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From: Clerk of the Board Public Email
To: McClain-White, Renae
Cc: Evans, Florence; Munoz, Alma
Subject: FW: Comments for STA Board on Measure A TEP
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 8:01:56 AM
Attachments: image001.png

For the Record (STA)

Stephanie Townsend
 Deputy Clerk
 Board of Supervisors | Clerk of the Board
 700 H Street, Suite 2450, Sacramento, CA 95814
 916-874-8022



From: Russ Henly <rustle.h@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email <BoardClerk@sacounty.net>
Subject: Comments for STA Board on Measure A TEP

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Dear Members of the Sacramento Transit Authority Board:

I am a long-time resident of Midtown Sacramento and utilize bicycles as my primary means of transportation, along with public transit and a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle. The new Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) and accompanying ordinance are of critical importance for our county and region. Since this is a 40-year measure, it is critical to get it right and ensure that it is forward looking (more public transit and active transportation) and not backward-looking (continuing to over rely on individual, polluting autos).

I support the March 11 letter-of-comment submitted to you by the SMART/SacMoves coalition, and I appreciate the changes that you have made to the TEP in response to Mayor Darrell Steinberg's important letter of March 5. As you make your final modifications of the TEP and move toward its adoption, please consider the following:

1. Allocate enough money for safe, complete streets and sidewalks for cyclists and pedestrians. Construct these projects sooner than later.
2. Hold significant regional projects for roads and transit to the rigorous state and federal standards related to climate change. Reduce automobile trips, vehicle miles travelled, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Enhanced public transit to replace autos is a critical component of achieving this aim.
3. Allocate any higher-than-expected sales tax revenue exclusively to provide additional bus and light rail transit service.

4. Meet or exceed the state's climate change standards when evaluating road expansion projects like the Southeast Connector.

Experts from the United Nations to the State of California tell us that we only have 10 years to make very substantial reductions in our GHG emissions, or we face very grim climate change outcomes on this planet. The current COVID-19 disruption is just a small taste of the global disasters that will unwind with a failure to drastically reduce GHG emissions. Measure A must make substantial contributions to a reduction of GHG emissions in our area. Otherwise, we and our descendants are facing a future that none of us wants to see.

Sincerely,

Russell Henly
417 24th Street
Sacramento 95816

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From: Larry Conlin <lawrence@conlin.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Cc: Frost. Supervisor
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Yes, I would like the sales tax increase.

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From: bruce forman <bruceevanforman56@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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I approve of measure A transportation measure to fix roads and ramp up and expand mass transit like buses and light rail. Please support this measure.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Frank Martinez <fmm2@pacbell.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Cc: Frost. Supervisor
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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I support the half-cent sales tax increase to fix Sacramento County roads- they are largely in sad shape!

Frank Martinez
223 Keller Circle
Folsom, 95630

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From: Dempseys <dempseys123@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Supervisor Frost continues to believe we should not fund transit. I disagree. Raise the tax...if for no other reason than that the fastest growing demographic is over 85. I don't want to see too many of them on the road, thanks.

--Regards,
--Mark Dempsey
--Orangevale

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From: William Rogers <williamrogers9373@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Yes I'm open to a minor tax increase if it would go towards fixing roads I.E. Watt ave. starting at "A" st. all the way down to Antelope Rd.

Lastly, improvements to transportation is a plus too. If transportation needs would run to more areas in the city of Antelope I would gladly use it

Thank you

Will Rogers

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Paul Jacobs <pjacobs375@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
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Vote YES, we need more public transportation and specifically light rail extensions to the airport, Roseville/Rocklin region and deeper into Folsom (to the community college). These routes will mitigate traffic congestion and air emissions that pose significant health issues.

Thank you!

Paul E. Jacobs

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/paul-e-jacobs-5ba35324/>

Please ignore brevity and any typos as I am sending emails from a mobile device

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From: canyoneagle@mycci.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Dear Sacramento Transportation Authority,

I fully support a half-cent sales tax increase to fund transportation. I am glad to see that a large part of the tax increase will fund public transportation! We need MORE public transportation to get cars off the road. We also need MORE public transportation for the use of those people who cannot drive...people who are disabled, people who are elderly, people who cannot afford to own a car.

I say YES to a half-cent sales tax increase to fund transportation and I hope you will too!

Thank you,

Lorraine Markoff
8061 Poulson St.
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

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From: M. Parfitt <mparfitt@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Hello,
I would like you to know that I fully support the 1/2 cent sales tax increase in Sacramento County. I use Regional Transit nearly every day of the week in order to get to work, medical appointments, shopping, etc. RT desperately needs an infusion of funds to upgrade vehicles and improve service. Better service equals increased ridership, which means fewer cars on the road, which is good for the environment as well as wear and tear on roadways. It has been documented that people in their teens and twenties are choosing not to own cars, so this tax increase makes perfect sense at this time. I strongly urge you to vote YES on Measure A!

Thank you,
Mattie Parfitt

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From: Howard Whitaker <hjameswhitaker@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
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I am in favor of the sales tax increase to fund transportation.

Howard Whitaker, 2041 Campton Circle, Gold River, CA 95670-8301

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From: Omar Masry <omar.masry@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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I support funding public transit.

Thank you

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Omar Masry | 805.300.7219 | omar.masry@gmail.com
2080 University Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825

Amy (93)
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From: Laila Bottomly <lailabottomly@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Here in Orangevale we desperately need more public transit. In my area there is one bus west in the am and one returning late afternoon. That does not get me out of my car! I am in favor of increasing availability and thus increasing expenditures on public transport.

Laila Bottomly

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Orie Brown <obrown1771@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:34 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Yes,
I am in favor of a transportation tax to repair our roads.
Alfred Brown
Trustee,SCOE

Sent from my iPhone

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From: tinasm@surewest.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
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Tax increase is OK with me for needed improvements.

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From: Daria Stark <dariastark@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
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I agree with the 1/2 cents sales tax increase thx Have a nice day.

Sent from my iPad

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From: Susan Pennel <susanpennel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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As a resident of Rancho Murieta, I'm asking that you pass the half cent county tax increase, and specifically allocate funds to improve safety conditions on Highway 16 and Scott Rd between White Rock and Latrobe. Many lives are depending on it.

Susan Pennel
6803 Brisa Ln
Rancho Murieta

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Elisa W. Ungerman <ungermanlaw@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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I understand that STCA will be voting on a 1/2 cent sales tax to fund "transportation projects." If this proposal was to fix our County roads entirely - I would be all for it, because our crumbling infrastructure needs to be repaired first and foremost. Watt Avenue is a crumbling mess, has been for decades, and it is just one of many examples through out the County. The total amount raised by this tax (8m plus over 40 years) will not fully fund the repairs that need to be done on County roads, but it would be a big move toward doing so. People want their roads repaired and are willing to pay for that, but not when one thing is promised, while another thing is done. The lack of public trust is a huge impediment to getting taxes passed.

Unfortunately, that is what is happening since the current proposal directs nearly 40% to public transit. While I certainly get climate warming and the need for greener solutions and all that, but (a) we have an infrastructure here that has not been maintained properly, gets used heavily despite public transit) and needs badly the money and attention, while (b) throwing good money after bad in a county public transit system that is not and cannot pay for itself, what with the "honor" payment system that does not work, and the past poor choices in implementation. I see a huge subsidy for the rail system that is really a drain now on all our pocket books, for very little return. I was a huge advocate of public transit, but the County, the Region and RT repeatedly squandered its opportunities to make it work.

Only 3 plus million over 40 years for road repair is not even a drop in the bucket. All 8 million should go to road repair, or at the very least 5 million. If you do not alter your percentages and try to cram this down the public's throat, you will loose the election.

County Resident
Elisa Ungerman

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From: Lawrence Moore <numberseven7@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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I am in favor of this proposal. A sales tax is a more reasonable way to fund transit and active transportation debt than gas taxes. In addition, this revenue can leverage State and Federal transportation funds for all transportation needs. Regardless of revenue source, our society has been unwilling to chip in for the greater good when compared to the greatest generation. I am willing to contribute to a more balanced and prosperous society, but my willingness will not make a difference alone. This needs to be a group effort lead by our leaders who have a long term vision.

