



July 14, 2020

Chair Suen and Members of the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) Board,

Re: July 15, 2020 Board Agenda Item 3: Consideration of Repeal of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 and Withdrawal of Request to the Board of Supervisors to Place the Measure on the November Ballot

As you know, members of the Sacramento Metro Advocates for Rail and Transit (SMART) and SacMoves coalition have been longstanding participants in the process to develop an ordinance and expenditure plan to put before Sacramento County voters this coming November. While we have had our reservations regarding the ordinance and plan that were ultimately adopted, we believe the STA process was significantly better this time than that used in 2018 when the previous Measure B was developed.

Now, however, with the extraordinary circumstances in which we find our community due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we recognize the necessity to re-evaluate whether to put the current measure on the ballot this year. The recently completed polling shows that while a majority of voters support an additional half-cent sales tax measure, that support does not rise to the two-thirds majority required by law for successful passage.

Regardless of your decision on this year's ballot measure, we assure you that our coalition will continue its commitment to advocate for the financial resources, plans and policies that will contribute to building a community that provides mobility choices for all, a healthy environment, a strong economy, equity, and sustainable neighborhoods. As we look to the future, we believe we can and must do much better to achieve these goals. We look forward to working with you in this endeavor.

On behalf of the entire SMART/SacMoves coalition, we thank you for your consideration of these comments during these trying times.

Yours truly,


Roger Dickinson and Steve Cohn