



**ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee
Thursday, September 9, 2021, 5:45 p.m.
Videoconference, hosted by Zoom**

Link to join the TAQCC Zoom Meeting: <<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85805612058>>
To phone in: 669 900 6833, Meeting ID: 858 0561 2058

Meeting Notes

5:45 pm – Social time -- meet and greet

6:00 pm – Welcome, Introductions, Check-Ins, and Changes to Agenda

Attendance: Karen Jacques, Michzel Garabedian, Deb Banks (SABA), Lynne Goldsmith, Sue Teranishi, Muriel Strand, Logan Legg, Ann Kohl, Alex Reagan (ECOS staff), Susan Herre (ECOS), Ralph Propper (ECOS Pres.), John Deeter (TAQCC chair).

Guest: Jennifer Donlon Wyant (City of Sacramento).

6:05 pm – City of Sacramento [Transportation Priorities Plan](#)

- Jennifer Donlon Wyant. Transportation Planning Manager, City of Sacramento
This plan, currently being developed, will prioritize the City's future transportation investments

Donlon Wyant: The City of Sacramento has about \$42 million per year to construct new or upgrade existing transportation infrastructure, but \$5 billion in identified projects. It would take 120 years to clear the backlog at the current rate of construction. The goal of the Transportation Priorities Plan (TPP) currently being developed is to prioritize the City's investment in transportation infrastructure.

Phase 1 of this effort centered on community outreach to identify mobility values for project prioritization. Five areas of concern were identified: (1) Air quality, health and climate change; (2) Equitable investments; (3) Access for all; (4) Transportation safety; (5) Fixing and maintenance.

A draft list of priority projects is currently being developed as the next step.

Q: Where does the \$42 million come from? **A:** Much of it from the Measure A sales tax and grants from SACOG; no money from the City's General Fund.

Q: Sacramento is not a safe city -- shouldn't transportation safety be the highest priority? How does this plan interact with Zero Vision of no traffic fatalities? **A:** Many transportation projects address safety issues such as crosswalks.

Q: Who does the weighting of projects? **A:** City staff makes recommendations which the Council usually adopts.

Q: How is the TPP integrated with the City's General Plan? **A:** The GP sets overarching policies but does not address specific projects.

Q: How does maintenance fit into the TPP? **A:** Often through layering, by doing several things in the same project.

Q: Will there be citizen input into prioritizing projects, such as partnerships with community groups?

A: The City usually provides opportunities for input when projects are developed.

Q: What is the status of Franklin improvements? **A:** A long range plan including lane reduction is in the works.

7:05 pm – Other current issues

- Sacramento County Climate Action Plan

Herre: Drafts of the County CAP and associated EIR were released Tuesday Sept. 7 for a 30 day public review period. Meetings with County Supervisors are planned.

Q: Will there be City Council workshops for the City CAP? **A:** This is still in the works, and a workshop for the County Supervisors for the County CAP would also be a good idea.

- CapCity freeway bridge over American River

Propper: ECOS filed a lawsuit last year against Caltrans over expansion of the CapCity bridge without a full EIR. We are currently in discussions with Caltrans lawyers and staff about settlement possibilities. Save the American River Association has raised some environmental issues although they are not a party in the lawsuit.

- Climate Emergency Declarations (Chris Brown)

7:35 pm – Other business and announcements / Topics for future meetings

7:45 pm (approx.) – Adjourn

Next TAQCC meeting: Thursday, October 7, 5:45 p.m., videoconference

Other upcoming events of interest:

Sept. 11, 1 pm -- [Sac Transit Riders Union](#) (videoconference)

Sept. 29, 6 pm -- ECOS Board featuring Jeanie Ward-Waller, Caltrans
Meeting moved to Wednesday instead of usual fourth Tuesday

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