



Megaregion Working Group Meeting Summary

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1. Issue:

A summary of the Megaregion Working Group meeting held on Friday, January 27, 2023.

2. Recommendation:

None, this is for information only.

3. Background/Analysis:

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. 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. 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:

The first Megaregion Working Group meeting of 2023 was held on Friday, January 27, 2023. The Megaregion Working group membership roster is included in Attachment A and the meeting agenda is included in Attachment B. The Working Group discussed priority topics for the year, including support for the megaregional transportation investment priorities; coordinated and cross-disciplinary planning; electric vehicles and electrification; and roadway pricing.

Staff provided updates on the megaregional transportation investment priorities shown in Attachment C. In the SACOG region, these priorities transportation projects include the Yolo I-80 and US 50 Managed Lanes project from Sacramento to Solano County, I-5 Managed Lanes in Sacramento and Yolo Counties, the Sacramento to Roseville Third Main Track for Capital Corridor rail service, and the Valley Rail expansion of the Altamont Corridor Express to North Natomas and the Sacramento International Airport.

The Working Group also discussed legislative priorities, including the SACOG-supported legislation to extend the timeline of the Blueprint, and support for transit operations given the 'Transit Fiscal Cliff' transit operators will face in the coming fiscal years.

Meeting notes are included in Attachment D.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

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