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Executive Director, **Stacey Mortensen**

## SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Friday, August 4, 2023 – 8:00 am

### CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION

San Joaquin County Administration Building  
44 North San Joaquin Street  
Sixth Floor  
Stockton, CA 95202

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### 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Chair Zuber

Roll Call: Hernandez, Mei, Craig, Nuño, Villapudua, Warmesley, Vice Chair Young, Chair Zuber

Ex- Officios: Nguyen, Clifford, Agar, Zwahlen

### 2. Public Comments

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### 3. Consent Calendar

3.1	Minutes of SJRRRC Board Meeting July 7, 2023 (Regular and Special Voting Members)	<b>ACTION</b>
3.2	Rail Commission/ACE Monthly Expenditure	<b>INFORMATION</b>
3.3	ACE Monthly Fare Revenue	<b>INFORMATION</b>
3.4	ACE Ridership	<b>INFORMATION</b>
3.5	ACE On-Time Performance	<b>INFORMATION</b>
3.6	Washington Update	<b>INFORMATION</b>
3.7	Monthly Report on Silicon Valley Outreach Activities	<b>INFORMATION</b>

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| 3.8 | Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Adopting the Amended 2023 ACE Service Holidays<br>(Regular and Special Voting Members)  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 4.  | <b>Union City Presentation</b><br>(Mayor Dutra Vernacci)   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 5.  | <b>Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Authorizing Special Train(s) Service</b><br>(Tamika Smith) (Regular and Special Voting Members)  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 6.  | <b>Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Authorizing Promotional Fares via the ACE Mobile Ticketing App and Authorizing the Executive Director to Implement ACE Promotional Fares for Specified Time Periods</b><br>(David Lipari) (Regular and Special Voting Members) | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 7.  | <b>Presentation on ACE On-Time Performance</b><br>(Nathan Alastra)   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 8.  | <b>Update on Upcoming ACE Outreach Events</b><br>(Rene Gutierrez)  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 9.  | <b>Student Incentive Program Update</b><br>(Carmen Setness)  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 10. | <b>Industry Day Report</b><br>(Laurence Farrell)   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 11. | <b>Board Member Comments</b>   |                    |
| 12. | <b>Ex-Officio Comments</b>   |                    |
| 13. | <b>Executive Director's Report</b>   |                    |
| 14. | <b>CLOSED SESSION</b>  |                    |

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

**Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

**Property: 3210 West State Route 12, San Joaquin County (APN 055-170-26)**

**Agency Negotiator: Bill Tanner, Paragon Partners Consultants, Inc.**

**Negotiating parties: Richard and Nancy Ripken**

**Under negotiation: Price and payment terms**

**(Regular Voting Members Only)**

**15. CLOSED SESSION**

**15.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 6233-6236 Blacktop Rd., Rio Linda, Sacramento  
County (APNs 214-290-003, 034, 037, and 038)  
Agency Negotiator: Bill Tanner, Paragon Partners  
Consultants, Inc.  
Negotiating parties: John Brasher for Larane Investments,  
LLC  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)

**15.2 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 5800 E. Levee Rd., Sacramento, Sacramento  
County (APN 214-010-013)  
Agency Negotiator: Bill Tanner, Paragon Partners  
Consultants, Inc.  
Negotiating parties: John Bassett for Sacramento Area  
Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)

**16. CLOSED SESSION**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(4): Two (2) Cases.  
Regarding Real Property located at: 6362 Blacktop Rd., Suites A&B,  
Rio Linda, CA, Occupied by Sacramento Towing and Transport and  
Francesca Roediger and 6362 Blacktop Rd., Suite F, Rio Linda, CA,  
Occupied by Donation Station and Jana Jenkins  
(Regular Voting Members Only)

**17. CLOSED SESSION**

**17.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-202-09, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jesse Ortiz, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Alfonso Ocampo  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)

**17.2 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-260-04, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jesse Ortiz, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Alfonso Ocampo  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)

- 17.3 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-240-02, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jennifer Cole, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Julian Sepulveda Jr. and Mary Jane Sepulveda  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.4 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-240-67, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jennifer Cole, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Elizabeth Madera  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.5 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-240-68, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jennifer Cole, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Elizabeth Madera  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.6 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-240-69, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jennifer Cole, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Elizabeth Madera  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.7 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-240-70, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jennifer Cole, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Elizabeth Madera  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.8 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-280-04, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jennifer Cole, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Jawaid Akhtar  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)

- 17.9 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-280-36, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jennifer Cole, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Jawaid Akhtar and Arzamia Akhtar  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.10 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-280-39, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jennifer Cole, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Jawaid Akhtar and Arzamia Akhtar  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.11 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 169-020-04, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jesse Ortiz, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Kenneth D. Horton and Nancy Lee Horton  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.12 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-280-35, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jesse Ortiz, Monument  
Negotiating parties: YCART Enterprises, LLC  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.13 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-202-06, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jennifer Cole, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Ramon Gonzalez  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.14 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-240-71, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jennifer Cole, Monument  
Negotiating parties: UPRR, State of California, Julian Sepulveda Jr. and Mary Jane Sepulveda  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)

- 17.15 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-260-03, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jennifer Cole, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Hector Radrigan  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.16 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-260-34, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jesse Ortiz, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Alfonso Ocampo  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.17 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-260-35, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jesse Ortiz, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Jaime Lopez Matias and Maria Mercedes Rubio Sosa  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.18 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-280-03, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jesse Ortiz, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Hazelton-Church Stockton LLC  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.19 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-240-01, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jesse Ortiz, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Union Pacific Railroad Company  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)
- 17.20 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 151-260-02, San Joaquin County  
Agency Negotiator: Jesse Ortiz, Monument  
Negotiating parties: Union Pacific Railroad Company  
Under negotiation: Price and payment terms  
(Regular Voting Members Only)

**18. Return to Open Session and Disclosure of Action**

## **19. Adjournment**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for:  
September 1, 2023 – 8:00 am



# SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION

Meeting of August 4, 2023

## Item 3.1

**ACTION**

### Minutes of SJRRC Board Meeting July 7, 2023

The meeting of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., July 7, 2023, via teleconference, videoconference, and in person.

#### 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Chair Zuber called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Hernandez, Mei, Craig, Villapudua, Vice Chair Young, Chair Zuber

Commissioners Absent: Nuño

Ex-Officio Members Present: Mr. Dumas, Mr. Baxter, Ms. Zwahlen

#### 2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#### 3. Consent Calendar

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| 3.1 | Minutes of SJRRC Board Meeting June 2, 2023<br>(Regular and Special Voting Members)   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 3.2 | Rail Commission/ACE Monthly Expenditure   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 3.3 | ACE Monthly Fare Revenue  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 3.4 | ACE Ridership   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 3.5 | ACE On-Time Performance   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 3.6 | Washington Update   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 3.7 | Update on Silicon Valley and Tri-Valley Outreach Contracts Activities   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 3.8 | Approve the 2023 Amendment to the Executive Director Employment Contract dated July 1, 1998<br>(Regular Voting Members Only)  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 3.9 | Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Authorizing the Chair to Accept and Sign a Waiver of Potential and Actual Conflicts of Interest Letter with SJRRC Counsel, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, Arising from Representation of San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission in Connection with the Acquisition of Certain Real Property for the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project that the County of San Joaquin Holds an Interest in<br>(Regular Voting Members Only) | <b>ACTION</b>      |

**M/S/C (Young/Craig) to Approve Items 3.1-3.9 of the Consent Calendar. Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 by the following vote to wit:**

AYES: 5 Hernandez, Craig, Villapudua, Vice Chair Young, Chair Zuber

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 3 Mei, Nuño, Warmsley

**4. Presentation on Southern Alameda County Integrated Rail Analysis (SoCo Rail Study) Phase 2** **INFORMATION**

Mr. Dan Leavitt gave a presentation on this item.

There were no comments on this item.

**5. Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit and Execute Any and All Grant Applications, Agreements, Certifications, and Assurances and Any Other Documents Necessary to the California State Transportation Agency to obtain State Rail Assistance (SRA) Funding in the Amount of \$250,000 for the Union City Intermodal Station Phase 3 Project** **ACTION**  
(Regular and Special Voting Members)

Mr. Dan Leavitt and Ms. Angela Miller gave a presentation on this item.

Commissioner Craig inquired about the funding amount going down in future years, and suggested using the funding while these sources are available.

Ms. Miller explained that the State Rail Assistance Program (SRA) is only a five-year program and may potentially sunset in 2024 or 2025 if there is not legislation to extend it.

Commissioner Craig expressed that it is sad to see a funding source go away, and wanted to make a point about taking advantage of the funding source while it is available.

Chair Zuber inquired about the \$3 million dollars in SRA funds available, and if the additional \$4 million dollars in funding would also be SRA funds in addition to the other \$3 million dollars.

Mr. Leavitt explained that the additional \$3 million dollars in funding would be from Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) funds for Measure B, and the \$3 million dollars in SRA funding would be for the environmental phase of this project.

Mr. Michael Barnbaum commented that Richmond is a great intermodal facility where passengers can connect to BART on today's service and a similar concept could happen at the Union City station. Mr. Barnbaum recommended having a joint board meeting between the Rail Commission and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority for items that have common interest that will be

presented. Mr. Barnbaum recommended that the board adopt this item unanimously.

**M/S/C (Warmesley/Young) to Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit and Execute Any and All Grant Applications, Agreements, Certifications, and Assurances and Any Other Documents Necessary to the California State Transportation Agency to obtain State Rail Assistance (SRA) Funding in the Amount of \$250,000 for the Union City Intermodal Station Phase 3 Project**

**Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 by the following vote to wit:**

AYES: 7 Hernandez, Mei, Craig, Villapudua, Warmesley, Vice Chair  
Young, Chair Zuber  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1 Nuño

**6. Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Authorizing Special Train(s) Service (Regular and Special Voting Members)**

**ACTION**

Mr. Marques Cook and Mr. Nathan Alastra gave a presentation on this item.

Commissioner Craig commented that when initially hearing about the ACE service, the special trains were what the passengers commonly referred to, specifically attending baseball games on ACE, and is happy to see that this is available again to passengers. Commissioner Craig commented in appreciation of the marketing efforts and that there are a lot of baseball fans, especially in the Lodi area, and is sure that there will be a significant ridership for the special trains.

Commissioner Craig inquired if group tickets were available or if there were only single tickets available for purchase.

Mr. Cook explained that group ticketing isn't available thus far for the special trains, however staff can take this into consideration and see how group tickets can be leveraged for the special trains service. Mr. Cook explained that Mr. Freddy Rodriguez has a presentation later in the meeting explaining the group travel that ACE has handled successfully.

Commissioner Craig inquired about the opportunity to get sponsors from the companies and vendors who would benefit from the ridership that will be attending these special events in order to underwrite some of these expenses.

Mr. Cook explained that the event venues are not looking to invest financially in the service, however they are interested in offering a trade partnership, which includes promoting ACE on their social media or intel communication as a

means of travel to the events and allows staff to use some of their brand assets and their logos where the agreements are in place. Mr. Cook explained that this partnership will encourage people to utilize the service.

Commissioner Craig suggested radio broadcast among other channels would be a great opportunity to help with the ACE marketing efforts.

Vice Chair Young inquired if the \$20-\$30 ticket price described in the presentation would be for a round trip or single, one-way ticket.

Mr. Cook explained that the price indicates round-trip fares.

Vice Chair Young commented that it is great that ACE is becoming known again not just for commuting, but for the ability to utilize the service to go to Great America and to attend the special events. Vice Chair Young commented that she is glad that ACE is connecting people together post pandemic.

Commissioner Warmsley commented that she is excited to see the Stockton Ports mentioned and that this is something that she will bring back to City Council to see how the City can be a good steward and neighbor, and to bring the City of Stockton and the Central Valley to the forefront with supporting this item.

Mr. Cook explained that ACE currently has a partnership with the Stockton Ports and there has been organized ticket giveaways for the Stockton Ports games on the social media channels, and the Rail Commission is looking to work with the local community in addition to destination partners along the ACE route.

Commissioner Mei asked staff to keep in mind special service, or an ACE outreach booth at the Fremont Art and Wine Festival that has returned in-person. Commissioner Mei explained that it is the largest outdoor festival west of the Mississippi and draws about 300,000 attendees and would be a good crowd to market awareness to the service. Commissioner Mei explained that they are hoping people will consider alternative public transit, and it is within walking distance to BART. Commissioner Mei explained that due to the estimated turnout, they want to encourage micro mobility options to avoid the need for parking and that are green for the community.

Ms. Mortensen explained that looking forward on the agenda, Mr. Rene Gutierrez is going to present an item on the successful Community Assistance Program (CAP), and if the board is interested, staff can pursue this avenue to see if the current funding source will allow the program to cover these special trains. Ms. Mortensen explained that CAP is a discount for the lower income community, and there have been testimonials about how important the program is to be able to access jobs in the Central Valley. Ms. Mortensen asked the board to consider that direction, and apologized for not including the CAP presentation earlier in the meeting to the board.

Chair Zuber inquired if the Rail Commission board can make a motion that it approves the proposed schedule and the application of any ticketing programs in order to have the flexibility to include CAP with the special trains.

Ms. Mortensen explained that the board can make the recommendations with the fare structure, however staff could take the direction from the board to explore the CAP program being implemented for this year's special trains.

Vice Chair Young motioned to move staff's recommendation as amended to include the option for staff to include CAP program and to explore the group travel options for the special trains.

Mr. Barnbaum commented that after talking to the Rail Commission's Marketing Manager, Mr. David Lipari, he understands that today's item is regarding the existing service and is not looking at anything futuristically, however wanted to go on record that passengers in Sacramento are excited to eventually be part of the discussion in an item like this in the future with the Midtown, Natomas, and Elk Grove Stations starting in 2026. Mr. Barnbaum inquired if the Rail Commission and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority together could explore this item annually with future partnerships with the Stockton Kings, Sacramento Kings, and the Sacramento Republic FC of the United Soccer League as they could be great partnerships in the future as the five Valley Rail Stations up North come online. Mr. Barnbaum explained that this could be part of an integrated special service request to be approved annually in future years by both the Rail Commission and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority.

Commissioner Craig commented that she appreciated Mr. Barnbaum's comment in regards to new stations coming on line in the future. Commissioner Craig explained that there is an economic impact with the special train costs with an added value, and assumes that moving forward the Rail Commission will look at an economic assessment of future opportunities with the special trains. Commissioner Craig commented that she is interested to see the benefits of these opportunities and thinks that they are great ideas, and is interested in the costs associated with the stops at the stations. Commissioner Craig suggested that towards the 2026 station openings, staff could assess and provide the board more information regarding the values of the special trains.

Chair Zuber explained that the direction with the implementation of future stations would move to the point where there would not need to be discussion of special trains any longer because if the patterns discussed come to fruition in the next few years, the trains will run every day anyway. Chair Zuber explained that the special trains are an interim step as the Rail Commission grows into something a lot bigger.

Commissioner Warmsley commented that this item is a forward-thinking discussion for families that may not be able to afford to drive to different venues. Commissioner Warmsley commented that Mr. Barnbaum's comment in regard to partnerships with different sport teams brought awareness to other events including Stockton Food Fest, the Garlic Festival, and the Asparagus Festival and bringing forward inclusivity to other populations in the Central Valley to have the opportunity to access these events. Commissioner Warmsley explained that this discussion for the special trains brings higher standards and aids residents and communities collectively.

**M/S/C (Young/Warmsley) to Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Authorizing Special Train(s) Service and Directing Staff to Explore Implementing CAP Program Benefits and Group Travel Options for Special Train Service.**

**Passed and Adopted as Amended by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 by the following vote to wit:**

AYES: 7 Hernandez, Mei, Craig, Villapudua, Warmsley, Vice Chair  
Young, Chair Zuber  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1 Nuño

**7. Local Funding Sources for Green and Affordable Housing Near Rail Transportation INFORMATION**

Mr. Dan Leavitt gave a presentation on this item.

