



February 23, 2025

Chair Roger Dickinson
Council Budget & Audit Committee
City of Sacramento
915 I Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Tactical Action Group (TAG) - Plan and Quick Build Concept

Dear Chair Dickinson and Councilmembers Guerra, Maple, and Talamantes,

House Sacramento is a 300+ member all-volunteer grassroots group focused on promoting a more affordable, liveable, and vibrant capital region. We voice our strongest possible support for the **Tactical Action Group (TAG Team) to be proposed at the February 25th Budget and Audit Committee meeting via Agenda Item 10 ("Active Transportation Commission 2024 Annual Report")**.

As you all know, this City's shared vision to create a more affordable, abundant, sustainable, liveable future for all Sacramentans *only* happens if we, collectively, feel safe walking, biking, and taking public transit. That's how we build a dense, infill-centric housing supply and to break our current doom-loop of housing unaffordability, homelessness, and car-centric sprawl.

And the biggest obstacle? Our worst-in-the-state road safety, especially for vulnerable users. As the *Sacramento Bee* has [documented](#), the human costs of our dangerous roads are quite literally unbearable:

Since January 2024, at least 35 people have died in crashes on city streets: Mattie Nicholson, 56; Kate Johnston, 55; Jeffrey Blain, 59; Aaron Ward, 40; Michael J. Kennedy, 40; Federico Zacarias Cambrano, 28; Marvin Moran, 22; Sam Dent, 41; Daniel Morris, 38; Terry Lane, 55; David Rink, 51; James Lind, 54; Tyler Vandehei, 32; Jose Valladolid Ramirez, 36; Larry Winters, 76; Sau Voong, 84; Johnnie A. Fite, 82; Robert Kohler Jr., 50; Edward J. Lopez, 61; David D. Taylor, 60; José Luis Silva, 55; Geohaira "Geo" Sosa, 32; Kaylee Xiong, 18; Muhammad Saddique, 64; Azure Amonti Daniels, 48; Duane Ashby, 35; Martin Chavez, 41; Daniel Lee Jennings Jr., 54; Jordan Nicolas Rodriguez, 38; Alfred Ramirez, 23; Nelson Lee, 64; and Lindie Kraushar, 53.

To be sure, this proposal is just a first step in the hard work that needs to be done. But that is precisely the point — **the TAG Team is *designed* as an incremental effort that the City can build on in two critical ways.** We encourage the Committee to explicitly direct staff accordingly:

1. In creating a centralized team accountable for road safety and dangerous intersections, **we begin to centralize the currently-diffuse responsibility in City government for fixing this crisis.** *We encourage you to ask this team to see themselves as "owners" of a momentous task, empowered by Council to work quickly and entrepreneurially, defaulting to action not deliberation.*

2. While the City has admirably found an impressive array of resources for the TAG Team to start with, **this also creates a clear vehicle to expand and scale up our efforts over time with new resources and funding mechanisms (such as potential ballot measures)**. This is true especially for more expensive “Tier 2” and Vision Zero projects. *We encourage Council to direct this item as a budgetary first step and not a final product.*

The people of Sacramento have made our voices clear. We expect the City to quite literally stop letting so many of us be killed on dangerous roads. **To their credit, City Staff has heard the call, with an initial step that rises to the challenge. It's the Council's job now to have their backs as loudly as you can.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Raderstorf', with a stylized, cursive script.

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