

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

ELK GROVE CITY HALL
May 15, 2024

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Ann called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members Present: Ted Clark, Ann Hennessey, Steven A. Capps, Val Shatraw

Staff: Kaley Lyons, Sr Transportation Planner
James Drake, Sr Manager, SacRT
Jim Ramsey, Risk Manager / ADA Coordinator

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3.0 APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

None

4.0 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS/POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 SUBJECT: Elk Grove Transit Update

Kaley Lyons introduced James Drake, with SacRT, and gave a brief overview of the history of SacRT's annexation of eTran. She said the capital improvement program will be adding some funds to bus stop improvements for Fiscal Year 2025. SacRT recently completed a bus stop improvement plan, which will be used to determine which stops will be updated. She's working on the blue line light rail plan and potential station locations. There will be a stakeholder meeting regarding that. Steve asked about the Dwight station, and Kaley said that's the San Joaquin express train. James said there's a big focus on light rail, especially out to Folsom and the new generation of train cars, then the blue line to Cosumnes River College for the new generation cars. Ted asked how the new accessible doors are dispersed, and James said they're concentrated near the middle of the train. He said there's four doors per train with two of them having a deployable bridge plate for wheelchair users. Ted asked if the blue line will be extended to Elk Grove and James said that's being studied by the City now, but not sure if it'll be light rail or express bus service. Ted stated that there's a stretch of road starting at Bruceville, west on Bilby, North on Willard all the way to Elk Grove Blvd that has few if any bus stops. James said their bus stop improvement plan looked at gaps in bus stops, and gave them a template for preliminary design and budgeting. He said that generally they rely on their municipal partners to provide bus stops. Ann said her daughter takes a bus from SE Elk Grove to CRC to catch the train, which takes her to another train or bus to get her to Sac State. She asked if there's the possibility of having an express bus from Elk Grove to Sac State. James said they're going to be taking a fresh look at all their routes. The last did that and implemented just before 2019, but that was before SacRT annexed eTran. Since then, they've reallocated due to the changes in society brought on by Covid-19. Steve asked if they look at the number of students who use transit to get from EG to Sac State. Ann asked if SacRT has explored partnerships with businesses near their stops that will help out in the event of riders being stuck at a stop waiting for the next bus or train. Ted asked if there's been any thought to have a bus in the middle of the day from EG to Downtown Sac. James stated that there's generally not enough ridership to justify that. He also said they've only recovered about 65% of their pre-Covid ridership. Val asked if SacRT partners with different

venues for events. James said they generally don't cater to special events. He mentioned that Phoenix, AZ does that because there's tons of events there. Ted asked if the changes to baseball in West Sacramento would be supported with bus service. James said if SacRT did something in support of that they'd have to be able to partner with parking providers and YoloBus to ensure there were funds to cover that. James said there's never enough money in transit, and transit is heavily subsidized by government funding. James said their biggest project going forward is their comprehensive service analysis. SacRT will do surveys, stakeholder meetings, City councils, etc. Ann suggested getting the voice of those who go to school, college, etc who would have input. James mentioned the free ride program for high school students. Ted asked if college students were included, and James stated that there's a separate program for college students (Sac State and Los Rios students). He stated that he thinks SacRT gets money for those boardings from several sources. Ted asked on the timeline for the guaranteed ride home program, and James said he believes it'll be late this year.

5.0 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

None

6.0 COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Ann adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Ann Hennessey
ANN HENNESSEY, MEMBER
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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PREPARED BY:
JIM RAMSEY, RISK MANAGER / ADA COORDINATOR