Commissioner Craig inquired in terms of the grant programs, if there are local or regional matches required.

Mr. Leavitt explained that it depends on the grant, and as an example, the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant that is being looked at with the City of Lodi, staff time was determined as a match rather than a dollar amount.

Mr. Bissegger explained it varies whether grant programs do or do not require a match, and the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program that was mentioned in the presentation does not require a funding match. Mr. Bissegger explained that some of the SB1 Programs due require a funding match, such as the local partnership program that requires a 50% match, which is the highest requirement typically seen for local matching funds. Mr. Bissegger explained that the local matching funds do not need to be strictly a cities' local funds, but could be other Federal Grant funds that have already been awarded or will be awarded. Mr. Bissegger explained that on the federal side, the typical funding match is 20%, however the Reconnecting Communities Program is unique in that it will only pay for 50% of a project's cost and requires 20% of the match to be nonfederal funds.

Commissioner Craig commented that when it is time to review the budget, the City of Lodi has the benefit of surplus funds available, and are looking at funding the downtown specific-plan that has a dollar amount substantial enough to merit a future application to this program, and expects that rail and transit are an essential component to the Downtown Lodi area.

Mr. Barnbaum commented on some examples of transit-oriented development in the Sacramento area at or near stations including the Wexler student housing complex at the University 56<sup>th</sup> Street light rail station that services five bus routes and is in walking distance to the Sacramento State campus. Mr.

Barnbaum commented on the complex between the Royal Oaks bike rail station on the blue line that services two bus routes and is in North Sacramento by Arden Way and another housing project called Marisol Village off of North 12<sup>th</sup> street near a future light rail station called Dos Rios Station on the blue line.

**8. ACE Means-Based Discounted Ticketing Program Update**

**INFORMATION**

Mr. Rene Gutierrez gave a presentation on this item.

Commissioner Warmlesley inquired about the media toolkit.

Ms. Mortensen requested that Mr. Gutierrez reach out directly to each Commissioner and their cities.

Mr. Gutierrez commented that he will send out the toolkit in order to get their cities' engagement.

There were no public comments on this item.

**9. 2023 ACE School Group Season**

**INFORMATION**

Mr. Freddy Rodriguez gave a presentation on this item.

Ms. Mortensen inquired if Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that there were smaller groups out of the Alameda County area of Pleasanton.

Mr. Rodriguez explained that there was a smaller group out of Pleasanton that was approximately 20 students, so ACE serviced Alameda County as well.

There were no public comments on this item.

**10. Board Member Comments**

Vice Chair Young commented that the third annual Tracy Connects Event will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> and that it would be great to have ACE represented to promote the different services offered for the community again this year as they did for last year's event.

Commissioner Mei commented that League of California Cities has their conference in the fall this year in Sacramento and recommended sending a reminder to people that alternative local public transit options are available that can be supported and to help alleviate traffic.

Commissioner Craig commented that the Lodi Street Fair is on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and it would be great to have ACE represented there as well.

**11. Ex-Officio Comments**

Mr. Ken Baxter of SJRTD commented that on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, SJRTD participated in Children and Youth Day at Pixie Woods in Stockton, and staff and volunteers were available to provide information and answer questions how public transportation can help parents and families. Mr. Baxter commented that

on June 14<sup>th</sup>, SJRTD participated in the Downtown Stockton Strategic Visioning Workshop, and explained that the City of Stockton is working with a consultant and others to develop a five-year plan to revitalize downtown Stockton which would hopefully have opportunities for Transit Oriented Development (TOD), and SJRTD provided transit-related information during the meeting, including their focus to enhance transit frequencies in disadvantaged areas. Mr. Baxter reported that SJRTD system-wide ridership is trending up and they are at roughly 8,746 riders on a daily basis.

Mr. Tom Dumas of Caltrans commented that the state of California recently honored 11 Caltrans employees with the Governor's State Employee Medal of Valor which is the highest award that California bestows on public servants, and these are given to state employees for acts of heroism above and beyond their normal call of duty. Mr. Dumas explained that out of these employees honored, two of the were from District 10 in Merced County, and they are maintenance workers that were able to save a man that was trapped in a burning vehicle. Mr. Dumas explained that since they started in 1959, there have been 16 Caltrans employees who have earned this high honor. Mr. Dumas explained that Caltrans is sponsoring the Modesto Nuts home games this summer on Sundays, and the District invites everyone out to John Thurman Field in Modesto for the family night games, and this Sunday they will be playing the Stockton Ports. Mr. Dumas encouraged everyone to follow Caltrans on their Facebook, Twitter, and other social media for the latest news and updates.

Ms. Sue Zwahlen of StanCOG thanked everyone who participated in their ribbon cutting event for the reopening of the historic transit center, and it was all about preparing to get the train to Modesto. Ms. Zwahlen commented that StanCOG got approval of their Sustainable Community Strategy which allows the Rail Commission to get their award on their Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Grant Application for \$40 million dollars. Ms. Zwahlen thanked the California Air Resources Board for that approval.

## **12. Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Mortensen reported that the TCEP award is \$40 million dollars towards the double-track portion of the extension down to Turlock and is paired with the TIRCP application, and staff is seeking another batch of federal funding to complete the full Turlock expansion from the current terminus at Ceres. Ms. Mortensen reported that the Rail Commission is tentatively expected to receive another state-related award out of the freight mobility program, and explained that this is a portion of the Stockton Diamond Improvements that help keep a connection from the Union Pacific to Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Port of Stockton access during the 14 stages of construction. Ms. Mortensen explained that there are several stages where there won't be access so staff has to create duplicate access to keep the trains moving through that area and this is jointly funded by Union Pacific and the Rail Commission with the bulk of the funding coming from the state. Ms. Mortensen commented that Mr. David Lipari and Mr. Marques Cook's team did great survey work of both the ACE and the Amtrak San Joaquins passengers which will be presented at the next Rail Commission meeting in August.



**13. CLOSED SESSION**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

**Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(2): One (1) Case.**

**Andrew M. Jordan, Inc., dba A & B Construction against San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission regarding the Cabral Station Track Platform Extension Phase 2 Project**

**(Regular Voting Members Only)**

**14. Return to Open Session and Disclosure of Action**

General Counsel, Janice D. Magdich, reported that there was one item in Closed Session based on the record and based on the direction given by the Rail Commission, direction was noted that they will be able to now proceed with Item 15 on the Agenda. Ms. Magdich commented that the direction was noted from the Rail Commission that staff can accept a credit amount of \$19,476,682 in exchange for waiver release and certificate of final payment. Ms. Magdich noted that the waiver has already been signed by A&B Construction.

- 15. Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a Contract Change Order and Close Out the Agreement with Andrew M. Jordan, Inc. dba A & B Construction, for the Construction of the Cabral Station Track Platform Extension Phase 2 Project for a credit amount of Nineteen Million Four Hundred and Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Two Dollars (\$19,476,682) in Exchange for a Waiver, Release, and Certificate of Final Payment, and Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate, Award, and Execute Any and All Agreements and Documents Related to the Project including Any and All Amendments thereto within Her Spending Authority**  
**(Regular Voting Members Only)**

**ACTION**

Mr. Bryan Pennino gave a presentation on this item.

There were no comments on this item.

**M/S/C (Warmesley/Young) to Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a Contract Change Order and Close Out the Agreement with Andrew M. Jordan, Inc. dba A & B Construction, for the Construction of the Cabral Station Track Platform Extension Phase 2 Project for a credit amount of Nineteen Million Four Hundred and Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Two Dollars (\$19,476,682) in Exchange for a Waiver, Release, and Certificate of Final Payment, and Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate, Award, and Execute Any and All Agreements and Documents Related to the Project including Any and All Amendments thereto within Her Spending Authority Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 by the following vote to wit:**

AYES: 4 Craig, Warmsley, Vice Chair Young, Chair Zuber  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 2 Nuño, Villapudua

## **16. Adjournment**

Chair Zuber adjourned the meeting at 10:11 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for:  
August 4, 2023 – 8:00 am

**San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission**  
**Altamont Corridor Express**  
**Operating and Capital Expense Report**  
**May 2023**  
**92% of Budget Year Elapsed**

OPERATING EXPENSES	SJRR FY 22-23 ALLOCATION	EXPENSE TO DATE	% SPENT TO DATE	ACE FY 22-23 ALLOCATION	EXPENSE TO DATE	% SPENT TO DATE
<b>Project Management, Services &amp; Supplies Subtotal</b>	\$ 3,266,866	\$ 3,166,527	97%	\$ 5,791,735	\$ 2,951,090	51%
<b>Contracted Services Subtotal</b>	\$ 530,530	\$ 346,157	65%	\$ 27,769,943	\$ 20,735,984	75%
<b>Shuttle Services</b>				\$ 1,792,856	\$ 1,643,451	92%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 3,797,396</b>	<b>\$ 3,512,685</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>\$ 35,354,534</b>	<b>\$ 25,330,525</b>	<b>72%</b>

OPERATING EXPENSES	SJRR - CONTRACTED SERVICES FY 22-23 ALLOCATION	EXPENSE TO DATE	% SPENT TO DATE	SJRR - TRACC FY 22-23 ALLOCATION	EXPENSE TO DATE	% SPENT TO DATE
<b>Project Management, Services &amp; Supplies Subtotal</b>	\$ 200,000	34,319	17%	\$ 112,205	-	0%
<b>Contracted Services Subtotal</b>	\$ 5,425,000	\$ 331,256	6%	\$ 1,501,491	-	0%
<b>TOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 5,625,000</b>	<b>\$ 365,576</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>\$ 1,613,696</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>

CAPITAL PROJECTS	CAPITAL FY 22-23 ALLOCATION	EXPENSE TO DATE	SPENT TO DATE
<b>SAN JOAQUIN RAIL COMMISSION</b>			
1 East Channel Street Improvements	500,000	16,714	3%
2 Robert J. Cabral Station Expansion	2,500,000	148,707	6%
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT SJRRC</b>	<b>\$ 3,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 165,421</b>	<b>6%</b>

CAPITAL PROJECTS	CAPITAL FY 22-23 ALLOCATION	EXPENSE TO DATE	SPENT TO DATE
<b>ALTAMONT CORRIDOR EXPRESS</b>			
1 SJ COG Loan Repayment	1,118,012	1,118,085	100%
2 A1 & A2 Bond Repayment	1,775,164	984,400	55%
3 UPRR Capital Access Fee	3,242,516	3,242,516	100%
4 UPRR Capitalized Maintenance Projects	4,000,000	1,393,105	35%
5 UPRR Safety Improvement Fund	500,000	-	0%
6 Valley Rail - Stockton to Natomas	29,700,000	4,441,521	15%
7 Valley Rail - Lathrop to Ceres/Merced	27,700,000	8,431,790	30%
8 Valley Rail - Ceres to Turlock	750,000	-	0%
9 Stockton Diamond Grade Separation	36,000,000	7,450,112	21%
10 Locomotive Simulator Purchase	1,000,000	-	0%
11 Charger Locomotives	500,000	-	0%
12 Platform Extension Projects	3,500,000	165,805	5%
13 Cabral Station Track Extension	23,000,000	7,384,882	32%
14 Positive Train Control	700,000	333,187	48%
15 Rail Cars - (5) passenger rail cab cars (12) passenger coach cars (4) Option Coach	5,500,000	931,735	17%
16 Phase 2 Wi-Fi Installation	1,200,000	-	0%
17 Railcar Midlife Overhaul	7,130,166	1,775,571	25%
18 Locomotive Conversion	1,739,328	-	0%
19 Rail Maintenance Facility Expansion	25,654,435	8,978,054	35%
20 Newark-Albrae Siding Connection	1,470,000	-	0%
21 Facility Upgrades and Capital Improvements	199,260	39,827	20%
22 Tracy ACE Station Improvements	1,500,000	16,257	1%
23 Capital Spares	1,000,000	156,185	16%
24 Network Integration	2,500	-	0%
25 Short Range Transit Plan	46,123	-	0%
26 The Rail Academy of Central California (TRACC)	3,100,000	-	0%
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS ACE</b>	<b>\$ 182,027,504</b>	<b>\$ 46,843,032</b>	<b>26%</b>

<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS SJRRC &amp; ACE</b>	<b>\$ 185,027,504</b>	<b>\$ 47,008,453</b>	<b>25%</b>
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## Status of FY 22/23 Capital Projects – Notes based on Expenses through May 2023

### San Joaquin Rail Commission

1	<b>East Channel Street Improvements</b>	Expenditures are below forecast due to coordination with the City of Stockton and confirmation of which agency would bid and manage the construction contract. The FY22/23 work program anticipated some expenses for Construction Management which have not occurred to date.
2	<b>Robert J. Cabral Parking Lot Expansion</b>	It was anticipated that the Robert J Cabral Station Parking Lot Expansion would be in construction at the tail end of FY22/23. Construction has been delayed due to coordination with the City of Stockton on off-site improvement requirements. Also, approval of the Federal Grant programmed to Construction and required to proceed with construction is not expected to be approved until December 2023.

