



## Environment & Public Health Working Group Notes – Stockton Blvd.

Thursday, April 22, 2021 (6:00 – 8:00 PM)

Attendees:

Name	Organization	Attended
Elizabeth Boyd	City of Sacramento, Planning Division	X
Brandon McCord	City of Sacramento, Planning Division	X
Bill Shunk	City of Sacramento, Public Works	X
Jenna Hahn	City of Sacramento, Public Works, EVs	X
Roshini Das	City of Sacramento, Utilities	X
Jennifer Venema	City of Sacramento, City Manager’s Office, Climate Lead	X
Mikel Davila	City of Sacramento, Office of Innovation and Economic Development	X
Rose Cabral	Resident Planning Team	X
Juan Reynoso	Ascent, Public Health Planning	X

<b>Main Themes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2021 Climate Work Plan</li> <li>• Funding for Environment &amp; Public Health Measures</li> <li>• Community Engagement on Environmental Initiatives</li> <li>• Food Deserts: Current Programs to Aid</li> <li>• What do our communities need?</li> <li>• What challenges does our community face?</li> </ul>
<b>Link to the Meeting Recording:</b>	→ <a href="#">Here</a>

Subject	Discussion Notes
Funding for Environment, Infrastructure, & Public Health Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we fund citywide climate action?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We usually are funded by a gas tax or some tax effort.</li> <li>○ None of the funding we have is guaranteed, we do a lot of competitive grant applications that always have strings attached.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• How can we get our EIR’s ready for grant funding?</li> <li>• Be more explicit about health outcomes and the public health opportunities that our projects could offer. This could help in</li> </ul>



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	<p>funding streams. These working groups are all dealing with health equity initiatives. (UC Davis, Sutter, Kaiser, Blue Cross... They are required by federal law to use some of their funding to fund specific public health initiatives). There seems to be a need for flexible funding, the local health community could aid in this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds to water infrastructure are specifically allocated to only to water, they are not allowed to be diverted for other usage such as drainage and stormwater management. Water is very regulated and there is lots of legal compliance. That happens to be a limitation as far as funding prioritization.</li> <li>• NDAT: Right now, we do not have any sustainable forms of funding. Right now, we rely on philanthropic partners and private-public partnerships.</li> <li>• Public Infrastructure does not get general fund dollars. They get funding from grants and state SB1 dollars, but it comes with a lot of requirements.</li> <li>• Public infrastructure gets a lot of money, but they cannot make flexible decisions with the funding they receive.</li> <li>• How do we highlight areas that could have more projects if we had more funding?</li> <li>• Create an actionable list of possible projects along Stockton Blvd that we could reference later when coming up with the draft plan. Having this list would be a good presentation material to present to potential funders and community partners who may be interested in partnering with one of the projects along Stockton Blvd.</li> </ul>
<p>Community Engagement on Environmental Initiatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we find vacant lot landowners that are interested and open to having some type of community use that requires low money while still offering activation? How can we connect with community partners who would be interested in taking over a community lot?</li> <li>• Leverage growing excitement about the Stockton Blvd Project to our advantage.</li> <li>• Empower the community to find funding streams for projects they want in their community. The Sacramento Community Land Trust on Morrison Creek is a great example where the community found the grant funding and brought it to the City! There are different funding sources for the bike path than for creek restoration. We should focus more on piecemealing our funding sources, instead of focusing on one big funder.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Think strategically about roles and opportunities to work together)</li> </ul>
Food Deserts: Current and Upcoming Programs Providing Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Alchemist Public Market: Entrepreneurship training classes for those interested in culinary work.</li> <li>• Great Plates Program: Reaching our senior citizen population. During the pandemic, ensuring that low-income seniors are well-fed have been a major focus. FEMA has been funding up to 66% of these meals to low-income seniors., as well as the transportation and other causes.</li> <li>• We need to grow the community-owned grocery store model along Stockton Blvd.</li> <li>• UC Davis Farmer’s Market that moved to McClatchy Park.</li> <li>• CalRecycle now requiring food retailers to have agreements in place with community organizations who provide food to low-income residents. To reduce food from being taken to landfills. Will go into effect on January 1st of 2022.</li> </ul>
What Do Our Communities Need?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Composting and Food Recovery: How can we get more sustainable with our level of food waste. Reduce food going to landfills by going to food recovery programs.</li> <li>• Vacant Land: How can we develop this vacant land? How can we turn these liabilities into assets for the community? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are many public health concerns raised with vacant lands, because of abandoned needles and contaminated water.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Consider a program that promotes composting on some of the vacant lots.</li> <li>• Look for another opportunity to put another community owned grocery store off Stockton Blvd.</li> <li>• We need spaces to walk and commune together. We need larger community gardens; we only have one and its very small. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Most of these vacant lots do not have water hook-ups to allow for there to be urban agricultural uses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Be intentional with how vacant lots can be beneficial to everyone around the lot when considering activating that lot.</li> </ul>
What Challenges Does Our Community Face?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic is an issue. What can we do to have less traffic: electric bikes, trolley cars?</li> <li>• Make sure we do not leave people behind as we develop! How can we make sure prices are affordable to the current residents?</li> </ul>



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	<p>Will they be able to afford their groceries if they shop off the Blvd in the next 10 years?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Because this is such a big project, it may be helpful to do a block-by-block incremental design approach.</li></ul>
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