

Draft Minutes of the September 29, 2021, ECOS Board Meeting

President Ralph Propper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: ECOS Board Members: Ralph Propper, Susan Herre, Lynne Goldsmith, Jon Ellison, Robert Meagher, Lita Brydie, Quincy Stivers, Chis Brown, Chelsea Kelly Reif, Nancy Hughett, Gabriel Balensiefer, John Deeter, Tina Suarez-Murias, Michael O'Sullivan, Brandon Rose, Marko Pavlović, Andy Sawyer

Guests: Kacey Lizon, Eric Sundquist, Jeanie Ward-Waller, Chris Ganson, Greg Taylor, Heather Fargo, John Beutler, Jennifer Holden, Ann Stausboll, Muriel Strand, Ali Doerr, Westbrook, Angela Herring, Neal Matouka, Rob Cunningham, Kai Cooper, Victoria Vasquez, Molly Basinger, Karen Jacques, Laurie Rivlin Heller, Kelly Delaney, May Lin Chan, Kathy Dodson, Oscar Balaguer, Ilonka Zlatar, Sue Teranishi, David Von Aspern

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan.

I. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (O'Sullivan, seconded by Ellison): that the minutes of the July 27, 2020, ECOS board meeting, as amended, and the agenda for the September 29, 2021, ECOS board meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

II. Green Means Go

Kacey Lizon, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Deputy Executive Director made a presentation on Green Means Go. The program is intended to promote infill housing to enable our region to meet the State's mandate for 19% per-capita greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction by 2035. The State has approved \$38 million in funding to SACOG for the program. Much of the potential for infill in the region is along commercial corridors. The funding will be used for infrastructure in these areas.

III. Senate Bill (SB) 743 (Stats. 2013, ch. 386)

Eric Sundquist from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) made a presentation on implementation of SB 743. The law effectively replaces level of service (LOS) with vehicle miles travelled (VMT) for purposes of analyzing transportation impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This requires analysis of induced travel from land use projects and highway expansion. Caltrans' guidance assumes a 1% increase in VMT from a 1% increase in Interstate lane-miles, and a 0.75% VMT increase from other lane-miles. Interchanges are more difficult to analyze. The guidance prefers avoiding increases in capacity and mitigated VMT increases where capacity is increased, although statements of overriding considerations are still allowed. The guidance applies to projects already being planned but not yet under construction. Implementation is left to Caltrans districts, however, hence implementation may vary based on different priorities in different districts.

IV. Reports

A. Organizational Development

Nancy Hughett reported that Earth Day planning will start in December. The Organizational

Development Committee is also planning field trips and orientation for new volunteers.

B. Land Use

Robert Meagher reported that at its September meeting the Land Use Committee heard a presentation on the Living Community at the Sacramento Valley Station.

C. Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change Committee

John Deeter is reported that the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change Committee heard about the City of Sacramento's transportation planning at its September meeting. The October meeting will address an air quality collaboration among SACOG, Sacramento Regional Transit, and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District to invest in electric vehicles.

D. Treasurer

Earl Withycombe distributed a treasurer's report by e-mail. ECOS has filed its form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service

E. Director of Operations

Alexandra Reagan reported that Ralph Propper, Lita Brydie, and Alexandra put on a climate justice event.

F. President

Ralph Propper reported that ECOS has been meeting with supervisors and planning commission members on the Sacramento County climate action plan. There will be a press conference October 11. The plan ignores the largest source of GHG: VMT.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.