

STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 26, 2026
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Henry Li, General Manager/CEO
SUBJ: GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

SacRT Meeting Calendar

Regional Transit Board Meeting

November 9, 2026
1102 Q Street - SacRT Auditorium
4:00 P.M.

Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting

December 9, 2026
1102 Q Street - SacRT Auditorium
1:00 P.M.

Mobility Advisory Council Meeting

November 19, 2026
1102 Q Street - SacRT Auditorium
2:30 P.M.

Legislative Session

On September 1, the Legislature adjourned the 2025-26 Legislative Session, sending the Governor almost 900 bills in the final two weeks of August. The Governor had until September 30, to act on these bills.

Below is an update on bills that may have impact on SacRT:

[SB 741 \(Blakespear\)](#) LCTOP Reform

This bill would update and streamline the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). The LCTOP receives funding through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and directs millions of dollars annually to transit agencies around the state on a formula basis. Unfortunately, various LCTOP requirements have proven to be duplicative and burdensome. SB 741 would simplify Caltrans' administrative role, expand eligible uses of

funds to include the maintenance of existing transit service, and make clear that agencies can fund previously approved services without having to restart the application process.

Status: This bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect on January 1, 2027.

AB 1837 (Mark Gonzalez) Forward Facing Camera Reauthorization

This bill would extend the existing authorization for transit agencies to install forward-facing automated parking cameras to combat the issue of cars parked in bus lanes and help ensure transit reliability. This authorization - originally enacted in 2022 - is set to expire on January 1, 2027. The Association is co-sponsoring this bill with AC Transit, LA Metro, and Streets for All.

Status: This bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect on January 1, 2027.

AB 1944 (Lee) Zero-Emission Bus Axle Weight Limit

This bill would amend the axle weight limits that apply to zero-emission buses purchased by California transit agencies by postponing the dates by which certain axle weight limits apply. This proposal would provide for a near-term increase in axle weight limits to help facilitate continued compliance with the California Air Resources Board's Innovative Clean Transit regulation.

Status: This bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect on January 1, 2027.

SB 193 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Trailer Bill

This budget trailer bill was passed in the final hours of the legislative session and includes a variety of "clean-up" provisions to govern GGRF expenditures. The bill would advance changes to the use of GGRF for state operating expenses and address a "chaptering out" issue related to the Association-sponsored SB 741 to ensure it can be implemented as intended. Most notably, however, the bill would also direct interest earned on GGRF to the GGRF expenditure plan, beginning in FY 2027-28. Previous analyses have estimated annual interest earned at approximately \$500 million annually; thus, this change would help bolster funding for Tier 3 programs in future years.

Status: This bill was signed into law by the Governor on September 18 - as a budget measure, it took effect immediately.

SB 1087 (Cabaldon) SB 375 Reform

This bill would update California's regional climate and transportation planning framework first established under SB 375 (Steinberg, 2008). SB 1087 would streamline the Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) planning process, so that regional agencies can better focus resources on delivering projects.

Status: This bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect on January 1, 2027.

AB 113 (Gabriel) Budget Bill Jr.

Also passed in the final hours of the legislative session, this Budget Bill Jr. would make a large number of appropriations in the FY 2026-27 state budget. Most relevantly, the bill would:

- Appropriate \$230 million for FY 2026-27 for the Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program, fully honoring the state's commitment made in SB 125 for this fiscal year;
- Assume higher funding for FY 2026-27 for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program of \$95 million (up from the \$76 million projection last made in July)
- Assume higher funding for FY 2026-27 for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program of \$48 million (up from the \$38 million projection last made in July)

AB 113 does not provide additional, supplemental investments for the TIRCP or LCTOP; these increased funding levels reflect stronger than anticipated revenue intake at last month's quarterly Cap-and-Invest auction.

Status: This bill was signed into law by the Governor on September 18 - as a budget measure, it took effect immediately.

