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ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 3rd, 2016, 6:00 pm

Mogavero Architects, 2012 K Street, Sacramento

Attendance: Guy Hall, Karen Jacques, James Cathcart, Chris Brown, Earl Withycombe, Steven Bourasa, Greg Thompson, Lynne Goldsmith, Ralph Propper, Delphine Cathcart, Brandon Rose (ECOS Pres.), 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. Updating the ECOS 50-Year Transportation Vision
John Deeter (TAQCC co-chair)

- Start with research into background material: What informs the Transportation Vision?
 - reduction of auto use (VMT) and associated benefits such as Greenhouse Gas emission reductions, improved health, etc.
 - compact development to preserve open space
- Discussion about ongoing trends headed in opposite direction to ECOS Vision
- **ACTION** (John Deeter): Form a subcommittee to start the research program. Interested parties: Lynne Goldsmith, Greg Thompson, Guy Hall, John Deeter, Alex Reagan

6:15 p.m. ECOS' Endorsement of the Statement by Sacramento Transit Advocates & Riders (STAR) on Regional Transit's Proposed Fare Increase – All

- General agreement that the group supports STAR's statement and recommends that the Exec Cmte consider approving ECOS's endorsement of it.
- Some questioning of final point to restrict Regional Transit's capital program since money generally comes from a different pot.
- A group devoted to "bird-dogging" (following, watching carefully, or investigating) Regional Transit is greatly needed, and ECOS should express support for STAR as a vehicle to fulfill this need even if there are minor disagreements about details.

6:30 p.m. Local Climate Action Plans (CAPs)
Earl Withycombe (California Air Resources Board, CARB) & Ralph Propper (CARB, retired)

- Earl gave a broad overview of local CAPs based on a short Powerpoint
View the Powerpoint here:
<<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9H0KF54EPuKVWFaXzRJYzd1bUdIYU9jZFo1ZVRCd28yOEdj/view?usp=sharing>>
- Ralph gave specific plans: San Diego (city & county). Sacramento city plan is aspirational, containing a long laundry list of possible actions without specifics about how to achieve them.
- **ACTION** (Earl W., Alex R.): Earl is willing to hold a Climate Action Plan workshop, but this will have to wait until after Sacramento Earth Day (April 24th)

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)
- STA Measure B, Carbon tax (CCL)
- City of Sacramento Bicycle Master Plan
- City of Sacramento proposed bike-share program
- Brandon Rose (ECOS President) attended a meeting sponsored by the Governor's Office of Planning & Research regarding a new interchange at Hazel & US 50: <<http://www.ceqanet.ca.gov/ProjDocList.asp?ProjectPK=644007>>
- This proposed project involves a major flyover and appears intended to support sprawl development.
- Chris Brown (350 Sacramento) explained the status of the effort to get Benicia to ban an expanded oil facility in that city. On Feb 11th the Benicia Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny the EIR for the proposed facility, and the Benicia City Council will review this decision some time later in March.

7:30 p.m. Adjourn

Next TAQCC meeting: Thursday, April 7th, 6:00 pm, at Mogavero Architects, 2012 K St.

Other upcoming meetings of interest:

March 21, 5:30 pm, location TBD. -- STAR meeting re RT fare increase

March 28, 5:30 pm, SEIU (1325 S Street) -- ECOS Board meeting

April 24, 11 am-4 pm, Southside Park -- Sacramento Earth Day