



August 13, 2018

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

Re: SacTRU 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, August 13, 2018:

Item 9: Amend and Restate Title III of the Sacramento Regional Transit District Administrative Code Relating to the Order of Business

In order to achieve the stated goals of increasing public participation in meetings, SacTRU opposes moving closed session to the beginning of the meeting and moving public comment later in the agenda schedule, which would make public participation more difficult for riders. The indefinite start time created by these suggestions makes it difficult for transit dependent riders to plan their travel and ensure members of the public are able to participate and give their opinions *before* action is taken rather than after.

Item 10: Los Rios Ridership Promotion

SacTRU supports promoting increased ridership through the lowering of fares for students, low-income riders, and DSPTS participants. We would ask that a similar methodology and analysis, such as offsetting paratransit costs with increased fixed routes use, be applied to reducing fares for seniors in our transit system.

Item 11: SmarT Ride Group Discounts

SacTRU supports making public transit more affordable for all riders in our communities. We support SacRT staff's stated goal of increasing access through this program for socioeconomically disadvantaged riders who might not be able to otherwise afford TNC transportation. We request more information and the data showing the percentage of riders using the microtransit service who are socioeconomically disadvantaged. We would also like more information on the outreach that is being done to specifically target these riders and increase their awareness of the service. What new tools are being used to reach these communities? How is success being measured?

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,
Sac TRU