AB 1599 (Ahrens) California Transit Stop Registry

This bill would require the Department of Transportation to create the California Transit Stop Registry as a centralized, statewide dataset of standardized information regarding transit stops. Additionally, this bill requires all transit operators that qualify for the funding under the Mills-Alquist-Deddeh Act to ensure that the name and location, of each of their transit stops are accurately reflected in the Registry.

Following significant engagement and advocacy by the Association, the Author amended the bill to reduce the burdens imposed on transit agencies, including by requiring that Caltrans engage with transit operators during the development of the registry, limiting the information that must be reported by transit agencies, and ensuring agencies won't need to change their own unique identifying numbers for their respective transit stops.

Status: This bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect on January 1, 2027

SB 169 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Transportation Budget Trailer Bill

This bill serves to implement transportation policy provisions related to the final 2026-27 budget. Of particular note, SB 169 extends by one year COVID-era statutory relief for transit agencies, including relief from the farebox recovery requirements (to receive a full share of TDA LTF revenues) and from the requirement that agencies hold operating cost per revenue vehicle constant year-over-year (in order to apply STA funds fully toward operations). These relief measures were set to expire on June 30, at the end of the 2025-26 fiscal year. The Association had advocated for this extension.

Status: This bill was signed into law by the Governor on July 13 - as a budget measure, it took effect immediately.

Watt/I-80 Transit Center Reopen

On Saturday, October 17, the Watt/I-80 Transit Center reopened for passenger service.*

The southbound (west-side) Watt Avenue bus stop on the upper-level and the west stairs is open. This serves bus routes 1, 26, 84 and 93. The northbound (east) bus stop, stairs and elevator have been open and serving riders since August. Light rail service and bus service on the lower level will continue as normal.

This marks the completion of the final major phase of construction for the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project, which began in July 2024 to create a safer, more accessible environment for riders. The contractor will complete a few remaining details throughout October, but this work will not affect riders.

***Note:** The west elevator will remain closed while additional work is completed. An opening date has not yet been determined. Riders who need elevator access should use the east elevator and cross Watt Avenue at the designated pedestrian crossing.

Thank you for your patience throughout construction.

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Lace Up for Winter Fun: Downtown Ice Rink Returns Nov. 4!

Grab your mittens and scarves – the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink presented by Dignity Health returns to Ali Youssefi Square Wednesday, November 4, 2026! Visit the rink during event days to make crafts, join the silent disco, and meet your favorite princesses and superheroes. Avoid parking hassles and ride SacRT to skate. The ice rink is served by the Blue and Gold and Green lines, and downtown buses. Show your valid same-day SacRT ticket or pass and receive \$2 off! Learn more at downtownsac.org/icerink. For route and trip planning assistance, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit sacrt.com/IceRink.

NEXT STOP NEWS

October 2026

SacRT Monthly Newsletter - October 2026

Check out our video newsletter!



Audio description version: <https://youtu.be/O616POG7WM0?si=-CKrE9h-YxHLYzZ8>

Blue Line Service Disruption October 5 – 17



Temporary Blue Line Service Disruption

October 5 - 17, 2026

Beginning Monday, October 5, 2026, through Saturday, October 17, 2026, Blue Line light rail service will be temporarily suspended in different areas due to platform construction work at Fruitridge Station.

SacRT will operate a bus bridge to support riders traveling through the affected area.

Monday, October 5 – Wednesday, October 7, 2026:

Trains will be able to go through the construction area; however, Fruitridge Station will be closed to riders. A bus bridge will be in place between City College and 47th Avenue stations for riders needing to get to or leave Fruitridge Station.

Thursday, October 8 – Saturday, October 17, 2026:

A bus bridge will be in place between City College and Florin stations.

In the North: Blue Line trains will operate normally between Watt/I-80 Station and City College Station

In the South: Blue Line trains will operate between Florin Station and Cosumnes River College Station

Regular Blue Line service will resume on Sunday, October 18, 2026.

Learn more about the service disruption at sacrt.com/BlueLine or call 916-321-BUSS (2877) for assistance.

