

**ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 4th, 2015
Mogavero Notestine Associates, 2012 K Street
6:00 – 7:30 pm**

Attendees:

Jon Ellison, ECOS Treasurer
Katie Moose, CA Dept of Public Health
Ralph Propper, Breathe CA Representative on ECOS board
John Deeter, TAQCC cmte co-chair
Alex Reagan, ECOS
Traci Canfield, RT
Kirk Trost, SACOG
Kacey Lizon, SACOG
Karen Jacques
Kenneth Wilcox, Preservation Sacramento (formerly SOCA)
Delphine Cathcart
James Cathcart
Brandon Rose

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

6:05 p.m. -- 2016 Sacramento Regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Kacey Lizon, MTP/SCS Manager, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (“SACOG”)
View the packet of information provided by SACOG at the meeting [here](#).

- SACOG is planning for the 2016 MTP/SCS now.
- SACOG has been able to conform with the Federal Standards, but it has been a concern in the past. ECOS once sued SACOG for not conforming to the federal air quality plans. The 2016 plan should comply. One pollutant that they were worried about looks like it is not going to make the plan exceed federal standards.
- ECOS helped lay the foundation for SACOG’s blueprint.
- In every Regional Transportation Plan since the blueprint was added, land use has been much more of a focus.
- The blueprint principles are used when SACOG reviews a land use component of the MTP.
- SACOG’s Blueprint set the framework for SB 375.
- When we use Smart Growth principles and plan transit-oriented development (TOD), we reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) have a smaller impact on ag and open spaces.
- The 2012 MTP was a very high-performing plan, and was first one to have SCS in it and concrete goals for GHG emissions (bc of passing SB 375)
- The policy themes adopted for the 2016 MTP/SCS focus on Transportation Funding & Investment Strategy
- Next Step: Draft Plan of the 2016 MTP/SCS – targeted for September 2015
- The Final Plan is targeted for February 2016.
- Strategies for SACOG to support implementation plan will be in Chapter 6 of the final plan.
- “Fix It First” strategy - invest more in repair & maintenance.
- SACOG predicts what will happen with land use, but don’t have any control over that.

- SACOG predicts greenfield developments are going to be more bicycle-friendly, walkable, connected, compact, TOD.
- Active Transportation and the health co-benefits of GHG reductions are included in the plan.
- The draft should be reviewed and comments given to get the best possible final plan.
- ECOS' Transportation Vision goes beyond what SACOG can do by law (because ECOS is not financially constrained or constrained by what the region wants to do)
- ECOS wants to deemphasize auto programs – we'd like to see funding split 60-40, in favor of active transportation instead of the other way around.
- 2016 MTP/SCS predicts:
 - VMT and congestion per capita will decrease
 - More people will live within a half-mile of transit
- One thing SACOG says they cannot control is gas prices. Some of the reductions in VMT we've seen in recent past years have been due to increases in gas prices. With gas prices expected to decrease, VMT miles will probably increase. SACOG will also receive less funding because of this.
- Placer County is planning to put a sales tax on the ballot so that is a new source of funding.
- Cap-and-trade will also be a source of revenue for SACOG.
- Relationship between transit and vehicles – SACOG assumes a lot of the auto-system funding is going to go to maintenance, not expansion
- SACOG wants to implement a policy/strategy for marrying road rehabilitation with the Complete Streets program – under cap and trade funds. This means that if a road was to be repaired, it would also be simultaneously reviewed for potential complete streets improvements – sidewalks, bike lanes, etc., incl. safety. They are hoping to get a grant for this this year.
- SACOG says streetcar is what we need for the urban core. They also say they may be too ambitious about their projections of infill development they need to make it work.
- SACOG would like to present ECOS' TAQCC cmte about the streetcar.

7:05 p.m. -- Possible project to update the ECOS 50 Year Transportation Vision (2004)

7:25 p.m. – Other Business and Announcements –

Upcoming Agenda Items:

July 2nd – Potential topics for next TAQCC mtg.

Vision project

RT long term plan

July 13th – Land Use cmte mtg. Tentative joint meeting with ECOS Land Use Committee and Transportation, Climate Change & Climate Change on possible increase in County transportation sales tax

7:30p.m. – Adjourn