impact of each bus route, a detailed explanation of off-site street improvements, design specifications of the proposed project, and details about the impact to transit throughout all phases of construction. How will buses enter and exit the property? How will rider access be affected? Will transit be pushed from a place that is easily accessible to harder to reach locations? It is our understanding that there has been no presentation to the MAC about the impact to the transit system that this project would cause. We believe this discussion should happen with the MAC prior to any decisions being made so that they can provide input on how this will impact seniors and riders with mobility issues. It is important to ensure the safety and access to transit for all riders throughout this process.

Finally, with the amount of traffic and activity that currently occurs at the 65th Street station, we do not believe that this sounds like surplus property. It would be shortsighted to lose a transfer point located at the center of the system with the space and capacity for expansion.

SacTRU requests that the Board adopt Resolution B and does not make a decision on the sale of the property until sufficient discussion of the route impact has been provided. Please include this letter in the public record.

Sincerely,

SacTRU