Service Disruptions Due to Ironman California Triathlon

IRONMAN CALIFORNIA TRIATHLON

SacRT Service Updates for Ironman Triathlon

Sunday, October 18, 2026



The Ironman California Triathlon returns to Sacramento on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Due to the racecourse of the event, SacRT will need to implement service disruptions on light rail and bus. On the Gold Line, a bus bridge will be in place between Sacramento Valley and 13th Street stations. On the Blue Line, a bus bridge will be in place between 13th Street and Cathedral Square (10th & K and 11th & K) stations.

Bus route 11 and bus route 51 will be detoured in the downtown area due to road closures associated with the triathlon course. All other bus routes will operate normally; however, riders traveling through downtown should still expect increased traffic and potential delays due to the event. Learn more at sacrt.com/Ironman.

Green Line Service Expected to Return in October

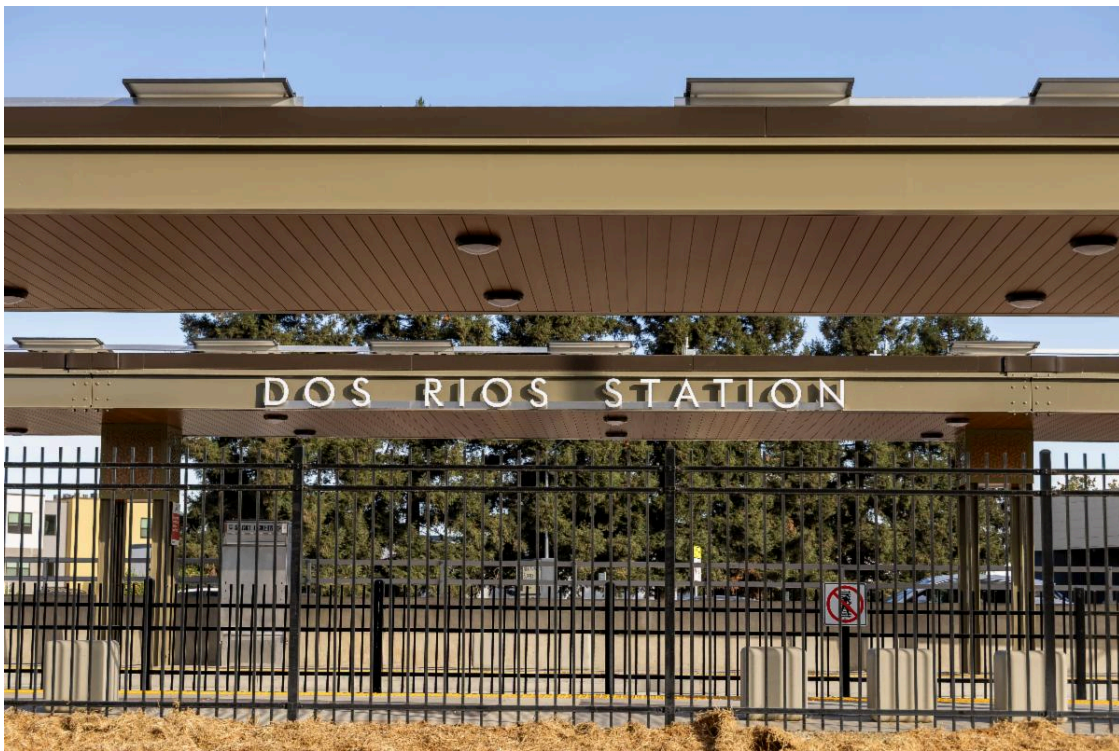
Green Line light rail service is expected to return by mid-October, following completion of operator training, required testing and final approvals. SacRT is currently working to confirm the official reopening date and will share the date as soon as it is finalized.

As the final preparations get underway, riders may notice light rail trains operating along the Green Line. These trains are not in service and are not available for passenger boarding. The trains are being used for operator training and testing to prepare for the safe return of regular Green Line service. Trains used for training and testing will display "TRAINING" on the headsign.

