



Capital Area Regional Tolling Authority Board Meeting Recap

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Attachments: No

Referring Committee: Transportation

Issue:

This item recaps the actions of the Capital Area Regional Tolling Authority (CARTA) at its May 23, 2024, meeting.

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Recommendation for Board:

None; this item is for information only.

Recommendation for Committee:

None; this item is for information only.

Background:

At its January 2024, meeting, the SACOG board approved a Joint Powers Authority Agreement creating the CARTA to serve as the tolling authority for the Sacramento region. Although CARTA is an independent agency, the information it receives and the actions it takes directly impact SACOG's current and future work. Following each CARTA board meeting, staff prepare a report to keep SACOG Directors informed of CARTA's activities. More information on CARTA, including board meeting agendas, minutes, and recordings, is available at captollauthority.org.

Discussion/Analysis:

The CARTA Board of Directors met on May 23, 2024. As part of consent, the board approved the minutes for their February 15, 2024 meeting and authorized the Secretary to sign conflict of interest disclosures with Best Best & Krieger LLP and Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong LLP, who serve as general counsel and contracts counsel, respectively, to both SACOG and CARTA.

As their first action item, the CARTA board adopted a new meeting schedule for 2024: June 10, at 1:00 pm; August 1, at 12:00 pm; October 17, at 12:00 pm; and December 19, at 12:00 pm.

The board also adopted a budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. CARTA's total operating budget for that year is

\$1,300,000 and includes staff and non-staff costs for administration and toll program development. CARTA's operations for the first year are funded by a \$1,300,000 loan from the SACOG Managed Fund, which the CARTA board also approved as part of their meeting.

CARTA also authorized the Secretary to release a request for proposals for toll program consulting services. This one-year contract will create a multi-year workplan to guide future CARTA activities and guide CARTA and its partners through important toll policy discussions. As part of the discussion on the RFP item, the CARTA board expressed a desire for staff to develop clear, concise materials to explain tolling. The Directors indicated this would be useful for educating residents of the region on this new infrastructure and onboarding new Directors to the CARTA board.

As their final action item, the CARTA board adopted a Conflict of Interest Code and disclosure requirements as required by law.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

Included in the Overall Work Program/Budget

List of Attachments:

Not applicable