



February 2, 2021

Dear Mayor Steinberg and Members of the Sacramento City Council,

**Re: February 2, 2021 Agenda Item 24 – Fiscal Year 2020/21 Midyear Review**

**On behalf of the SMART and SacMoves coalition, we write to express our support for the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Midyear Budget Report, specifically the inclusion of \$3.9 million in funding to advance the recommendations of the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change (MCCC).** We commend the city for its recent progress in developing near-term and visible climate initiatives, and urge you to maintain this momentum by approving the necessary funding. Funding and implementing these early initiatives will demonstrate the Council's continued resolve to address the climate crisis as it develops a longer term Climate Action Plan and General Plan.

SMART and SacMoves represent a broad-based coalition of business, labor, and community groups that are united behind a common vision of a Sacramento that has an innovative, seamless, and diversified transportation network. As envisioned, this network would offer a wide range of accessible, affordable, and efficient mobility options, which would improve air quality, support safer neighborhoods and healthy lifestyles, and provide a backbone for a more equitable economy. Our goal is to ensure that the City of Sacramento, as well as other jurisdictions and organizations throughout the region, adopt projects and policies that support this vision.

We are pleased that the initiatives to be addressed through the proposed funding are consistent with the MCCC recommendations for addressing the transportation sector, which is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Sacramento. The audits of biking/walking needs in underserved communities, the ordinance to require mandatory electric vehicle infrastructure in new buildings, and the focus on identifying funding/revenue sources for transportation, are all positive first steps towards a mobility network that is equitable, green, and diversified.

We also strongly support the addition of three full-time positions to direct and accelerate the city's work on climate and sustainability. Dedicated leadership and resources are critical to success and will facilitate improved coordination and accountability.

We applaud the steps that the Council has taken to show its commitment to addressing the climate crisis. While encouraged by these early steps, we hope that the Council will continue to move swiftly and boldly to adopt and implement the remaining MCCC recommendations.

**In the meantime, we urge the Council to approve the funding for climate action, as set forth in the 2020/21 Midyear Budget Report.**

Sincerely, on behalf of the SMART/SacMoves Coalition,

*Anne Stausboll, Former Chair, Mayors' Climate Change Commission*

*Barbara Leary, Chair, Sierra Club Sacramento Group*

*Barbara Stanton, Director, RiderShip for the Masses*

*Betsy Weiland*

*Chris Flores, SMART Steering Committee*

*Chris Holm, Walk Sacramento Project Manager*

*Corey Brown*

*Deb Banks, Executive Director, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates*

*Doug Thompson*

*Emel Wadhvani, Midtown Sacramento Board member*

*Glenda Marsh, SMART Co-founder*

*Kiara Reed, CEO, WalkSacramento*

*Mackenzie Weiser, Sacramento Splash CEO and former Commissioner, MCCC*

*Matthew Baker*

*Ralph Propper, President, Environmental Council of Sacramento*

*Roger Dickinson, Former State Assembly member and Sacramento County Supervisor*

*Russ Henly*

*Steve Cohn, President, Breathe Sacramento Board and former Sacramento City Councilmember*

*Sue Teranishi, Board member, SABA and Breathe Sacramento*