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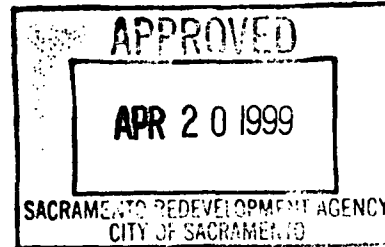
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Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session



AG99-180

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR HISTORIC TROLLEY CAR

LOCATION /COUNCIL DISTRICT: Council District 1

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommends transfer of \$100,000 from the Downtown Shuttle Project to the Historic Trolley Project to assist Sacramento Regional Transit in the purchase of a historic streetcar. The \$100,000 allocation is contingent upon RT securing the balance of the funds required (\$125,000) to purchase the car.

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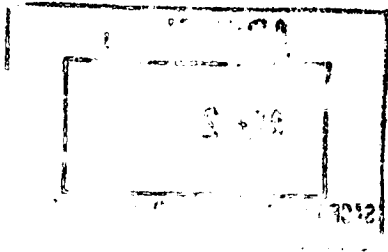
FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF: April 20, 1999

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

Sacramento Regional Transit has requested the City's participation in acquisition of a historic streetcar to be run on LRT lines during special events. The streetcar (car #35), built in 1912 by the American Car Company of St. Louis, was originally owned by the Sacramento Gas & Electric Company, which later became part of PG&E. The car operated in Sacramento until streetcar service was abandoned in 1947. It was then sold and used as a chicken coop for over 40 years.

The car shell was purchased by Mr. Charles Smallwood, a noted rail historian, who donated the car to the San Jose Trolley Corp. The Trolley Corp. restored the car as San Jose Car #129. It has operated on the Santa Clara light rail system sporadically since its restoration in 1989.

The San Jose Trolley Corp, a nonprofit organization, has restored several streetcars for use in San Jose. Car #129 is surplus to them, and they are willing to sell it to RT and return it to its rightful home for a price of \$450,000. The car has twice operated on Sacramento LRT lines under loan from the San Jose



Trolley Corp. Given its age and "antique" nature, it is not suitable for regular transit service, but will be used in special and promotional events.

RT has secured federal funding for purchase of the streetcar. The federal funds, however, require a local 50% match. The Downtown and Regional Enterprise Department has funds set aside for the downtown electric shuttle bus program that are no longer required. The staff recommends that \$100,000 be transferred from the shuttle program and allocated to purchase of Sacramento Car #35.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS: Not applicable.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The historic streetcar will enhance the festivity of such downtown events as the Downtown Partnership's Summerfest, the Old Sacramento Jazz Jubilee and the Festival de la Familia, and is in keeping with the Council policy of making expenditures to support community and retail activities within the Central City.

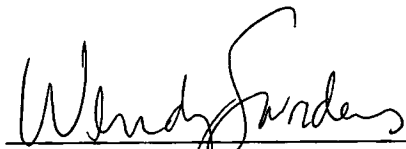
FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The total cost of the streetcar is \$450,000. Regional Transit has secured half of the funding required for the purchase through the California Transit Capital Improvement Regional Transit program. The Agency will transfer \$100,000 from the Downtown Shuttle Project (fund 100, org. 1089) to the Historic Trolley Project. Regional Transit will seek private funds for the balance (\$125,000).

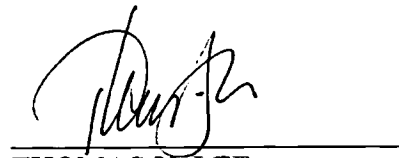
ESBD CONSIDERATIONS: Not applicable

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

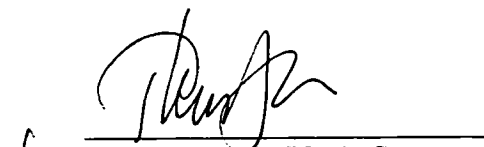


WENDY SAUNDERS
Development Manager



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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager



RESOLUTION NO. 99-017

ADOPTED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO

ON DATE OF _____

PURCHASE OF HISTORIC TROLLEY CAR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

Section 1. The budget is hereby amended to transfer \$100,000 from the Downtown Shuttle Project to the Historic Trolley Car Project.

Section 2. The Deputy City Manager for the Downtown and Regional Enterprises Department is hereby authorized to execute agreements, subject to Agency Counsel's approval as to form, and to take other actions necessary to contribute funds in the amount of \$100,000 for Sacramento Regional Transit Authority's (RT's) purchase of Historic Sacramento Streetcar #35 from the San Jose Trolley Corporation.

Section 3. Funding shall be contingent on RT providing or obtaining additional funding sufficient to purchase the streetcar, and upon RT's agreement to make the streetcar available for use at special events in downtown Sacramento.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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