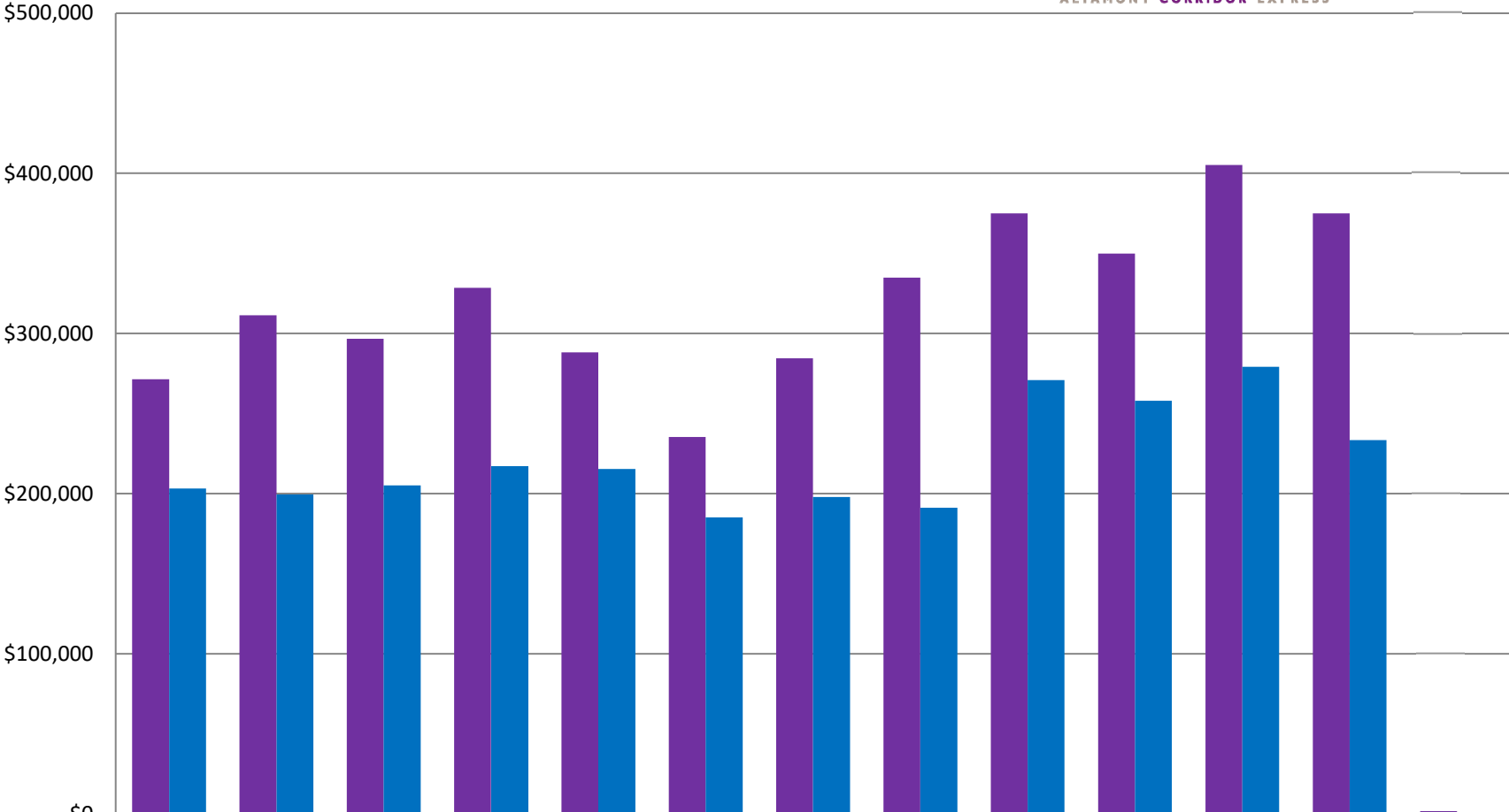
### Altamont Corridor Express

1	<b>SJ COG Loan Repayment</b>	The loan payment is due July 1 of each fiscal year.
2	<b>Certificates of Participation Repayment</b>	Bond repayments are made bi-annually, payments FY 22-23 are made in November 2022 and May 2023.
3	<b>UPRR Capital Access Fee</b>	Expenditures are paid January 1 and July 1 of each fiscal year.
4	<b>UPRR Capitalized Maintenance Projects</b>	This amount that is contractually set aside for UP to perform Capitalized Maintenance on the corridor. SJRRC has not received all invoices for Capitalized Maintenance projects from UP, therefore the expenses are below the estimated amount.
5	<b>UPRR Safety Fund</b>	This amount that is contractually set aside for UP to perform Safety Improvement projects on the corridor. SJRRC has not received invoices for Safety Improvement projects from UP, therefore the expenses are below the estimated amount.
6	<b>Valley Rail Natomas to Stockton</b>	<p>The following projects/phases are behind schedule in terms of expenditures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Del Paso PS&amp;E – Design is taking longer than expected due to coordination/modification of the project limits by UP</li> <li>• Downtown Mobility Project CON – Construction is underway, but will not be completed in FY22/23 as anticipated</li> <li>• Elk Grove Double Track PA&amp;ED – This effort was pushed to FY23/24</li> <li>• Elk Grove Station PS&amp;E – Engineering is underway and will not be complete in FY22/23</li> <li>• Elk Grove Station ROW – Property was supposed to be purchased in FY22/23 but due to coordination with the Seller has been delayed to FY23/24</li> <li>• Lodi Station PS&amp;E – Engineering is underway and will not be complete in FY22/23</li> <li>• Lodi Station ROW – Property was supposed to be purchased in FY22/23 but due to coordination with the Seller has been delayed to FY23/24</li> <li>• Midtown PS&amp;E – It was anticipated that design would be complete in FY22/23 but coordination of the At-Grade Crossings and nearby track geometry has delayed the completion of the design.</li> <li>• Midtown CONSUP and CON – Construction was anticipated to commence in FY22/23 but due to design issues construction has been delayed.</li> <li>• Phillips Siding PS&amp;E – It was anticipated that design would be complete in FY22/23 but coordination UP on the track design has delayed the completion of the design.</li> <li>• Phillips Siding CONSUP and CON – Construction was anticipated to commence in FY22/23 but due to design issues construction has been delayed.</li> <li>• Pollock Siding PS&amp;E – It was anticipated that design would be complete in FY22/23 but coordination UP on the track design has delayed the completion of the design.</li> <li>• Pollock Siding CONSUP and CON – Construction was anticipated to commence in FY22/23 but due to design issues construction has been delayed.</li> </ul>
7	<b>Valley Rail Lathrop to Ceres/Merced</b>	<p>The following projects/phases are behind schedule in terms of expenditures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ceres Station PS&amp;E – PS&amp;E was expected to be completed by the end of FY22/23. With the extension of this Project to Keyes, for the new layover facility, PS&amp;E will extend into FY23/24.</li> <li>• Ceres Station CON – Construction was programmed to commence in FY22/23, however, the extension to Keyes in addition to the fiber optic utility conflict coordination has delayed the construction start.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lathrop Wye PS&amp;E – PS&amp;E was expected to be completed by the end of FY22/23. Final coordination is underway for the at-grade crossings and PS&amp;E will continue into FY23/24</li> <li>Lathrop Wye CON – Construction of the culvert was programmed to commence in FY22/23, however, there is ongoing coordination on the culvert construction and maintenance agreements which has delayed the construction.</li> <li>Manteca Station PS&amp;E – PS&amp;E was expected to be completed by the end of FY22/23. Recently the project was changed from an underpass to an overpass due to engineering constraints with the track construction. PS&amp;E will extend to FY23/24</li> <li>Manteca Station CON – Construction of the state was programmed to commence in FY22/23, however, due to the change in pedestrian access to the platform (overcrossing), construction will be delayed.</li> <li>North Lathrop Transfer Station PS&amp;E – PS&amp;E was expected to be completed by the end of FY22/23. Due to coordination of the track geometry with UP, PS&amp;E will extend into FY23/24</li> <li>Stanislaus River Bridge PS&amp;E – PS&amp;E was expected to be completed by the end of FY22/23. Due to coordination of the conflict with the Kinder Morgan gas line, PS&amp;E will extend into FY23/24</li> <li>Tuolumne River Bridge PS&amp;E – PS&amp;E was expected to be completed by the end of FY22/23. Due to coordination of the conflict with the Kinder Morgan gas line and multiple fiber optic utilities, PS&amp;E will extend into FY23/24</li> </ul>
8	<b>Valley Rail Ceres to Turlock</b>	Some early PS&E activities were expected for FY22/23 on this project. However, the full funding for this phase was awarded later in FY22/23 and will commence in FY23/24.
9	<b>Stockton Diamond Grade Separation</b>	PS&E and ROW activities were expected to be completed in FY22/23. Though those activities were not completed in FY22/23, significant progress has been made. Additional ROW expenses will occur in FY22/23 but not to the level of the anticipated in the Work Program.
10	<b>Locomotive Simulator Purchase</b>	SJRRC released the Locomotive Simulator RFP in May, the Notice of Intent will be released Q3 of 2023.
11	<b>Charger Locomotives</b>	The two option Charger Locomotive units. Major Components were purchased in May 2023. The Project is on schedule for completion in late 2024. Progress payments continue to be processed to allow for construction.
12	<b>Platform Extension Projects</b>	Construction was expected to commence in FY22/23 however staff is still coordinating platform details with UP. Expenditures are behind forecasted amount due to the lack of construction.
13	<b>Cabral Station Track Extension</b>	Construction was expected to be significantly completed in FY22/23. Due to the inability to come to commercial terms with UP in regard to the Construction and Maintenance Agreement, construction was halted in January. This significantly reduced the expenditures for the Project. Fiber optic utility relocations are still underway and will extend into FY23/24.
14	<b>Positive Train Control</b>	Staff continues to work with UPRR, Caltrain, FRA and all passenger rail partners on software updates and system improvements. Staff is working with WABTEC (the hardware provider for new on-board computers for locomotives and cab cars). New updated computers are scheduled to be procured in Summer 2024.
15	<b>Rail Cars</b>	A contract with Bombardier was approved at the April 2020 SJRRC Board meeting. Additionally, an option order was approved by the Board at the December 2020 meeting for 4 additional coaches. This is a Multiyear project for the procurement of five (5) passenger rail cab cars and 16 passenger coach cars. 9 cars have been delivered with the remaining cars scheduled by the end of August. A field modification for the Battery Boxes on the cars is in process. Completion of the Battery Box modification will allow for the start of conditional Acceptance of the cars and the cars will be put in revenue service. Battery Box modifications are anticipated to be complete in September 2023.
16	<b>Phase 2 Wi-Fi Installation</b>	The Passenger Wi-Fi Phase 2 Project is delayed due to a delay in conditional Acceptance of the vehicles. Staff are working to hold Alstom harmless on any work completed on the vehicles prior to conditional acceptance. Staff are working with Alstom on an agreement to allow work to begin.
17	<b>Railcar Midlife Overhaul</b>	Midlife overhauls of ACE's existing fleet of 30 railcars continues to move forward with 20 cars repainted to the new paint scheme. The vehicles are approximately 60% complete in the overhaul process, with the Passenger Information Systems (PIS) and camera system being the last component to be installed on each vehicle. The project is schedule to be completed by the end of June 2024.
18	<b>Locomotive Conversion</b>	Consultant contract was awarded at the February 2023 Board meeting for the Near Zero Locomotive Study. The scope of this project is to study and recommend a proven technology or combination of technologies that allow the existing ACE F40 diesel locomotives to be converted to near-zero emission units while still providing the necessary power and range to operate ACE's service between Stockton and San Jose.

<b>19</b>	<b>Rail Maintenance Facility Expansion</b>	Construction was expected to be completed in June of 2023. However due to supply chain issues and weather, construction completion has been delayed. Construction will continue in FY23/24.
<b>20</b>	<b>Newark-Albrae Siding Connection</b>	PS&E was expected to be completed in FY22/23, however the design work started in January 2023. Some expenses will occur in FY22/23, but the remainder of the work will be completed in FY23/24.
<b>21</b>	<b>Facility Upgrades and Capital Improvements</b>	Projects in this line item include miscellaneous projects associated with Facilities, they are transient in nature and expenses vary month to month.
<b>22</b>	<b>Tracy ACE Station Improvements</b>	Construction was expected to commence in FY22/23. However, plans are still being finalized with the City in order to obtain the building and encroachment permits. Construction is delayed until January 2024, since Federal funding is expected to be available in December 2023.
<b>23</b>	<b>Capital Spares</b>	Capital Spares and consumables are fully expended at the fiscal year end of June 2023.
<b>24</b>	<b>Network Integration</b>	All network integration deliverables have been completed and submitted to Caltrans.
<b>25</b>	<b>Short Range Transit Plan</b>	The FY20222027 SRTP was approved by the SJRRC board in January 2023. The final draft of the SRTP has been submitted to MTC.
<b>26</b>	<b>The Rail Academy of Central California (TRACC)</b>	SJRRC was awarded HUD funding for the Administration Building, staff will complete the HUD requirements by Q4 2023.

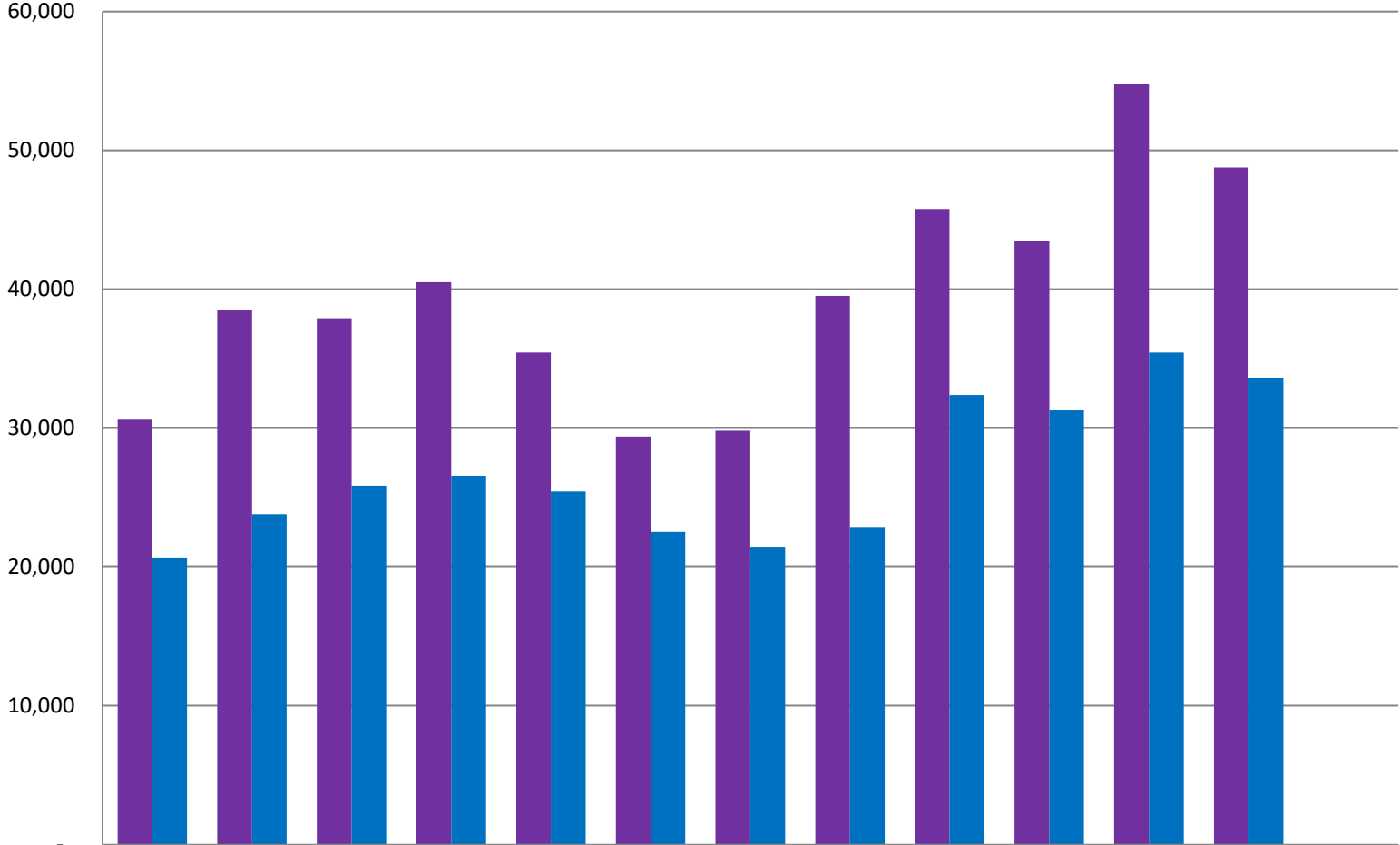
# Fare Revenue



	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23*	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	FY TOTAL
■ FY 22-23 Fare Revenue	\$271,492	\$311,393	\$296,654	\$328,448	\$288,159	\$235,456	\$284,482	\$334,876	\$375,035	\$349,912	\$405,208	\$374,932	\$3,856,046
■ FY 21-22 Fare Revenue	\$203,146	\$199,559	\$205,136	\$217,259	\$215,381	\$185,230	\$197,959	\$191,273	\$270,983	\$257,959	\$279,131	\$233,347	\$2,656,362

% of Budget Year Elapsed: 100%  
 FY 22-23 % of Budgeted Fare Revenue Received to Date: 90.2%  
 Projected Annual Fare Revenue (includes Amtrak Thruway Service): \$4,275,000.00  
 \* Service Disruption: January 17th and 18th  
 Canceled Service: January 19th and 20th

