



December 10, 2019

To: Mayor and Council

From: SMART/SacMoves Coalition *Smed*

Re: Council Workshop Discussion Item 49 – Transportation Funding and Priorities

Mayor Steinberg and Members of the City Council,

Sacramento Metro Advocates for Rail and Transit (SMART) and SacMoves submit these comments in response to the proposed Resolution approving Guiding Principles for Transportation Funding. On behalf of our broad-based coalition of business, labor and community groups, we thank the Mayor and Council, City Manager Howard Chan, and Ryan Moore and his Public Works staff for listening and responding to the community members who spoke and submitted comments at the Council's workshop on October 29, 2019.

We support the proposed Guiding Principles in Resolution Attachment A, which will frame the direction given the Council appointees to the Sacramento Transportation Authority in developing a Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) for the proposed transportation sales tax measure. We also support the Council's interim transportation project funding criteria proposed in Resolution Section 3: safety, maintaining a state of good repair, promoting reductions in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, advancing technological improvements, equity, and cost-effectiveness.

On Thursday, December 12, we will submit to STA a more detailed Policy Framework with proposed policies and guidelines to ensure that Measure A will meet the Council's objectives. At this critical juncture in Sacramento's growth, we can ill afford to settle for second best. We need the best possible plan for Sacramento's future, one that puts us in a position to compete for jobs and for state and federal dollars and that meets state and federal air quality, transportation and climate change policies.

We will also be recommending that the STA Board direct its staff to conduct a VMT and GHG analysis of the impacts of both the Draft TEP proposed by STA and an alternative plan shaped by our Policy Framework. This analysis should also examine how the alternative plans align with SACOG's recently adopted MTP/SCS, as well as with state requirements under SB 743 and the recommendations of the Mayors' Climate Change Commission. We understand that the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District is available to lead a multi-agency team to perform this important work in the timeframe set forth in the STA staff/consultant report. We ask the Mayor and Council to join us in recommending that this critical conformity analysis be performed before adopting a final expenditure plan.