Lawrence Moore
Folsom Ca

Sent from my iPhone

Henry
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From: Meg Arnold <Meg.Arnold@valleyvision.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:59 PM
To: phume@elkgrovecity.org; Nottoli. Don; Kennedy. Supervisor; Susan Peters; lcarr@cityofsacramento.org; smiller@citrusheights.net; JSchenirer@cityofsacramento.org; Supervisor Serna; shansen@cityofsacramento.org; eguerra@cityofsacramento.org; jsharris@cityofsacramento.org; navdis@thomaslawgroup.com; corrprincess@ardennet.com; dgsuen@gmail.com; Frost. Supervisor; ggateway@cityofranchocordova.org; rlozano@ci.galt.ca.us
Cc: Riggs. Kristin; McClain-White. Renae; will@sacta.org; Adrian Rehn; Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public comment from Valley Vision for STA 3/18 meeting
Attachments: Valley Vision Measure A final 03 17 20.pdf

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Dear Members of the STA Board,

Please find attached comment from Valley Vision for the STA meeting on 3/18, which we're providing in writing because the meeting will be held telephonically.

With thanks,

- Meg



meg arnold

Interim CEO

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March 17, 2020

TO: Members of the Sacramento Transportation Authority

RE: Public Comment from Valley Vision to the March 18th
meeting of the Sacramento Transportation Authority

Dear Chair Suen and members of the STA Governing Board,

As Interim CEO at Valley Vision, I'm providing comments on behalf of our 29-member Board of Directors and 12 staff. For 25 years, my organization has served as a civic leadership nonprofit working towards economic prosperity, social equity, and environmental sustainability for all residents in the Sacramento Region. Among many other areas of work, we manage the region's public/private/nonprofit Cleaner Air Partnership, focused on a collaborative approach to regional air quality attainment.

Air quality, public health, transportation, and regional GHG targets go hand in hand. We commend Section I Implementation Guidelines, item I, in its support for Measure A projects that support the goal of reaching federal air quality attainment. Further, we encourage STA to ensure adequate resources for our local Air Quality Management District as part of this plan, which is doing critical work to improve public health and bring leading edge mobility options to our communities.

In addition, we note our strong support for the recently-agreed language found in Section I Implementation Guidelines, item J, because of the tighter connections that it creates to the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, given the importance of those plans in the region's eligibility for transportation funding.

We look forward to continued work in building the regional transportation infrastructure that improves mobility and promotes an inclusive economy.

Thank you.

Meg Arnold
Interim CEO

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From: Janet Rezos <woodzos@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Yes, I would vote for a sales tax increase. Sacramento needs more public transportation to relieve gridlock and help make our air cleaner.

Janet Rezos,
Carmichael resident

Sent from my iPad

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Catherine Elder <racerkatie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Yes, pls make sure we have enough funds for public transport and Fong existing roads and more dedicated bike lanes.
Ignore sue frost.

Catherine Elder
Folsom

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Ramona Fries <friesramona@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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When we arrived in Sacramento in 1993, we were told that there were plans to extend the light-rail service to the airport. I would very much like to see that happen in the near future. The bus to the downtown area from the airport is not very convenient.

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Munoz. Alma

From: James Wagner <jameswag1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:17 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Yes, please pass this tax and fund public transportation. Climate change needs to be dealt with today. James Wagner,
Elverta CA

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Munoz. Alma

From: John and Sue Ridilla <ridilla2001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:18 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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we are good with an increase!

John and Sue Ridilla
Rio Linda CA

Munoz. Alma

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From: Jan Szostek <janszostek@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:19 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Dear County Clerk,

I am writing to submit my endorsement of the STA. Having lived in other major cities, Sacramento is greatly in need of a much improved public transit system. The traffic on our local freeways tells us that but also there are many people who need to use public transit and many others who would choose to do so and leave their car at home if the public transit system were better. That is what I did while living in Chicago. Please support this tax.

Yours
Jan Szostek
Fair Oaks

Always remember you have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. Harriet Tubman

Munoz. Alma

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From: Dj <djim3548@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:32 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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I would prefer that a 1/2 cent increase be used for both expanding public transportation and to maintain roads. Both are badly in need of attention.

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From: jmarkoff@mycci.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:05 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email; canyoneagle@mycci.net; paulhmarkoff@mycci.net; jmarkoff@mycci.net
Subject: increase on sales tax for public transportation

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

I wholeheartedly support the increase of tax with 40% given to provide public transportation. Large parts of Sacramento County are inaccessible to car-less people, including all of Orangevale, most of Folsom, and a large part of Carmichael. It is inefficiently difficult for people from Antelope and Citrus Heights to travel to Folsom via public transportation, and many of the roads in Orangevale are unsafe to walk on.

I support a YES vote for the tax increase, to save lives.

Jonathan Markoff
8061 Poulson St.
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Debbie Kypke <debbiekypke@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:10 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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I live in Elverta. There are so many pot holes out in the Rio Linda /Elverta area that it is unsafe to drive the cars. When I hit a pot hole at night that I did not see it's not you who have to fix my car. These roads need to be fixed with tax money.

Debbie Kypke's iPhone

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: jim behrmann <j.behr@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:31 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Cc: Frost. Supervisor
Subject: Support for Proposed Spending Plan for Sales Tax Increase Including 60/40 Split for Roads/Transit

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

Dear STA Governing Board:
I am writing in support of the proposed expenditure plan (funded by a sales tax increase) including a 60/40 split for roads/transit, which is scheduled to be considered by your Board on March 18, 2020. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Best regards,
James (Jim) Behrmann
11582 Chubbuck Ct.
Gold River, CA 95670
916-549-1300
j.behr@comcast.net

cc: Supervisor Sue Frost

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: ggfx916@pm.me
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:39 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4: In Support of Mass Transit

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Hi,

I support a tax to fund mass transit. Emissions deteriorate our air quality and make our kids ill, so I would like to fund any investment that decreases the amount of driving each individual has to do.

One of the outcomes of the recommendations/ mandates to stay in place to reduce spread of the coronavirus is the air quality of our region is orders of magnitude better than it typically is this time of year. Single-occupancy vehicle transportation is often the only choice for people to get to work or take their kids to school, but if we invest money in more buses, more frequent busses, more trains, faster trains, more frequent trains, work shuttles, as well as separated bike lines, more bike paths, we will facilitate better air quality so our children don't have to stay indoors due to bad air quality.

I don't support <<sales tax>> increases because those are regressive, but so please consider a property tax, a vehicle tax, or even a developer tax if housing isn't built to be transit-friendly: many options are available that don't overburden the working class in order to solve this public health issue, especially those with vulnerable lungs forced to stay indoors on "spare the air" days.

I support raising funds for mass transit to provide a safe air-quality environment for the elderly and the youngest among us.

Cheers,
- G

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Dan Leavitt <dan@acerail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:43 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: STA Board Meeting for March 18 2020 regarding STA Transportation Expenditure Plan
Attachments: STA testimony_3-12-20.pdf

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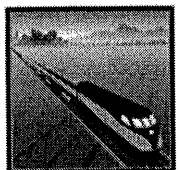
Dear Sacramento County Board Clerk,

Please provide the attached written testimony for tomorrow's STA Board Meeting to Board Members regarding Item 4, the Action Item for the Measure A Expenditure Plan.

Can you please provide me a response. I received direction not to attend the meeting, but rather submit my testimony to this e-mail address.

Best regards,

Dan Leavitt - Manager of Regional Initiatives - San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission - Altamont Corridor Express - San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority - (209) 944-6266 - (530) 400-9475 cell - dan@acerail.com - 949 East Channel Street, Stockton CA 95202 - www.acerail.com



Good Afternoon, I'm Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives for the ACE commuter rail agency that is planning to extend new service into Sacramento County.

We wanted to thank this board and your staff for your hard work to craft a Transportation Expenditure Plan that provides a host of benefits to the diverse communities and diverse travelers in this region.

There's no doubt that Sacramento is growing, and needs to invest in an infrastructure network that includes better quality roads, modernized transit vehicles, more points of connectivity, increased transit service and active transportation options.

We believe your proposed Transportation Expenditure Plan meets those goals.

With the ACE commuter rail service, having access to STA funds provides leverage to tap into additional funding sources from other nearby counties, state funding AND federal formula funds.

The small, but very important, \$2 million a year in operating funds for ACE leverages more than \$10 million in additional operating funds annually from other sources. It also leverages over \$1 billion in capital funding already secured from the state for expanding ACE and San Joaquin's passenger rail services to Sacramento.

Our Megaregional Commuter Rail Service will improve transportation and connectivity between Sacramento, the Northern San Joaquin Valley, and the Bay Area as well as within Sacramento County.

Overall, we believe the proposed Expenditure Plan represents a comprehensive transportation vision for the future -one that is balanced and worth supporting.

We encourage you to move forward with the plan and with next steps for putting it before voters. Thank you.

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From: Gary Fitzgerald <ztifg@surewest.net>
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I'm in favor of a tax increase to fund additional public transportation.

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From: Torin Dunnivant <Torin@sactree.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:46 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public comment for 3/18 Sacramento Transportation Authority Board Meeting

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To Whom it May Concern,

The Sacramento Tree Foundation would like to share the following public comment regarding Item #4 of the agenda for the March 18th STA board meeting:

The Tree Foundation is focused on improving the health and wellness of Sacramentans through improvements to our region's urban forest. Given our mission, we are supportive of efforts like Measure A, because like the urban forest, they help to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality, and by doing so improve the communities of Sacramento, especially those that are most underserved currently. We encourage the Transportation Authority to ensure that an adequate amount of funding from the proposed Measure A be allotted to the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District because they are great partners to the Tree Foundation and are helping lead the charge to combat the impacts of climate change in the Sacramento region. We are reliant upon research and strategies that come from the District to support our work.

Torin Dunnivant

Director of Education and Engagement

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From: Maralee Eriksen <eriksen@meriksen.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:13 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Board Members: I write in support of the proposal to increase sales tax for the purpose of street and road repair/maintenance as well as maintaining and improving public transit. As a resident of the northern part of unincorporated Sacramento County, I can say without reservation that our local streets and roads are in desperate need maintenance and repair, and our public transit needs to be beefed up if it is to be a truly viable mass transportation option. I and others are counting on our elected officials and experienced local government staff to be efficient and prudent in implementing sorely needed road and public transit improvements and wisely spending such an increase in tax funding. Please put this measure on the November ballot and should it pass, do your utmost to wisely spend the funds on impactful projects.

Sincerely,

Maralee Eriksen
Attorney at Law

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Kristin Dockter <kristin.dockter@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Cc: markahedlund@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Dear Chair Suen and Members of the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) Board,

We live in the city of Sacramento. We are contacting the Board today regarding the Sacramento Transportation Authority Expenditure plan.

We are writing to express our support for the recommendations of Sacramento Mayor Steinberg and the California Air Resources Board in their letters to the STA Board on March 5th 2020. It is critical for us to meet the State's air quality goals when evaluating road expansion projects like the SouthEast Connector. We urge you to hold any significant regional projects for road and transit to the rigorous state standards related to climate change. Prioritizing "fix-it first" projects, funding safe and frequent public transportation, and allocating enough money for safe street and sidewalk design for bike riders and pedestrian usage should be promoted to increase the quality of life for residents and maintain air quality goals.

Sincerely,

Kristin Dockter & Mark Hedlund
Sacramento, 95833

Townsend. Stephanie

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From: Rachel M Markoff <rmarkoff@utexas.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:30 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Dear Sacramento Transportation Authority,

I support a half-cent sales tax increase to fund transportation. I am glad to see that a large part of the tax increase will fund public transportation! We need MORE public transportation to get cars off the road. We also need MORE public transportation for the use of those people who cannot drive ... people who are disabled, people who are elderly, people who cannot afford to own a car.

I say YES to a half-cent sales tax increase to fund transportation and I hope you will too!

Thank you,

Rachel Markoff

8061 Poulson St.

Citrus Heights, CA 95610

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Lee Lovallo <ltlovallo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:39 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Hello, I support this plan, though I prefer more emphasis on mass transit.
Lee Lovallo
3508 Ridge Rim Ct, Antelope, CA 95843

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: roxdavis06@surewest.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 7:02 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Like the idea of tax increase to fix our roads.
Thank you for your service.

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Cinda Johansen <ccjohansen@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 7:09 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Yes I think an increase in sales tax would benefit transportation options

Sent from my iPhone

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Steven Littlewood <scl@sclwood.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 7:28 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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I am totally in favor of increase in funds to public transport and hope this tax will be useful for improved and broadened access.

Steven Littlewood
10042 silver meadow way
Sacramento ca 95829

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Paul and Cathy Wallace <pwcgwallace@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:04 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Please use this additional tax money to fix roads and bridges. None for public transportation.

Paul & Cathy Wallace

Townsend. Stephanie

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From: Vicchio's <vicchios@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:10 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: STA Public Comment Item 4

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I am opposed to any new sales tax/increase including the 1/2 cent increase currently being considered for transportation.

Thank you

Susan Vicchio

8681 Hodge Place

Orangevale CA 95662

Sent from my iPhone

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Antanas Ezerskis <aezerskis@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:12 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Hi Sac County!

First and foremost we appreciate all the hard and diligent work your team has done to provide this county's residents best services in the country!

While I fully support public transportation and mass transit initiatives at this time, with uncertainty of the viability of public participation due to COVID19 recommend this proposal be shelved for now and reintroduced after we are thru this crises!

Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback for this too!

Antanas

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: bassettsusan@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:23 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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I vote yes on this transportation measure.

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Samuel Stephens <hebrewlvr22@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:34 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Where I live in Citrus Heights we have no public transit, no buses, no nothing and I object to having to pay for something I can't use. Fix the roads unplug culver pipes, DAYLIGHT "trim trees that block visibility" traffic signs, check traffic signs for reflectability, restripe traffic lanes, install blue reflecterized markers for fire hydrants. Replace stop signs at bad intersections with traffic lights.

Samuel Stephens
hebrewlvr22@yahoo.com
916-952-9566

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: jvell@citlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:43 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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While Public transportation is important It does not cover all areas or address the needs of commuters going through our area. Our roadways are in shambles I will only support additional taxes if they are focused on fixing our roads at least 75%

James Vell
Sloughhouse

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Edward Codr <edwardcodr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:15 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PANDEMIC STRIKES, CROWDED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BECOMES TOO RISKY TO USE. PROVIDING GOOD ROADS ENABLES SAFE CAR, MOTORCYCLE, AND BICYCLE MOBILITY, AS WELL AS DOORDASH, MEALS ON WHEELS, SUPERMARKET DELIVERY, TAXIS, , GRUBHUB AND MORE TO COME.

Townsend. Stephanie

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From: Doyle Radford Jr <doylejr@laborerslocal185.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:44 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Hello STA Board Members,

My Name is Doyle Radford Jr. I am the Business Manager of Laborers Local 185, and I respectfully request the STA Board vote to adopt the Measure A Expenditure Plan Today.

Sacramento region leaders have a unique opportunity with the upcoming November election to bring voters a proposal to invest in the overall quality-of-life, economic vitality, and environmental future of our region. Transportation is an ongoing, and day to day frustration for many Sacramento residents, with a feeling that there is no solution in sight. Residents are frustrated about sitting in traffic, and angry that our transit system doesn't address their needs.

Sacramento residents want a well balanced transportation system that improves wait times and safety on our most used buses and rail lines. They also want highways as well as local street and road improvements that move commuters, improve traffic along our most congested freeways, and increase capacity on roads where the growth already exists.

Many hours went into developing the 2020 expenditure plan. The proposed projects were tested in polls and focus groups, and received overwhelming support.

What you have before you is a consensus plan that both our elected leaders and residents agree will expand our local transportation system, improve our quality of life; and air quality, as well as create many good paying middle class jobs!

Sacramento cannot wait another 4 years to place a measure of this importance on the ballot.

The time is now!

