

# **SACRAMENTO TRANSIT ADVOCATES & RIDERS (STAR)**

## **STAR Position Statement for Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors**

**RE: December 10, 2018**

### **Sacramento Regional Transit Board Meeting**

I bid good evening to the Sacramento Regional Transit Board and Staff members, as well as to attendant members of other Sacramento regional transportation agencies and officiating bodies, and to fellow members of citizen-based transportation advocacy groups. My name is Jeffrey Tardaguia. I am a member of, and am representing this evening, Sacramento Transit Advocates & Riders, also known as STAR.

STAR will like the board to consider and adopt two key changes to the implementation of the Sacramento RT Forward Network initiative.

1. Our analysis of the complexity of the initiative for a potentially new bus and Light-Rail network causes us to strongly recommend that the date for ratification and adoption be pushed out from the January 2019 Sacramento RT board meeting. Since the draft of network solutions is being presented this evening, December 10, 2018, and since holidays are ensuing where members of the public and board and staff alike will be engaged heavily in matters other than transit analysis, we urge the board to move the vote for ratification until a later date. The board and the public need adequate time to digest and analyze and assimilate the proposals in order to make a cogent, informed decision with the goal of benefitting Sacramento regional citizenry for years to come. Such adequate time will not be met should the board move forward with the January vote. We recommend moving the final vote to March 2019.
2. In addition, our analysis of the complexity of the proposed changes has revealed some important areas for improvement in the following areas:
  - Interconnectivity of trains and buses in timing and safety.
  - Attention to points-of-interest as hubs of interconnectivity.
  - First-Mile / Last-Mile accessibility concerns and conditions.