The Green Line's reopening will also bring service to the new 7th & Railyards Station, providing a new connection to the growing Railyards area.

We appreciate your patience as we complete these final steps and prepare to safely return Green Line service. Learn more at sacrt.com/GreenLine.

New Dos Rios Station is Now Open to Riders



A new chapter for SacRT's Blue Line is officially underway! The new Dos Rios Station is now open, marking an important milestone for SacRT and the communities we serve.

The Dos Rios Station is located on North 12th Street between Richards Boulevard and Sunbeam Avenue on the Blue Line between Globe and Alkali Flat/La Valentina stations. The station provides a new connection to the River District and surrounding neighborhoods, making it easier for residents, employees and visitors to access light rail and connect to destinations throughout the Sacramento region.

Now that the Dos Rios Station is open, SacRT will discontinue bus route 33, as it is duplicative. A new bus route, 133, will replace bus route 33 and is expected to begin service in mid-October 2026. This will be a commuter route with service Monday through Friday. Learn more about the new station at sacrt.com/DosRios.

Watt/I-80 Transit Center in Final Construction



The Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project is in the final stages of construction and is expected to be completed by the end of October. A final reopening date will be announced soon.

In this final phase of construction, the southbound bus stop on the upper level (west side) is currently closed. The southbound stairs and elevator are also closed.

Thank you to riders during this 2.5-year long construction project to create a safer, more accessible environment at one of the region's largest transit hubs. Learn more at sacrt.com/WattI80.

Get Involved with the Mobility Advisory Council!

Are you interested in helping improve the lives of seniors and persons with disabilities? Join SacRT's Mobility Advisory Council (MAC).

Volunteers don't need to have a disability to serve on the MAC; however, they need to have some knowledge about mobility issues faced by seniors or persons with disabilities.

The MAC meets every third Thursday of the month in the SacRT Auditorium at 1102 Q Street, Suite 4600, Sacramento or via Zoom. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. For Zoom access or to fill out an application, visit sacrt.com/MAC.

Community Input to Shape Roseville Road Station Access

Help Reimagine Roseville Road Station



REIMAGINING
ROSEVILLE ROAD



Have ideas for improving access to Roseville Road Station? SacRT is hosting a virtual community workshop on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 6 p.m. to gather input on the future of the station area and the currently closed Grand Avenue bridge access.

The planning effort will explore opportunities to improve connections for people walking, biking, riding transit and traveling through the surrounding area. Community input will help shape future concepts for the Grand Avenue bridge and the area surrounding Roseville Road Station. Join the virtual workshop and learn more at sacrt.com/RosevilleRoad.

Help Clear the Air with SacRT on Clean Air Day

Celebrate California Clean Air Day

Wednesday, October 7, 2026



Join SacRT in celebrating California Clean Air Day on Wednesday, October 7, 2026! Make a difference by choosing public transit and leaving your car at home. SacRT is offering a complimentary ride to try transit on all fixed-route buses and light rail with a valid "Ride Transit" flyer.

California Clean Air Day is a chance to take a simple step toward cleaner air and a healthier community. Take the pledge, ride transit, and be part of the movement! Learn more and take the pledge at sacrt.com/CleanAirDay. To download the Ride Transit flyer, visit sacrt.com/RideTransitFlyers.

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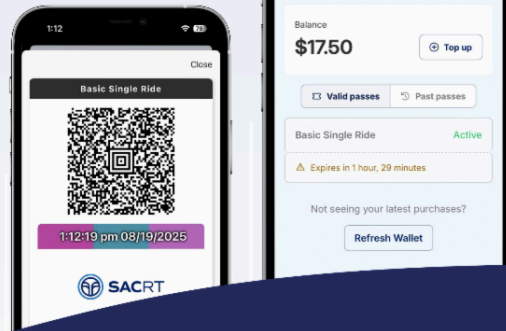
Next Phase of Transit Connect App Starting Soon

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SacRT's new Transit Connect mobile fare app is now available, and the next phase of the region's fare payment modernization is getting underway. Riders can already use Transit Connect to purchase, store and activate tickets from their smartphones, replacing the retired ZipPass app.