Respectfully,

Doyle S. Radford Jr.
Laborers Local 185
Business Manager

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Scott Wallace <zippyzag93@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

Please use taxes to fix our roads! They are in desperate need of repair. Add sidewalks on Madison and bike lanes to protect kids who walk/ride to school.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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Will Kempton

From: Emily Summers <emily_summers1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 10:14 AM
To: SupervisorSerna@saccounty.net; SupervisorKennedy@saccounty.net;
rileyk@saccounty.net; Naval@saccounty.net; susanpeters@saccounty.net;
schmidth@saccounty.net; SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net; hedgesm@saccounty.net;
nottolid@saccounty.net; SloanR@SacCounty.net; 'SMART' via Sacramento Metro
Advocates for Rail and Transit; Will Kempton; Newstips@kcra.com;
mteselle@hearst.com; tbizjak@sacbee.com; gilln@saccounty.net
Subject: Today's transportation meeting - Coronavirus concerns

I apologize for the mass email but I have concerns over today's scheduled transportation meeting. I received an email from a group that I belong to, called SMART, trying to bring better transit options to Sacramento about today's meeting. I would request that this meeting be postponed or moved to an outdoor venue to allow for social distancing. The CDC is recommending that we remain at least 6 feet away from others. I have attended a couple of these transportation meetings and I don't believe the room allows for us to be far enough away from each other. Our country is experiencing an unprecedented pandemic and I believe we need to take all necessary precautions. I fully support our efforts to increase our transit options and in fact I would request that all money go towards these efforts and I would like to participate today but I am told we will have close to 100 supporters at the meeting and I don't feel this is safe, for any of us. If you continue with the meeting, I would request that everyone have their temperature taken before they enter the room.

In addition to moving today's meeting (or taking critical precautions), I would like to understand what precautions the county is taking to sanitize public spaces.

Thank you and I look forward to your responses.

Emily

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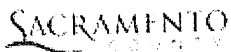
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From: Clerk of the Board Public Email
To: McClain-White, Renae
Cc: Evans, Florence; Munoz, Alma
Subject: FW: Comments for STA Board on Measure A TEP
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 8:01:56 AM
Attachments: image001.png

For the Record (STA)

Stephanie Townsend
 Deputy Clerk
 Board of Supervisors | Clerk of the Board
 700 H Street, Suite 2450, Sacramento, CA 95814
 916-874-8022



From: Russ Henly <rustle.h@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email <BoardClerk@saccounty.net>
Subject: Comments for STA Board on Measure A TEP

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Dear Members of the Sacramento Transit Authority Board:

I am a long-time resident of Midtown Sacramento and utilize bicycles as my primary means of transportation, along with public transit and a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle. The new Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) and accompanying ordinance are of critical importance for our county and region. Since this is a 40-year measure, it is critical to get it right and ensure that it is forward looking (more public transit and active transportation) and not backward-looking (continuing to over rely on individual, polluting autos).

I support the March 11 letter-of-comment submitted to you by the SMART/SacMoves coalition, and I appreciate the changes that you have made to the TEP in response to Mayor Darrell Steinberg's important letter of March 5. As you make your final modifications of the TEP and move toward its adoption, please consider the following:

1. Allocate enough money for safe, complete streets and sidewalks for cyclists and pedestrians. Construct these projects sooner than later.
2. Hold significant regional projects for roads and transit to the rigorous state and federal standards related to climate change. Reduce automobile trips, vehicle miles travelled, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Enhanced public transit to replace autos is a critical component of achieving this aim.
3. Allocate any higher-than-expected sales tax revenue exclusively to provide additional bus and light rail transit service.

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March 10, 2020

Dear Chair Suen and Directors of the Sacramento Transit Authority (STA)

We are writing to you today to express our disappointment in the path the proposed sales tax measure is taking.

We support the SMART/SacMoves coalition and their 50/50 alternative proposal and SMART principles.

We have watched various groups speak to the need for more funds for public transportation, safe routes to school, and fix it first for our streets, roads, and sidewalks. We have read the letters from the Mayor and the California Air Quality Board saying we need to change the carbon footprint in Sacramento. We recently read an excellent rebuttal from a SMART member to an opinion written by one STA board member who is not supportive of public transportation.

Yet, it appears the funds this board wants to give to public transportation are shrinking. Last we heard this board proposed a 60/40 split with 40% going towards public transit, far from the 50/50 we support, and now, the 40% number has shrunk to 38%.

We do not like that the board is reducing instead of increasing funding and see it as a step backward instead of a step forward. We urge members on the board who cannot see the need to raise the percent of funds to re-evaluate their mindset.

Sincerely,

Barbara Stanton

Barbara Stanton
Founder/Director



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PROGRESS
FOR THE REGION

March 10, 2020

Chair Darren Suen
Board of Directors
Sacramento Transportation Authority
801 12th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Suen,

I write to personally commend the STA Board of Directors and regional staff who have worked very hard to seek funding for a wide variety of transportation projects to benefit the entire greater Sacramento region.

As you know, improved road conditions and reduced traffic congestion rank high among the priorities identified by likely voters. Once completed, the Capital SouthEast Connector is predicted to reduce the region's congested Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by 38 million miles a year, eliminate 500,000 hours per year spent sitting in traffic, and save \$9 million annually in travel time costs and lost productivity.

The Connector could also facilitate transit service by providing a direct, limited access facility for bus rapid transit and links to two light rail extensions.

As your Board deliberates this Thursday, I would encourage you to consider the benefits of the Connector as a whole rather than isolating one segment of a 34-mile long expressway. The benefits of the entire Connector to the greater Sacramento region have long been recognized and incorporated into regional and local transportation planning efforts for many years. It is sensible and prudent to continue the entire Connector project, and not piecemeal any segment, for the benefit of the greater Sacramento region and our local communities.

Respectfully,

Sarah Aquino
Mayor

cc: Will Kempton

Will Kempton

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From: Faye Kennedy <fayek@springmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 6:34 AM
To: Eric Guerra; 'Kennedy, Patrick'; Will Kempton
Cc: Alejandro Cabrera; Koy Saeteurn; Jermain Gill; Nailah Pope-Harden; rileyk@sacounty.net
Subject: 2020 TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN-We need your support !!!
Importance: High

March 9, 2020

Eric Guerra, Member, Sacramento Transportation Authority
Patrick Kennedy, Member, Sacramento Transportation Authority
Will Kempton, Executive Director, Sacramento Transportation Authority
801 12th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: 2020 TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN

We are writing you today to request your yes vote to support the **Sacramento Metro Advocates for Rail and Transit (SMART) Plan**. Simply stated we:

1. Need a better Regional Transit (RT) system. Want more buses and RT's neighborhood shuttle service in our area
2. Need safer biking and walking areas
3. We want the potholes repaired in our streets!
4. Will STA select projects over the next 40 years and prioritize projects that are in historically disinvested communities. This is an opportunity to right historic wrongs for communities that have long been ignored.

Finally, the decisions are being made now and will set the priorities for transportation in our county for the next 40 years. Will the STA fund projects that will make us healthier, safer, less congested, and get kids to school, seniors to the doctor, and allow the disabled freedom to move? Will we put our concerns about climate change into practice or ignore it? Will we continue to perpetuate historic disinvestment and overlook communities that need transportation services?

Thank you for your consideration and attention.

Cordially

Jermain Gill, Chair, Avondale/ Glen Elder Neighborhood Association (AGENA), jermaingill@gmail.com

Faye Wilson Kennedy, Co-Founder/Chair, Southeast Village Neighborhood Association (SEVNA), fayek@springmail.com

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Will Kempton

From: Jennifer Doll
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Will Kempton
Subject: FW: Sacramento County Connector Project

From: A H <mail-it@pacbell.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 2:03 PM
To: Jennifer Doll <jennifer@sacta.org>
Subject: Sacramento County Connector Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Sacramento Connector Project. I am a life-long resident of Sacramento County and have witnessed the growth of our area. Recently, with the improvement in our economy, we are seeing the impacts of more folks traveling for work in and around our community. My commute along the 50 corridor is very congested and is getting more and more dangerous. I like many folks avoid 99 if possible and use the roads in South Sacramento and Elk Grove to get to Folsom and El Dorado Hills.

These roads are extremely dangerous and need to be further developed. This corridor is one of the worst areas to drive through because of intolerable congestion. We are not stagnate and parts of Sacramento such as Elk Grove and Rancho Cordova are growing, which is good. Unfortunately, the growth, means that our infrastructure needs to grow with it.

