



January 22, 2018

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

Re: Sac TRU Comments on Board Items

Dear Board of Directors and Mr. Li:

The Sacramento Transit Riders Union (SacTRU) is writing to comment on the following board items for the RT Board Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018:

Item 2: Enhanced Employee Protection Warning System

SacTRU supports RT's efforts to pursue grants to improve the working conditions and safety of workers and operators throughout the system.

Item 6: Contract for Mini-High Platform Modifications

SacTRU support's staff's pursuit of grants and funding to improve the infrastructure at all light rail and bus stations throughout the system. We support the mission of this project which specifically focuses on providing people with disabilities better access and increased incentive to use SacRT's light rail service by delivering enhanced accessibility features. We hope that the installation of conduits to support public address speakers will improve RT's ability to give riders real time service updates in the future. We are concerned that the plans given to the contractor contained errors, causing a delay of work of at least 145 days. In light of the fact that RT Board meetings have been changed to once a month, we are concerned that similar delays requiring board approval will occur. We would again urge the board to reconsider returning to holding two meetings a month to prevent unnecessary delays in projects or excessive delegation of authority to staff.

Item 9: Amending the Fare Structure Requirements Related to Student Monthly Passes and Student Semi-Monthly Passes

SacTRU supports the efforts of the Board and staff to increase ease of access to public transit for students in the Sacramento region. We support Director Schenirer's efforts to add a summer pass for K-12 students throughout the region, make the default discount applicable to the Connect Card and Mobile Fare App, give students who want to purchase this pass a Connect Card without a photo, and provide a report back from staff after three months in the success of this program.

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

Sincerely,

SacTRU