



Megaregion Working Group Summary

Information

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Attachments: Yes

Referring Committee: Not Applicable

Issue:

A summary of the Megaregion Working Group Advocacy Day on April 22, 2024.

Request:

Review & Discuss at Meeting

Recommendation for Board:

None, this is for information only.

Recommendation for Committee:

Not applicable.

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.

The first Megaregion Lobby Day was held on April 19, 2023. The representatives in attendance from MTC, SJCOG, and SACOG reported back on the positive feedback received at the meetings. The Megaregion Working Group agreed to continue holding Advocacy Day annually to continue meeting with state agencies and legislators to highlight funding requests for Megaregion Dozen projects and advocate for shared state policy goals.

Discussion/Analysis:

The Megaregion Working Group participated in the second Megaregion Advocacy Day on April 22, 2024. The focus of the Megaregion Lobby Day meetings was to provide joint advocacy for "Megaregion Dozen" projects

and relevant state and federal grant funding opportunities, and to discuss the importance of restoring the \$300 million proposed rescission to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) included in Governor Newsom's 2024-25 January Budget proposal. In the SACOG region, REAP 2.0 funds the Green Means Go Program.

Six Megaregion Working Group Representatives and staff from MTC, SACOG, and SJCOG attended eight meetings with staff from state agencies, Assembly and Senate Committees, and state legislative offices. Refer to Attachments B and C for further detail on the Megaregion Working Group attendees and the meetings that were held.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

Include in OWP/Budget

List of Attachments:

Attachment A: Megaregion Working Group Membership Roster

Attachment B: Megaregion Advocacy Day Representatives and Staff in Attendance

Attachment C: Megaregion Advocacy Day Schedule

Attachment D: Megaregion Dozen Brochure

Attachment E: Megaregion Working Group Letter Budget Funding for Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0)