We need to make sure we're keeping up with the improvements and modernization of our roads. Right now, Grant Line road is extremely unsafe for bicyclists, pedestrians and the high volumes of traffic that it was not built to support.

Therefore, I support improvements, like the Connector Project, because it would transform those existing two lanes into four. This needs to be done as quickly as possible to end the unsafe conditions and the added costs of inflation for a project that we know we need. Sacramento is growing and we cannot bury our heads in the sand and expect that growth to not impact us.

Anthony Hernandez
Sacramento County Resident

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Will Kempton

From: Jennifer Doll
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Will Kempton
Subject: FW: Support for 70/30 plan

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Townsend <tim.glenn.townsend@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Jennifer Doll <jennifer@sacta.org>
Subject: Support for 70/30 plan

Dear Sacramento Transportation Authority,

Sacramento County has a lot of transportation needs, which makes spending our transportation dollars effectively a top priority.

I strongly support the latest version of the transportation expenditure plan because it is a better reflection of what improvements Sacramento County needs to prioritize. I hope the STA pushes for a 70/30 plan.

This is why: less than 10% of the county's population rides public transit, whereas the vast majority of the population own and use a car. There was a recent article in Sacramento Bee talking about how no bus has ever used the bus lane along Watt Avenue that the county spent over \$30 million on. That's a result of poor decision-making. What we need is the Connector which diverts traffic off of the 50 and 99.

With how much growth our community has already seen, and will continue to see in the future, we need the Connector more than ever.

Tim Townsend
18 Minnow Ct
Sacramento, Ca 95833
916-836-1980

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Will Kempton

From: Jennifer Doll
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 1:44 PM
To: Will Kempton
Subject: FW: Greater Investments for Our Roads!

From: Claire Marks <claire.elice@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Jennifer Doll <jennifer@sacta.org>
Subject: Greater Investments for Our Roads!

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Claire Marks and I was born and raised and now work in Sacramento.

If we want our roads to be fixed in anything short of the distant future, there obviously needs to be enormous investments at the local level. The Connector would reduce congestion and improve safety, and hopefully improve job growth once it is completed. What that would mean for a lot of residents is less traffic in some way or another. It is a vital investment that I support being included in the transportation expenditure plan. Allocating 60% of sales tax revenue to roads and highways is a wise decision. That's virtually the only way to sell the measure to the majority of the public who are otherwise fed up with nonstop tax increases.

Serving you,
Claire Marks

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Claire Marks
Political Science, B.A. | UC Riverside '18
CA Senate Fellow | CSU Sacramento 18-19
Floor Manager | CA State Senate Republican Caucus
Phone: (916) 501-4016 | Email: claire.elice@gmail.com

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Will Kempton

From: Jennifer Doll
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Will Kempton
Subject: FW: Connector Road from Elk Grove

From: Sean Wallentine <seanwallentine@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Jennifer Doll <jennifer@sacta.org>
Subject: Connector Road from Elk Grove

I'm writing to express support for the STA's latest version of the transportation expenditure plan put together by the California Alliance for Jobs and Sacramento Regional Transit. This plan is a good first step in putting roadway improvements first. The Sacramento region benefits from having essential transportation projects such as the Connector, which reduces distances traveled and fuel consumption, while saving Sacramento-area drivers hundreds of hours sitting in bumper-to-bumper traffic.

Concerned Citizen,

Sean Wallentine

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Peggy Vollstedt <mvoll2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:03 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Public Transportation needs more than has been asked for. Yes I support a tax increase to repair roads and keep transit safe, expanding and running.

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Rosanna J. Herber <Rosanna.Herber@smud.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:01 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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I support this plan. It's a good balance between the needs of all the communities in the County who will be voting on the proposal. It gives a majority of funds (60%) for roads, which we know need more attention. It also acknowledges that our future must include more funding for alternative means of transportation. I hope you will approve this plan for the voters to weigh in on this November.

Thank you,
Rosanna Herber

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Helen OConnell <17newdayrise@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Measure A

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My name is Helen O'Connell I live at 3543 1st Avenue Apartment 5 Sacramento California 95817 I am thankful for the opportunity to be heard on this matter . I have read the measure a draft and believe that it is sufficiently covered with safeguards to make an accountable for the duration of the measure. I believe this measure is a necessity for the local areas for which it is written to meet clean air standards that are mandated by law. It will also make it possible for low income and disabled and seniors do you have equal access to our system of Transportation which is a major component of the measure. I strongly urge the STA to support this measure as it is put on the ballot for the November election thank you for your attention and stay healthy and safe in this Health crisis sincerely Helen O'Connell

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Glenda Marsh <marshmellow8562@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Comment: Draft Measure A TEP and ordinance

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Sacramento Transportation Authority Board Chair Suen and Board Members:

RE: Draft Measure A TEP and ordinance

On behalf of Sacramento Metro Advocates for Rail and Transit, I appreciate the careful work and consideration of the Board over the recent months for the proposed transportation sales tax measure. You have the March 12, 2020 comment letter from SMART and SacMoves, and I would like to reiterate the importance of having language in the measure that enhances and protects Sacramento County's competitiveness for state and federal funding. Consistent with our March 12 letter, we ask you to support these requirements in the TEP to ensure the competitiveness and usefulness of our mass transit systems for the funding they seek to expand and increase transit and rail service in our county:

1. Allocate enough money for safe streets and sidewalks for bike riders and pedestrians to use. Construct these projects sooner than later.
2. . Enable county residents to reduce automobile trips and greenhouse gases. Hold significant regional projects for roads and transit to the rigorous state and federal standards related to climate change.
3. Allocate any higher than expected sales tax revenue to provide additional bus and light rail transit service.
4. Meet the state's climate change standards when evaluating road expansion projects.

Sincerely,

Glenda Marsh
Sacramento Metro Advocates for Rail and Transit
Sacramento, CA

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Support w/ recommendations
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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Jim Crowder <crowderj@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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My name is Jim Crowder, I'm a member of the Cosumnes CPAC but today I'm addressing you as a resident.

I support the tax, but IMO, we need to maintain the funds to the "Fix it First" program for our roads at no less than 80% for the entire length of this tax increase.

Setting a spending limit of no less than 50% after 5 years is not acceptable.

My other concern is our acceptance of a 70 for our PCI. We need to raise that level to 80, allowing the taxpayers a higher quality road which we rarely drive on in Sacramento County.

Respectfully,
Jim Crowder

Sent from my iPhone

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Eric Peterson <eupeterson@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:45 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Yes!!

I want a sales tax increase to pay for way overdue transportation improvements.

Especially starting with road repairs and maintenance!

Thanks,

Eric Peterson

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Support

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Matt Friedman <mlfriedman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 7:50 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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The passage of this measure is crucial for maintaining, repairing and enhancing our transportation system. We need quality safe roads, reliable and effective transit as well as extensive bike and pedestrian facilities. Our region depends on strong multi-modal solutions to our transportation challenges. Consistent and ongoing funding is a crucial element in this effort. I urge a vote in favor of Measure A.

Matt Friedman, MRP
Sacramento

Item #4
Support

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Diane Wolfe <jsbdhw@surewest.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 7:52 PM
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New tax dollars should be used on roads solely for the purpose of safety.

So holes in the payment could be fixed. Interchanges , freeway access etc, should be modified only if there is demonstrable danger from the current situation and very clear reason to believe a modification would be significant for safety

The bypass road should not be built. A road to a new housing development should not be built. Build a lite rail line instead for each of these conditions.

All money not needed to fix roads to be safe should be spent to enhance public transportation, to decrease Green House Gases. (relieving traffic congestion is not a viable option for reducing green house gases.)

Diane Wolfe

Townsend. Stephanie

Item # 4
Support

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From: Kate Meis <kmeis@lgc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 7:57 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: STA mtg public comments_Local Government Commission
Attachments: STA comments_3-18-10_LGC.docx

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Best,

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Local Government Commission

Munoz. Alma

Item 4
SUPPORT (54)

From: Colene Rauh <clrauh1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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I think it is prudent and wise to invest in public transit. Our public transit system is terrible and we have to get people out of their cars. Vote yes.

