



Megaregion Working Group Meeting Summary

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1. Issue:

The Megaregion Working Group held its final meeting of the year on Friday, September 23.

2. Recommendation:

None, this is for information only.

3. Background/Analysis:

The Megaregion Working Group is a partnership between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in the Bay Area, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, and the San Joaquin Council of Governments. Combined, our 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. SACOG's representatives on the Working Group for 2022 include Directors Lucas Frerichs, Bonnie Gore, Mike Kozlowski, and Don Saylor.

The Working Group's mission is to better connect the people and economies of the megaregion. To accomplish this, our regions must 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.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

Staff will provide a brief recap and summary of the final meeting of the Megaregion Working Group for 2022. The agenda for the final meeting focused on clean vehicles and electrification initiatives and opportunities in the megaregion. The meeting featured a panel discussion on the rapidly evolving federal and state environment for electrification in terms of funding, policy, and regulation, as well as opportunities for, and potential barriers to, successful deployment of electric and clean vehicle technology. Attachment A includes the meeting agenda as well as links to the materials and presentations for each of the agenda items.

With this final meeting of the year, the lead agency and chair roles for the 2023 Megaregion Working Group will pass to SACOG. The working group will meet three times in 2023. The dates for next year's megaregion meetings are:

- Friday, January 27, 2023, from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm;

- Friday, April 28, 2023, from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm; and
- Friday, September 29, 2023, from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

The staff work associated with the Megaregion Working Group is included in the Overall Work Program and Budget.

6. This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Objectives:

Goal 1 : Advance Economic Prosperity

Goal 2 : Connected Communities

Goal 3 : Vibrant Places