# Ridership

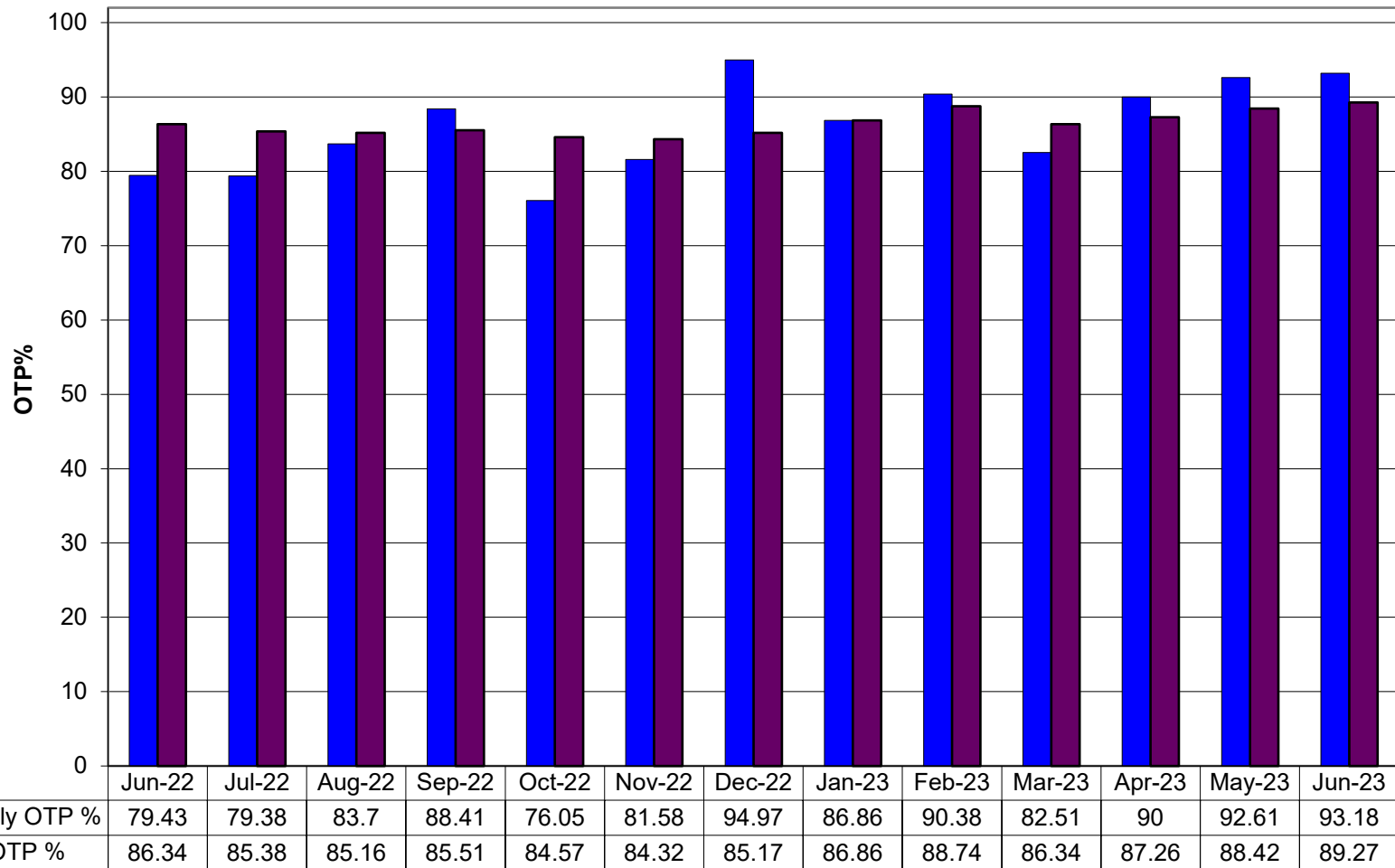


	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23*	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	FY TOTAL
FY 22-23 Ridership	30,601	38,525	37,898	40,504	35,433	29,397	29,814	39,513	45,766	43,488	54,788	48,771	474,498
FY 21-22 Ridership	20,628	23,802	25,848	26,579	25,435	22,529	21,393	22,830	32,391	31,265	35,446	33,606	321,752

\*Service Disruption: January 17th and 18th  
 Cancelled Service: January 19th and 20th



# ACE ON TIME PERFORMANCE





## TAI GINSBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC

**TO:** San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRC)  
**FROM:** TG&A Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Progress Report for JULY 2023  
**DATE:** July 31, 2023

### BIDEN 2023 TRANSPORTATION-RELATED NOMINATIONS/CONFIRMATIONS

Since the June 2023 report, following are the only relevant changes in status (in **RED TYPE**) to transportation-related nominees. **A full 2022/2023 listing of “Nominations” is available from TG&A upon request.**

NOMINEE	US DOT ADMINISTRATOR / OTHER	STATUS
Alvin <a href="#">Brown</a>	Nominee to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board - term expiring December 31, 2026.	President Biden <a href="#">Nominated</a> on 8/3/22. Nomination received in the Senate on 8/3/22; referred to Comm. on Commerce. Nomination returned to the President on 1/3/23. President renominated <a href="#">here</a> . Nomination received in the Senate and referred to the Comm. on Commerce on 1/23/23. Commerce Comm. hearing on 6/21/23, nominee provided testimony. <b>Nomination approved by Commerce Comm. on 7/12/23. Brown’s nomination awaits a vote before the full Senate.</b>
J. Todd Inman	Nominee to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2027.	<b>Intent to <a href="#">Nominate</a> on 7/25/23 and Nomination <a href="#">sent to the Senate</a> on 7/25/23.</b>

### APPROPRIATIONS/BUDGET

#### **FY 2024 APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE/PROCESS**

The House and Senate Full Committees on Appropriations have both approved their FY 2024 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) bills. The House

approved their bill ([HR 4820](#)) on July 18, with a vote of 34 to 27, and the Senate approved their bill ([S 2437](#)) on July 20, with a vote of 29-0. A listing of [House Community Project Funding](#) requests can be found [here](#), and a listing of [Senate Congressionally Directed Spending](#) projects can be found [here](#). [*The House Committee on Appropriations also approved the [FY 2023 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies bill on July 19, by a vote of 33-27 which included a Community Project Funding earmark for the City of Stockton for Diamond Sewer Upsizing Project \(Sponsored by Cong. Josh Harder – D-CA\) for \\$959,757.](#)*] The House and Senate THUD Reports can be found [here](#), and [here](#), respectively. Likewise, Appropriation Committee House and Senate Press Releases (PR) can be found [here](#) and [here](#), respectively. The **House PR notes** that “The THUD bill provides a discretionary total of **\$90.243 billion**, which is \$8.633 billion (8.7 percent) below the President’s Budget Request”, while the **Senate PR notes** that “The THUD FY 2024 appropriations bill provides **\$98.931 billion** in total discretionary funding.” The general theme of the House bill is that of reduced spending and “rightsizing transportation infrastructure spending.” The House reductions are part of a push by House conservatives to cut federal spending beyond the levels agreed to as part of the negotiations earlier this year to raise the federal debt limit. Several transportation highlights include: no additional funding for RAISE grants and reduced funding for Community Project Funding member requests, across all modes. RAISE and several popular, competitive grant programs do receive baseline advance appropriations within the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

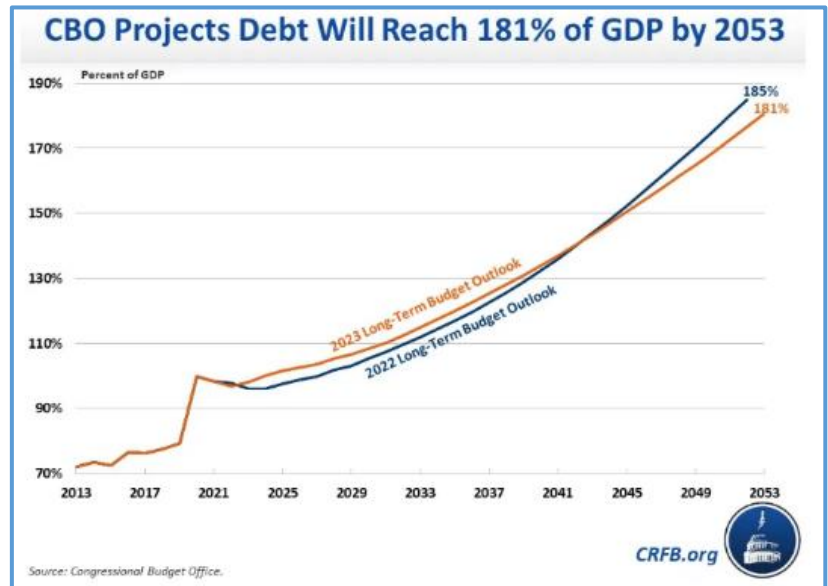
OVERALL FY 2024 APPROPRIATION BILL SUMMARY		
	<b>Bills Passed:</b>	House (0 of 12)
		Senate (0 of 12)
	<b>Bills Vetoed:</b>	(0 of 12)
	<b>Both Chambers Passed:</b>	(0 of 12)
	<b>Bills Enacted:</b>	(0 of 12)



Senate/House Comparison - FY 2024 US DOT Appropriation Highlights			
(House Full Committee Markup on 7/18/2023 & Senate Full Committee Markup on 7/20/2023)			
7/25/2023 18:21	Senate Full Comm. Markup FY 2024	House Full Comm. Markup FY 2024	Enacted FY 2023
<b>Office of the Secretary</b>			
National Infrastructure Investments (RAISE Grants)	800,000,000	0.00 Ω	800,000,000
Thriving Communities Initiative	0.00 §	0.00	25,000,000
Essential Air Service (AATF) - <b>Does Not Include Overflight Fees</b>	348,554,000 ¶	348,554,000 ¶	354,827,000
<b>Federal Aviation Administration</b>			
Air Traffic "Contract" Control Tower	194,000,000	194,000,000	187,800,000
Airport Improvement Program	3,350,000,000	3,350,000,000	3,350,000,000
Grants-In-Aid For Airports (Supplemental G.F.)	500,728,000 ⓑ	303,921,257 ⓑ	558,555,000 ¶¶
Small Community Air Service Development Pgm.	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
<b>Federal Highway Administration</b>			
Highway Obligation Limitation	60,095,782,888	60,095,782,888	58,764,510,674
Highway Infrastructure Programs (Supplemental G.F.)	2,046,738,000 @	1,361,627,349 @	3,417,811,613 @
+ Repurposed Funds for: (Scenic Byway, Fed. Lands & PROTECT	200,000,000	0.00	0.00
<b>Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration</b>			
Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program	406,500,000	406,500,000	398,500,000
Commercial Driver's License Program	43,500,000	43,500,000	42,650,000
High Priorities Activities Program	60,000,000	60,000,000	58,800,000
Commercial Motor Vehicles Operations Grant Pgm.	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,200,000
Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Training	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
<b>National Highway Traffic Safety Administration</b>			
Highway Safety Programs (Sec. 402)	378,400,000	378,400,000	370,900,000
National Priority Safety Programs (Sec. 405)	353,500,000	353,500,000	346,500,000
High Visibility Enforcement Program	40,300,000	40,300,000	38,300,000
<b>Federal Railroad Administration</b>			
Federal-state Partnership for Intercity Rail	100,000,000.00	0.00	100,000,000
Northeast Corridor	1,141,442,000	99,231,000	1,260,000,000
National Network Grants	1,313,033,000	776,376,000	1,193,000,000
Subtotal Amtrak:	2,454,475,000	875,607,000	2,453,000,000
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure/Safety Improvement Gnts. Restoration and Enhancement	572,861,000 ¥	258,464,439 ¥	535,000,000
<b>Federal Transit Administration</b>			
Transit Obligation Limitation	13,990,000,000	13,990,000,000	13,634,000,000
Capital Investment Grants	2,450,000,000	392,204,000	2,210,000,000
Transit Infrastructure Grants (Supplemental G.F.)	268,261,000 £	130,828,124 £	541,959,324 £
+ Repurposed Funds for Similar TIG Activities	179,790,000	0.00	0.00
<b>Maritime Administration</b>			
America's Marine Highway (Short Sea Transportation Pgm.)	10,000,000	10,000,000	14,819,000
Assistance to Small Shipyards	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000
Port Infrastructure Development Program	213,000,000	69,727,566 ¶¶	234,310,000
<b>National Transportation Safety Board</b>			
NTSB	134,300,000	145,000,000	129,300,000
<b>Surface Transportation Board</b>			
STB	47,452,000	48,184,000	41,429,000
Ω No additional FY '24 RAISE/Mega other than IJA Advance Appropriations of \$2.5 billion (\$1.5 b. RAISE + \$1 b. for Mega). § \$25 million for Rural/Tribal Infrastructure Advancement (Similar to Thriving Communities Initiative). ¶ Overflight fees are estimated at \$154.4 million; therefore, the total EAS program would be approximately \$503 million. ⓑ Senate - Grants-In-Aid For Airports (Supplemental G.F.) of which \$200,728,000 is made for Congressionally Directed Spending. House - Grants-In-Aid For Airports (Supplemental G.F.) of which all of the \$303,921,257 is to be used for Community Project Funding (CPF). ¶¶ FY 2023 Enacted - Grants-In-Aid For Airports (Supplemental G.F.) of which \$283,555,000 is made for Community Project Funding. @ Highway Infrastructure Programs - of which the following is made for (House - \$1,211,627,349) Community Project Funding and (Senate - \$701,738,000) Congressionally Directed Spending. FY 2023 enacted amount of \$1,862,811,613 for CPF/CDS. ¥ CRISI of which \$72,861,000 (Senate) is made available for CDS, and \$28,864,439 is made available for CPF (House). FY 2023 enacted amount of \$30,426,000 made available for CPF/CDS. £ Transit Infrastructure Grants of which \$82,247,000 is made available for CDS (Senate), and \$130,828,124 made available for CPF (House). FY 2023 enacted amount of \$360,459,324 for CPF/CDS. ¶¶ For Community Project Funding.			

July 13, 2023. The US Department of Treasury issued its [Monthly Treasury Statement Receipts and Outlays of the United States Government For FY 2023 Through June 30, 2023](#). The government scored a **\$228 billion deficit in the month of June 2023** with **total June receipts reaching \$418 billion** against June outlays of \$646 billion. **The FY 2023 cumulative deficit for the nine-month period ending in June is \$1.393 trillion**

June 28, 2023. The [Congressional Budget Office \(CBO\) released its Long-Term Budget Outlook](#), which shows debt rising to 181 percent of GDP by 2053 under CBO's current baseline. CBO's new extended baseline shows a somewhat improved long-term outlook than in its July 2022 Long-Term Budget Outlook, thanks in large part to the \$1.5 trillion of ten-year savings in the recently-enacted [Fiscal Responsibility Act](#). As a share of the economy, the 2053 deficit will be nearly 3 times larger than the 50-year historical average of 3.6 percent of GDP. CBO expects budget deficits to grow steadily over the next three decades. In nominal dollars, the deficit will grow from \$1.4 trillion in FY 2022 to \$1.5 trillion in 2023, \$2.5 trillion in 2033, \$4.6 trillion in 2043, and \$8.0 trillion in 2053. **Under CBO's estimates, the Highway Trust Fund will exhaust its reserves by 2028**. Read the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget [here](#). Text of legislation [here](#), and bill summary [here](#).



### SELECTED CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS/BUSINESS

July 26, 2023. The Senate Budget Committee held a Full Committee hearing to discuss and receive testimony on matters pertaining to, "Beyond the Breaking Point: The Fiscal Consequences of Climate Change on Infrastructure." [Committee Link and Testimony](#).

July 26, 2023. The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate and Nuclear Safety held a hearing to discuss and receive testimony on matters pertaining to "Cleaner Trains: Opportunities for Reducing Emissions from America's Rail Network." [Committee Link and Testimony](#).

July 20, 2023. The Senate Committee on Appropriations held a Full Committee markup of the: 1.) [FY 2024 Energy and Water Development appropriations bill](#), 2.) [FY 2024 State, Foreign Operations appropriations bill](#), and 3.) [Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill](#). The Committee approved all of the three aforementioned bills by votes of 29-0, 27-2, and 29-0, respectively. [Committee Link](#) and Committee Press Release [here](#).

July 18, 2023. The House Committee on Appropriations held a Full Committee markup of the FY 2024 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) bill. The bill was approved by a vote of 34 to 27 (press release [here](#)). [Committee Link](#).

July 12, 2023. The House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development held a markup of the [FY 2024 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development \(THUD\) bill](#). The THUD FY 2024 Appropriations Bill was approved and forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. See THUD bill summary [here](#). [Committee Link](#).

July 9, 2023. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) dispatched a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) detailing the agenda for the upcoming work period. The letter states policy work in the areas of: “bills that lower the cost of insulin and prescription drugs, combat the fentanyl crisis, unlock permitting reform, advance online safety and innovation, promote community health, hold bank executives accountable, **address rail safety, modernize federal aviation programs**, institute common-sense farm policy, safeguard cannabis banking, compete with the Chinese government, and more.”

