

STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 28, 2026
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Laura Ham, Senior VP Planning, Grants, and Procurement
SUBJ: GREEN LINE TO THE AIRPORT – RIGHT-OF-WAY RETENTION
AND CORRIDOR IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation — For Information Only.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

No Board action is requested at this time. Staff will provide a presentation to the Board on right-of-way exposure in the Green Line corridor, describe a proposed approach to accepting the dedications that expire in 2029 and 2030, summarize the recently funded Green Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to Sacramento International Airport (SMF) Study, and preview the corridor strategy staff intends to bring forward for Board consideration in 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

DISCUSSION

Planning for the Green Line to Natomas and the Airport began in 1991 with a Systems Planning Study, which established the alignment and initiated the right-of-way dedications for the project. The 2003 Alternatives Analysis identified light rail on the 7th Street/Truxel Road alignment as the Locally Preferred Alternative, and subsequent environmental and technical studies continued to advance the project. Phase 1 opened to Richards Boulevard in 2012. In early 2027, staff will launch the study, which will establish a new Locally Preferred Alternative and will define a practical, phased path to delivering high-frequency transit in the corridor. The study will also identify project packages with independent utility that can be advanced as funding becomes available, preserving the long-term capability to implement light rail. Staff will provide a presentation regarding the

study approach, including a focus on the dedications secured for the project that are approaching expiration.