

SacMoves/SMART Meeting

January 22nd, 2021

Next meeting: February 19th, 2021 at 10:00am

Participants: Deb Banks, Emel Wadhwani, Patrick Guild, Steve Cohn, Dan Allison, Jeff Tardequia, Angela Herring, Adrian Rehn, Kiara Reed, Alison MacLeod, John Deeter, Roger Dickinson, Ralph Propper, Barbara Stanton

Slow Streets Project

Deb Banks from Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA) gave an update on the City [Slow Streets Pilot](#). The City received \$100,000 from CARES Act, but this does not include signage. The pilot goes until the end of April. There have been more proposals for the Slow Streets Pilot than there are available miles. The City is giving priority to environmental justice communities. There have been applications in South Sacramento, Midtown, Tahoe Park, East Sacramento, and Land Park. By the time things get set up, there will not be much time to evaluate them before the pilot ends. Slow Streets is a step towards a larger space of change for the city of Sacramento, more bike highways will help towards [the 15-Minute City](#).

Emel Wadhwani covered the Midtown Neighborhood Association's (MNA) proposal that has been submitted. The City sent out post cards to everyone along the proposed route of 26th Street from V to J Street, O Street from 22nd to 26th Street, and V Street from 21st to 26th Street. Assuming there is no significant opposition, these will be approved, and MNA will get the signage. 20th Street was not approved. MNA applied for private and county funding and is waiting to see if that might help extend the program. There would be ambassadors, or a neighborhood watch group to act as security for these areas. The City will do that for you if you are in an environmental justice community, which would be in the form of police officers. City staff would have to be there every single day. Hopefully, neighbors can monitor and show good faith. Everyone should get their networks out on the streets once those are up.

Local Transit Yolo County Transit District (YCTD) is looking for input to increase ridership, route efficiency, reduce congestion and improve air quality through an 8-month feedback process called YoloGo. There will be a virtual workshop on February 4th on Yolo County transit. Here is a [YoloGo survey](#).

Mayors' Commission on Climate Change Implementation

Below are the upcoming meetings regarding the Mayor's Commission on Climate Change Implementation that we should be aware of:

- Tuesday 1/26, 3 pm: the Budget & Audit Committee is considering the recommended Fiscal Year 21 Midyear Budget, which includes \$3.9 million for the initiatives identified in the 2021 Climate Implementation Work Plan and the recommended 3 FTE (refer to [agenda](#) item #7).
- Tuesday 2/2, 5 pm: City Council considers the Midyear Budget recommendation.
- February 2/11, 5:30 pm: Planning and Design Commission hearing to consider the draft electrification ordinance.
- March TBD- target date for Law and Legislation Committee and City Council to consider the electrification ordinance

Regional Rail Projects

Still in implementation stage for Valley Rail [project](#). Commission has been working with the City of Elk Grove to identify other locations. Looking to get feedback on North of Laguna Boulevard Project included \$3 million grant to fund Sacramento. There will be a platform-to-platform connection at the city college. Discussions with Regional Transit are under way.

Other/topics for future meetings (how changes in federal transportation and climate change policy and program funding will affect Sacramento).

Within the next 3 meetings, Dan Allison would like to give a presentation on funding mechanisms for transportation and transit, other than the existing sales tax measure being pushed by Sacramento Transportation Authority (SacTA). A discussion following this presentation is expected to take up a large portion of the meeting.

Jeff Tardeguia suggests we talk to Regional Transit. They just put out a press release for involvement of rider transportation.

New policies for transportation. Input from SACOG for transit riders. We need to do a better job of public transportation. We need to start thinking beyond the region, state-wide. What opportunities exist?

Angela Herring says the City will be working on putting a tool together to advertise in March/April for citizens to utilize and say what areas might need attention towards transportation. This could be any transportation injustice or need that you have noticed. When you see something, start writing it down so that when the time comes to submit the information, you might have it ready. Angela will have more information on the tool for next meeting, but in the meantime, needs can be emailed to her at angelaelizabeth25@hotmail.com

Ralph Propper spoke about the [project of expanding lanes on the Business 80 bridge going over the American River](#). There is concern about more travel impact, and there will be a meeting about it on January 28th. CalTrans had been trying to expand the freeway for a while now, but submitted a separate proposal to expand the bridge, which is the biggest bottleneck of traffic in the community.

Adrian Rehn says they are going to move forward with a Slow Streets application for Oak Park. The Clean Air Partnership will have quarterly executive committee meetings. The Partnership met with Phil Sterna yesterday to get the game plan together and they will bring forth federal policy papers.

SABA will host a virtual version of the Bicycle Film Festival. Deb Banks encourages us all to go to <https://www.bicyclefilmfestival.com/> to buy tickets. Please spread the word and your logo can be placed on the trailer.