Soon, riders will begin seeing new contactless tap devices installed at light rail stations. These devices are part of the next phase of the rollout and will eventually allow riders to tap a credit or debit card to pay their fare, with fare capping available across bus and light rail.

Connect Card users should continue using their cards as they do today. SacRT will announce when the system begins transitioning from Connect Card to Transit Connect and will provide clear instructions and plenty of advance notice.

Riders will have the option to use the Transit Connect mobile app or obtain a Transit Connect smart card if they prefer a physical payment option. Learn more about Transit Connect or download the app at sacrt.com/TransitConnect.

Ride to Aftershock in October with SacRT!

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Heading to Aftershock at Discovery Park? Show your valid event wristband and ride SacRT bus and light rail fare-free any day during the festival, October 1 – 4, 2026, courtesy of the festival producer.

Plus, SacRT is operating supplemental shuttle service between downtown Sacramento (8th & K) and Discovery Park (Jibboom Street). Check the schedule at sacrt.com/Aftershock.

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Explore Transit and Earn the SacRT Transit Patch

Introducing SacRT's Transit Patch



Calling all Girl Scouts and Scouts! The SacRT Transit Patch Program is a fun, hands-on way for Scouts to learn how to navigate public transportation and explore the Sacramento region.

To earn the patch, Scouts complete five activities that teach them about SacRT and the benefits of public transit, the RydeFreeRT fare-free youth program, transit safety and etiquette, trip planning, and riding a SacRT bus or light rail train.

The program was created in collaboration with Girl Scout Troop 4204 as part of the troop's Journey Take Action Project and is now available to Girl Scouts and Scouts of America.

Ready to get started? Learn more about the activities and how to earn your SacRT Transit Patch at sacrt.com/TransitPatch.

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Social Equity Program: Outreach & Engagement

Outreach efforts were prioritized in areas with a high concentration of individuals experiencing homelessness, particularly locations near railroad tracks and other identified safety hazards. This targeted approach supports proactive safety engagement by increasing opportunities to provide critical safety education, promote awareness of potential hazards, and connect vulnerable individuals with appropriate supportive services and community resources. The data presented in this report reflects safety-related information for September 2026 and is intended to support ongoing outreach, safety awareness, monitoring, and improvement efforts.

Regional Transit Sheriff's Deputies and the Social Services Practitioner conducted coordinated outreach in areas within the Sacramento Regional Transit District identified as having higher concentrations of individuals experiencing homelessness:



Blue Line –

Swanston LRS: Parking lot, IB & OB Right-of-way

Marconi LRS: IB & OB Right-of-way

Roseville Road LRS: IB Right-of-way

Dos Rios LRS: IB & OB Right-of-way

Broadway LRS: IB Right-of-way

Fruitridge LRS: IB & OB Right-of-way

Florin LRS: IB & OB Right-of-way, Under train bridge, parking lot, & adjacent fields

Gold Line –

29th St LRS: OB Right-of-way

39th St LRS: IB & OB Right-of-way

48th St LRS: IB & OB Right-of-way

Watt/Manlove LRS: IB & OB Right-of-way

Starfire LRS: IB & OB Right-of-way

Tiber LRS: IB & OB Right-of-way

Bus Stops/Shelter –

#0120 Shelter: 9th St/Capital Ave (800 Capital Mall)

#1782 Shelter: 16th St/Q St (1731 16th St)

#3131 Shelter: 6949 65th St

RT Misc. Property –

2175 Evergreen St: Old tracks/vacant warehouse

Grand Avenue Bridge

Arcade Creek Bridge: Area underneath infrastructure

19th St Bee Bridge: Area underneath infrastructure/adjacent lots

Compassionate Collaborative Outreach for Unhoused Individuals

Sac RT's Social Services Practitioner partners with Sheriff's Deputies to conduct compassionate, client-centered outreach focused on safety, trust-building, and resource connection. During the month, approximately 30 individuals experiencing homelessness were contacted and referred to Friday Office Hours at Customer Service for assessment and linkage to supportive services. While in the field, unhoused individuals are also provided with railroad safety education.



