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ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee

MEETING NOTES

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

Mogavero Architects, 2012 K Street, Sacramento

Attendance: Jeff Damon (Sacramento RT), Traci Canfield (RT), Robert Coplin, Matt Baker (ECOS Habitat Director), Steven Bourasa, Betsy Weiland, Lynne Goldsmith, Rick Codina, Kevin Dumler, Greg Thompson, Ralph Propper, Guy Hall (Sac EV, CCL), John Deeter (TAQCC Co-chair)

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

6:05 p.m. -- Regional Transit Green Line to the Airport Environmental Impact Report
Jeff Damon (RT staff)

Jeff Damon described the proposed Green Line to the Airport which will extend the Green Line beyond its current terminus at Township 9. RT has begun the environmental review for the project, and the EIR/EIS is expected to be finalized sometime in 2017. The EIR/EIS will designate more precisely a route for the Green Line, and will also study in detail choices for a new crossing of the American River including possibly expanding the bridge to include vehicular traffic. Jeff's Powerpoint is available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9H0KF54EPuKc3V5Wllyem0xRUJNZlktVXNreDJiQk0wVmp3/view?usp=sharing>.

6:45 p.m. -- Updating the ECOS 50 Year Transportation Vision
John Deeter (TAQCC co-chair) & Matt Baker (ECOS Habitat Director)

Matt Baker presented his ideas about including a scenario in the updated Transportation Vision that completely excludes any new Greenfield development and emphasizes non-auto modes of transportation. One goal of looking at this scenario is to see how far it is possible to reduce VMT and associated GHG emissions. His one page outline is available as a Google document <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9H0KF54EPuKX18tLV92T2dHTXc/view?usp=sharing>. An extensive discussion of the scope-of-work for the proposed update to the ECOS Transportation Vision has been deferred to the March meeting.

7:15 p.m. -- Other Business and Announcements / Possible topics for future meetings:

Sacramento Transit Advocates and Riders (Transit Riders Union), RT's planned fare increase, RT's search for a new General Manager, RT's plans for ESC service, Downtown Sacramento Transportation Plan (Grid 2.0), STA Measure B, Carbon tax (CCL), City of Sacramento Bicycle Master Plan

Carbon Fee & Dividend initiative developed by Citizens' Climate Lobby -- Guy Hall reviewed the activities of CCL and urged folks to endorse its Carbon Fee & Dividend initiative. He requested that TAQCC recommend to the ECOS Board that ECOS endorse this initiative. There was a short discussion that only ECOS members be allowed to vote on this matter, and clarification by the ECOS Exec. Cmte. on TAQCC voting rights will be requested

Sacramento Transit Advocates and Riders (Transit Riders Union) -- STAR was recently formed to fill a need in the Sacramento region for a grassroots transit advocacy group. Its next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12th (see below), with the primary topic being RT's proposed fare increase.

7:45 p.m. -- Adjourn

Next TAQCC meeting:

Thursday, March 3rd, 6:00 pm, at Mogavero Architects, 2012 K St.

Other meetings of Interest:

Wed. Feb. 10, Tues. Feb. 16, Wed. Feb. 17, Tues. Feb. 23, Thurs. Feb. 25 -- typically 12-7 pm -- Regional Transit Rate Increase Open Houses -- various locations. See RT Web site for details <<http://www.sacrt.com/fares16.stm>>.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 3-6 pm -- RT Open House re Search for New General Manager/CEO -- RT Auditorium, 1400 29th Street (at N Street)

Friday, Feb. 12, 5:30-7 pm -- STAR Transit Riders Union meeting -- Wellspring Women's Center, 3414 4th Ave, Sacramento, CA 95817