



## Transportation Committee

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### Capital Area Regional Tolling Authority Board Meeting Recap

Receive and File

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**Attachments:** No

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**Referring Committee:** Not Applicable

#### **Issue:**

This item recaps the actions of the Capital Area Regional Tolling Authority (CARTA) at its February 15, 2024, meeting.

#### **Recommendation:**

None; this item is for information only.

#### **Background/Analysis:**

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. Staff have developed this staff report to keep SACOG Directors informed of CARTA's activities and will prepare similar staff reports following each CARTA board meeting. More information on CARTA, including board meeting agendas, minutes, and recordings, is available at [captollauthority.org](http://captollauthority.org).

#### **Discussion/Analysis:**

The CARTA board had its inaugural meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024, in the SACOG board room. As part of its first action item, the CARTA board selected Director Oscar Villegas as its Chair and Director Dawnte Early as its Vice Chair. Chair Villegas and Vice Chair Early will serve for a year, after which the CARTA board will decide whether to continue these appointments or appoint new board leadership.

The CARTA board also designated SACOG as the lead agency to conduct the day-to-day affairs of CARTA until an alternative staffing method can be arranged. As SACOG will be staffing CARTA in the near term, the CARTA board also appointed the SACOG Executive Director as CARTA's Secretary and Sacramento County as CARTA's Auditor/Treasurer and Controller (Sacramento County performs those functions for SACOG). The CARTA board also took actions to adopt bylaws and a meeting schedule for 2024. The CARTA Board is scheduled to meet at 12:00 p.m. following the SACOG board meetings in May, September, and November 2024.

The final action the CARTA board took at its inaugural meeting was to authorize the Secretary to submit a Toll Facility Application for the Yolo 80 Corridor Improvement Project (Yolo 80) to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) pursuant to Assembly Bill 194. The action was a critical milestone to advance Yolo 80 and successfully deliver the \$86 million in discretionary federal funding on the project. The CTC will consider the

Yolo 80 Toll Facility Application at their May meeting in Orange County. Following action items, the CARTA board also had two receive and file items: a draft Conflict of Interest Code and a status update on JPA formation activities.

The next CARTA board meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2024.

**Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

There is no fiscal impact.