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ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee

Thursday, August 4th, 2016, 6:00 pm

Mogavero Architects, 2012 K Street, Sacramento

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Nailah Pope-Harden, Rick Bettis, Betsy Weiland, Lynne Goldsmith, Ralph Propper, James Cathcart, Molly Wagner, Guy Hall, Brandon Rose (ECOS President), Alex Reagan (ECOS staff), Jon Ellison (Co-chair), John Deeter (Co-chair).

6:00 p.m. -- Welcome, Introductions, Check-Ins, and Changes to Agenda

6:05 p.m. -- Upcoming Community Forum on transit issues and ballot measures

Nailah Pope-Harden ([Capital Region Organizing Project](#))

***Pope-Harden:** Goal of the Community Form is to connect south Sacramento communities with transit issues through a series of forums. These forums will be specifically directed towards high school students, who have a hard time using transit and affording tickets. The upcoming forum will take place in early October and is scheduled for 2.5 to three hours including sign-in and appetizers. It will focus on Measure B on the November ballot, and will cover the contents of this transportation funding measure. There will be presentations by supporters and opponents. A mock vote is planned. Kids will be invited to share stories and talk about their issues as practice for a later presentation to the school board.*

***Discussion:** One goal of the forum should be to tie Measure B into community issues. An example is student bus passes. Measure B provides transportation money to cities and Sacramento county as well as funding transit, which can be used for projects such as complete streets and pedestrian safety.*

***Question:** is CROP a local group? **Pope-Harden:** Yes, CROP is local but it is connected to state and national organizations.*

6:35 p.m. -- Electric bicycles on trails in the American River Parkway

Betsy Weiland ([Save the American River Association](#))

***Weiland:** County has jurisdiction over both the American River and Dry Creek parkways, and it could allow all classes of electric bicycles without violating state law. The current proposed ordinance would allow low power (unlicensed) Class 1 & 2 electric bicycles restricted to the current 15 mph speed limit. Motorized (gas powered) and Class 3 electric bicycles would still be excluded. But the safety issue of introducing powered bicycles onto the American River trail has not been well studied.*

Discussion: *If electric bikes are safe, why not allow mopeds as well? Pollution from mopeds is an issue. Folsom is opening up its trails to all sorts of vehicles, but the state still restricts its trails to just bikes and pedestrians.*

7:00 p.m. -- Progress report on updating the ECOS 50 Year Transportation Vision
John Deeter (TAQCC co-chair), all

Deeter: *Describes current state of Transportation Vision, with four parts: background to provide context, Vision Statement, current conditions, and key issues in implementing the Vision. The text is not quite ready for review. General agreement that is a reasonable plan for updating the Vision.*

Discussion: *What are likely purposes of the Vision? Reference document for transportation policies we advocate, and provide direction for implementing those policies. The Vision needs community buy-in to be successful. Should also look to academic research for guidance. Major changes in the Vision are needed (and being included) to account for developments in the last dozen years, such as climate change and state legislation (AB 32 & SB 375).*

7:20 p.m. -- Other Business and Announcements / Possible topics for future meetings:
Sacramento Regional Transit's [plans for ESC service](#), Downtown Sacramento Transportation Plan ([Grid 2.0](#)), City of Sacramento [Bicycle Master Plan](#), Tri-city [proposed bike-share program](#)

Deeter: *possible topics for future TAQCC meetings:*

- *Bicycle access to new arena -- being covered by (Sacramento) City & County Bicycle Advisory Committee*
- *Bicycles on sidewalks -- ditto*
- *Regional Transit plans for service to new arena -- try to arrange for presentation*
- *New I Street bridge -- try to get someone from Sacramento City (Sparky Harris?), possibly also cover Railyards circulation*
- *Offer from San Joaquin train service for joint promotion opportunity -- no interest*

7:30 p.m. -- Adjourn

Next TAQCC meeting: Thurs., Sept. 1st, 6:00 pm, at Mogavero Architects, 2012 K St.

Other upcoming events of interest:

Aug. 9, 6 pm, 6000 Lemon Hill Ave. - Transit 101 Workshop with Todd Litman [[rsvp](#)]

Aug. 15, 6-8 pm, 909 12th St. -- ECOS presents Community CEQA Workshop

Aug. 19, 8:30 am, 5th & H Sts. -- Railyards Roads Grand Opening [[rsvp](#)]