

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 26, 2024
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Director Linda Budge
SUBJ: SACRAMENTO PLACERVILLE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEETING SUMMARY OF
AUGUST 5, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

Written Report by Director Budge from the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA Meeting of August 5, 2024

MEMO TO: SacRT Board of Directors

Cc: Interested Parties

RE: Sacramento – Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting of August 5, 2024.

The SPTC/JPA Board met on August 5, 2024, in Folsom City Hall as usual. The membership includes RT Representative and Rancho Cordova Alternate, Linda Budge; Rancho Cordova Representative David Sander; Sacramento County Representative and RT Alternate, Pat Hume; Folsom Representative and Chair Sarah Aquino; and El Dorado County Representative Supervisor John Hidahl.

Minutes for the May 2024 meeting were approved.

CEO Vickie Sanders presented items that were carry overs from the last meeting. The negotiations and issues with the renewal of the PSVRR contract were thoroughly discussed and included public comment from all affected parties.

Vickie asked for clarification on the concept of drafting a Master Plan specifically for the SPTC. Since all member jurisdictions have Transportation Plans, including some that specifically address their goals for the rail corridor, Vickie asked what the actual goal might be. Supervisor Hidahl is very focused on adopting specific goals for the rail corridor. Since there are no changes planned for the RT/Rancho Cordova section, and very little planned for the Folsom section, it seemed logical for Vickie to take the time to meet with Public Works in the various member agencies and find out how they individually address the corridor. It was also suggested that the Capital Southeast Connector plan might offer some insight. In that case, the basic corridor concept is being implemented by the individual jurisdictions and their builders along the route.

The concept of having Rancho Cordova join the JPA as a full, dues paying member was also discussed, and Vickie will discuss it with the City Manager.

There was also a follow up presentation on the El Dorado County effort to construct a biomass production plant along the rail corridor. A project of this significance and magnitude would return heavy rail, commercial traffic to the El Dorado County segment of the corridor and would change its characteristics significantly. Apparently, biomass plants are a goal of the State. El Dorado County seems to be a prime location with abundant fuel.

The next meeting will be November 4, 2024. Topics will include reports back and determining necessary actions on all of the outstanding issues.

Linda Budge, AICP
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