



## Transportation Committee

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### Capital Area Regional Tolling Authority Board Meeting Recap

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**Attachments:** No

**Referring Committee:** Not Applicable

**Issue:**

This item recaps the actions of the Capital Area Regional Tolling Authority (CARTA) at its October 17, 2024, meeting.

**Request:**

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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:**

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 develop this report following each CARTA board meeting 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](http://captollauthority.org).

**Discussion/Analysis:**

The CARTA board held its fourth meeting of the year on Thursday, October 17, 2024, in the SACOG board room. The agenda included four substantive items: two for action and two for information. As part of the first action item, the CARTA board approved the Caltrans Services Memo, which formalizes Caltrans' commitments to CARTA as a voting member. This memo was requested by the SACOG board during the development of CARTA in January 2024. The memo must also be approved by the SACOG and Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD) boards. Staff plan to bring the memo to the SACOG Transportation Committee and board in December and the YoloTD board in November.

As part of the second action item, the CARTA board authorized staff to apply to the Caltrans Strategic Partnerships Planning Grant to fund a regional tolling equity study. This study would take a comprehensive look at the impact of tolling on the region's low-income and disadvantaged communities and would outline

strategies to improve equitable outcomes.

The two information items covered Caltrans' and SACOG's long range plans for managed lanes: the Caltrans Managed Lanes System Plan and the SACOG 2025 Blueprint. Both plans articulate a very similar vision for the future of tolling in the region, but each plan uses different performance metrics, which leads to variations between the plans. SACOG and Caltrans staff have been coordinating to reduce these differences. Ultimately the development of toll lane projects will be determined by project-specific analysis. The next CARTA board meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2024.

**Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

Other (explain below)

**List of Attachments:**

Not applicable