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DATE: March 9, 2017

TO: Sacramento Transportation Authority Governing Board

RE: Request for public input during the process of redrafting Measure B

Measure A, adopted in 1988, was developed through a process that included input from a wide range of community representatives, and its renewal in 2004 was partially based on guidance from stakeholders. In contrast, the Sacramento Transportation Authority prepared Measure B with minimal public involvement -- and only at the end of the development process -- which the STA Governing Board largely discounted in its final deliberations.

We believe a robust public input process should be used in the development of any future transportation measure for Sacramento County, as the County is currently using for its Communitywide Climate Action Plan. The County has been holding workshops in several neighborhoods, pursuant to encouraging "public participation and input ... to ensure the Communitywide CAP reflects the needs of Sacramento County" (from the County CAP website). We request that the STA Governing Board adopt a plan for public participation before initiating the development of a revised funding package.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you to develop funding options for transportation policies in Sacramento County that align with regional needs regarding climate change, housing, equity, and air quality. Strong public input is critical for the development of a measure that we can wholeheartedly support.

Sincerely,

Ralph Propper and John Deeter, Co-Chairs
ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee

Co-signers:



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Nick Lapis, Vice-Chair
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Green".

Stephen Green, President
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