

SacMoves/SMART Meeting September 18, 2020

Attendees:

Deb Banks, Chris Brown, Steve Cohn, John Deeter, Ali Doerr, Chris Flores, Joann Fuller, Patrick Guild, Russell Henly, Susan Herre, Angela Herring, Chris Holm, Kendra Lewis, Alison MacLeod, Glenda Marsh, Dyane Osario, Ralph Propper, Adrian Rehn, Barbara Stanton, Anne Stausboll, Jeff Tardaguila, Sue Teranishi, Emel Wadhwani, Betsy Weiland

Next Coalition Meeting: Friday, October 16, at 10:00 AM

Note:

Please contact Steve Cohn if interested in joining Climate Change subcommittee

Mayors Commission on Climate Change:

Climate Czar, city manager reporting back in 30-45 days from August 5. Will likely appoint interim person from within before hiring. One week from today on Law and Leg. Committee will come back with a framework for ordinance. Would take 4-5 months to get adopted. Asked staff to figure out a way to do slow streets and to identify funding to do free transit for youth because it expires at the end of this month. Asked staff to complete urban forestry master plan, create economic development strategy for green jobs, EJ gov board, and develop work plan for all the above for staff to come back and identify resources for that. Climate Plan from Oakland will contract to facilitate but will be locally lead. Nailah Pope-Harden will lead with community stakeholders. Climate Action Plan reported in August. Included buildings but not EV and transit.

Will need a SMART/SacMoves subcommittee for climate change planning with cities. Will need another Zoom meeting. When Climate Czar issue comes back up, it might be time to bring up issue of silos. Letter from coalition sooner than later to council to make sure council is cognizant of what is being suggested in the plan.

There is another group already meeting at noon on Fridays and Deb will send info to this coalition. There is also a group led by Sac350 and Laurie Litman that meets on Thursdays. So there are additional ways to get involved in the Climate Change work.

County Climate Action Plan – Ralph

Sacramento County does not have one despite having promised one for the last nine years. County has contracted with Ascent Environmental to draft a plan. Hope to draft one by end of year. Todd has formed a stakeholder group consisting of Building Associations, ECOs, AQMD, SACOG, Sac 350. Hasn't gotten into substantial conversations yet. Preliminary public comment period ends one week from today. Email will go out this week to ECOS' network encouraging comment on the plan. Should make sure Greg Fishmann is plugged into this so in the event he prevails, he is plugged in and there are three votes lined up. He has said it needs to come off the shelf and be updated and implemented. If anyone listening has a contact with Greg's opponent, worth briefing him also.

Definite need for a subcommittee. Anne is interested in participating.

Slow Streets – Deb

The Mayor said yes and has celebrated it publicly. But it still is not funded, so working on a funding strategy. APC has written letter in support of this effort. JDW is working on a process she is going to bring to the council. She 30-45 days but thinks she will have something much sooner. It is important to have a neighborhood focus and having people come forward to sponsor streets. The streets should be 25 mph or under, no emergency vehicles or heavy equipment. Ali has been talking to Midtown Business Association and has recently spoken to the City of Oakland, who has over 70 miles of slow streets in their community. Led, implemented, and funded by the City. Spent about \$150k on materials. Need to get neighborhood/business associations talking about it and let residents know that it is not something that has to be done to the community, but instead is something communities can ask for.

SacRT – Chris Flores

SacRT had a Board mtg on Monday and they reconsidered previous vote on streetcar. Had a missing member before who carried significant weight causing it to miss the needed 50%. Next steps are going back to respective city councils. The streetcar would require 1.5 track miles from Sac Valley Station with stop in Old Sacramento and a stop at Sutter Field. Accommodate low floor LR vehicles.

Board did approve RydeFreeRT for year two. had 136% student ridership growth in February.

Wednesday presented update for SmartRT Ride to STA. Received operational grant from STA to operate eight zones. Back in front of the Board in October hoping to expand zones. July was the largest ridership they have seen ever, pre or post pandemic. There are nine zones and 45 cutaway vehicles, nine of which are electric.

Del Rio Trail project – Walnut Grove/UP line through South Land Park, 4.5 mile stretch that RT owns is transferring to city to expand bike network. City has trail already funded.

Regional Rail - Alison MacLeod

Stockton Diamond Interchange got lots funding and underway on EIR's and planning. Final EIR released in the next few weeks.

Additional items

Roger – There was a citizens initiative in SF that didn't get 2/3 vote but got a majority and courts have determined it was legal. Tax measure put on ballot by citizens and board of appeal said it only needed majority vote, not a 2/3 vote. Supreme Court denied reviewing, so for the moment, it stands as the law in CA. We may be on a path toward conclusion that a citizen tax initiative will only need a simple majority. Worth pursuing with SacRT and their legal division to pursue something related in Sacramento pertaining to transit.