



## Mega Region Working Group Report Out

### Information

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**Attachments:** Yes

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**Referring Committee:** Policy & Innovation

### 1. Issue:

A Mega Region Working Group member will provide a summary of the Megaregion Working Group Meeting held on Friday, September 29, 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, 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.

### 4. Discussion/Analysis:

The third and final Megaregion Working Group meeting of 2023 was held on Friday, September 29, 2023 (Attachment B). The Megaregion priority topic of focus for the meeting was zero emission vehicles, specifically with an overview of regional transit agencies' efforts to transition to zero emission transit. The Megaregion Working Group heard prepared remarks from several agencies involved in the effort and regional priority projects, including staff at MTC, Sacramento Regional Transit, SMAQMD, SMUD, Yuba-Sutter Transit, and Valley Link.

Megaregion staff provided an update on Megaregion Dozen project funding from recent State and Federal funding programs. This includes the Interstate-80 Westbound Truck Scales Replacement and the Port of Oakland Green Power Microgrid projects and the Capitol Corridor Sacramento-Roseville Third Track Phase 1 all being awarded full funding from various programs. The meeting also included items planning for the next calendar year: a look ahead to 2024; formally rotating the Chair and Vice Chair to SJCOG and MTC, respectively; and proposed dates for 2024 meetings on January 26, April 26, and September 27.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Megaregion Working Group Membership Roster

Attachment B: September 29 Meeting Agenda

Attachment C: September 29 Meeting Notes

**5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

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