

Notes on STAR Action Team Mtg. September 22, 2018

Attendees: Allison, Cathcart, Cocozzella, Deeter, Etgen, Jacques

## Agenda

1. **SacRT Forward:** Discuss SacRT Forward process and ridership vs coverage ideas so that our representative can participate effectively in the September 27 Stakeholder meeting. This is a STAR priority issue for 2018. Please review these documents beforehand: SacRT Forward SRG Meeting #2 Invite, SacRT Forward\_SRG #1 Meeting Summary - Final, SacRT-Forward-Transit-Choices- Report-Executive-Summary from April. (50 minutes)
  - a. *Stakeholders will vote on options that will be presented by JWA at the stakeholders mtg - e.g. San Juan school district would like option with better coverage.*
  - b. *JWA Redesign Assumes (1) no increase in funding. (2) LR is backbone of network. No LR expansions are being considered. Deeter: can expand light rail service by increasing frequency - being implemented already on weekends in Folsom. Houston redesign: productivity collapsed. Existing LR does not serve major traffic generators: CSUS, Arden Fair Mall, ARC,*
  - c. *TIMED CONNECTIONS Etgen: Compare pre and post light rail bus network. MichelleP does not want to go back to PreLR. Does not want to go back to timed connections. Timed connections is a philosophical decision. JWA stated that ridership and scheduling are outside of study. Michelle Poyourow (JWA) mentions Calgary and Fresno's network. 30 min service till 11pm and on weekends. #82 has 30 min and extended service, #26 does not. Houston redesign extended 30 min to weekend and eves. & productivity collapsed. JWA redesigns have not been in effect that long*
  - d. *Are we going to preserve the coverage Sacto has now? Etgen: At San Jose – JWA presented 4 options to board. JWA Coverage is not oak ave, not the system of the '70s where Sacto had a grid. Are we going to preserve the coverage Sacto has now? Where is outreach to EJ communities? SacTRU said JWA needs to figure out who is being served?*
  - e. *Allison: Resdesign should not be just for existing problems, Redesign should also shift development toward transit solutions. E.g. Antelope & Walerga is served by an hourly bus. Hourly never produces ridership.*
  - f. *Etgen: Arden way used to have #22, now it doesn't. what about beyond Watt? Eastern suburbs has 3rd lowest income and 3rd highest in county?. Edison and Marconi – densest and poorest. Kaiser separates. Most severe cutbacks were in eastern suburbs. What if wealthy district wasn't served? - may as well not have hourly service to wealthy neighborhood. Wealthy people will not use hourly service. Etgen if you can upgrade to 30 min #80/84 in north highlands, and the #11 on Truxel you might develop ridership. Coco: if you want to reduce VMT, hourly is not going to work. Hourly certainly will not produce ridership in wealthy neighborhoods.*
  - g. *Coverage for the rich. Routes that serve high income people with hourly buses are useless. Rich people don't use hourly buses. Rich people are better served by Uber. Deeter: We know where current riders and low income are.*

- h. *Etgen: If you can make Edison, Marconi, Truxel, Bell slightly more attractive. All the buses in those areas are zigzag.*
  - i. *JWA lumps longer service day and better weekends service in with higher frequency M-F.*
  - j. *No frequent service on Sunday except #51 and #1. Do weekends need to go late? Maybe late weekends for wealthy for entertainment. Everyone is using jump bikes to go home. Would late eve transit service produce ridership?*
  - k. *Deeter: measure A plus comes up in 2020.*
  - l. *Etgen: SB1 – 6 buses in Davis. Elected think about bus as West Sac and Davis.*
  - m. *Jacques: Bus more bang for the buck. LR didn't connect to Arden Fair Mall, CSUS or ARC. Light rail didn't get built out.*
  - n. *Allison: Development now in Folsom Lake College, Mather Field Mills; Rancho Cordova wants that area to take off. TOD.*
  - o. *Gold line is successful because RT extended LR to Folsom from Butterfield. Gold Line increased ridership because they enhanced utility.*
  - p. *Coco: Blue line. Need to get rid of autos on 12th st. Blue Line needs exclusive lane for LR.*
  - q. *Fresno – nice service day. Service into the evening.*
  - r. *Coco asks Folsom city council each month to increase the #10 bus frequency. Folsom talking about becoming part of RT.*
  - s. *Coco is nominated to represent STAR at ROS Stakeholders mtg on Sept 17th.*
  - t. *Dan will notify Kate Durham that DD / Dan will no longer represent STAR, but Coco Cocozzella will fill that role for STAR.*
2. Transit-Oriented Development (TOD):
    - a. *Identify TOD issues about which STAR would like more education. Send names of books etc to Dan Allison.*
    - b. *Sign-on letter on the city's TOD Ordinance. Deeter: Does ordinance mention other transit corridors with 15 min frequency? Law & Leg in Nov., then back to Plan & Design. City Council in Dec? STAR feels ordinance only addresses a small part of TOD, may be conducive to TOD and ridership, is not damaging. Ordinance is a small start toward providing better guidelines for TOD. STAR is inclined to support. STAR maybe able to decide whether to sign on to letter at Nov. 3rd mtg.*
  3. Prop 1A Funding: *Discuss and vote on STAR portion on the streetcar JPA request for funding from SacRT's Prop 1A funds; requirements set in 2017 have not been met. STAR letter on issue: STAR- to-SacRT-on-Prop1A\_2018-08-22 (10 minutes). Coco will testify Mon Sept 24th that STAR does not want money released unless conditions are met: Full Funding Grant Agreement.*
  4. Action Team Membership: *Discuss Action Team membership criteria, possible vote. Please review this document beforehand: STAR Action Team Membership. (5 minutes). Can't vote at first meeting attended. Must demonstrate commitment. RFTM (B Stanton) never attends STAR mtgs, but testifies at RT mtgs. RFTM does vote on emails from STAR. RFTM demonstrates commitment to STAR and should be considered for action team.*

5. Other issues: *5 changes were made to calendar: Sept 24th Breathe mtg. Oct 2, JWA & Randal OToole Future of Transit, Nov. 3 STAR mtg(rescheduled frm Nov 10). SacTa Nov13 mtg, STAR presentation to Sacta Feb. 14th, 2019.*

Upcoming meetings:

See STAR calendar for more details (<https://star-transit.org/events/>)

- Sep 22, SacTRU, 1:00PM
  
- Sept 24, Breathe Policy Mtg, 4:30 909 12th st
- Sep 24, SacRT Board Meeting, 5:30PM
- Sep 27, SacRT Forward Stakeholder meeting (by invitation)
- Oct 2, CATO Jarrett Walker and Randal O’Toole Future of Transit 8:30 -10:30am PDT. Watch it live online at [www.cato.org/live](http://www.cato.org/live).
- Oct 3, 350Sac Transportation Team, 6:00PM
- Oct 4, ECOS TAQCC, 6:00PM
- Oct 10: Walk to School Day
- Oct 13: STAR Action Team, 10:30AM
- Oct 13: SacTRU, 1:00PM
- Oct 27, SacTRU, 1:00PM
- Nov 3: STAR Action Team 10:30am, Organize Sacramento
- Nov 8th: Sacramento Transportation Authority, 1:30pm, 700 H Street
- Dec 8: STAR Action Team
- Feb 14, 2019, 1:30PM, 700 H ST., STAR presents its perspectives on Transportation Needs and Funding

Notes by DD Cathcart (thank you!; light editing by Dan Allison)