### RAIL SAFETY BILL SUMMARY

The Senate Commerce Committee passed (16 to 11) the bipartisan [Railway Safety Act of 2023 \(S 576\)](#) on May 10, sending it to the full Senate. The legislation was introduced by Ohio and Pennsylvania Senators Sherrod Brown, J.D. Vance, Bob Casey, and John Fetterman following the East Palestine, Ohio, derailment. The Railway Safety Act, as amended by the Senate Commerce Committee, gives the US DOT broad authority to issue new regulations on trains carrying hazardous materials, train length, railcar inspections, wayside defect detectors, and train crew size. A summary of its key provisions can be found [here](#). Meanwhile, in the House Congressman Chris Deluzio introduced a companion bill ([The Railway Safety Act of 2023 - HR 1674](#)). The House Republican majority have suggested any legislation should wait until the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) completes its investigation. Another rail safety bill in the House, [Reducing Accidents in Locomotives \(HR 1633 - RAIL\) Act](#), has bipartisan support from Ohio members of the House and is sponsored by Congressman Bill Johnson, whose district includes East Palestine.

SENATE			
<a href="#">Railway Safety Act of 2023</a>	<a href="#">S 576</a>	3/1/2023	Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
<a href="#">Assistance for Local Heroes During Train Crises Act</a>	<a href="#">S 844</a>	3/16/2023	Sen. Robert Casey, Jr. (D-PA)
<a href="#">Railway Accountability Act</a>	<a href="#">S 1044</a>	3/29/2023	Sen. John Fetterman (D-PA)
HOUSE			
<a href="#">Decreasing Emergency Railroad Accident Instances Locally Act or the DERRAIL Act</a>	<a href="#">HR 1238</a>	2/28/2023	Rep. Christopher Deluzio (D-PA)
<a href="#">Reducing Accidents In Locomotives Act or the RAIL Act</a>	<a href="#">HR 1633</a>	3/17/2023	Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH)
<a href="#">Railway Safety Act of 2023</a> (companion to S 576)	<a href="#">HR 1674</a>	3/21/2023	Rep. Christopher Deluzio (D-PA)
<a href="#">Rail Inspector Safety Act</a> (amendment to FAA Reauth.)	<a href="#">HR TBA</a>	6/12/2023	Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-WI)

### SELECTED CONGRESSIONAL “TRANSPORTATION-RELATED” BILLS – JULY

SENATE BILLS - JULY			
<a href="#">S 2437</a> <a href="#">S Rpt. 118-70</a>	FY 2024 US DOT Appropriations Bill. Introduced 7/20/23.	<a href="#">S TBA</a> <a href="#">Bill Summary</a> <a href="#">One-Pager</a> <a href="#">Press Release</a>	T. Baldwin (D-WI) “Reliable Rail Service Act.” The bill establishes specific criteria for the STB to consider when evaluating whether carriers are meeting their common carrier obligation to give shippers much-needed certainty that is currently lacking. Introduced 6/28/23.
HOUSE BILLS - JULY			
<a href="#">HR 4820</a> <a href="#">H Rpt. 118-154</a> <a href="#">Summary</a>	T. Cole (R-OK) FY 2024 THUD Appropriations Bill. Introduced 7/24/23.	<a href="#">HR 4728</a>	E. Cleaver (D-MO) To provide for free public transportation for individuals who are recently released from incarceration. Introduced 7/19/23.
<a href="#">HR 4621</a>	D. Johnson (R-SD) To improve the environmental review process for highway projects through the use of interactive, digital, cloud-based platforms. Introduced 7/13/23.	<a href="#">HR 4608</a>	M. DeSaulnier (D-CA) To amend title 23, United States Code, to establish additional requirements for certain transportation projects with estimated costs of \$2,500,000,000 or more. Introduced 7/13/23.
<a href="#">HR 4598</a>	P. Aguilar (D-CA) To provide for disadvantaged business enterprise supportive services programs at modal administrations of the Department of Transportation. Introduced 7/13/23.	<a href="#">HR 4427</a>	D. Lesko (R-AZ) To withhold Federal highway funds from States that provide driver's licenses or identification cards to aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States. Introduced 6/30/23.

### FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFOs)/GRANT AWARDS

See Addendum A. - Calendar Year NOFO/AWARDS SCORECARD – at end of report.

**Selected/Anticipated Transportation-Related NOFO Announcement Dates in 2023**

(As of July 11, 2023 - [Hyperlink](#) and US DOT Grants Dashboard [here](#))

See [White House](#) Document on [Open/Upcoming NOFOs](#)

Note: US DOT NOFO publication/closing dates for 2022 can be found [here](#). See [US DOT Federal Transportation Funding: FY 2023 Disc. Grant Preparation Checklist for Prospective Applicants](#) [here](#), and see [Federal Railroad Administration Calendar of Upcoming Awards/NOFOs](#) calendar [here](#).

<b>Month Est.</b>	<b>Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)</b>	<b>Operating/Admin. Office</b>
July 2023	<a href="#">Transit-Oriented Development Planning</a>	FTA
Summer 2023	<a href="#">Thriving Communities</a>	FHWA/Office of the Secretary
Summer 2023	<a href="#">Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program</a> – NOFO 7/5/2023	FHWA/Office of the Secretary
Late Spring 2023	<a href="#">Neighborhood Access and Equity Grants</a> – NOFO 7/5/2023	FHWA/Office of the Secretary
July 2023	<a href="#">All Stations Accessibility Program</a>	FTA
July 2023	<a href="#">State of Good Repair/Rail Vehicle Replacement Program</a>	FTA
Summer 2023	<a href="#">Bridge Investment Program</a>	FHWA
Summer 2023	<a href="#">Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program</a>	FRA
Fall 2023	<a href="#">Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program</a>	FRA
Late Summer 2023	<a href="#">Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program</a>	Office of the Secretary
Fall 2023	Transportation Access Pilot Program	FHWA
Fall 2023	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program	DHS/FEMA
Winter 2023	Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Program	FTA

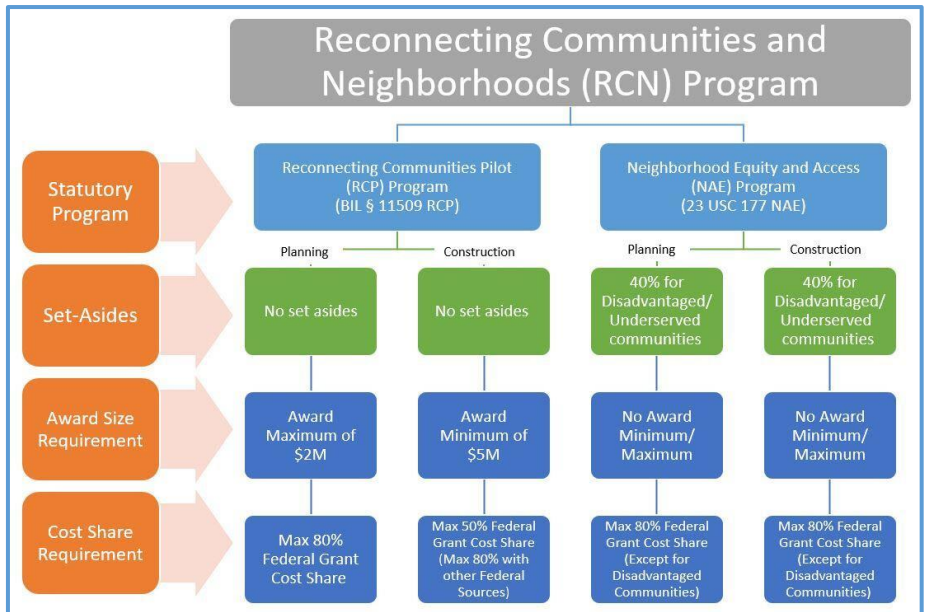
**UPCOMING NOFOs in AUGUST:**

- **August** - FRA will announce the availability of \$104 million through the [FY22-23 Restoration and Enhancement Grant Program](#), funding operating assistance grants for initiating, restoring, or enhancing intercity passenger rail transportation. Later in August, FRA will host a webinar to provide a program overview for potential grantees.
- **August** - FRA will announce the availability of \$139 million in [FY22-23 Special Transportation Circumstances \(STC\) Grant Program](#) funding for capital rail projects in states that lack intercity passenger rail service or that are not connected to the national rail system—specifically, the states of Alaska, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

July 20, 2023. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) [announced](#) awards of \$20,041,613 to 47 communities under the [FY 2023 Areas of Persistent Poverty \(AoPP\) Program](#). Awards are for planning, engineering, or development of technical or financing plans for projects to assist Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities. Investments from the Areas of Persistent Poverty program can be used to support efforts to initiate transit service as well as improve service and modernize fleets, from procuring low- and no-emission buses, to launching scheduling apps and improving bus stops. FTA received applications totaling close to \$36 million in funding requests. See project awards [here](#).

July 5, 2023. The [US DOT released](#) a FY 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) making available \$198 million for the [Reconnecting Communities and Pilot \(RCP\) Program](#), and another NOFO making \$3.155 billion available under the [FY 2023 Neighborhood Access and Equity Program \(NAE\)](#). The US DOT combined these two programs into a single joint NOFO (RCN Program) to provide a more efficient application process for project sponsors. While they remain separate programs for the purposes of awards, the programs share many common characteristics.

Applicants may choose to apply for only one grant program; however, this combined solicitation will allow applicants to apply for both funding opportunities by submitting one application. [See nearby RCP/NAE graphic.] Under the combined RCN Program, US DOT is offering three grant types: [Community Planning Grants](#), [Capital Construction Grants](#), and [Regional Partnerships Challenge Grants](#). Program funding splits are as follows (nearby chart). US DOT has created a joint RCN website with additional information and will be hosting several informational [webinars for prospective grant applicants in the following weeks](#). **Applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM EDT, September 28, 2023.**



- \$198 million for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, of which:
  - \$148 million is for Capital Construction Grant funds, and
  - \$50 million is for Community Planning Grants, including funding for technical assistance.
- \$3.155 billion for the Neighborhood Access and Equity Program, of which the Department expects to award up to:
  - \$135 million to Community Planning Grants,
  - \$2.57 billion to Capital Construction Grants, and
  - \$450 million to Regional Partnerships Challenge Grants, designed to incentivize regions to come together to leverage both federal, state, and regional funding and policies to tackle problems.

**OTHER TRANSPORTATION-RELATED FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES**

July 18, 2023. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) issued a [Notice of Availability/Request for Comments](#) concerning the request from twenty host railroads for amendment to their approved Positive Train Control Safety Plans (PTCSP). The Request For Amendment (RFA) proposes an alternative to the definition of “initial terminal.” **Comments are due 20 days after the Notice is published in the Federal Register (scheduled for publication on July 19, 2023).**

July 12, 2023. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a [Notice of Availability of Proposed Circular/Request for Comments](#) seeking public comment on a new, consolidated circular entitled, “[Grant Programs for Urbanized Areas: Program Guidance and Application Instructions](#)” which consolidates and replaces the circulars for the Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program, the State of Good Repair Grants Program, and the Urbanized Area formula component of the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. **Comments must be submitted by September 11, 2023.**

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES/REPORTS/NEWS ARTICLES**

July 6, 2023. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) issued a [Safety Bulletin 2023-04](#) following a fatality that occurred on June 26, involving a CSX conductor trainee (CT) at the Port of Baltimore’s Seagirt Marine Terminal. The purpose of the Safety Bulletin “is to ensure the railroad industry is aware of this recent accident that resulted in a fatality of an employee. Its purpose is to also encourage railroads to identify location-specific safety issues to cover during safety briefings and (re)train employees.”



## UPCOMING CONGRESSIONAL CALENDAR – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

The Senate and House are not in session during the month of August. The “August Recess” provides an opportunity for Senators and Representatives to leave Washington, DC, and to travel to their home states and districts for constituent meetings, town halls, and other community events. **After July 28 (the last day both the Senate/House are in session in July), the Senate is scheduled to return on September 5, and the House is scheduled to return on September 12, 2023.**

August							September						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5						1	2
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15 Rosh Hashana (begins)	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17 Rosh Hashana (ends)	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24 Yom Kippur (begins)	25 Yom Kippur (ends)	26	27	28	29	30

- Both chambers in session
- House only in session
- Senate only in session

June 30, 2023. Canadian National Railway (CN) was named to Corporate Knights’ ranking of Canada’s Best 50 Corporate Citizens. A [CN press release](#) noted, “For the fifteenth consecutive year, CN has earned a place on the Corporate Knights Best 50 Corporate Citizens list and placed first among its peers within the freight transport, all modes category.” To determine the ranking, Corporate Knights analyzed 286 large Canadian organizations against Canadian and global industry peers. Corporate Knights assessed companies’ performance using 25 key performance indicators (KPIs) covering resource management, employee management, financial management, sustainable revenue, sustainable investment, and supplier performance.

2023 rank	2022 rank	Name	Industry group	Final score	Climate commitments
7	35	Canadian National Railway Co	Freight transport, all modes	B+	SBTi, 1.5°C

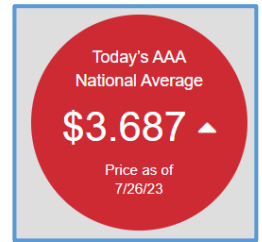
June 29, 2023. The [California Transportation Commission announced and approved \\$25 million in funds from Solutions for Congested Corridors Program \(SCCP\) for Placer County Transportation Planning Authority \(PCTPA\) and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority \(CCJPA\)](#), to support Phase 1 of the Sacramento to Roseville 3rd Main Track Project (SR3T). Phase 1 of the SR3T involves construction work and track improvements that will allow the Capitol Corridor to operate up to three round trips (6 trains) daily between Sacramento and Roseville, increasing service from the current single daily round trip. Once fully completed, the SR3T Phase 1 project will construct approximately 7 miles of third main track and a new layover/servicing facility for Capitol Corridor trains in Roseville.

## UPCOMING DEADLINES/EVENTS

- July 26-November [Delivering the Benefits of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (Webinar);
- July 29 [CALTRAIN Event Introducing New Electric Trains](#);
- August 12-16 [Governors Highway Safety Assoc. 2023 Annual Meeting](#) (New York City);
- August 16-18 [2023 Biennial FTA State/Tribal Pgms/Transit Partnerships Conf.](#) (Washington, D.C.);
- September 7 [Midwest Transit Conference](#) (Kansas City, MO);
- September 10-13 [ARTBA 2023 National Convention](#) (La Jolla, CA);
- September 18-20 [Commuter Rail Coalition Rail Summit](#) (Chicago, Illinois);
- October 10-13 AASHTO/SPRC Annual Mtg. (San Diego, CA);
- November 6-7 Passenger Rail Law Workshop (Washington, D.C.);

## SCUTTLEBUTT/ICYMI

July 26, 2023. The Automobile Association of America (AAA) national average gas price can be found [here](#) (price per gallon as of 7/26/23). One month ago, the average price for regular gas was \$3.573 and one year ago the average price was \$4.327. **Related Item:** The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Petroleum Reserves [announced](#) on July 7, that it plans to purchase about 6 million barrels of oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR), with receipts scheduled for October and November 2023. The purchases come as the nation's oil reserve is at its lowest point in 40 years following a historic 180-million-barrel drawdown in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as well as other releases mandated by Congress. See SPR infographic [here](#) and other information [here](#).



July 14, 2023. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has appointed **Jean Ruestman** – administrator for the Office of Passenger Transportation at the Michigan Department of Transportation – to a two-year term as vice chair of its [Council on Public Transportation](#). AASHTO also named **Edwin Sniffen** – director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation – to a two-year term as chair of its [Council on Water Transportation](#).


