



January 15, 2019

Sacramento Regional Transit District
1400 29th St
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors,

Thank you for seeking to make the best use of our region's limited transportation resources. We understand that this is a challenging process that cannot possibly please everyone. While continuing the status quo may be the easiest path, it would not be in the best interest of our region or our local community.

We appreciate your staff's thorough and informative presentation to our association on January 8th, as well as their outreach and the consideration that has gone into the proposal. There are several notable improvements which we wholeheartedly applaud, most critically increasing nearly all routes to 30 minute intervals and ensuring effective connection between lines at a common terminus in the Pocket-Greenhaven neighborhood.

Our community has expressed concerns about other specific proposed changes, however. Notably, the proposal omits half of our neighborhood from any coverage during non-commute hours. As staff takes into consideration the feedback they have received from ours and other community groups, we ask that the proposal be modified to achieve the following:

1. Maintain the current hub/terminus at Rush River/Windbridge, which is
 - a. A more central, walkable/bikeable location that will best serve the community
 - b. A less impacted intersection, improving operations without impeding traffic
 - c. Well placed to help achieve the items below
2. Ensure coverage for all schools, including Kennedy, SES, K-8 schools, and the library
3. Ensure coverage for all large apartment buildings and senior complexes
4. Ensure that changes to regular routes do not impact paratransit coverage
 - a. For example, enacting a policy to ensure that residents within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of eliminated lines remain eligible for paratransit use
5. Ensure outreach to current riders by including signage & fact sheets on impacted routes

We understand that without additional resources, it is impossible to increase service on certain routes without decreasing service on other routes, but we believe that very modest changes to the proposal can significantly improve service in our local community.

We understand this project is focused on refining the use of existing traditional bus resources. We do ask, however, that our community be considered for a SmartRide pilot or early rollout, especially if changes are made that create a significant gap in coverage for our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Will Cannady, President, Pocket-Greenhaven Community Association

On behalf of board members Pat Aguiar, Tristan Brown, Jim Geary, Devin Lavelle, Mary McCune & Erin Peth