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Item 4
Support
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Munoz. Alma

From: Deb Banks <deb@sacbike.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:36 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Cc: Glenda Marsh; Steve Cohn; Sue Teranishi; Ralph Propper; Matthew Baker; Dyane Osorio; Jennifer Finton; Emel Wadhvani; Chris Holm
Subject: Comment to Sacramento Transportation Authority about the draft TEP

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To: Sacramento Transportation Authority; and Sacramento County Board Clerk

From: Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates

Date: March 18, 2020

Greetings everyone,

As many of you know, the Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates is a member of the SacMoves/SMART coalition, which has been pushing for changes in the draft TEP that embrace plans and processes for cleaner air and a lowering of GHG. We stand alongside Mayor Steinberg and CARB in their agreement that new highway projects must demonstrate that they would not exacerbate climate change, in order to be eligible for funding under the proposed new Sales Tax measure.

We also are, as you might have guessed, big fans of the Complete Streets section outlined in the TEP. That said, we do not believe that the ordinance language goes far enough by allowing jurisdictions to have separate plans collectively stand in for an overarching Complete Streets plan. Bike and ped master plans + ADA master plans do not add up to a Complete Streets plan. So, while many of the jurisdictions have lists of projects in them to be treated with a Complete Street focus, we believe that having a year to put a Complete Streets master plan and process in place is important to accurately make Complete Streets changes to any given project.

SABA urges you to require each jurisdiction to have a Complete Streets plan in place within one year from the allocation of the Sales Tax Measure. Only then, will city planners, and public works people be on the same page when it comes to expending funds for this important aspect of the future of our streets. Better streets make for better communities.

With thanks for all the work you have been engaged in.
Respectfully,
Debra



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Item 4
Support (570)

From: Home <elise.fandrich@gmail.com>
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To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Greetings,

I am writing to advocate for the strongest possible allocation of funds for transit in the STA expenditure plan.

Specifically, I am in strong support of Mayor Steinburg's directive that all projects funded by the current proposal meet state and regional goals for greenhouse gas emission and VMT reduction targets.

I believe the current allocation of 60% for roads does not align with the regional vision for reducing VMT and GHG emissions. However, at a minimum, if the allocation of funds is set at this percentage, we must be extremely vigilant that those dollars are spent only on projects that further goals of accessibility and mobility while ALSO reducing emissions that negatively impact air quality in this valley.

I grew up in Carmichael and am particularly displeased with Supervisor Peter's backwards thinking on this topic - I am writing in response to her mass email just today which is clearly biased against transit and is fishing for constituents opposed to any tax increase. I cycled and drove Carmichael roads for decades - every resident in this suburb would love better access to transit, safer bike lines, and improved roads. What we do NOT want is more traffic and highways. The data and science is clear - if we build more highways, we will create more traffic in the long run. Conversely, if we invest in better public transit and safer means of getting around without a car, then traffic congestion is reduced.

I would gladly support a tax increase that achieves a vision of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled. But I would not support a tax increase to build more roads that do not meet emissions reductions targets set by the state in the region.

Elise Fandrich

Munoz. Alma

Item 4 Support (530)

From: Patrick Guild <pguild@sacbreathe.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:08 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Comment to Sacramento Transportation Authority by Breathe California

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To: Sacramento Transportation Authority; and Sacramento County Board Clerk

From: Breathe California Sacramento Region (BCSR)

Date: March 18, 2020

Breathe California Sacramento Region is public health organization with a focus on clean air and healthy lungs for all people in the Sacramento Region. We are committed to our communities and the people who breathe Sacramento air every day. We strive to create a future of tobacco-free youth, clean transportation, and pedestrian-friendly land use.

We were pleased to see that Mayor Steinberg and CARB recognize that all new highway projects must show that they will not contribute to climate change in order to qualify for Measure A funding. BCSR is in strong support of the funding that will go to the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and the additional funding allocated to public transit compared to previous measures.

We would like to see a continued emphasis placed on active transportation, high density, and complete streets being placed on all new roads projects. The negative impacts on air quality and the lung health created by sprawl and increased vehicle congestion will continue if bold policies to reduce VMT and GHG are not adopted now. Because this is a 40-year measure, we need to make changes now to the way that we use our finite space so that future generations can breathe easier because of the conditions created as a result of our work.

Best,
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From: Carter Nott <carternott12@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment 3/18 Board Meeting

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Dear Chair and members of the Board:

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to submit a public comment in favor of this transportation plan. Specifically, I would like to extend my support for the 60% allocated for road improvements, maintenance, and expansion.

I would like to share with you all two quick ways how this package would personally affect me and many other residents.

First, as a recent college graduate, I have to be hyper-aware of the roads I drive on in Sacramento and of any potholes, which there are many. Because if a pothole were to damage my car, I would lose a majority of my pay-check to fix it and I would have limited access getting to and from work. After two months of living here, I have found a route that has the least amount of potholes which also adds an extra 3 miles to my drive everyday.

Second, I have also realized how difficult it is to travel to other cities in the areas. It is unnecessarily difficult to visit family outside of Sacramento since all of the routes go through downtown. I have to plan days ahead before traveling to a city just because of the downtown traffic. A Connector would divert that traffic and make it much easier to see my family.

This also affects the way I plan for my future. If I were to stay in the area, I would have limited options as to where I could live and work. With traffic going through the core of Sacramento, I could not work in any other cities without spending hours sitting in traffic. And this issue goes beyond just the tedious and annoying feeling of sitting in traffic; we miss out on our lives. People have to make choices between either their family or their job and that is not a choice anyone should have to make.

This package gives priority to every resident. I don't want to have to worry about hardly being able to pay rent because my car was damaged by negligent road maintenance. I also don't want to have to worry about not being able to see my family because of the downtown traffic congestion. This package would allow more opportunities to myself and Sacramento residents, whether it be seeing their family sooner or having more job opportunities. I respectfully ask that you support this expenditure plan

-Carter Nott

Item 4
Support (502)

Munoz. Alma

From: Chris Holm <cholm@walksacramento.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Cc: Glenda Marsh; Steve Cohn; Sue Teranishi; Ralph Propper; Matthew Baker; Dyane Osorio; Jennifer Finton; Emel Wadhvani; Deb Banks (SABA)
Subject: Sacramento Transportation Authority Transportation Expenditure Plan

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Each jurisdiction in this county has one or more major Complete Streets projects completed and/or in process. For example: Antelope Road, Bruceville Road, East Bidwell Street, Carillion Boulevard, and Folsom Boulevard (in three jurisdiction). Everybody does Complete Streets for some capital projects, at least.

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research General Plan Guidelines states "OPR recommends that local jurisdictions view all transportation improvements, new or retrofit, as opportunities to improve safety, access, and mobility for all travelers and recognize bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes as integral elements of their transportation system."

Equally important, it goes on to say "**The standard practice should be to construct complete streets while prioritizing project selection and project funding so that jurisdictions accelerate development of a balanced, multimodal transportation network that allows residents to choose a variety of modes to reach daily destinations such as transit hubs, schools, job centers, and retail outlets.**" [emphasis added]

It's imperative that Complete Streets concepts are applied to the planning, design, construction and management of all projects. This doesn't mean that every project funded by STA must have equal pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle facilities – it means balancing the needs of all users whenever possible, not just when it's convenient to do so or when matching funding is available for a specific project.

When thinking about how your constituents view Complete Streets, consider that drivers view time and speed as priorities and safety is pretty much out of mind because the car interior is so safe. Pedestrians and bicyclists are more concerned with safety – being vulnerable users on the road, they're at the greatest risk. WALKSacramento has led walk audits in many places across the Sacramento region, and participants that don't walk or bike are frequently surprised the street environment on foot or bike is much worse than they thought.

We recommend that the Board revise the Complete Streets implementation language to make Bicycle/Pedestrian Master plans or similar documents supplements to Complete Streets rather than substitutes so that our residents and communities get the full benefits of safety, mobility and access as soon as possible.

