

November 12, 2017

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

Re: Board Item 7 – 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Capital Budget

Dear Board of Directors and Mr. Li:

The Sacramento Transit Riders Union (SacTRU) is writing to express our concerns about line item B150: Watt I-80 Bus Transit Center Relocation and Route Modifications, listed on the last page of the agenda item, for \$3,511,358 (\$2,809,083 Fed / \$702,275 TBD).

When members attended the Watt/I-80 Station Reimagining events last month they were informed that no decisions had been made regarding modification of the station yet. They specifically expressed their concerns about the impact that a station relocation would have on their ability to access public transit and the impact it would have on their regular commutes. The application for a federal grant to fund relocating the station and modifying the associated routes gives the appearance that a decision has already been made. Such a change would impact all riders who travel from or through the station. We understand that about 1,600 riders pass through the station daily, including 250 individuals using mobility devices, and that moving the station would result in increased travel time for almost all riders. Our members would appreciate additional information on how this funding, if granted, would be used and how all routes through the station would be impacted.

SacTRU request additional information on this budget item and its possible impact on the Watt/I-80 Station project be presented to the Board, the MAC, and members of the public. Please include this letter in the public record.

Sincerely,

SacTRU