



June 11, 2017

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

Re: RT's FY 2018 Budget (Board Item 23)

Dear Board of Directors, Mr. Li, and Mr. Bernegger:

The Sacramento Transit Riders Union (Sac TRU) supports increased investment in public transportation – and a smart strategy to grow cities around public transportation and transit oriented development – and should be a focus of our region's development. Fully-funded and equitable public transportation is essential in ending systematic institutionalized poverty in isolated communities by creating opportunities to break the cycle of generational poverty.

We would like to thank RT staff for their inaugural efforts in providing public budget presentations on the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. Helping riders understand how public transportation is funded and giving them the tools necessary to express their needs within RT's budget is invaluable. We believe this is a worthwhile endeavor that will increase in attendance as RT staff provides more outreach and communication about the events in the future.

We would request that next year the line item budget and detailed year-over-year comparison be provided to the Board and the public at the beginning of the budget process.

Thank you for working with us. We look forward to supporting the budget that will be presented to the RT Board of Directors for approval on June 12, 2017. Please include this letter in the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah Kerber".

Sarah Kerber
Sac TRU