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ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee
Thursday, August 3rd, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
Mogavero Architects, 2012 K Street, Sacramento

Meeting Notes

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

Attendance: Robert Coplin, Xue Lor, Theo Goodwin, Richard Lentz, Lynne Goldsmith, Christopher Escarcega (Climate Plan), Cymande Jackson, Kevin Dumler, Dyane Osorio (Sierra Club), Matt Baker (ECOS staff), Ralph Propper (co-chair), John Deeter (co-chair).

6:05 p.m. – Background to Upcoming 2020 MTP/SCS

Matt Baker, ECOS staff

Baker: For 20 years ECOS has been involved with SACOG and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and was instrumental in getting land use included in the MTP through a lawsuit in the 1990s. This led to "Blueprint," a public process sponsored by SACOG involving a variety of stakeholders, that reviewed regional land use policies. The main focus of this effort was sustainability, primarily through a reduced urbanized footprint. ECOS is interested in other environmental issues involving transportation, such as electric vehicles, to help improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, but the connections between transportation and land use have been of paramount concern.

In 2006, the state legislature adopted AB32, which mandated GHG reductions by 40% in 2030 compared to 1990, and SB32 subsequently set a target of 80% reduction by 2050. These are very ambitious targets, and the Cap-and-Trade program was instituted to help achieve them. In 2008, SB375 mandated that the MTP include a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by promoting infill development. The State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is still finalizing the guidelines.

The CA Air Resources Board is currently updating targets for VMT reductions for SACOG and other MPOs to include in their MTPs. By 2016, the Sacramento region was not complying with greater land use densities mandated to increase transit use and reduce VMT. Caltrans has revised its goals to reduce VMT but is still expanding freeways. They still do not acknowledge the growth inducing impacts of new freeway lanes.

Discussion: The Volkswagen settlement is adding fast chargers to Alder Creek Housing Project and other low income communities. We will need another update on the status of this settlement.

Deeter: SACOG will begin public outreach for the 2020 MTP later this year. TAQCC should become involved in this effort right away. The co-chairs will invite a SACOG staff person to give TAQCC a presentation about the MTP/SCS in the near future.

7:00 p.m. -- Reports & Updates

- Transit & Sac. Transportation Choices -- Various

Discussion: STAR, Sac. Transportation Choices, and Sac. Transit Riders Union are meeting regularly (see upcoming meetings listed below). Other active transit groups include Ridership for the Masses and 350Sacramento Transit 101. The fate of a future Measure B is still uncertain, and Jeff Harris has been meeting with environmental groups to gauge support for a ballot measure next year.

- US 50 HOV lanes (I-5 to Watt Ave) -- **John Deeter**

Deeter: ECOS filed a lawsuit vs Caltrans in early July, and we need to raise money to pay legal costs. Your help in this effort would be much appreciated, especially in contacting neighborhood associations.

- Sac. County Climate Action Plan -- **Ralph Propper**

Propper: On May 24, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors hosted a workshop on its planned Climate Action Plan. With ECOS participation, a committee of 350Sacramento has been meeting to develop suggestions for County staff to include in the draft Plan expected this fall, especially in the areas of land use and transportation. These suggestions emphasize the need for infill development that can support transit and minimize VMT. Other important concepts include renewable energy, electric vehicles, active transportation an complete streets, and building energy efficiency.

- Other

Goldsmith: has written a briefing paper on SACOG, which is available for review.

7:25 p.m. – Other Business and Announcements / Possible topics for future meetings

- MTP/SCS -- **Kacey Lizon** ((SACOG)
- Air Quality -- **Alberto Ayala** (new Exec. Director of SMAQMD)

7:30 p.m. – Adjourn

Next TAQCC meeting: Thurs, Sept 7th, 6:00 p.m., at Mogavero Architects, 2012 K St.

Other upcoming events of interest:

Aug. 4 -- "An Inconvenient Sequel," opening at Davis Varsity and other theaters

Aug. 12, 10:30 am -- Sac. Transportation Choices, Organize Sacramento, 1714 Broadway

Aug. 15, 5:30 pm -- Sac. Transit Riders & Advocates, 1418 10th St, Sacramento

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