



**ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee**  
**Thursday, July 12th, 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:* Rick Castro (EOS), Lawrence Fox, Lynne Goldsmith, Beilul Naizghi, Jeffery Tardaguila (Dogfite), James Cathcart (EOS), Delphine Cathcart (STAR), Jon Ellison, Ralph Propper (ECOS Pres.), John Deeter (chair).

**6:05 p.m.** – Updates, reports and discussion of current topics

- Transit advocacy, transportation coalition & Measure A-plus

*Measure A-plus* is now scheduled for the Nov. 2020 election. Dyane Osorio (Sierra Club) is working on a meeting in mid August featuring Los Angeles people who helped pass their Measure M. The goal is to form a broad progressive transportation coalition, more than just transit advocates.

**RT developments:** There is an RT clean-up bill -- AB 709 sponsored by McCarty – that will allow RT to initiate up to a half cent tax measure and change the way Board votes are counted. Only Sacramento City and County, and Rancho Cordova are full members, Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Elk Grove are partial members. Mike Wiley (previous TR General Manager, now on the Breathe CA Board) has suggested we talk to McCarty about modifying the Regional Transit district. RT bid on managing Yolobus and will be bidding on Roseville Transit, but it will take legislation to change the district boundaries. RT has \$1.2m shortfall in the FY 2019 budget, Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) and SACOG will make up the deficit. SBI funding is all going to capital projects. Current polls predict that SBI will be repealed.

**STA** issued an RFP in June for assistance in preparing Measure A-plus with proposals due August 1st. Board members Schenirer, Kennedy and Peters will review the proposals and make a recommendation to the full Board at the August meeting, with the final decision scheduled for September. The RFP appears to allow the consultant a great deal of leeway, including an optional part two for community outreach, drafting language for the measure, and opinion research. No dollar amount is specified. Apparently part two will only be pursued if STA decides to go ahead with Measure A-plus. Glenda Marsh (350 Sacramento) has requested a meeting with Kennedy to provide input for the RFP process.

**STA** has started a listening tour by board members. Propper would like a subcommittee of to draft a letter to STA asking them to delay the RFP, and he appointed Deeter and Goldsmith as members.

*ECOS has been invited by STA ED Norm Hom to give a 10 minutes presentation at the Board meeting on August 9th.*

***SacRT Forward** is the study underway by JWA consultants to reorganize the bus routing and schedules. Comment that RT staff don't understand the tools in the JWA toolbox. The two James from RT (Drake and Boyle) are scheduled to give a presentation to Sac TRU in the near future [Ed. note: July 28th]. Boyle is also schedule to talk about RT's involvement in transit oriented development (TOD) at the ECOS Board meeting on July 24th.*

***Actions:** Prepare letter to request delay in the Measure A-plus RFP (**Goldsmith and Deeter**); prepare remarks for STA Board meeting on August 9th (**Propper and Deeter**).*

- **Plans to expand CapCity freeway (Business 80) and mobility across the American River**

***Craig Segall** has drafted a letter addressed to both Caltrans headquarters and District 3 requesting a meeting with Caltrans staff to discuss the broader issues raised by the proposed CapCity (Business 80) expansion that he feels the project team is unable to address. There was a discussion about whether to address the letter just to Caltrans District 3 and cc Caltrans headquarters, perhaps requesting a meeting with all District 3 project managers.*

*How much responsibility does Caltrans have over river crossings serving Sacramento city, and how much falls on the local jurisdictions (city and county)? Sacramento city is working with West Sac on the new I Street and Broadway bridges across the Sacramento River. But it's the bigger mobility problem is across the American River. Sacramento city is backing the CapCity project. Sacramento county is responsible for the American River Parkway.*

*Why send this letter to Caltrans headquarters, and not just to District 3? Some sentiment that HQ is more progressive, and might be able to get issues such as VMT and induced traffic growth included in the EIR. Also look at rail alternatives, such as Capitol Corridor and light rail to Watt/I-80. Is there someone specific at HQ that we could send the letter to? Perhaps **Betsy Weiland** could get names of people at Caltrans headquarters that are interested in our issues.*

***Action:** Revise the letter to Caltrans, including determination of who to send it to (**Segall, Weiland, and Deeter**).*

- **Letter of support for Sacramento City ordinance to restrict incompatible uses in transit oriented developments (TODs)**

***Sacramento city** is considering an ordinance to restrict incompatible uses near TODs, mainly auto related uses would not be allowed within one-quarter mile of a light rail station. Scheduled for Design Commission and Law & Leg committee in August, and action by the City Council in September. ECOS should support the most stringent option.*

**7:40 p.m.** – Other business and announcements / Possible topics for future meetings  
***ECOS Board** meeting on July 24th will feature three speakers;*

- *Prof. Jesus Hernandez (UC Davis Sociology) on ways to achieve equity*
- *James Boyle (Sac RT) on RT's involvement in TOD planning*
- *Cathy Creswell (Sac Housing Alliance) on how to achieve affordable housing*

**7:45 p.m.** (approx.) – Adjourn

Next TAQCC meeting: Thurs, Aug. 9th, 6:00 p.m., Mogavero Architects, 2012 K St.

Other upcoming events of interest:

June 14, 1 pm -- Sacramento Transit Riders Union (Sac TRU), 1714 Broadway

July 24, 6 pm -- ECOS Board meeting, 909 12th St., Sacramento (reception at 5:30)

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