



Megaregion Working Group Summary

Report

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Attachments: Yes

Referring Committee: Policy & Innovation

Issue:

A summary of the Megaregion Working Group Meeting held on Friday, September 27, 2024.

Request:

Receive information

Recommendation for Board:

None, this is for information only.

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Background:

The Megaregion Working Group is a partnership between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the Bay Area, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, and the San Joaquin Council of Governments, with four Representatives from the board of each agency (Attachment A). The agencies represent 16 counties and 136 cities with a total population of nearly 11 million people stretching from the Central Valley and Bay Area to the Sierra Nevada Foothills and Lake Tahoe Basin. The Working Group's mission is to better connect the people and economies of the Megaregion. To accomplish this, our regions work to speak with a common voice on behalf of cities and counties at the federal and state legislatures and support the efforts of business groups and associations within and across our jurisdictional boundaries.

Discussion/Analysis:

The third and final Megaregion Working Group meeting of 2024 occurred on Friday, September 27, 2024 (Attachment B). The priority topic at the meeting was Electrification efforts in the Megaregion. SACOG staff and consultants presented on findings of the Northern California Megaregion Zero Emission Vehicle Medium / Heavy Duty Vehicle Study. This study addresses critical infrastructure needs for the transition for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles by identifying ZEV or hydrogen fueling sites across the study area along key freight corridors. MTC staff presented on Transportation Electrification Initiatives, providing an overview of new grant programs for charging infrastructure, electric bikeshare, local public fleet electrification, and planning. SJCOG staff presented on their regional charging and fueling infrastructure project.

Megaregion staff presented on Megaregion Dozen project funding, with MTC proposing two new Megaregion Dozen projects for Working Group approval, to replace the two fully-funded projects in 2023. The two new projects are the Alameda County Rail Safety Enhancement Program, to improve safety at at-grade crossings; and the Hercules Hub, a proposed new Capitol Corridor intercity passenger rail station.

The meeting also included items planning for the next calendar year: a look ahead to 2025 from MTC Executive Director Andy Fremier; formally rotating the Chair and Vice Chair to MTC and SACOG, respectively; and proposed dates for 2025 meetings on March 28, June 20, and September 26.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

Included in the Overall Work Program/Budget

List of Attachments:

Attachment A: Megaregion Working Group Membership Roster

Attachment B: Meeting Agenda Packet

Attachment C: Meeting Notes

Attachment D: ZEV Study