

September 15th, 2023 - SacMoves Meeting

Agenda for 09/15/2023

1. Intro (5)
2. Steinberg's Measure Discussion (30) (Steve or Dan)
3. Process (5) (Dyane)
 - a. Meeting cancellation
 - b. Heads up about next facilitators (tentative)
 - c. Meeting minutes process
4. Open Updates (10)
 - a. SMART event at Colonial Heights Theater - Sep 27, 2023 (Steve/Barbara)
 - b. Week Without Driving - early October (Dan/Barbara)
 - c. Others - from the group?
5. Next Steps (5)

Agenda Link: https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/e4iqx7rwm1r9a60c8o17o/SacMoves_2023-09-15_agenda.pdf?rlkey=98eywei5s653a9z8vhx7qfmo1&dl=0

SacMoves Meeting Notes

1. **Introduction:** Asked attendees to put their names and affiliations in the chat box to save time

Attendees: Chris Brown, Farva Batool, Ralph Propper, Kathryn Canepa, Steve Cohn, Deb from SABA, Sue Teranishi, Jason Johnson, Dan Allison, Dyane Osorio, Barbara Stanton, Susan Herre, Kevin Bewsey, Kathy Saechou, Jeffery. Nicole Cuellar, Angela E. Herring, Carolyn Tran, David

2. **Steinberg's Measure Discussion (30) (Steve or Dan)**

The mayor has proposed to raise the sales tax county-wide by a half-cent to fund public transportation, housing projects, road repairs, and safe streets.

This proposal includes funding for road maintenance and rehab. We have spent a lot of time back in 2020 writing up criteria or guidelines for how State funds should be spent, so we'll have to dig those out, because the mayor has not gotten into details. He's relying on our coalition to come up with the details. So, until the poll results come out from STA, which were announced publicly yesterday shows that at best 55% of the public would support a half cent sales tax measure for transportation.

Dan pointed out in his comments to STA, the poll tested people's reaction to Measure A that was on the ballot last year and that was supposed to be on the ballot three years ago. It didn't test the kind of change that the mayor was proposing there. There were a few questions that were helpful, but the actual ballot language that it tested same as Measure A, that we've seen for the last seven years, since 2016. So, it failed twice at the ballot. This brought out people's aversion to any tax, which is typical California. We don't love taxes. Even Democrats don't love taxes. It's not surprising that we get weak support.

So, what's happening now is there is a housing coalition led by mutual housing. They are trying to put together a city measure for housing, although they'd be happy to do it county wide, but they want to do polling to see if there's support. Our transportation coalition had talked about Measure C, which would be a city measure. For mainly transportation but it did include 15% for green means go housing investment. So, the mayor asked if we could get together and agree on an allocation formula - but the housing folks feel very strongly as do we. There are a couple things going on statewide that potentially affect the decision of whether to move forward with the ballot measure in 2024.

There is a very tight deadline if there is going to be a citizen's measure and that deadline is November 1st to come up with language. Final language for a ballot measure to place county wide. And to have a full six months to collect signatures, the ultimate deadline would be April 1st to submit signatures to the County of Sacramento, the county registrar. The group last year apparently spent \$2 million, but they started late, and they spared no expense. We've heard estimates that maybe \$1 million and of course we could reduce that a little bit if our collective organizations help get signatures, but if we're going to do that we have to be very careful who we recruit to collect signatures because they use sampling methods to test validity and if you get bad signature gatherers you can end up with a lot bad signatures which can invalidate the whole thing.

Steinberg's measure proposal: <https://engagesac.org/blog-civic-engagement/2023/8/25/a-new-vision-to-fund-affordable-housing-and-transportation>

More on Steinberg's Transportation and Housing Proposal:

<https://gettingaroundsac.blog/2023/09/14/more-on-steinbergs-transportation-and-housing-proposal/>

3. Process:

a. *Meeting cancellation:*

Our August monthly meeting was cancelled.

b. *Heads up about the next facilitators:*

David Moore will be facilitating the meetings moving forward.

c. *Meeting minutes process:*

Minutes from each Coalition meeting will be sent to the Process Committee for review.

If no comments are made within one week, the minutes will be considered final and will be posted to the Sac Moves-share Dropbox (Dropbox link will be posted in the Zoom chat)

SacMoves Dropbox Link -

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cgpb8wrjd9h615e/AAAK0CqwTXhh3huhoMVlntf2a?dl=0>

4. Open Updates/Events from the Group

a. *SMART event at Colonial Heights Theater*

Sep 27, 2023: An event by *Sacramento Metro Advocates for Rail and Transit*.

Link for the event information:

<https://sactosmart.org/events/>

Flyer for the event:

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAFqckztq5c/2oReLY-G4yv9dI5PhKJUow/view>

b. *Week Without Driving - early October*

Information for the event - <https://weekwithoutdriving-sac.org/>

c. *Sacramento Climate Coalition Monthly Climate Emergency Organizing Meeting:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctcuorT4qEtYtTwPYq289ruvEYDrGX8Tk#/registration>

d. *Livability Summit, Oct 30th*: Valley Vision is hosting a second Livability Summit on October 30th, 2023! The annual Livability Summit is a full day conference focusing on data-driven action to improve quality of life across the Sacramento region. The Built

Environment Poll results will be shared - findings on housing and transportation needs in the region.

RSVP for the Livability Summit here - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/livability-summit-tickets-675636636367>

5. **Next Meeting:** Next monthly meeting is scheduled for October 20th, 2023, at 10AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81442243659?pwd=NW5zUFNVWWlzWE5CYkVGM0xOWG5ndz09>