July 3, 2023. [Ohio Governor Mike DeWine requested](#) that President Joseph R. Biden issue a Major Presidential Disaster Declaration. The Governor's [letter](#) notes that, "On March 7, 2023, the State of Ohio was granted an extension until July 3, 2023 to request a Major Presidential Disaster Declaration relating to the train derailment and release of hazardous chemicals that occurred in East Palestine, Ohio from February 3, 2023 through February 6, 2023." The letter continues, "The possibility remains that the voluntary support provided by Norfolk Southern could at some point in the future cease, and this Declaration is needed to ensure that the State and Federal government use all resources available to step in and provide the community with needed assistance."

July 1, 2023. [Forbes reports](#) that as of July 1, nine states have increased the taxes they collect on each gallon of fuel. Three are imposing new taxes on electric vehicle charging stations.

State	Tax Changes
California	The gas tax rises from 53.9 cents to 57.9 cents per gallon. The per-gallon tax on diesel goes from 33 cents to 34.5 cents; on Oct. 1 it will rise again to 50 cents.
Colorado	The existing gas tax includes fuel fees that increase July 1. The fee for a gallon of gas rises by 1 cent; the fee for diesel goes up by 2 cents.
Illinois	The gas tax goes up from 42.3 cents to 45.4 cents per gallon. The tax on diesel rises from 49.8 cents to 52.9 cents per gallon.
Indiana	The gas tax increases from 33 cents to 34 cents per gallon.
Iowa	The per-gallon tax on ethanol and ethanol-gas blends will rise from 24 cents to 24.5 cents per gallon. For higher-grade biodiesel, however, the tax will decrease from 30.1 cents to 29.8 cents per gallon. At public and commercial charging stations, there's a new tax of 2.6 cents per kilowatt hour.
Kentucky	The tax on gasoline increases from 26.6 cents to 28.7 cents per gallon.
Maryland	The gas tax goes from 42.7 cents to 47 cents per gallon; for diesel, the tax rises from 43.45 cents to 47.75 cents per gallon.
Missouri	The gas tax increases from 22 cents to 24.5 cents per gallon.
Montana	An electric current tax of 3 cents per kilowatt hour takes effect at new vehicle charging stations (those opened after July 1, 2023).
Utah	There's a new 12.5% tax at electric vehicle charging stations but the gas tax rate falls from 36.4 cents to 34.5 cents per gallon.
Virginia	The gas tax increases from 28 cents to 29.8 cents per gallon; the tax on diesel goes from 28.9 cents to 30.8 cents per gallon.

June 29, 2023. The Association of American Railroads (AAR – members include all of the Class I freight railroads) [filed a law suit](#) against Ohio Attorney General David Yost, and several Ohio Public Utilities Commissioners to seek to block the state's (Ohio's) two-person train crew mandate (Ohio's two-person crew mandate effective June 30, 2023) which AAR contends doesn't permit exceptions and is unconstitutional because it contradicts the 1995 Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act (ICCTA). The AAR maintains that the "Regional Rail Reorganization Act" (3R Act – enacted in 1973) includes prescriptions is an express preemption clause against crew-size requirements. RAILWAY AGE article [here](#).

**Addendum A. – Calendar Year NOFO/AWARDS SCORECARD. An Excel spreadsheet with “hot-links” is available from TG&A upon request.**

 <b>SELECTED TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (NOFOs) &amp;/OR AWARDS (TG&amp;A SCORECARD for CY 2023)</b>										
7/26/2023	NOFO TITLE	TYPE (NOFO / AWARD)	NOFO ISSUANCE DATE	NOFO URL	NOFO \$ MADE AVAILABLE	APPLICATION DEADLINE	NOFO \$ AWARDS	AWARDS URL	AWARDED - DATE	COMMENTS
<b>DOE</b>	FY 2023 Ride and Diver Electric Program	NOFO	5/18/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	51,000,000	7/28/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	Concept papers due 6/16/23.
<b>FAA</b>	FY 2023 Airport Terminal Program	NOFO/AWARD	9/27/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,000,000,000	10/24/2022	1,000,000,000*	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	2/27/2023	<a href="#">Award Press Release.</a>
	FAA Aircraft Pilots Workforce Development Grant Program - 2nd Round	NOFO/AWARD	4/26/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	5,000,000	6/17/2022	5,000,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	3/2/2023	Deadline extended to 6/17/22.
	FAA Aviation Maint. Tech. Workers Workforce Development Grant Pgm. - 2nd Round	NOFO/AWARD	4/26/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	5,000,000	6/17/2022	5,000,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	3/2/2023	Deadline extended to 6/17/22.
	Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP)	NOFO	3/16/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	15,000,000	5/17/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2023 Contract Tower Competitive Grant Program	NOFO	11/8/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	20,000,000	12/6/2022	20,000,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	3/31/2023	<a href="#">Airport Award List</a>
	FY 2023 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Airport Improvement Program	NOFO	4/14/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,500,000,000	7/14/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	Fueling Aviation's Sustainable Transition (FAST) Grant Program.	NOFO	5/24/2023	<a href="#">RE-NOFO URL</a>	291,000,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Full NOFO to come at Grants.Gov
	FY 2022 Airport Improvement Program Competitive Supplemental Disc. Grants	NOFO/AWARD	12/28/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	268,728,965	1/31/2023	267,741,520	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	7/11/2023	<a href="#">Airport Award List</a>
	FY 2023 FAA Aviation Maintenance Tech. Workers Workforce Development Gnt. Pgm.	NOFO	12/18/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	9,000,000	8/16/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2023 FAA Aircraft Pilots Workforce Development Grant Program	NOFO	12/18/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	4,500,000	8/16/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
<b>FHWA</b>	FY 2022 Bridge Investment Program (Large Bridge Grant Receipts)	NOFO/AWARD	6/10/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	2,360,000,000	7/25 - 9/8/22	2,087,150,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	1/4/2023	<a href="#">Award Press Release.</a>
	FY 2022 Bridge Investment Program (Bridge Grant Receipts)	NOFO/AWARD	6/11/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	2,360,000,000	7/25 - 9/8/23	295,748,713	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	4/13/2023	<a href="#">Award Recipients</a>
	FY 2023 Admn. of the Dwight David Eisenhower Transpo. Fellowship Pgm. (DDETFP)	NOFO	2/18/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,000,000	3/28/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	Institution of Higher Education (IHE) of Minority Serving Institutions
	FY 2022-2026 D. D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Pgm. Graduate Fellowship	NOFO	2/22/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,000,000	4/7/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$1 million per year (FYs 2022-2026).
	Center of Excellence on New Mobility and Automated Vehicles (Mobility COE)	NOFO	4/5/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,500,000	6/6/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	Total potential funding of \$7.5 million.
	FYs 2022-2023 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP)	NOFO	4/5/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	111,850,000	8/1/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2022/23 Promoting Resilient Ops./Transformative, Efficient/Cost-Saving Transpo.	NOFO	4/21/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	848,000,000	8/18/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2022/2023 Reduction of Truck emissions at Port Facilities Grant Program (RTEFP)	NOFO	4/28/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	160,000,000	6/26/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2022 National Scenic Byways Program	NOFO/AWARD	3/17/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	22,000,000	5/16/2022	21,849,689	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	4/28/2023	Letter of Intent due 4/4/2022.
	FY 2023 Innovative Asphalt Pavement Technologies Program	NOFO	5/3/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	5,000,000	6/28/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	Advancing Sustainability and Resilience in Pavements Program	NOFO	5/12/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	7,500,000	6/26/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2022 Advanced Transportation Tech. & Innovative Mobility Deployment Pgm.	NOFO	9/19/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	60,000,000	10/12/2022	52,780,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	5/25/2023	AKA ATTAIN
	FY 2023 Work Zone Safety Grants	NOFO	6/1/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	10,000,000	7/14/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2022-2026 Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems (ADCMS)	NOFO	6/27/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	115,000,000	8/28/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$34 m. for each of FY '22/23; \$17 m. for each of FY '24-26.
	FY 2023 Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program	NOFO	7/7/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	88,290,000	9/6/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2022 Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program	NOFO/AWARD	8/18/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	125,215,000	10/24/2022	130,548,129	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	7/6/2023	<a href="#">Award Press Release</a>
<b>FRA</b>	FY 2023 Northeast Corridor Commission (NECC) Project	NOFO	1/20/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	6,000,091	2/2/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	<a href="#">FY 2022 Corridor Identification and Development Grant Program (Updated NOFO)</a>	NOFO	1/14/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	365,000,000	3/27/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	<a href="#">FR Notice 12/20/2022</a>
	<a href="#">FY 2022 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program (FSP) for projects NOT located on the Northeast Corridor (Updated NOFO)</a>	Updated NOFO	2/2/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	4,566,300,000	4/21/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	<a href="#">FR Notice 3 February 2023</a>
	FY2022 CRISI ME Northern Rail	NOFO	2/23/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	12,960,000	3/10/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	Congressionally Directed Funding to the State of Maine.
	FY 2023 Supplemental for Amtrak	NOFO	4/28/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	878,172,428	5/5/2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	Amtrak is the only entity eligible to apply.
	FY 2023 Supplemental for Amtrak's Northeast Corridor	NOFO	4/28/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,065,313,888	5/5/2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	Amtrak is the only entity eligible to apply.
	FY 2022/2023 Rail Research & Development Center of Excellence (CoE)	NOFO	5/1/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	5,000,000	7/3/2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	<a href="#">NOFO Correction 5/23/23.</a>
	FYs 2022/2023 Competitive Grants for Rail Vehicle Replacement Program	NOFO/AWARD	10/12/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	600,000,000	1/5/2023	703,093,337	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	5/5/2023	Note: \$300 m for each of FYs 2022/2023.
	Interstate Rail Compacts Grant Program	NOFO	5/8/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	5,815,800	7/10/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	<a href="#">FR Noticed 9 May 2023.</a>
	FY 2023 Northeast Corridor IIA Supplemental Cooperative Agreement to Amtrak	NOFO	6/1/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,189,000,000	6/15/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	Amtrak is the only entity eligible to apply.
	FY 2023 Supplemental State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee	NOFO	6/1/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,565,000	6/9/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	NNEPRA is the only entity eligible to apply.
	FY 2023 National Network IIA Supplemental Cooperative Agreement	NOFO	6/1/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	3,143,000,000	6/15/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	Amtrak is the only entity eligible to apply.
	FY 2022 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program	NOFO/AWARD	6/30/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	573,264,000	10/11/2022	570,000,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	6/5/2023	<a href="#">FRA Press Release.</a>
	FY 2023 Rail Safety Innovations Deserving Exploratory Analysis (Rail Safety IDEA)	NOFO	6/28/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	400,000	7/14/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	The National Academy of Sciences is the only entity eligible to apply.
<b>US DEPT. OF LABOR</b>	Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program	NOFO	4/5/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	80,000,000	7/7/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
<b>FTA</b>	FY 2023 Areas of Persistent Poverty Program	NOFO/AWARD	1/6/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	20,041,870	3/10/2023	20,041,613	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	7/20/2023	<a href="#">FTA Press Release</a>
	<a href="#">FY 2023 Low or No Emission Grant Program</a>	NOFO/AWARD	1/26/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,221,350,117	4/13/2023	1,700,000,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	6/26/2023	<a href="#">List of Awards</a>
	<a href="#">FY 2023 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program</a>	NOFO/AWARD	1/26/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	469,445,424	4/13/2023	1,700,000,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	6/26/2023	<a href="#">List of Awards</a>
	FY 2022 Ferry Grant Programs (3 Separate Programs Combined)	NOFO/AWARD	7/8/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	294,500,000	9/6/2022	384,354,926	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	1/26/2023	<a href="#">List of Awards</a>
	FY 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program	NOFO/AWARD	5/16/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,000,000,000	9/15/2022	800,000,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	2/1/2023	473 Action Plan Awards and 37 Implementation Grant Awards



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7/26/2023

SELECTED TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (NOFOs) &/OR AWARDS (TG&A SCORECARD for CY 2023)

	NOFO TITLE	TYPE (NOFO / AWARD)	NOFO ISSUANCE DATE	NOFO URL	NOFO \$s MADE AVAILABLE	APPLICATION DEADLINE	NOFO \$ AWARDS	AWARDS URL	AWARDED - DATE	COMMENTS
	FY 2021 Mobility, Access, Transpo. Insecurity-Creating Links/Opportunity Demo.	NOFO/AWARD	8/8/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	6,000,000	10/11/2022	6,000,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	2/8/2023	
	FTA Emergency Relief Funding for CYs 2017, 2020, 2021, 2022	NOFO	3/24/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	212,301,048	5/26/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	<a href="#">FR Notice 27 March 2023.</a>
	Community Mobility Design Challenge 2023	NOFO	3/26/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	25,000 each to 4 teams	8/4/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	<a href="#">Application Package</a>
	<a href="#">FY 2023 Passenger Ferry Grant Program</a>	NOFO	5/17/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	50,100,000	7/17/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	<a href="#">FY 2023 Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program</a>	NOFO	5/17/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	170,000,000	7/17/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	<a href="#">Public Transportation Innovation Program</a>	NOFO/AWARD	9/21/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	6,500,000	11/21/2022	11,637,691	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	6/8/2023	<a href="#">List of Awards</a>
<b>MARAD</b>										
	2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)	NOFO	12/31/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	662,203,512	4/28/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	Full NOFO Published on 2/8/23.
	FY 2023 Small Shipyard Grants Program	NOFO/AWARD	1/17/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	20,800,000	2/27/2023	20,800,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	5/3/2023	<a href="#">Maritime NOFO</a>
	FY 2023 US Marine Highway Program	NOFO	2/28/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	12,423,000	4/28/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
<b>NHTSA / FMCSA</b>										
	FY 2023 High Priority Program – Innovative Technology Deployment	NOFO	2/1/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	2,000,000	4/3/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2023 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Program	NOFO	2/1/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	3,200,000	4/3/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2023 Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation	NOFO	2/1/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	70,400,000	4/3/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2023 High Priority Program – Commercial Motor Vehicle	NOFO	2/1/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	43,300,000	4/3/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	Collegiate Impaired Driving Learning Collaborative (CIDLC) Program	NOFO	2/15/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	750,000	5/15/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	Native American Pedestrian Safety Demonstration	NOFO	6/16/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	507,000	7/14/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$507,000 is available to fund up to one (1) discretionary Cooperative Agreement.
	Fiscal Year 2024 Commercial Vehicle Safety Plans to Support National Safety Goals	NOFO	6/22/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	4,792,025,000	8/21/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
<b>OPERATION LIFESAVER</b>										
	Public Safety Awareness Campaigns in 12 States	AWARD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	230,925	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	3/30/2023	
	Innovative Rail Safety Competitive Grant for Xing Safety in New York	AWARD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	4/6/2023	
	Crossing Safety Public Awareness Campaigns in 12 States	AWARD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	214,075	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	4/25/2023	
<b>US DHS / FEMA</b>										
	FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grants	NOFO	1/9/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	324,000,000	2/10/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	<a href="#">AFG Grants.Gov Reference</a>
	FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (SAFER) Program	NOFO	2/6/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	360,000,000	3/17/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2022 AFG Program, Fire Prevention and Safety Grants Program (FP&S)	NOFO	2/22/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	36,000,000	3/31/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2023 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)	NOFO	2/27/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	100,000,000	5/18/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2023 Intercity Passenger Rail Program (IPR)	NOFO	2/27/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	10,000,000	5/18/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2023 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP)	NOFO	2/27/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	2,000,000	5/18/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2023 Transit Security Grant program (TSGP)	NOFO	2/27/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	93,000,000	5/18/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2023 State Fire Training Systems Grant (SFTSG) program	NOFO	6/9/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,000,000	7/10/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	Awards of \$20K to 50 projects.
<b>US DOT</b>										
	FY 2023 National Infrastructure Investments (Local/Reg. Proj. Asst.) - RAISE Grants	NOFO/AWARD	12/1/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	2,275,000,000	2/28/2023	2,200,000,000	<a href="#">Award URL</a>	6/28/2023	NOFO updated 1/6/23 to reflect added FY '23 Omnibus funding of \$800 million.
	University Partnership Program	NOFO	1/20/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	590,000	3/13/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2022 National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega Projects)	NOFO/AWARD	3/25/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,000,000,000	5/23/2022	1,172,171,053	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	1/31/2023	
	Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program	NOFO/AWARD	6/30/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	195,000,000	10/13/2022	185,000,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	2/28/2023	<a href="#">Award Press Release.</a>
	Thriving Communities Technical Assistance (Dept. of Housing/Urban Development)	NOFO	3/1/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	5,000,000	3/2/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2022/FY 2023 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Pgm.	NOFO	3/14/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	700,000,000	6/13/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	<a href="#">FY 2022 Strengthening Mobility &amp; Revolutionizing Transportation Grants Pgm.</a>	NOFO/AWARD	9/19/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	100,000,000	12/18/2022	94,783,781	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	3/21/2023	
	FY 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity (SS4A)	NOFO	3/31/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,177,213,000	7/10/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2022 Thriving Communities Program	NOFO/AWARD	10/6/2022	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	25,000,000	11/29/2022	21,150,000	<a href="#">AWARD URL</a>	4/7/2023	<a href="#">LOI Announcement</a>
	FY 2022/2023 Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Grant Program	NOFO	4/26/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	24,000,000	5/30/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	RRIF Express Program	NOFO	5/31/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	35,000,000,000	12/1/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2022/2023 Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program	NOFO	6/14/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	3,400,000	<a href="#">See Comments and here for NOFO Correction</a>	TBD	TBD	TBD	Reviewed on a rolling (first-come, first-served) basis until available funding is expended. The application window will open on August 14, 2023.
	MPDG - National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants Program (Mega)	Combined NOFO	6/27/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	1,800,000,000	8/21/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	MPDG - Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight/Highways Projects Program (INFRA)	Combined NOFO	6/27/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	3,100,000,000	8/21/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	MPDG - Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural)	Combined NOFO	6/27/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	675,000,000	8/21/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2023 Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program	Combined NOFO	7/5/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	198,000,000	9/28/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	FY 2023 Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) Program	Combined NOFO	7/5/2023	<a href="#">NOFO URL</a>	3,155,000,000	9/28/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	

# SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION

Meeting of August 4, 2023

## STAFF REPORT

### Item 3.7

### INFORMATION

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#### Monthly Report on Silicon Valley Outreach Activities

##### Background:

To accomplish continued engagement of key stakeholders, the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (Rail Commission) has retained a local, embedded grassroots Outreach Consultant/Team for the Silicon Valley (which includes the Tri-Cities area of Fremont, Newark, and Union City) and another for the Tri-Valley (Livermore/Dublin/Pleasanton) area. Outreach consultants have been an important component of the Rail Commission's approach to stakeholder engagement. The Outreach Consultant/Teams will focus their efforts on stakeholder engagement and strategic partnerships.

At the June 4, 2021, Board Meeting, the Rail Commission Board approved contracts for ACE Silicon Valley Outreach Services (Winter Consulting) and ACE Tri-Valley Outreach Services (California Gold Advocacy Group). The Rail Commission Board also requested that staff provide monthly summaries to the Board of the work done under these contracts.

##### Silicon Valley Outreach Summary for Winter Consulting (June 27, 2023 – July 28, 2023)

Business and community leader relationships are a mechanism to increase current and future ridership, and to create champions for ACE service in the Bay Area.

- Met with Levi's/49ers to discuss ACE partnership 7/6
- Met with Councilmember Omar Torres's staff to discuss ACE's initiatives in San Jose 7/10
- Met with Brian Schmidt, Director of Equipment Services, to discuss South Bay Shared Maintenance Facility Meeting 7/12
- Attended Caltrans' South Bay Shared Maintenance Facility Meeting 7/13
- Arrange and facilitate elected official meetings with Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives:
  - Completed: Councilmember Jain, Assemblymember Liz Ortega, Councilmember Omar Torres, Councilmember Sergio Lopez, Mayor Matt Mahan, Supervisor Otto Lee
    - All elected officials we have met with so far have enthusiastically voiced support of ACE and offered their support of any present or future initiatives.
  - In progress: Mayor Lisa Gillmor, Senator Aisha Wahab, Assemblymember Alex Lee
- Talked to Dan Leavitt about upcoming Plan Bay Area efforts 7/20
- Research and develop marketing plan for leisure travel for FY24
- Met with Marques Cook, Marketing Manager, to develop leisure travel initiatives for FY24 7/20

- Emailed requests for letters of support for Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program (PROTECT) grant 7/17-7/21
- Coordinated with Cindy from the Fremont Chamber to set up ACE tabling at the Fremont Festival of the Arts (8/5-8/6) 7/24-7/27
- Met with ACE team and Jeffrey Scott Agency (JSA) to discuss marketing collaborations 7/26
- Set up meetings with Seamless Bay Area, San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), and Bay Area Council (BAC) 7/27

ACE Shuttle Service out of Great America:

- Plan ACE shuttles next steps with Dan Leavitt and Tamika Smith, Director of Rail Services 6/27
- Shuttles strategy meeting with Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) 7/28

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

Recommendation:

This is an informational item. There is no action requested.

# SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION

Meeting of August 4, 2023

## STAFF REPORT

### Item 3.8

### ACTION

#### **Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Rescinding Resolution No. 22/23-21 and Adopting a Resolution Approving the Amended 2023 ACE Service Holidays**

##### The proposed 2023 ACE Service Holidays:

Memorial Day	Monday, May 29, 2023
Day Before Independence Day	Monday, July 3, 2023
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4, 2023
Labor Day	Monday, September 4, 2023
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 10, 2023
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 23, 2023
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 24, 2023
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25, 2023
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2024

ACE service will not operate on the days listed above.

In addition, due to the low historical ridership on the following days or proclaimed State and Federal holidays, modified service will be evaluated for the following days:

Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 16, 2023
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 20, 2023
Cesar Chavez Day	Friday, March 31, 2023
Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023
Juneteenth	Monday, June 19, 2023
Day before Thanksgiving	Wednesday, November 22, 2023
Friday before Christmas Day	Friday, December 22, 2023
Friday before New Year's Day	Friday, December 29, 2023

##### Recommendation:

Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Rescinding Resolution No. 22/23-21 and Adopting a Resolution Approving the Amended 2023 ACE Service Holidays.

**RESOLUTION SJRRC-R-23/24-**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 22/23-21 AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED 2023 ACE SERVICE HOLIDAYS**

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, as the policy-making body of the ACE Service, has the responsibility for adopting the ACE Service Holidays;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission rescinds Resolution No. 22/23-21 and adopts the following amended ACE Service Holidays for 2023 and potential service modification dates:

Memorial Day	Monday, May 29, 2023
Day Before Independence Day	Monday, July 3, 2023
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4, 2023
Labor Day	Monday, September 4, 2023
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 10, 2023
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 23, 2023
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 24, 2023
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25, 2023
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2024

ACE service will not operate on the public holidays listed above.

In addition, due to the low historical ridership on the following days or proclaimed State and Federal holidays, modified service will be evaluated for the following days:

Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 16, 2023
Presidents Day	Monday, February 20, 2023
Cesar Chavez Day	Friday, March 31, 2023
Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023
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Day before Thanksgiving	Wednesday, November 22, 2023
Friday before Christmas Day	Friday, December 22, 2023
Friday before New Year's Day	Friday, December 29, 2023

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL  
RAIL COMMISSION

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STACEY MORTENSEN, Secretary

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LEO ZUBER, Chair



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**Item 4**

**INFORMATION**

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**Union City Presentation**

Background:

City of Union City, Mayor Dutra Vernacci, will provide a presentation regarding the City's efforts to improve Union City's Station District and Intermodal Station at the August 4, 2023 Board meeting. Please see the attached PowerPoint presentation for more information.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

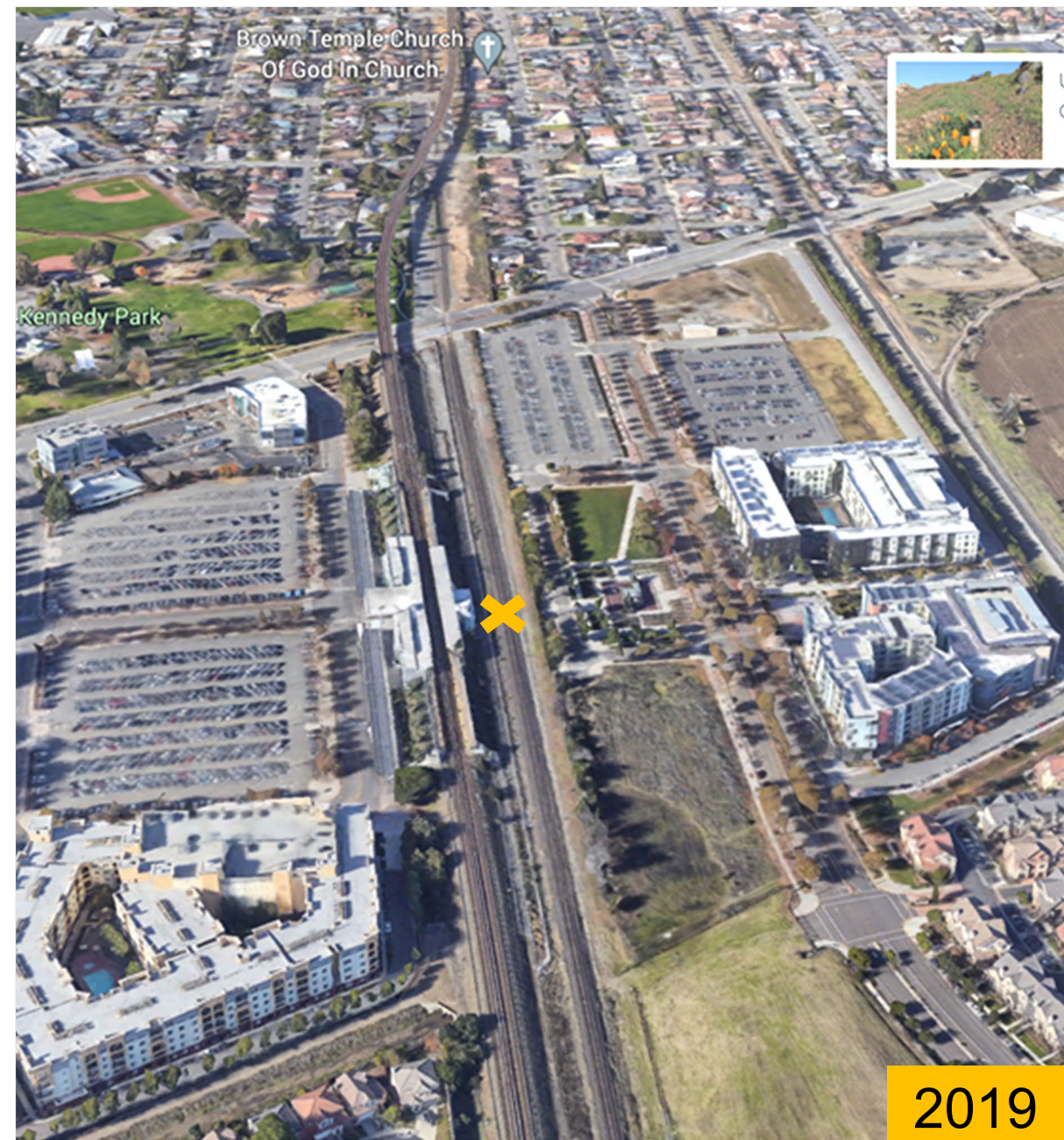
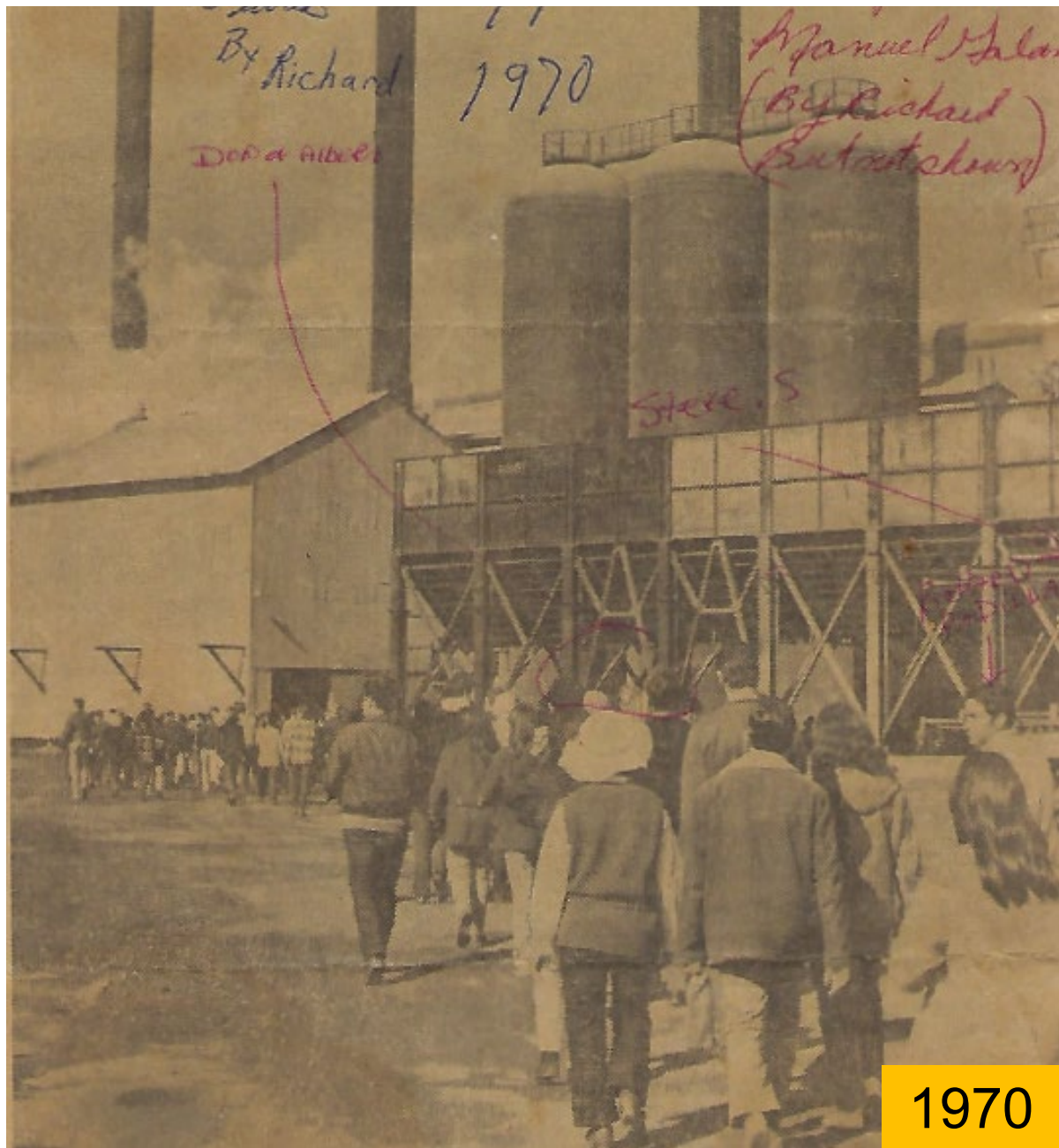
Recommendation:

This is an informational item. There is no action requested.



