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## **ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee**

**Thursday, May 5th, 2016, 6:00 pm**

**Mogavero Architects, 2012 K Street, Sacramento**

### **Meeting Minutes**

*Attendance: Candace Rutt, Traci Canfield, Robert Coplin, Bob Boughton, Delphine Cathcart, Ralph Propper, Betsy Weiland, Greg Thompson, Jim Cathcart, Debra Desrosiers, Lynne Goldsmith, 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. -- Progress report on updating the ECOS 50 Year Transportation Vision  
John Deeter (TAQCC co-chair), Lynne Goldsmith, Traci Canfield, all

- *John started by reviewing the history of ECOS and its interest in transportation issues*
  - *ECOS recently completed an oral history project, which provides some background*
  - *ECOS started about 1970, just after first Earth Day*
  - *Many ECOS issues involved transportation and the links between related issues such as air quality, urban growth boundary, less auto dependence*
- *General discussion*
  - *Discrepancy between existing plans and current trends -- how to rationalize?*
  - *Give more consideration to urban clusters in suburbs as well as central city*
  - *Region needs better bike facilities*
  - *Vision should emphasize "visioning" rather than get into specific plans*
  - *Sequential discussion should follow the pattern vision -> policies -> implementation*
  - *Should be regional in scope -- all six counties in SACOG*
  - *Emphasize connection between land use and transportation like SACOG with Blueprint*
  - *Vision update does not need modeling -- initially stay out of the weeds*
  - *Seek advice from UC Davis faculty (Susan Handy, etc.)*
- *Form an "expert panel" from TAQCC members with expertise in transportation and air quality issues*
  - *Volunteers include: Greg, Lynne, Traci, Ralph (AQ), Brandon (AQ)*
  - *John will send out invitation for initial meeting*
  - *Prepare a draft Vision and report back to TAQCC in July*

6:35 p.m. -- Potential State funding for student transit pass programs

Jon Ellison (TAQCC co-chair)

- *Legislation has been introduced to provide additional subsidies for student transit programs*
  - *Would use cap & trade funding for limited 1-2 yr period*
  - *ARB decides how to split up grant distributed by Caltrans*
  - *3 million currently in colleges and universities, many more K-12 students*
- *Need more info; defer action to next TAQCC meeting*

Discussion of emerging transportation technologies, led by Traci Canfield

- *Would driverless cars produce more VMT and more congestion?*
  - *Depends on vehicle occupancy (HOVs good, SOVs bad)*
  - *Are shared vehicles solo occupant vehicles or a form of mass transit?*
  - *Can they help solve first mile/last mile problem?*
  - *Transit costs dominated by labor costs -- avoided by driverless cars*
- *Should use non-polluting clean vehicles*
- *Fold issue into Vision project*

6:50 p.m. -- Proposed County-wide Transportation Tax Measure B (Sacramento Transportation Authority) -- ECOS's Future Positions and Possible Actions -- All

- *ECOS may be constrained by settlement of Capitol Connector to stay neutral on Measure B in November*
  - *ECOS is seeking an opinion from its attorney before deciding on position*
  - *ECOS can still argue for increased money for transit and less for roads*
  - *Reasons not to support Measure B -- fixes in a bad deal for 30 yrs*
- *Other groups are opposing Measure B*
  - *Save the American River Assn.,*
  - *Sac. Transit Advocates & Riders*

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

7:30 p.m. -- Adjourn

Next TAQCC meeting: Thursday, June 2nd, 6:00 pm, at Mogavero Architects, 2012 K St

Other upcoming events of interest:

May is Bike Month -- please register and log your miles!

May 16, 5:30 pm, 3414 4th Ave. -- Sacramento Transit Advocates & Riders monthly meeting

May 23, 5:30 pm, location TBD -- ECOS Board meeting