

Megaregion Working Group Meeting Notes

Friday, September 27

12:30-2:30 p.m. meeting held virtually on Zoom with Representatives in person at the SJCOG, SACOG, and Contra Costa Transportation Authority offices.

Next Meeting

- o Friday, March 28, 2025
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Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Framing Remarks
 - o Recognition of and Remarks from outgoing Representatives
- Megaregion Funding Update
- Electrification efforts in the Megaregion
 - o SACOG: Megaregion Zero Emission Medium/ Heavy-Duty Vehicle Study
 - o MTC: Transportation Electrification Programs
 - o SJCOG: Electrification for All in San Joaquin County
- Look Ahead to 2025
- Rotate Megaregion Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair
- Save the Dates” for 2025 Megaregion Working Group Meetings

Working Group Representatives in Attendance

SACOG Representatives: Gary Bradford, Alice Dowdin-Calvillo, Mike Kozlowski

MTC Representatives: Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Federal Glover, Vice Chair Nate Miley

SJCOG Representatives: Chair Gary Singh, Nancy Young, Leo Zuber

Meeting Summary

This was the third and final meeting of the Megaregion Working Group in 2024, with the focus of the meeting on Electrification efforts in the Megaregion. Staff at SACOG, MTC, and SJCOG presented studies, funding programs, and projects supporting the transition to electric vehicles and hydrogen in the Megaregion.

The Working Group celebrated funding awards for Megaregion Dozen projects and approved two new MTC supported projects in the Megaregion Dozen. The Working Group then turned to formal items closing out 2024, including a look ahead to 2025, rotating chair and vice chair, and approving dates for the three meetings to be held in 2025.

Welcome and Framing Remarks

Chair Singh opened the Megaregion Working Group meeting by recognizing outgoing Representatives Mayor Nancy Young, Councilmember Paul Joiner, Supervisor Federal Glover, Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci, and James Sperring. Several of the outgoing members noted their participation in the Megaregion as it has evolved over the past decade and half and recognized the current partnership that has increased shared advocacy for policy and funding priorities, notably for transportation projects. SJCOG Executive Director provided an overview of the Megaregion's work in 2024, including the meeting focused on managed lanes in January, Advocacy Day in Sacramento in April, and the efforts to secure funding for Megaregion dozen projects, and to restore funding to REAP 2.0 in the State Budget.

Megaregion Funding Update

Megaregion staff presented the funding update on Megaregion Dozen projects. This included funding awards to five of the projects, including the SACOG priority project I-80 and US-50 Managed Lanes, Phase 1 project, receiving a \$105 million Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) allocation.

MTC proposed two new projects to add to the Megaregion Dozen list to replace the two fully funded projects in 2023. The projects include the: Alameda County Rail Safety Enhancement Program, providing safe at-grade crossings, for an overall program request of \$450 million; and the Hercules Hub, a new Capitol Corridor passenger rail station, for an overall request of \$100 million. These projects were supported by the Megaregion Working Group and will be added to the next brochure update for future advocacy trips.

Electrification Efforts in the Megaregion

Staff at SACOG, MTC, and SJCOG presented on electrification efforts at each agency:

- SACOG staff and consultants provided an update on the Megaregion Zero Emission Medium and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Study, which SACOG led in partnership with SJCOG and MTC. The Study identified locations for 11 Direct-current fast chargers (DCFC) and/or hydrogen fueling stations to enable zero-emission freight, goods movement, and transit.
- MTC staff presented on their Transportation Electrification Programs, a group of programs totaling \$65 million for: charging infrastructure (\$30 million); electric bikeshare (\$20 million); local public fleet electrification planning (\$10 million); and transportation electrification planning (\$5 million).
- SJCOG staff presented on Electrification For All in San Joaquin County and their successful grant efforts. These include the SB-1funded Roadmap planning grant to develop and alternative fuels vision plan; their STEP pilot program to increase awareness of EV availability in South Stockton; and their clean mobility options funded by a \$4 million

grant to provide electric pedal assist bikes and EV car share, including partnerships with the Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin. They also discussed their plans to use \$2 million of their REAP funding to plan at least one mobility hub in each jurisdiction in conjunction with public transit stations.

Look Ahead to 2025

MTC Executive Director Andy Fremier presented a preview of priorities for 2025, which include continued strategic support for the Megaregion Dozen projects. Andy Fremier also proposed holding the third annual Megaregion Lobby Day in Sacramento in 2025. Finally, he discussed priorities in 2025 including SB 375 reform work in partnership with other MPOs across the state of California; and road pricing and managed lanes efforts moving forward at SACOG, SJCOG, and MTC.

Rotate Megaregion Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair

The Megaregion Working Group took action to rotate the position of Megaregion Working Group Chair and Vice Chair to MTC and SACOG, respectively, for 2025. The Chair and Vice Chair will be nominated at the first meeting on March 26, 2025.

“Save the Dates” for 2025 Megaregion Working Group Meetings

The Megaregion Working Group approved “Save the Dates” for Megaregion Working Group meetings in 2025, held between 12:30 and 2:30 PM on the following dates:

- March 28, 2025;
- June 20, 2025; and
- September 26, 2025