



October 11, 2019

Mr. Henry Li
General Manager/CEO
Sacramento Regional Transit District
1516 29th Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

**Re: Support of Sacramento Regional Transit District's
FY 2020-21 Sustainable Communities Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Li:

The Sacramento Transit Riders Union (SacTRU) and Disability Organizing Group for Initiating Total Equality (D.O.G.F.I.T.E) support the Sacramento Regional Transit District's (SacRT) FY 2020-21 Sustainable Communities grant application to develop a Sacramento County Bus Corridor Improvements Plan. Improving our region's bus systems infrastructure and conducting a system-wide survey of bus stop conditions has been an ongoing priority for our membership.

SacTRU is a community coalition of public transit riders including neighborhood leaders, transit workers, student groups, community organizations, small business associations, and workers' rights groups. D.O.G.F.I.T.E works to improve affordable and accessible housing, transportation, and quality social services in our community to protect the rights and interests of seniors and persons with disabilities. We believe access to public transportation is a civil right and that full funding for public transit is imperative in order to ensure that low-income and vulnerable communities have access to jobs, housing, health care, education, grocery stores, and childcare among other needs.

We are supportive of the recent SacRT Forward initiative, in which your agency launched a newly redesigned bus network that offers seven-day-a-week service, more late night and weekend service and more frequent service. We believe it is critical to follow-up with pedestrian accessibility, safety improvements, and universal design enhancements that will help more people to utilize the new bus system. As we have noted before, many of the bus stops in our county lack the basic infrastructure needed to fully accessible to all riders, especially seniors, students, and persons with disabilities. We are therefore supportive of this planning project, which will create a roadmap for making capital improvements that will increase the accessibility of bus service in the region.

Our coalition believes that this grant will enable our region to make progress on its goals of providing well-planned, affordable public transportation that is essential for daily commutes, increasing mobility for the elderly and persons with disabilities, reducing pollution, and increasing our region's economic activity. As the Northern California Megaregion continues to take shape, the transit services provided by SacRT will be critical to the mobility of its 12 million plus residents. **SacTRU and D.O.G.F.I.T.E. are pleased to support SacRT as you submit your FY 2020-21 Sustainable Communities Grant Application for a Sacramento County Bus Corridor Improvements Plan.**

Sincerely,

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