# Union City's Station District and Intermodal Station





# Union City's Station District: Then and Now

✕ *Union City Bart Station*



# Station District Build Out:

*Housing*

*Jobs*

*Transit*

*Community*



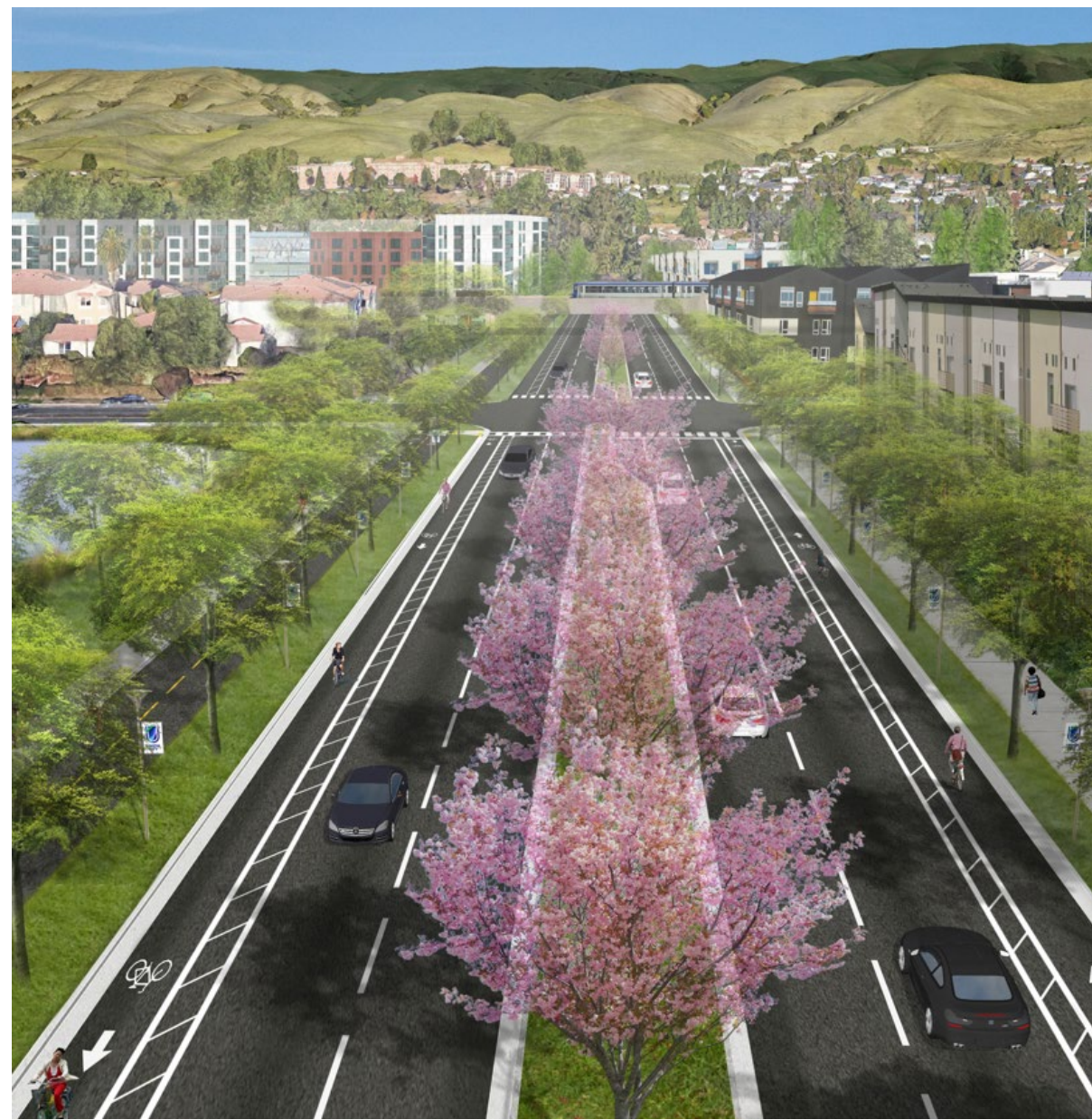
Rendering of 11<sup>th</sup> Street in station district community with BART at-grade on the right.



# Station District – Transit Oriented Development & Infrastructure

- ❖ Pedestrian link to Station East
- ❖ East Entrance to BART
- ❖ Passenger Rail Connection at BART
- ❖ Quarry Lakes Parkway – Local Streets and Trails to Parks





# Quarry Lakes Parkway

*Multimodal Corridor – Class I & IV Bike and Ped Connections and Transit Supports Transit-Oriented Development*



# Union City Intermodal Station

***Over 20 Years Planning***  
***\$160 Million Investment***

(Local, Regional, State & Federal Grant Funds)

## Project Partners

MTC, BART, AC Transit, UC Transit, ACE, VTA, Capitol Corridor, ACCMA-ACTIA-Alameda CTC, Fremont and Hayward





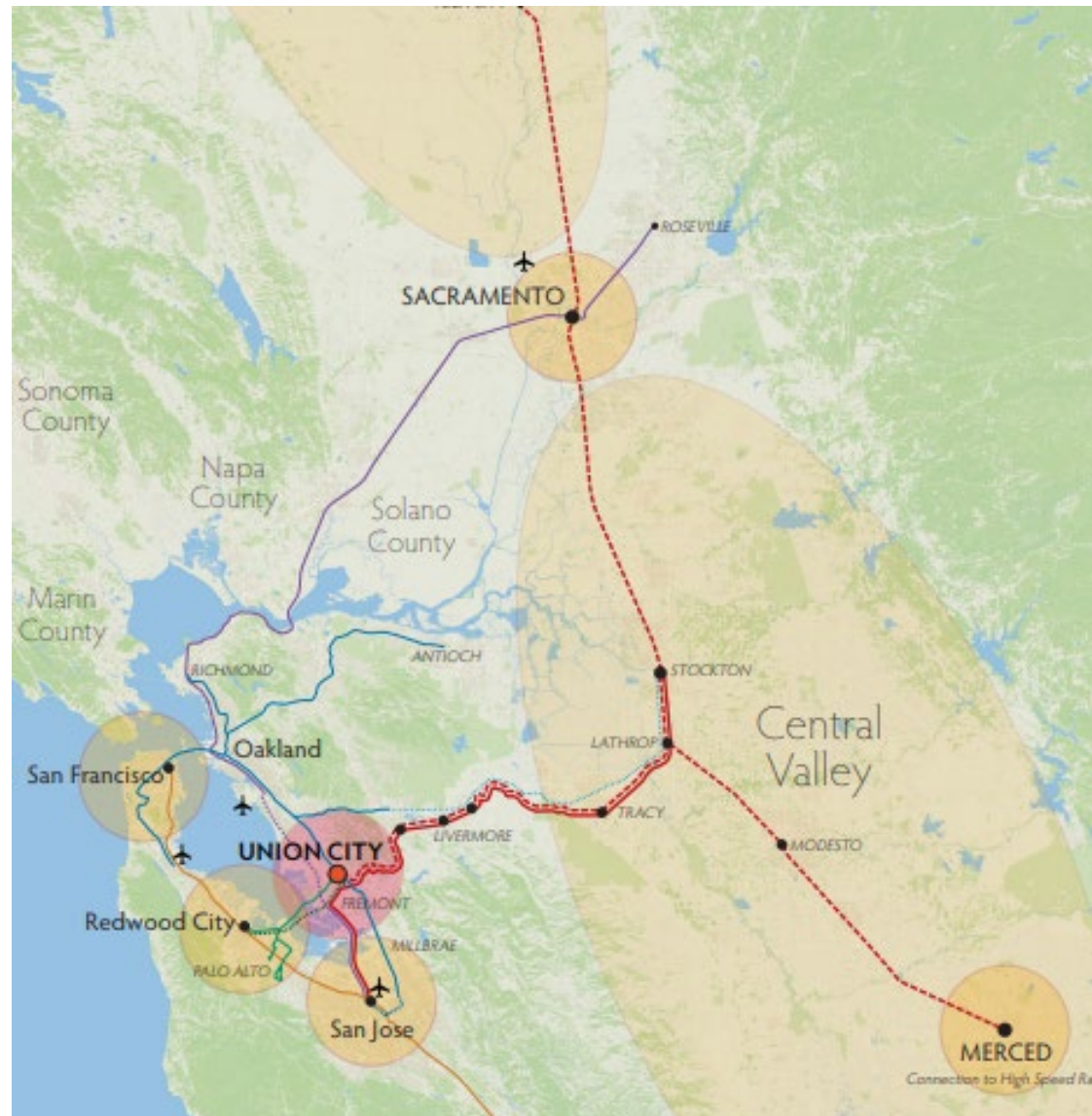
# Union City Intermodal Station – Supported Transit





# Union City Intermodal Station – Intercity Rail to BART

- *Five-minute walk from ACE to BART to Transit*
- *Intercity rail – compliments commuter rail*
- *Direct connection between BART/Bay Area, Central Valley, and High-Speed Rail in Merced*



# Union City Intermodal Station – Regional Impact



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**Item 5**

**ACTION**

**Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Authorizing Special Train(s) Service**

Background:

As a means to support ridership growth and to increase brand awareness throughout the communities served by ACE, the Board approved special train service at the July 7, 2023 meeting for the events listed below.

Approved Special Trains for FY 23/24 include:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
September 9, 2023	Alejandro Fernandez	SAP Center
October 1, 2023	49ers/Cardinals	Levi's Stadium
October 8, 2023	49ers/Cowboys	Levi's Stadium
October 29, 2023	49ers/Bengals	Levi's Stadium
November 19, 2023	49er/Bucs	Levi's Stadium
December 10, 2023	49ers/Seahawks	Levi's Stadium
January 7, 2024	49ers/Rams	Levi's Stadium
TBD	49ers Wildcard Game	Levi's Stadium
TBD	49ers Divisional Game	Levi's Stadium
TBD	49ers NFC Championship Game	Levi's Stadium

On July 20, 2023, the management of Levi's Stadium requested the Rail Commission to operate a special ACE train for the Ed Sheeran concert on Saturday, September 16th. Staff recommends that the Board approves adding a special train service for this event.

Fiscal Impact:

Revenue and Expenses for Special Trains are identified in the Approved 2023/2024 ACE Operating Budget in the Special Train Budget Line.

Recommendation:

Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Authorizing Special Train(s) Service.

**SJRRC RESOLUTION 23/24-**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TRAIN(S) SERVICE**

WHEREAS, as a means to support ridership growth and to increase brand awareness throughout the communities served by ACE, the Board approved special train service at the July 7, 2023 meeting to the following events; and

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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WHEREAS, on July 20, 2023, the management of Levi's Stadium requested the Rail Commission to operate a special ACE train for the Ed Sheeran concert on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Board approves adding a special train service for this event; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission hereby Authorizes Special Train(s) Service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the SJRRC on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL  
RAIL COMMISSION

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STACEY MORTENSEN, Secretary

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LEO ZUBER, Chair

# SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION

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## STAFF REPORT

### Item 6

### ACTION

#### **Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Authorizing Promotional Fares via the ACE Mobile Ticketing App and Authorizing the Executive Director to Implement ACE Promotional Fares for Specified Time Periods**

##### Background:

Currently, ridership for ACE continues to fluctuate between 30-40% of pre-COVID performance. This plateau in ridership is directly impacted by the number of fully remote and hybrid workers that rode with greater frequency prior to the pandemic. Reports from the Bay Area Council, as well as surveys administered by Rail Commission staff indicate that the majority of regular riders (those using the service 3-5 times per week) have already returned to the service, with no significant change in ridership patterns anticipated in the next six months.

The recent market surveys administered by Rail Commission staff indicate that many residents in the ACE service area are unaware of the service. Those unaware of the service represent both untapped business travelers and not previously targeted leisure travelers. As part of an incremental ridership growth strategy, staff recommends offering promotional fares via the mobile app to target both the untapped business and new leisure riders. Similar to the strategy for the new ACE 10-Ride, the ability to offer promotional offers would provide benefits such as:

- Building brand awareness
- Reach specific audiences with small-group discounts
- Develop destination-based discounts
- Focus ridership growth by day and/or train

Through the management of the San Joaquin, there have been lessons learned by Rail Commission staff that can be adapted for the ACE service when it comes to growing incremental ridership. By strategically deploying promotional fares, our advertising messaging can be diversified to include families and small groups with incentives to ride the service for leisure trips, for example, in addition to continuing to do outreach to the commuter audience. Being able to target multiple audiences will expand our advertising reach throughout our service area. Additionally, survey data revealed that the perception of cost was a barrier for travel. Promotional offers would address this directly and allow new riders to get acquainted with existing fare programs that might suit their ongoing needs. The promotions will focus on single or round-trip savings.

An important aspect of this program will be the ability to work quickly to implement, test, measure, and shift promotions. Staff recommends providing authority for the Executive Director to approve promotions for a specific period of time. Staff will provide a follow-up report to the board for each promotion.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

Recommendation:

Approve a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Authorizing Promotional Fares via the ACE Mobile Ticketing App and Authorizing the Executive Director to Implement ACE Promotional Fares for Specified Time Periods.

**SJRRRC RESOLUTION 23/24-**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION AUTHORIZING PROMOTIONAL FARES VIA THE ACE MOBILE TICKETING APP AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO IMPLEMENT ACE PROMOTIONAL FARES FOR SPECIFIED TIME PERIODS**

WHEREAS, recent market surveys administered by San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (Rail Commission) staff indicate that many residents in the ACE service area are unaware of the service; and

WHEREAS, as part of an incremental ridership growth strategy, staff recommends offering promotional fares via the mobile app to target both the untapped business and new leisure riders; and

WHEREAS, an important aspect of this program will be the ability to work quickly to implement, test, measure, and shift promotions, and therefore recommends authorizing the Executive Director to approve promotions for a specific period of time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission hereby Authorizes Promotional Fares via the ACE Mobile Ticketing App and Authorizing the Executive Director to Implement ACE Promotional Fares for Specified Time Periods.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the SJRRRC on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL  
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STACEY MORTENSEN, Secretary

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LEO ZUBER, Chair



**SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION**

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**Item 7**

**ACTION**

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**Presentation on ACE On-Time Performance**

Background:

Staff will provide a presentation on ACE On-Time Performance at the August 4, 2023 Board meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

Recommendation:

This is an informational item. There is no action requested.

# SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION

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## STAFF REPORT

**Item 8**

**INFORMATION**

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### **Update on Upcoming ACE Outreach Events**

#### Background:

A key part of grassroots outreach is having an ACE booth (staffed by local outreach representatives and/or Rail Commission staff) at community events throughout the ACE Corridor. There are numerous community events that the teams attend. These booths are staffed by knowledgeable staff that are able to answer questions about routes, pricing, group trips and any potential special offers that are available. Rail Commission teams participate in community events that range from hundreds to thousands of community members. Rail Commission staff have customized materials, distributed information and discount materials, and provided sample trip ideas and pre-determined costs. Staff provides the opportunity for visitors to the ACE booth to leave their contact information in order to receive more information on future service expansions, promotional offers and giveaway opportunities on social media platforms.

Staff participation in smaller, more intimate stakeholder events is essential as they offer the opportunity to directly interact and engage with many community residents and leaders, promote upcoming marketing campaigns, erode barriers to ridership, and encourage riding the service.

Staff will provide a presentation on upcoming outreach events at the August 4, 2023 Board meeting.

#### Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

#### Recommendation:

This is an informational item. There is no action requested.

# SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION

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## STAFF REPORT

**Item 9**

**INFORMATION**

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### **Student Incentive Program Update**

Background:

The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (Rail Commission) has partnered with San Jose State University, Santa Clara University and Los Positas College to develop and provide discounted ACE tickets to students and faculty who commute to campus from within the corridor. This pilot program was created to provide up to a 50% discount on 20-Trip and monthly passes to encourage the use of the train over traveling by car to and from campus.

Staff works with on-campus Departments of Transportation and Parking services to help promote the program and sell paper tickets to students and faculty. In the case of Los Positas, staff coordinates with Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) to promote the program to students and faculty and sell the discounted tickets. Additionally, LAVTA provides first-and last-mile solutions to Los Positas via route 30R.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

Recommendation:

This is an informational item. There is no action requested.

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**Item 10**

**INFORMATION**

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**Industry Day Report**

Background:

Staff will provide a presentation on Industry Day at the August 4, 2023 Board meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

Recommendation:

This is an informational item. There is no action requested.