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Rachel Patten, Climate Action Lead
City of Sacramento
915 I Street, 5th Floor
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Re: SacAdapt: Sacramento's Transportation Infrastructure Adaptation Plan --
AARP Comments on Draft Plan

Dear Ms. Patten:

I am writing to express AARP's support for the City of Sacramento's draft Transportation and Infrastructure Adaptation Plan. AARP has long urged policymakers to strengthen community resilience by addressing the environmental, socioeconomic, and infrastructural impacts of extreme weather events. Effective adaptation planning includes strategies to prevent or reduce these impacts, particularly those affecting older adults and other vulnerable populations.

The SacAdapt plan, developed in partnership with SacRT, represents an important step toward ensuring that Sacramento's public transit infrastructure remains accessible and safe amid evolving environmental and climate-related challenges. The plan includes several actions that align with AARP priorities, such as safeguarding and appropriately siting utilities, designing urban infrastructure to reduce extreme heat exposure, and strengthening evacuation planning and communication systems.

Actions to mitigate the impact of power outages are critical to protecting our most vulnerable populations. AARP advocates for strong resiliency standards so that utility services and systems can recover quickly from disruptions. We recommend establishing clear protocols to minimize outages and prioritize restoration for facilities and residences that serve older adults and people with disabilities. This should include increased maintenance of trees and generators at critical facilities.



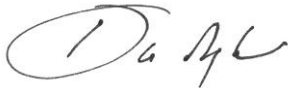
We are pleased that the City will develop a database of vulnerable population groups and critical facilities in need of advance warning or evacuation assistance. Older adults and people who have chronic illnesses, functional limitations, or disabilities are especially vulnerable during natural disasters. AARP advocates for jurisdictions to regularly plan, execute, and evaluate outreach and education activities. While the plan highlights internal emergency response training, we also recommend training that ensures safe and effective evacuation procedures for older adults, people with disabilities, and residents with limited English proficiency.

In addition, the steps outlined to mitigate the impacts of extreme heat are commendable. Expanding tree canopy, installing cool pavement, and creating vegetative parkways are essential steps toward building a more livable, age-friendly community—consistent with the City of Sacramento’s Age Friendly Action Plan adopted in 2024. AARP encourages the City to also identify and implement best practices for communicating with the public -- especially older adults, their families, and their caregivers -- about the risks of heat waves and the links between temperature and health.

On behalf of the more than 65,000 AARP members in the City of Sacramento, we are pleased to support SacAdapt. We look forward to supporting the City’s efforts towards implementation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christy Woods, Associate State Director, Advocacy and Community Engagement at cmwoods@aarp.org or (916) 556-3010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Angelo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "A".

Dawn Angelo
Regional Director, Sacramento

Cc: Jennifer Donlan Wyant, Mobility and Sustainability Division Manager