



**ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee
Thursday, February 1st, 2018, 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: Karen Jacques (STAR), Dan Hicks, Rick Bettis, Lynne Goldsmith, Jim Brown (SABA), Craig Segall, Bill Magavern (Coalition for Clean Air), Jeffery Tardaguila (Dogfite), Alex Reagan (ECOS staff), Ralph Propper (ECOS Pres.), John Deeter (Chair).

- Individual priorities/commitments for TAQCC in 2018

Deferred.

CapCity Freeway Expansion (added to agenda)

Brown (Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates) has extensive knowledge of the CapCity Freeway proposal based on SABA's early conversations with Caltrans District 3. His concerns include the status and availability of bicycle river crossings, impacts to the parkway, unsafe on and off-ramps along the corridor, lack of access to the city core by 20% of residents to the north of the American River, and potential changes that could be considered in scope and design of the project. The current congested condition of CapCity freeway affects bicyclists in Downtown and Midtown. Traffic is diverted to SR 160 causing congestion on 16th St. and making it unusable for bicyclists. Difficult for traffic to get across American River from some areas in North Sacramento that lack access to alternatives such as transit. Need more bike crossings of the American River -- Sac Northern trail provides only crossing for some five miles between Discovery Park and H St. bridge. Separate bike/ped bridge might cost \$20 million, financed by City of Sacramento. Bike lane on CapCity freeway bridge would be paid for from state funds as part of the project.

Seagall: Observed that Caltrans is proposing to spend over a half billion dollars in public funds on this project, and emphasized that the appropriate question at this juncture was whether this was the best investment. He agreed with Brown that the area needs large design solutions. He pointed out that road widening, on its own, is likely to increase vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and move congestion -- rather than fix it. The result, he argued, would be continued traffic and auto-based design for the river front, after more than a decade of construction. He argued that ECOS would do well to work with neighborhood groups and others to develop a positive vision that recognizes and develops the region's strengths: its diverse and connected communities, active transportation, and the river and Parkway. Accordingly, he suggested an active organizing effort. Ultimately, he suggested, the focus should be on pushing Caltrans for a wider range of alternatives and project options, with the support of much of the community. He suggested such an effort would also be good for ECOS, as it would provide a chance to articulate a broad vision, and to connect with diverse and varied communities around the region. He urged formation of a project working group to pursue this work.

Goldsmith: *Provided background information, a list of steps to prepare for potential future discussions with Caltrans about CapCity freeway. Will be preparing a list of questions for Caltrans and suggested a possible meeting with the project manager at District 3 headquarters in Marysville. with others concerned about the project, and invite Caltrans back to a future TAQCC meeting. She requested feedback from others on their thoughts about the project and how to proceed.*

6:20 p.m. – Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

- What goes into the MTP/SCS and how ECOS/TAQCC can be involved

Deeter: *Intends for the MTP/SCS to be a major focus of TAQCC this year, since it involves the connection between land use and transportation.. In addition, state greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets could be a major constrain on vehicular travel (VMT) allowed in the plan. Looking for ways to get involved and influence SACOG in developing the plan.*

6:40 p.m. -- Electric & Autonomous Vehicles -- Opportunities & Challenges

- Formation of subcommittee

Deferred.

6:55 p.m. – Intercity Passenger Rail -- Capitol Corridor & San Joaquin Services

- Elk Grove Multimodal Station -- ECOS Comment Letter on Location

Deeter: *ECOS has written a letter opposing locating the Multimodal Station near the southern Elk Grove city limits, because this location could be used to justify sprawl. This letter will be sent to Elk Grove city council and staff in a week or so.*

- Sac. Valley Station Master Plan & station design

Deeter: *SVS Master Plan includes very rough preliminary designs for a new intermodal transportation facility to eventually replace the historic building. Renovation of the historic station has been completed and it continues to serve in that capacity although it is nearly 1,000 feet from the relocated platforms. City has responsibility for the station and is reluctant to make significant improvements because it expects new facility to be built in about 20 years. There is little pressure to do anything since major expansion of train service (particularly Capitol Corridor) is unlikely until Phase 1 of High Speed Rail is completed, currently scheduled for 2029.*

Brown: *Has attended stakeholder meetings regarding access to the new facility. Many intercity bus operators (Greyhound, etc) have expressed interest in serving an expanded station,. Discussions include how many bus bays would be required, where they would be located, and where staging areas could be put. Concerns include internal circulation, and access to the station by bus operators and other modes. Bike access is currently poor, and needs to be improved. Bicyclists would like to get as close as possible to the platforms. City staff working on the SVS Master Plan are still taking public comments. **Discussion:** Vehicular access into the station is already problematic, with backups on 5th St. are common.*

7:10 p.m. -- Other Possible Topics TAQCC Should Cover in 2018 & Updates

- Transit advocacy, transportation coalition & Measure B

Goldsmith: *Sac. Transportation Choices had an excellent workshop last Saturday, featuring Karym Sanchez, the local organizer with Gameliel, on how to effectively influence elected officials particularly in meetings.*

- Green Line to Airport including bridge over American River Pkwy
- CapCity freeway & other freeway expansions

Discussed above.

- Sacramento County Climate Action Plan

- Transit Oriented Development
- Repeal of SB1

7:40 p.m. – Other Business and Announcements / Possible topics for future meetings

Discussion: Possible speakers for March and April meetings: SACOG re MTP/SCS, Caltrans re CapCity freeway. Other upcoming meetings:

Feb. 6, 3 pm -- ARB Workshop on Senate Bill 375, CA EPA, Sierra Hearing Room, 1001 I St, Sacramento

Feb 7, 5:30 pm -- LAFCo Hearing on Elk Grove's Latest Attempt to Sprawl, 700 H St, Sacramento

7:45 p.m. (approx.) – Adjourn

Next TAQCC meeting: Thurs, March 1st, 6:00 p.m., Mogavero Architects, 2012 K St.

Other upcoming events of interest:

Jan. 31, 9:30 am -- Bike Hub Grand Opening, Sac. Valley Station

Jan. 31, 5 pm -- Draft Bicycle Master Plan, Sac. City Hall, 915 I St.

Feb. 10, 10 am -- Sacramento Transit Advocates & Riders, 1714 Broadway

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