RTPS & the Social Services Practitioner coordinated with Forensiclean for the removal of twenty encampments posing safety risks on critical infrastructure.

Encampments located on or adjacent to critical railroad infrastructure include:

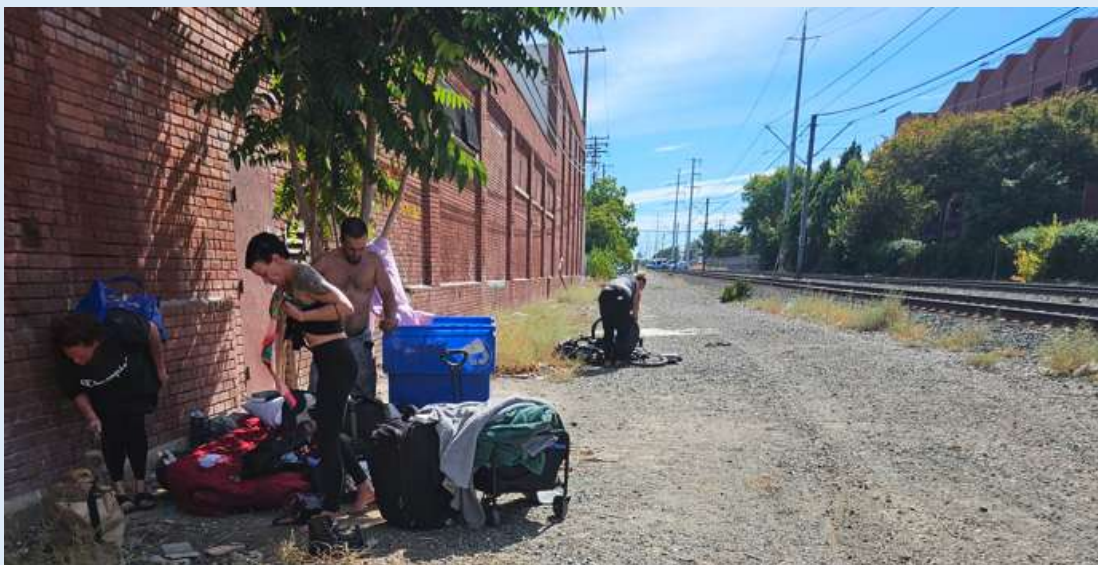
- Encampments on critical infrastructure sites.
- Encampments near or along railroad tracks.
- Blocking access roads needed for maintenance, emergency response, or operations.
- Occupying railroad or utility rights-of-way without authorization.
- Unlawful storage of personal property, vehicles, debris, or materials on restricted property.

From an operational and safety perspective, these conditions can create risks such as:

- Interference with railroad operations and maintenance.
- Delayed emergency access.
- Increased risk of trespassing injuries or fatalities.
- Fire hazards and environmental concerns.
- Damage to infrastructure or equipment.

Throughout the month, crews collected a total of 13,280 pounds of waste. The debris included a wide range of miscellaneous and hazardous items, such as discarded couches, abandoned tents with miscellaneous property, human feces, used syringes/drug paraphenilia, soiled clothing, and rotten food. These materials highlight the diverse and often hazardous nature of the waste removed during cleanup operations.

Area located OB the 29th LRS/ROW: Complaints received about a small encampment growing daily with concerns of safety due to ongoing trespassing on the access road:



Area cleared after outreach & engagement with RTPS:



Area adjacent to the 19th St Bee Bridge/ROW leading to Broadway LRS:



Area cleared by Forensiclean with RTPS assistance:

