

Meeting Minutes

Mayors' Commission on Climate Change Meeting #5

CalSTRS Board Room
100 Waterfront Place, West Sacramento, CA 95605

October 23rd, 2019

The following Commissioners were present during the meeting:

Alberto Ayala | Executive Director, SMAQMD
Anne Stausboll | Commission Chair
April Wick | Executive Director, Resources for Independent Living
Chris Ledesma | Mayor Pro Tem, City of West Sacramento
Dave Tanner | CEO, Sacramento Association of Realtors
James Corless | CEO, SACOG
Khaim Morton | VP Public Policy & Economic Development, Metro Chamber
Laurie Litman | President, 350 Sacramento
Mackenzie Wieser | Planning Commissioner, City of Elk Grove
Meg Arnold | Project Lead & Consultant, Valley Vision
Mike Teel | Owner & Chairman, Raley's
Nailah Pope-Harden | Director, Nailah Outreach Consulting
Robert Nelsen | President, California State University Sacramento

Also present during the meeting:

Kate Meis | Executive Director, Local Government Commission
David Tilley | Principal Planner, City of West Sacramento
Matt Hertel | Senior Planner, City of Sacramento
Jackie Cole | Principal, VG Consulting
Kacey Lizon | Deputy Executive Director for Planning & Programs, SACOG
Chris Flores | Special Assistant to GM/Government Affairs, Sacramento Regional Transit

Call to Order

Chair Stausboll called the meeting to order at 4:05pm

Opening Remarks

Chair Stausboll thanked CalSTRS for hosting the meeting and reiterated the mandate of the Commission. She thanked CalSTRS CEO Jack Ehnes and staff for hosting the meeting, and recognized CalSTRS for their leadership on sustainability.

She provided brief remarks on the High School Youth Summit and thanked Julia Burrows for spearheading the effort. She also thanked Chris Ledesma and Laurie Litman for attending, and thanked Raley's for its generous donation of lunch for the Summit.

The Chair highlighted the Business Roundtables as a way to engage the real estate and development industry, service industry (restaurants, hotels), small businesses, green tech, major employers, manufacturing, shared mobility service providers, and healthcare/social service. She thanked Julia Burrows and Meg Arnold for leading the effort.

She also noted that the Finance Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will convene once all sector-based TACs have met and developed their recommendations.

She acknowledged transportation as the largest contributing sector to greenhouse gas emissions and the important connection between land use and transportation strategies. The Chair reiterated the purpose of the Commission and reviewed the agenda for this meeting.

Update on Commission Activities

Kate Meis provided updates to the Commissioners on activities conducted since the last meeting, including the Mobility Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings, the status of the Community Health and Resiliency TAC, and the introduction of a new Financing TAC. She also emphasized the importance of social equity and encouraged the commission to consider equity throughout the process. Kate also shared a timeline of upcoming activities:

1. Community Health and Resiliency Carbon Zero Strategies to be finalized by January 2020;
2. Finance TAC and identification of financing options for implementation to be completed by February 2020;
3. Business Roundtables to be completed by February 2020;
4. Integration (final set of recommendations) to be completed by March 2020; and
5. Public Review of recommendation report by May 2020.

Equity Roundtable

Jackie Cole, principal of VG Consulting and facilitator of the Equity Roundtable, provided an update on the Equity Roundtable and discussed the robust level of participation and input being received. Jackie updated the Commission on the number of equity advocates and community members participating (22 total) in the Equity Roundtable.

City of West Sacramento Climate Action Plan Update

David Tilley with City of West Sacramento presented an overview of city's timeline for their Climate & Resiliency Action Plan.

City of Sacramento Community Outreach Activities

Matt Hertel with the City of Sacramento presented the city's outreach plan and activities conducted since the last commission meeting. He announced the completion of Phase I (340+ participants in the citywide workshops) and shared a timeline for Phase II, which is set to start in February 2020 and aims to gather input on options and explore alternatives.

Jackie Cole updated the Commission on community outreach efforts through the Environmental Justice Working Group (EJWG), which will convene its second round of focus groups in November. Phase I of the EJWG was focused on education, and Phase II will focus on building capacity among community members to participate in the discussion.

Proposed Revision to Land Use Strategy

Alberto Ayala presented the proposed revision to the Built Environment TAC's land use strategy. He recognized that transportation is the most critical sector to achieve Carbon Zero by 2045 and discussed the various tactics that can be implemented to achieve the objective.

Revised strategy:

"The cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento will support infill growth to ensure that 90% of their growth is in the established and center/corridor communities and 90% small-lot and attached homes by 2040, consistent with the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy. Project level VMT should be 15% below (or 85% of) the regional average."

Public Comment Land Use

Commissioners heard public comments regarding the revised land use strategy.

Commission Discussion and Action Land Use

Commissioners discussed the land use strategy as an opportunity to recognize both cities' existing policies and efforts in land use and highlighted the importance of prioritizing implementation, as well as the challenges ahead for both cities.

Motion to advance the revised land use strategy for inclusion in the Commission's Recommendation

Report: Moved by Ledesma and seconded by Arnold.

The revised land use strategy was unanimously adopted by those present. Commissioners Hansen, Li, Orchard, Bray, Rodriguez, and Mohanna were not present for the vote.

Priority Recommendations for the Mobility Sector

Chris Flores with Sacramento Regional Transit and Kacey Lizon with Sacramento Area Council of Governments, the Mobility TAC Co-Leads, presented the Mobility TAC's recommendations. They provided an overview of the modal hierarchy of the mobility strategies, from active transportation to transit and shared mobility then zero-emission vehicles. They emphasized the importance of encouraging active transportation and offering the alternative of transit for longer trips.

Public Comment Mobility Recommendation

Commissioners heard public comments regarding the Mobility recommendations.

Commission Discussion

Commissioners discussed the recommended strategies from the Mobility TAC:

1. **Active transportation:** Expand and enhance accessibility to low-stress connected infrastructure for walking and rolling, prioritizing improvements that address specific community and neighborhood concerns and needs, so that 30% of all trips are by active transportation by 2030 and 40% by 2045.
2. **Transit and shared mobility:** Expand and improve transit and shared mobility services to be more accessible, affordable, timely, and attractive than single occupancy vehicle use so that 30% of all trips are by transit and pooled shared mobility by 2030 and 50% by 2045.
3. **Zero-emission vehicles:** Develop a comprehensive package of incentives, disincentives, and policies to encourage the adoption of zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) so that 70% of new vehicle registrations will be for ZEVs by 2030 and to achieve 100% electrification of all public, private, and shared fleets by 2045.

Motion to advance the three Mobility Strategy Recommendations for inclusion in the Commission's

Recommendation Report: Moved by Wick and seconded by Corless

The Mobility strategies were unanimously adopted by those present. Commissioners Hansen, Li, Orchard, Bray, Rodriguez, and Mohanna were not present for the vote.

Public Comments – General

No public comments.

Next Steps & Closing Remarks

1. The next meeting, taking place December 2, 2019 from 4:00-7:30pm at SACOG, will focus on the Community Health & Resiliency TAC preliminary recommendations and will include two speakers on equity.
2. The Finance TAC will be launched.

Adjournment

Chair Stausboll adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.