



September 22, 2019

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

Re: Board Item 7 - Proposition 1A Funding

Dear Board of Directors and Mr. Li:

The Sacramento Transit Riders Union (SacTRU) is writing to support return of \$25 million in Proposition 1A funding to Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) to be used in essential, shovel ready projects to enhance the existing transportation system and infrastructure of Regional Transit and serve the greatest number of users on the existing system. In light of the need to fund the Light Rail Modernization Project, we believe it is essential that these funds be returned to the district. We do not believe that these funds should be redirected to other pet projects but should be used for their intended purpose of supporting capital projects within SacRT to provide capacity enhancements and safety improvements.

SacTRU supports the dissolution of the streetcar district and the return of the \$25 million Proposition 1A funds to the Sacramento Regional Transit District for use in essential, shovel ready projects. In 2017, [SacRT staff provided the board with a list of 38 alternative projects](#) that the funds could be used for instead of the streetcar project. SacTRU believes that this funding should be returned to SacRT to reach its goals of providing well-planned, affordable public transportation that is essential for daily commutes, increasing mobility for the elderly, reducing pollution, and increasing our region's economic activity.

Low-Floor Light Rail Car Presentation

As SacRT has begun purchasing and intends to incorporate low-floor light rail vehicles (LF-LRVs) into the fleet, we request a formal presentation to the Mobility Advisory Council, the SacRT Board, and members of the public explaining the challenges and costs associated with this project, station redesign, extended project timelines, and mixed-fleet operation.

Our members understand that the light rail modernization is a priority for SacRT. We also believe that design and purchase of new vehicles should be thoughtful and incorporate public comment as these vehicles will be operating on our system for decades to come. As funding is committed to this project, we urge the Board to direct staff to provide clarification on the requested information.

SacTRU looks forward to discussing these proposals with the Board and staff as the projects progress. Please include this letter in the public record.

Sincerely,

SacTRU