



**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT  
MOBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ACCESS & INFRASTRUCTURE (A & I)  
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
September 28, 2023**

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M.

**INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF:**

**Present Members:** Eugene Lozano, Alan Ruzich, Hugh Lafler, and Jeff Thom **Other MAC Members:** Helen O'Connell **RT Staff:** Priscilla Vargas, Jenny Niello, Carmen Alba, Craig Norman, and Austin Greiner **Guests:** none

**MEETING RULES:**

**Chair Lozano** requested that participants avoid using the chat, remain muted, and to raise their hands to ask questions or make comments; **Ms. Vargas** would announce that participant's name so they may be recognized by Chair Lozano and asked to unmute. Participants on phone can press \* to unmute.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Chair Lozano** moved to approve the September 15, 2022, A&I meeting minutes since no changes were presented by the A&I members.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment was given.

**CHAIR REPORT:**

**Chair Lozano** asked Mr. Ruzich to cover for him during the October 5<sup>th</sup> MAC meeting. Chair Lozano mentioned that the FTA emailed a link to a webinar about safety track crossing for pedestrians, though it did not mention accessibility; **Mr. Thom** motioned to discuss this further at the next A & I meeting. The motion was passed by a vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No New Business was discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Status of the construction of the modified low-floor light rail platforms and the testing of the new low-floor vehicles (Craig Norman, Director, Engineering & Construction)**

After technological difficulties were resolved and **Ms. Niello** presented, **Mr. Norman** updated that SacRT has completed 14 stations for phase 1 of the low-floor conversion, and recently raised 3 more

platforms awaiting handrail installation. SacRT received a complaint about the 7<sup>th</sup>/I street station on the contrast treatment of the elevation change. A contractor was assigned to install delineators to avert the tripping hazard. **Chair Lozano** asked if each station is unique; they are; he stated that some platforms have a gradual slope on one side and a sharp drop on another side and inadequate railing in areas with decorative rocks. **Mr. Norman** stated that there is a change order for these stations.

**Chair Lozano** discussed another station where there is a curb drop, limiting wheelchair access. **Mr. Norman** also reported that tests are being done at night, with changes only on the Gold Line, until Summer 2024. Mini-high platforms will be removed, and the legacy fleet retired, in the 2030s. **Ms. Arreola** asked about providing advanced warning for passengers at stations with new trains.

**Mr. Norman** reported that hands-on demonstrations of light rail vehicles for the public, showing disability features, will be coordinated with Accessible Services, but no date has been determined. **Mr. Thom** asked about when this will be available and whether it will be for MAC members; this will be determined as soon as possible, likely closer to Summer 2024. **Ms. Arreola** asked about whether announcements will be provided for riders who miss this training; **Chair Lozano** said that marketing and public education for this are being developed, but reiterated the need for MAC involvement and feedback as soon as possible.

**Mr. Trujillo** asked about the addition of rails from Glen Station to Old Folsom; **Mr. Norman** reported that this is under construction, and those stations may need to shut down in January. **Ms. Arreola** discussed missing tactile markers on S & 19<sup>th</sup> St; the crossing also has a hazardous drop-off. **Mr. Norman** stated that the City of Sacramento is responsible for providing warnings. **Ms. Vargas** said that she could follow up on this for the A & I committee. **Mr. Lozano** reiterated the need for discussions on track crossing safety.

## **B. Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvements Update (Jenny Niello, Principal Civil Engineer, Engineering & Construction)**

**Mr. Norman** had a technical difficulty in presenting. **Ms. Niello** presented a report on the comments and responses for this project. This first comment addressed signalized pedestrian crossings needing accessible pedestrian signals (audio signals and tactile surfaces). A plan sheet illustrated the planned incorporation of these features at Watt/I-80. The second comment required reflected yellow bollards. These were shown in the plan sheet. **Chair Lozano** asked for more information on the bollards; the architect can provide it. **Ms. Arreola** asked about the height and reflectiveness of the bollards.

The third and fourth comments addressed uniform lighting. The plan sheet illustrated their planned placement on both sides of the bus plaza along Wattle Ave. The fifth comment addressed stair striping visual design. The plan sheet illustrated the yellow color and stair nosing. **Chair Lozano** stated code on the contrast for the stairs, and **Mr. Thom** agreed that the plans did not show that the stairs would be clearly visible. **Ms. Arreola** spoke about the visibility of the stairs and bollards. The sixth comment specified at least 70% color contrast between the concrete pavement and adjacent walking surfaces. **Ms. Niello** stated that the color-contrasting concrete was only decorative, not for directional guidance.

The seventh and eighth comments were a request for circular-embedded lights or directional bar tile in the concrete or textured surface; these were also intended as decorative and are no longer included in the budget. **Chair Lozano** stated that there should be a wish list for items to add when more funding is found. The ninth comment asked if Bus Digital Message Signs (Way Signs), giving up-to-date information are included; they will be installed at the Bus Plazas on Watt Ave and the Light Rail Station as shown in the plan sheet. **Chair Lozano** asked about the angle orientation of the staircase, for low-vision safety; the staircase is parallel to the road and not angled.

**Ms. Niello** announced that the plans went out to bid last Wednesday, a bid opening is proposed for October 25<sup>th</sup>, and a contract must be executed by December to meet the grand deadline. Changes would be made by addendum or change order. **Chair Lozano** asked about bus stop changes during construction; the stairs and elevator will remain open, but a contractor will determine details.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other business was discussed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 P.M.

**The next meeting of the Access and Infrastructure Standing Committee will be determined soon.**