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Item 4
Support

(589)

From: Peggy Briggs <teahouse529@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment on Proposed Transportation Expenditure Plan

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To the Authority's credit, the proposed implementation guidelines place a premium on fiscal accountability, including annual audits. But principles of good government dictate we also be accountable for meeting environmental standards in State law, including those adopted as part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Ensuring that Sacramento County is doing its part to meet those requirements should also be part of the guidelines. I suggest you have a mechanism to do that, through the five-year plans submitted by the local agencies. After you compile those plans each year, you can work with SACOG to check their impact, to ensure that *together* we are becoming and staying consistent with the VMT and GHG reduction targets set for our region under Senate Bills 375 and 743.

Let's ensure that Measure A-funded projects achieve no-net increase in per capita VMT and a 19% per capita GHG reduction by 2035. Working with SACOG travel modelers each year let's assess whether local plans and associated land uses will, in the aggregate, achieve VMT and GHG targets. A process of regular regional assessment and continued give-and-take with local agencies is critical, because falling short of the targets will threaten both the health of our communities and the availability of State transportation funds.

In closing, I understand some of you view STA as a funding and programming agency, not a policy body. But we effectively re-make policy when we fund projects of regional significance that impede the achievement of already enacted policies. Let's ensure we don't do that by including a mechanism for greenhouse gas and VMT accountability in the implementation guidelines.

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Munoz. Alma

Item 4
Supp A (593)

From: Will Kempton <will@sacta.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Munoz. Alma
Subject: Fwd: Expenditure Plan For Proposed New Measure "A"

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Alma: One more comment from Mr. Holderness.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Holderness <RHolderness@holdernesslaw.com>
Date: March 18, 2020 at 12:30:21 PM PDT
To: Will Kempton <will@sacta.org>
Cc: Lorene Sterck <Lsterck@holdernesslaw.com>
Subject: Expenditure Plan For Proposed New Measure "A"

Will: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the expenditure plan you have submitted to the STA board for consideration as a November, 2020 ballot measure. Below are my comments.

1. The Expenditure Plan as Proposed by STA Staff: I support all of the projects contained in the expenditure plan. That plan is the product of a lot of effort by STA board and staff members over an extended time. In my opinion, the plan should be supported by the political leaders in all of the communities comprising Sacramento County. Striking a balance between road construction and maintenance, and public transportation is key to our success. This plan does that. The alternative is more traffic congestion, poor public transit service, and more noise and air pollution. Those are unacceptable alternatives.
2. The Capital Southeast Connector (Expressway) Project: Of particular importance for the cities of Folsom, Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova and Sacramento is this "Connector Project." First, some background.
 - a. Background: The Connector Project has been an active project since it was first promoted by the 50 Corridor TMA back around 1995. It gathered real momentum when it was supported by SACOG's Transportation Air Quality Collaborative some 15 or so years ago and with that support, it was included in the expenditure plan for the November, 2004 renewal of Measure "A." That renewal measure passed with large majorities in Folsom, Elk Grove, and Rancho Cordova which are the communities where this road project is located. There was no significant political opposition to the inclusion of the Connector Project in that Measure "A."
 - b. Status: The project is well underway with significant improvements completed at the Connector's intersection with Hwy 99, at a portion of the Connector right of way between Grant Line Road and Prairie City Road, and construction is about to begin on the stretch between Prairie City Road and the El Dorado County line. Unfortunately, the current Measure "A" does not have sufficient future revenues to complete the middle section of the Connector

Project. Without the “new” proposed Measure “A” the Connector Project will be hard pressed to reach completion in the foreseeable future.

- c. Relief From Deleterious Impacts on Sacramento City Residents/Businesses: In 2019, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. did a study for the Connector JPA on, among other things, the likely beneficial impacts of the Connector Project on the neighborhoods and businesses of the City of Sacramento which are located in close proximity to Hwy 99 Freeway (between Sheldon Road & Hwy 50) , the Business 80 Freeway, the I-5 Freeway, south of Hwy 50, and the Hwy 50 Freeway from I-5 to Watt Avenue. What that study establishes is that the Connector (when completed from I-5 in south Sacramento County to Hwy 50 in El Dorado County) will eliminate between 400,00 and 700,000 vehicle trips per year on the freeways within Sacramento City councilmanic districts 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8. Interestingly, Mayor Steinberg’s former District 6 residents [of which I was a resident from October, 1973 through June, 1980 and during the terms of Ritz Naygrow and Lloyd Connelly, respectively] would be the biggest beneficiary from the project. Some relief from traffic congestion noise and air pollution for those Sacramento residents should be yet another reason for all of the Sacramento Region’s political leaders to support the timely funding and the completion of the Connector Project.
- d. Newer Technologies Need STA’s Support: A host of new, clean technologies have been developed since the first Measure “A” in 1988. Electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles, autonomous vehicles, all of them are aimed at relieving traffic congestion, and noise and air pollution. They are also intended to supplanting gasoline and diesel powered motor vehicles with clean energy vehicles. They aren’t aimed at replacing or supplanting public transit. None of those technologies can be successful if we don’t maintain and improve our roadways and our roadway systems. This goal is at least equal in importance to maintaining and expanding public transit opportunities as well as bike and ped opportunities. Roadways should not be viewed as a sort of second class citizen. The 800,000 or so voters in Sacramento County certainly don’t view it that way, if their driver’s licenses and their vehicle registrations mean anything.

Respectfully,

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Item 4
Support
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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Carl Baum <qsocean@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:36 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Hello,

I support the tax increase. We need these improvements and we need to better fund public transit in the metro Sacramento area.

Regards,

Carl Baum

Item #4
Support
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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Peter durkee <durkeepd@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: STA Pubic Comment Item 4

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Please vote FOR Item 4, the transportation sales tax increase.

THANK YOU,

Peter Durkee

Item 4
Support

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Dale Paige <dale.w.paige@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Make sure Measure A supports local GHG reduction goals and supports Transit and complete streets.

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STA Board Members -

It is very important that our regional GHG emissions conform the current effective Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) requiring that the region meet a 19% per capita GHG reduction target.

Please adopt the language that all projects outside of the effective MTP have mitigation of GHG emissions if they are to be funded under Measure A. Please adopt the language appearing in the **March 12, 2020 PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. STA 20-01** section labeled **EXHIBIT A I. Implementation Guidelines J. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Compliance.**

Global warming is a fact, and we must do our part as a county to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Our transportation system is our major emitter of GHG's. Please endorse the SMART/SacMoves policy recommendations to increase spending on public transit, walking, and bicycling options to start laying a foundation to allow us as citizens of this county the option to modify our transportation choices and allow a movement away from dependence on the privately owned internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles. The dependence of our county transportation on ICE vehicles is very costly to citizens of reduced means; about \$6000-\$8000 a year to maintain an ICE vehicle. Increasing transit and other options allows for a more equitable system while facilitating our ability to reduce our societal GHG footprint. You as STA board members have a rare opportunity to lead us into a better future.

Please make sure that these concerns of the SMART/SacMoves coalition be effected by the adopted Measure A:

1. Allocate enough money for safe streets and sidewalks for bike riders and pedestrians to use. Construct these projects these projects sooner than later.
2. Hold significant regional projects for roads and transit to the rigorous state and federal standards related to climate change. Reduce automobile trips and green house gases.
3. Allocate any higher than expected sales tax revenue to provide additional bus and light rail transit service.
4. Meet the state's climate change standards when evaluating road expansion projects like the SE Connector.

Thank you for the time to speak to you today.

Hi, my name is Andy Russell from the California Alliance for Jobs. We are a Labor-Management Partnership representing over 80,000 union workers and 200 heavy construction companies from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. I am here to thank the STA board for all their work in getting Measure A to where it is today. Through ups and downs, negotiations, over 6 hours of public comments, ad-hoc meetings, etc., many of you have stayed consistent, thoughtful, and displayed pragmatic leadership. The result of all this has been an expenditure plan that addresses our transportation needs for the next 40 years. This is a feat, and I congratulate all of you for helping Measure A make it this far... Although there is much work ahead.

Improving Sacramento's transportation system through the expenditure plan in front of you, will give commuters high-quality public transit options and make local travel faster by relieving traffic congestion. Passing Measure A will fix local roads throughout the county, creating safer routes to school and work.

