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ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee

Thursday, January 5th, 2017, 6:00 pm

Mogavero Architects, 2012 K Street, Sacramento

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Larry Brohman (Caltrans), Traci Canfield (Sac. RT), Bill Gross (STAR), Jim Cathcart, Lynne Goldsmith (AARP), Delphine Cathcard, Steve Bourasa (STAR), Nailah Pope-Harden (CROP), Karen Jacques (STAR, 350 Sac), Nancy Kitz, Nancy Hughett, Dan Allison, Ralph Propper (Breathe CA), John Deeter (co-chair).

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

6:05 p.m. -- Proposed improvements to Capital City freeway (P St. to I-80 interchange near Watt) -- Larry Brohman (Caltrans)

Brohman: Caltrans now emphasizing integrated, effective transportation systems rather than building highways for increased vehicular capacity.

- *Mission: sustainable, integrated, efficient transportation system.*
- *Visions: values people, resources & partners, meets new challenges through leadership, innovation & teamwork.*
- *Goals: mobility & stewardship.*

The Capital City corridor (from interchange with I-80 near Watt to interchange with US 50 in Oak Park) is by far the most congested of any freeway in Sacramento, providing over half of the total delay in terms of vehicle hours. Caltrans reduced the scope of the project, from J St to Arden Way after the failure of Measure B last Nov. Looking at alternatives besides just adding general purpose lanes. Has already had discussions involving County & City of Sacramento, SACOG, SMAQMD, WalkSacramento, SABA.

Caltrans project scoping document include d some suggestions:

- *Bus/carpool lanes*
- *Auxiliary lines across the American river,*
- *Bus on shoulder,*
- *Widen American river bridge with bus/carpool lines, bike lanes*
- *Other bridge modifications*
- *Interchange enhancements*
- *Intelligent Transportation System elements*
- *Improvements to Exposition Blvd*

Improvements to the CapCity freeway is a high priority for Caltrans (and SACOG concurs), and it has pushed other projects lower down to free up funds for it. Prior to public outreach Caltrans has conducted an extensive "inreach" effort to understand traffic and connectivity issues from the perspectives of potential partners. This multimodal approach includes enhancements to transit system, improved connectivity to the bike/ped system, improved bike and ped safety, and efficiency enhancements to on/off ramps.

Project timeline includes more scoping, environmental clearance, final design, etc, leading to construction in the 2023-27 timeframe..

Larry Brohman can be contacted at 916-274-0627 or <larry.brohman@dot.cal.gov>.

Discussion: *Bike lanes across on the CalCity freeway across the American river are impractical -- would require ramps rising 40 foot, which would be very expensive ramps and present a challenging climb for many bicyclists. A low level bridge just for bikes and peds would be more practical.*

Is any project to increase vehicular capacity advisable at the present time? ARB climate change plan to meet mandated 2030 green house gas targets is going to require reductions in VMT and (presumably) automatically reduce congestion.

7:00 p.m. — Other Business and Announcements / Possible topics for future meeting
Future of Sacramento Regional Transit, Sacramento County
Climate Action Plan, ECOS Transportation Vision update,
Downtown Sacramento Transportation Plan (Grid 3.0), City of
Sacramento Bicycle Master Plan, Tri-city proposed bike-share program

Deeter: *TAQCC needs a work plan for 2017, with clearly defined goals and better involvement of committee members in activities between meetings with a part of TAQCC meetings devoted to member reports. Further discussion at the Feb. 2nd TAQCC meeting. An orientation for ECOS Board members is scheduled for the Jan 23rd meeting, with co-chairs reviewing the scope of activities of the various ECOS committees (including TAQCC).*

Sacramento Regional Transit: *A number of groups, including STAR, Transit 101, the Sierra Club, CROP, as well as ECOS, are interested in improving transit in the Sacramento area, but none so far has established clear leadership. Pope-Harden indicated that CROP is planning a transit summit probably in March that might provide the forum for coalescing the separate efforts.*

7:30 p.m. — Adjourn

Next TAQCC meeting: Thurs, Feb 2nd, 2017, 6:00 pm, at Mogavero Architects, 2012 K St.

Other upcoming events of interest:

Jan. 23rd, 6 pm, 909 12th St., 2nd floor -- ECOS Board meeting (Social time at 5:30 pm)