



June 26, 2020

Dear Mayors Steinberg and Cabaldon,

Re: Support the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change Recommendations

I am writing on behalf of Sacramento Metro Advocates for Rail and Transit (SMART) and SacMoves to register our strong support for the recommendations of the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change that are proposed for adoption on June 29, 2020.

For the past year, SMART and SacMoves have been leading a broad-based coalition of business, labor and community groups united behind a common vision that Sacramento should have an innovative, seamless and diversified transportation network offering a wide range of accessible, affordable and efficient mobility choices coupled with supportive land uses, better air quality, safer neighborhoods and a stronger and more equitable economy.

We have been particularly focused during the past year on helping to shape the Sacramento Transportation Authority's Measure A Expenditure Plan to be consistent with this vision. To that end, we have advocated for the inclusion of projects and policies in the expenditure plan that are consistent with the groundbreaking work of the Mayors' Commission. Our goal is to ensure that these types of progressive projects and policies are adopted throughout our region.

Thanks to your consistent leadership, as well as the dedication and clear-headed guidance of the Mayors' Commission Chair Anne Stausboll and her fellow commissioners, and the strong staff work and analysis from the Local Government Commission and SACOG, the Mayors' Commission has developed a set of far-reaching yet pragmatic recommendations that will guide the future of not only our two cities, but hopefully the entire Sacramento region.

It is now incumbent upon the Cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento to implement these policy recommendations by transforming them into concrete plans, projects, and ordinances that will strengthen and diversify Sacramento's economy, improve our air quality, and reduce carbon emissions. In so doing, vehicle miles traveled will be reduced by minimizing single

occupancy vehicle trips, expanding and improving public transit and shared mobility services and providing safe access for bicyclists and pedestrians. Further, the implementation of the policy recommendations will help ensure that all community members, particularly from marginalized communities, have access to sustainable and affordable mobility options that facilitate positive community outcomes for public health and safety, livability and the economy.

On behalf of the entire SMART/SacMoves coalition, we thank you for your consideration of these comments during these trying times.

Yours truly,

Steve Cohn and Roger Dickinson

cc: Julia Burrows