



Comment to Sacramento Transportation Authority by ECOS

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ECOS consists of 20 locally-based member organizations, as well as many individual members. Since 1971, we have promoted infill development and transit, as opposed to sprawl – to save habitat, reduce pollution, and more recently -- to deal with climate change.

We are gratified that Mayor Steinberg and CARB have recognized that new highway projects must demonstrate that they would not exacerbate climate change, in order to be eligible for funding under Measure A⁺. We strongly support the funding that would be provided to the Air District. We are pleased that Measure A⁺'s draft expenditure plan (DEP) would provide a much greater percentage of funding for transit, compared to 2016's ill-fated Measure B.

However, the DEP would not provide as great a percentage for transit as the current Measure A. Since current Measure A was approved by voters, the existential threat of climate change has become more obvious and serious. Also, the affordable housing crisis has become California's biggest problem. Therefore, future county growth must be higher density, and transit-oriented. We can only accomplish this by providing more funding for transit and less money for new roads.