



ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee

Thursday, April 2, 2020, 5:45 p.m.

Videoconference, hosted by Zoom

Meeting Notes

5:45 p.m. – Social time -- meet and greet

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

Attendance: Jeff Tardaguila (Sac TRU), Robert Meagher, Susan Herre, Dan Allison (STAR), Jon Ellison, Bill Magavern (Coalition for Clean Air), Julia Randolph (CCA), Steven Bourasa (Eye on Sacramento), Angela Elizabeth Jackson (SacMoves/SMART), Dale Paige (Citizen's Climate Lobby), Suzy Murray (SMART), Sue Teranishi (SABA, Br), May Lin Chang (350 Sacramento), Alex Reagan (ECOS staff), Ralph Propper (ECOS Pres.), Lynne Goldsmith (co-chair), John Deeter (co-chair).

Guest: Roger Dickinson (SacMoves/SMART).r

6:15 p.m. – Update on Measure A-plus and SacMoves/SMART coalition

- **Roger Dickinson**

Roger has served as a California Assembly member, and recently chaired the Sacramento Transportation Coalition. Before that, he chaired Regional Transit's Board of Directors, and was President of "Friends of Light Rail".

*Propper: Introduces **Roger Dickinson**.*

***Dickinson:** Provides an overview of the history of transit funding in Sacramento Region:*

1988 - Measure A provided a half cent sales tax for transportation

2004 - Renewal of Measure A, expires in 2039

2016 - Senate Bill 1 increased the gas tax and provided more funding for transportation (Creates the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and local street and road system. The bill requires the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to adopt performance criteria, consistent with a specified asset management plan, to ensure efficient use of certain funds available for the program.)

2016 - Unsuccessful campaign for new transportation Measure B

2020 - Sacramento Transit Authority (STA) proposal, however, includes 60% roads & fix it first-40% for transit. (40-year measure with \$3b for Regional Transit (RT). Henri Li believes this is the best they can get.)

March 5 - Mayor Steinberg letter to the STA Board supports adding language to expand plan: add language about GHG reduction. Any project not in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Sustainable Community Strategy (MTP/SCS) must meet

“mitigation factor” with ultimate decision being made by Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG). Connector would have to demonstrate conformity with the 19% reduction target in GHG emissions specified by the MTP/SCS.

March 24 - Sacramento City Council unanimously approved the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP).

SacMoves/SMART Coalition SUPPORTS the following:

- 1. * More focus on transit funding. 50% for transit and 50% for fix it first.*
 - 2. * Growth Management Plans, GHG emission reduction wording modeled on Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).*
 - 3. Expenditure plan should include annual review and amendment per Public Utilities Code. (In theory this is possible but in practice doesn't happen. Supervisor Frost is opposed and ad hoc committee voted to remove from measure.)*
 - 4. The plan should provide greater level of mobility choices.*
 - 5. Explore more opportunity to amend TEP.*
 - 6. Support Mayor's language about meeting 19% GHG emission reduction target.*
 - 7. Encourage supportive Board members to pursue changes.*
 - 8. Draft new letter with first two points for next week.*
 - 9. Defer next steps until appropriate timing.*
- * Immediate focus – rest, long term.*

Timing of Measure A pros and cons. Contra Costa and Marin County measures failed in March. School bonds measures also struggled. The COVID-19 epidemic may focus spending to protect health. Decision will be made in July whether to vote in November or wait until 2024. High support for measure needed from City of Sacramento residents.

Distribution of \$2 trillion Federal stimulus bill still to be determined. Highway Trust Fund (HTF) borrows from gas tax, which has not been raised, to fulfill its obligation.

● Discussion and follow-up

Discussion: *We need to look beyond 2020; there isn't time to get public onboard. “We'll have to live with a 2/3 vote to pass measures for a while.” SacRT feels it is the current version is best they can get and if it fails, they'll have to look at other sources.*

Who will support it? It needs a campaign committee to underwrite campaign. Typically this comes from construction companies and labor unions. Needs offsets but SB 375 does not allow offsets.

Who would advocate for transit? SacRT cannot advocate, but can only provide information. Should wait until mid-May to reassess our position on Measure A. Include compliance with MTP/SCS language in ordinance.

Actions:

- *Send out action alerts or email blasts to encourage the public to continue commenting (emails and letters).*
- *Publicize email addresses of board members.*
- *Remotely observe meetings discussing TEP (Rancho Cordova, Folsom, Citrus Heights, Galt, Isleton, Board of Supervisors (mid-July), California Transportation Commission (CTC)).*

7:30 p.m. – Updates, reports and discussion of other current topics

- Mayors' Commission on Climate Change
- SACOG's "Green Means Go" campaign
- Climate Emergency Declarations
- Elk Grove City and Sacramento County Climate Action Plans

Propper: *Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will consider adopting a County Climate Action Plan (CAP) at their meeting next Tuesday, April 7. People can submit comments online.*

Discussion: *Jackson Highway project is leap frog development and needs GHG mitigation. ECOS might sue the county over allowing the NewBridge project, and is pursuing its legal options.*

7:40 p.m. – Other business and announcements / Topics for future meetings

Virtual meetings

Goldsmith & Deeter: *We expect TAQCC meetings will be conducted online using Zoom for at least the next couple of months. We will try to arrange a prep tutorial for using Zoom.*

7:45 p.m. (approx.) – Adjourn

Next TAQCC meeting: Thurs., April 2, 5:45 p.m., probably videoconference

Correction: *Next meeting is Thursday, May 7, 5:45 pm.*

Other upcoming events of interest:

April 9, 1:30 pm -- [Sacramento Transportation Authority](#) meeting, Channel 14

April 26 -- Sacramento Earth Day event CANCELED

For information about joining this meeting, contact John Deeter <jdeeter@gmail.com>

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