Additionally, Measure A will make SacRT safer and cleaner. It will enhance services for increased frequency and reliability and make it easier for seniors, veterans, students and people with disabilities to get around while improving.

If passed, the benefits from Measure A will be enormous for the region, in particular for **Jobs- creating and supporting over 5,000 full-time union jobs per year over the course of 40**

years.* This is significant for us at the Alliance, and will be of considerable importance to this region in a time of marked uncertainty. These jobs are well-paying union jobs that improve the economic and social well-being of our community.

Voting for this expenditure plan is saying YES to an updated and modern transportation system, YES to jobs, and YES to a better quality of life for ALL Sacramentans.

THANK YOU, again for all work.

*The American Public Transportation Association found that 24,200 full-time equivalent jobs are supported for one year per \$1 billion of combined spending on public transportation capital investment and operations. $(24,200 \times \$8.3) / 40 \text{ years} = 5021 \text{ full time jobs per year for the Sacramento region.}$

Additionally, the Federal Highway Administration estimates that 13,000 full-time equivalent jobs are supported for one year per \$1 billion of federal spending on highways.

Item 4
Support

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Townsend. Stephanie

From: Michael Quigley <mpquigley@rebuildca.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email; Will Kempton
Cc: Andy Russell
Subject: CAJ Comments
Attachments: Public remarks for STA meeting 3.18 AR.pdf

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Please see attached CAJ comments that Andy Russell was going to give in support of Measure A today.

Thank you.

-mpq

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Item #
support

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Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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I am writing in support of a tax increase to support increased mass transit. The only way to get cars off the road is to improve mass transit options in the region.

Thank you.
Susan Geiger
Carmichael, CA

Item 4
Support

595

Townsend. Stephanie

From: N.B. Von Dohren <navygal@pacbell.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Cc: Frost. Supervisor
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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I do not mind the proposed tax if it goes 'ONLY' to fixing roads.

Very respectfully,

NORMA VON DOHREN
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From: Ralph Propper <rpropper47@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Cc: Glenda Marsh; Deb Banks; Steve Cohn; Will Barrett; David Mogavero; Sue Teranishi; Meg Arnold; tdramer@sacdems.org; Corey Brown; Gabby Trejo; Alison MacLeod; Alexandra Reagen; Suzan Tobin; Steve Cohn; Sarah Kerber; Kate Meis; Adrian Rehn; Ralph Propper; Dan Allison; Veronica Beaty; Matthew Baker; JoAnn Fuller; Dyane Osorio; John Deeter; Jennifer Finton; Emel Wadhvani; Laurie Litman; Patrick Guild; Chris Holm; Isaac Gonzalez; Rawlings. Russell; Anne Stausboll; Dominic Mogavero; Erin Reschke; Alix Ogilvie; Elise Candelaria; Lynne Goldsmith; Justin Tweet; Jeff Doll; Delphine Cathcart; Russ Henly; Mackenzie Wieser; Nailah Pope; Angela Herring; Suzy; Tardaquila. Jeffery; Dale Paige; Kat Gray; Diana Williams; dickinson31@comcast.net; James Corless; rftm rftm.info; Alberto Ayala; Alexandra Reagan
Subject: Comment to Sacramento Transportation Authority by ECOS

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To: Sacramento Transportation Authority; and Sacramento County Board Clerk

From: Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS)

Date: March 18, 2020

ECOS consists of 20 locally-based member organizations, as well as many individual members. Since 1971, we have promoted infill development and transit, as opposed to sprawl – to save habitat, reduce pollution, and more recently -- to deal with climate change.

We are gratified that Mayor Steinberg and CARB have recognized that new highway projects must demonstrate that they would not exacerbate climate change, in order to be eligible for funding under Measure A+. We strongly support the funding that would be provided to the Air District. We are pleased that Measure A+'s draft expenditure plan (DEP) would provide a much greater percentage of funding for transit, compared to 2016's ill-fated Measure B.

However, the DEP would not provide as great a percentage for transit as the current Measure A. Since current Measure A was approved by voters, the existential threat of climate change has become more obvious and serious. Also, the affordable housing crisis has become California's biggest problem. Therefore, future county growth must be higher density, and transit-oriented. We can only accomplish this by providing more funding for transit and less money for new roads.

McClain-White. Renae

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From: Munoz. Alma
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:16 PM
To: McClain-White. Renae
Subject: FW: CAJ Comments
Attachments: Public remarks for STA meeting 3.18 AR.pdf

Public Comment – For the record

From: Michael Quigley <mpquigley@rebuildca.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Munoz. Alma <MunozAl@saccounty.net>
Subject: Fw: CAJ Comments

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Will asked me to forward this to you as well.

Thank you.

Michael Quigley
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From: mpquigley@rebuildca.org
Sent: March 18, 2020 11:51 AM
To: boardclerk@saccounty.net; will@sacta.org
Cc: arussell@rebuildca.org
Subject: CAJ Comments

Please see attached CAJ comments that Andy Russell was going to give in support of Measure A today.

Thank you.

-mpq

Michael Quigley
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Thank you for the time to speak to you today.

Hi, my name is Andy Russell from the California Alliance for Jobs. We are a Labor-Management Partnership representing over 80,000 union workers and 200 heavy construction companies from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. I am here to thank the STA board for all their work in getting Measure A to where it is today. Through ups and downs, negotiations, over 6 hours of public comments, ad-hoc meetings, etc., many of you have stayed consistent, thoughtful, and displayed pragmatic leadership. The result of all this has been an expenditure plan that addresses our transportation needs for the next 40 years. This is a feat, and I congratulate all of you for helping Measure A make it this far... Although there is much work ahead.

Improving Sacramento's transportation system through the expenditure plan in front of you, will give commuters high-quality public transit options and make local travel faster by relieving traffic congestion. Passing Measure A will fix local roads throughout the county, creating safer routes to school and work.

Additionally, Measure A will make SacRT safer and cleaner. It will enhance services for increased frequency and reliability and make it easier for seniors, veterans, students and people with disabilities to get around while improving.

If passed, the benefits from Measure A will be enormous for the region, in particular for **Jobs- creating and supporting over 5,000 full-time union jobs per year over the course of 40**

years.* This is significant for us at the Alliance, and will be of considerable importance to this region in a time of marked uncertainty. These jobs are well-paying union jobs that improve the economic and social well-being of our community.

Voting for this expenditure plan is saying YES to an updated and modern transportation system, YES to jobs, and YES to a better quality of life for ALL Sacramentans.

THANK YOU, again for all work.

*The American Public Transportation Association found that 24,200 full-time equivalent jobs are supported for one year per \$1 billion of combined spending on public transportation capital investment and operations. $(24,200 \times \$8.3) / 40 \text{ years} = 5021 \text{ full time jobs per year for the Sacramento region.}$

Additionally, the Federal Highway Administration estimates that 13,000 full-time equivalent jobs are supported for one year per \$1 billion of federal spending on highways.

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From: Chris Brown <info@sacclimate.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject: Public Comment STA 3-18-20 Item #4

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Dear Board Members,

Please adopt amendments to the proposed tax that will increase mass transit spending. Our transit infrastructure is inadequate for the population who resides in our county, and the lack of transit alternatives forces people into cars. This increases pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

We must decrease both in order to stop and reverse the global warming trends which have led to deadly wildfires and even worse air pollution in California and our city, such as the Camp Fire, which destroyed the town of Paradise and left us with the most unhealthy air quality in the world in 2018.

The STA has an opportunity to show leadership in this time of crisis by supporting the most climate healthy option available.

Chris Brown
Sacramento City resident.

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From: Clerk of the Board Public Email
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To: McClain-White. Renae
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I am in favor of this or some similar plan; clearly our roads need help.

Cheers,

Jeffrey H. Horn

McClain-White. Renae

From: Clerk of the Board Public Email
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To: McClain-White. Renae
Cc: Evans. Florence; Munoz. Alma
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From: Georgia Johnson <helivz4u@yahoo.com>
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Let's fix the roads before they swallow us whole!! Public transit by bus is just as impacted as those of us who drive trucks, vans, cars, motorcycles and bicycles. FIX our ROADS, PLEASE!!

Thank you,
Georgia Johnson