

SAC MOVES

WALK. BIKE. DRIVE. RIDE.

Partner Organizations 2020-2021:



AARP

ACT



North Natomas TMA



RiderShip for the Masses



SARA



Sacramento Regional Rail Working Group

Sacramento Splash

Sierra Club, Mother Lode Chapter

Sierra Club, Sacramento Group

SKK Enterprises

The 50 Corridor TMA



November 22, 2021

To: Tina Thomas, David Townsend

Re: 2022 Sacramento Transportation Sales Tax Measure

On behalf of SacMoves, a broad-based coalition of business, labor, and community leaders, we are writing about the citizens' proposed 2022 transportation sales tax measure for Sacramento County. As you know, our coalition participated actively in the Sacramento Transportation Authority's (STA's) Measure A process in 2019/2020. Our coalition is united behind a common vision that Sacramento should have an innovative, seamless, and diversified transportation network offering a wide range of accessible, affordable, and efficient mobility choices coupled with supportive land uses, better air quality, safer neighborhoods, and a stronger and more equitable economy. We have also advocated for the inclusion of projects and policies in transportation, land use, and climate action plans for the City of Sacramento, the County of Sacramento, SACOG, and other local jurisdictions throughout the Sacramento region that are consistent with this vision. Our goal is to ensure that these types of progressive projects and policies are adopted comprehensively throughout our region in policies, programs, and other actions, big and small.

Since the 2020 Measure A ballot was being developed before the COVID pandemic, the world has turned upside down. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has declared that we are in a "code red" condition -- conditions that we unfortunately experienced firsthand over the last two fire seasons. The transportation sector is still the biggest culprit, accounting for 50 percent of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California. In addition, the pandemic has reduced transit ridership and revenues to such a degree that additional resources are needed for transit to recover and adjust to these changed conditions. For Sacramento to grow sustainably, our transit infrastructure must expand and make more efficient use of congested road space to serve more people and accommodate more housing. Targeting such investments closer to existing communities will reduce the footprint of future development, preserve open space, and reduce traffic congestion without adding as much new road capacity. Our region's ability to compete for matching grants under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the House-adopted Build Back Better legislation will also depend more and more on developing projects that reduce GHG emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT). With these realities in mind, we have adopted the following position statement to help guide your group to craft a successful ballot measure.

SacMoves Recommendations for 2022 Transportation Sales Tax Measure

The 2022 ballot measure must meet the following conditions:

1. The measure ordinance and expenditure plan must support and advance the SACOG Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) by allocating at least 50 percent of all revenues to public transit. Up to 10 percent of the transit allocation should be dedicated to SACOG's Green Means Go and Innovative Mobility initiatives and the transit allocation should be in addition to the allocations for intercity rail, active transportation, and fix-it-first provisions, and not in lieu of such allocations. Aside from the allocation in 1.a above, the allocation to public transit should not be earmarked for any specific project or purpose and the division of the funds between capital and operating expenses should be left to Sacramento Regional Transit's discretion.
2. If the measure includes funding of a "southeast connector" project, it must also include: (a) the language from the STA 2020 draft measure making funding contingent on the project qualifying for inclusion in the MTP/SCS; and (b) an ordinance provision that prohibits any new or additional urban or suburban development or land uses (that have not already been approved) on the south or east side of the "southeast connector" in any city or unincorporated area of the county through which the "connector" passes.

Please contact Anne Stausboll at (916) 642-2265 or by email at staus.staus@gmail.com to schedule a meeting to discuss the measure.

Yours truly,

SacMoves Coalition

Anne Stausboll, former Chair, Mayors' Commission on Climate Change
Steve Cohn
Roger Dickinson
Debra Banks, Executive Director, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA)
Chris Holm, WALKSacramento
Cheryl Croshere, Executive Director, 50 Corridor TMA
Ralph Propper, President, Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS)
Susan Herre, President-elect, ECOS
Barbara Leary, Chair, Sierra Club, Sacramento Group, Folsom resident
David Mogavero
Barbara Stanton, RiderShip for the Masses
Glenda Marsh, SMART Steering Committee
Angela E. Herring, Natomas volunteer
Glenn Jackson, Jr., Natomas youth coordinator
Rosanna Herber, SMART Steering Committee

Betsy Weiland, Save the American River Association
Emel Wadhvani, SMART Steering Committee
Dan Allison, Sacramento Transit Advocates and Riders
Jeffery Tardaguila
Kat Gray, SMART Outreach Team/Folsom resident
Frank Teran, SMART Steering Committee/Rosemont resident
Lynne Goldsmith, 350 Sacramento/ECOS member
Doug Thompson
Mackenzie Wieser, Elk Grove resident
Suzy Murray, Arden Arcade volunteer
Kent Lacin, River District property and business owner
Corey Brown