

Meeting Minutes

Mayors' Commission on Climate Change Meeting #4

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

August 1, 2019

The following Commissioners were present during the meeting:

Anne Stausboll | Commission Chair
April Wick | Executive Director, Resources for Independent Living
Arlen Orchard | CEO & GM, SMUD
Chris Ledesma | Mayor Pro Tem, West Sacramento
Dave Tanner | CEO, Sacramento Association of Realtors
Henry Li | General Manager & CEO, Sacramento Regional Transit
James Corless | CEO, SACOG
Nikky Mohanna | Principal at Mohanna Development
Laurie Litman | President, 350 Sacramento
Mackenzie Wieser | Planning Commissioner, City of Elk Grove
Meg Arnold | Project Lead & Consultant, Valley Vision
Robert Nelsen | President, California State University Sacramento
Stephanie Bray | President & CEO, United Way California Capitol Region
Steve Hansen | Vice Mayor, Sacramento
Trish Rodriguez | Senior VP & Area Manager, Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento and Elk Grove

Also present during the meeting:

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon | City of West Sacramento
Kate Meis | Executive Director, Local Government Commission
David Tilly | Principal Planner, City of West Sacramento
Remi Mendoza | Senior Planner, City of Sacramento
Monica Hernandez | Director of Innovation & Partnerships, Sacramento Area Council of Governments
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 its leadership on sustainability. She acknowledged the appointment of Nailah Pope-Harden to the commission; Ms. Pope-Harden will join beginning with the next commission meeting. The chair reiterated the purpose of the commission and reviewed the agenda for this meeting.

Comments from Mayor Cabaldon

West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon gave brief remarks, discussed challenges and opportunities relevant to the climate crisis, and welcomed everyone to West Sacramento.

Update on Commission Activities

Kate Meis gave updates to the commissioners on activities since the last meeting, including the Mobility Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings, the status of the Community Health and Resiliency, and introduction of a new TAC on Financing. Kate invited commissioners to suggest potential members for the Financing TAC. TAC. She also emphasized the importance of social equity and ensuring that the commission is considering equity throughout the process.

West Sacramento Climate Action Plan Update Timeline & Community Engagement Plan

David Tilly presented an overview of West Sacramento's activity relative to its Climate & Resiliency Action Plan.

City of Sacramento Outreach Updates

Remi Mendoza updated the commission on community outreach efforts in Sacramento including Citywide Workshops and General Plan Update meetings.

Built Environment Land Use Strategy

Chair Stausboll reviewed the decision reached at the last meeting regarding the land use strategy for the Built Environment and that based on input it had been determined that further refinement of the strategy to strengthen it was appropriate. Kate asked for volunteers from the commission to join a working group headed by Commissioner Ayala to further consider the land use strategy and make a recommendation at the next commission meeting. Commissioners Laurie Litman, Meg Arnold, Mackenzie Wieser, James Corless, Steve Hansen, Chris Ledesma, Nikky Mohanna, April Wick, and Dave Tanner volunteered.

Mobility Trends and Regional Initiatives

Monica Hernandez, SACOG, presented on technology, ride sharing, shared mobility, and other mobility innovations taking place in the region. Commissioner Orchard provided an overview of the California Mobility Center.

Preliminary Recommendations from the Mobility Technical Advisory Committee

Chris Flores and Kacey Lizon presented the Mobility TAC's top three strategies:

1. Expand and improve transit and shared mobility services to be more competitive with single occupancy vehicle use so that 30% of all trips are by transit and pooled shared mobility by 2030 and 50% by 2045.
2. Expand and enhance accessibility to low-stress connected infrastructure for walking and rolling so that 30% of all trips are by active transportation by 2030 and 40% by 2045.
3. Electrify 80% of the transportation sector including all personal and shared vehicles, and public and private fleets, by 2030 and 100% by 2045.

Public Comments - Mobility

Commissioners heard public comments regarding mobility.

Commission Discussion

Commissioners discussed the preliminary recommendations from the Mobility TAC.

Commissioners emphasized the importance of equity and inclusion, including accessibility across all recommendations; and asked that a definition of equity and inclusion be included in the guiding principles

Commissioners also discussed the interplay between land use and mobility, and the need to change land use patterns in order to achieve transportation goals. It was noted that prior to finalizing the report, the land use and mobility recommendations may require further integration.

Commissioners spoke on the following matters specific to the Mobility recommendations, requesting the TAC to address these issues:

- Review the recommendations to determine if there are unintended consequences or missed opportunities
- Provide additional data where possible to support the recommendations
- The need for first and last mile mobility options
- Determine whether there are actions leaders in Sacramento and West Sacramento can take to facilitate action by/work with other cities in the region
- Emphasis on the necessary education and cultural shift
- Identification of early wins
- Further review of the electrification strategy, including implementation tactics, avoiding unintended consequences from an equity perspective

- Further review of the strategy to electrify private fleets and potential impact on business, particularly in West Sacramento

The Commission underscored the importance of reviewing the implementation tactics, and the Chair clarified that the TAC need not limit itself to only three implementation tactics for each strategy.

As a general matter, there was public comment as well as commissioner comment on urgency and the need to expedite implementation of the recommendations.

Public Comments – General

Commissioners heard feedback from the public on general matters regarding the Commission’s work.

Next Steps & Closing Remarks

Chair Stausboll announced that there will be a High School Youth Summit in West Sacramento on October 12th, and that Todd Litman will be providing a presentation at Sacramento City Hall on financing climate initiatives on September 16th.

High School Youth Summit

- WHO: Sacramento and West Sacramento HS students
- WHEN: Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- WHERE: River City High School (1 Raider Ln, West Sacramento, CA 95691)

Transforming the Sacramento Region: Planning & Financing a Bold Policy Agenda for Climate Protection & Community Livability

- WHO: Todd Litman, founder and Executive Director of Victoria Transport Policy Institute
- WHEN: Monday, September 16. 2019 from 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
- WHERE: Sacramento City Council Chambers (New City Hall, 915 I St, Sacramento, CA 95814)

Adjournment

Chair Stausboll adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm.