



# **Meeting Agenda**

# **Megaregion Working Group**

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Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza (Chair), Napa County; Supervisor
Nate Miley, Alameda County; Supervisor Jim Spering, Solano
County; and Councilmember Amy Worth, City of Orinda
San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) Representatives
Supervisor Robert Rickman, San Joaquin County;
Councilmember Gary Singh, City of Manteca; Mayor Nancy
Young, City of Tracy; and Councilmember Leo Zuber, City of
Ripon
Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)
Representatives

Supervisor Bonnie Gore (Vice-Chair), Placer County; Councilmember Mike Kozlowski, City of Folsom; Vice Mayor Lucas Frerichs, City of Davis; and Supervisor Don Saylor, Yolo County

Friday, September 23, 2022

12:30 PM

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#### 1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Quorum: A quorum of this body shall be a majority of its regular voting members (7).

## 2. Welcome and Framing Remarks

2a. 22-1437 Background on the topic of electrification as it relates to the Megaregion

Working Group and overview of meeting goals and objectives

Action: Information

<u>Presenter:</u> Therese McMillan, MTC

Attachments: 02a - Welcome and Framing Remarks - Memo.pdf

## 3. Clean Vehicle and Electrification Initiatives in the Megaregion

**3a.** 22-1438 Summary of existing and planned clean vehicle and electrification

initiatives within the Megaregion, including those related to transit, infrastructure, mobility, vehicle incentives and upcoming funding

opportunities, among others

Action: Information

<u>Presenter:</u> James Choe, MTC

Ryan Niblock, SJCOG

Clint Holtzen and Sam Shelton, SACOG

Attachments: 03a - Clean Vehicle and Electrification Initiatives in the Megaregion - PPT.pdf

#### 4. Panel Discussion: Perspectives on Electrification Opportunities and Barriers

**4a.** 22-1439 Discussion of 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

<u>Action:</u> Information

<u>Presenter:</u> Egon Terplan - Moderator

Darin Cline, Pacific Gas & Electric - Panelist

Diane Nguyen, SJCOG - Panelist

Craig Segall, California Air Resources Board - Panelist Tim Taylor, Sacramento Clean Cities Coalition - Panelist

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>04a - Panel Discussion - Electrification Opportunities and Barriers.pdf</u>

#### 5. Funding and Legislative Update

**5a.** <u>22-1440</u> Update on funding and legislative developments in Sacramento and

Washington D.C., including key updates for "Megaregion Dozen" projects, upcoming funding opportunities, and a summary of recent legislative

advocacy visits

Action: Information

Presenter: Kenneth Kao, MTC

<u>Attachments:</u> 05a - Megaregion Funding and Legislative Update - PPT.pdf

#### 6. Look Ahead to 2023

**6a.** 22-1441 A preview of proposed Megaregion Working Group priorities for 2023,

when lead staffing for the group will transfer to SACOG

Action: Information

Presenter: James Corless, SACOG

# 7. Rotate Megaregion Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair to SACOG and SJCOG, Respectively

7a. <u>22-1442</u>

Action: Approval

<u>Attachments:</u> 07a - Rotate Chair and Vice Chair - Memo.pdf

#### 8. "Save the Dates" for 2023 Megaregion Working Group Meetings

**8a.** 22-1443

Action: Approval

Attachments: 08a - Save the Dates for 2023 Megaregion Working Group Meetings - Memo.pd

#### 9. Public Comment / Other Business

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22-1549 Public Comment

Action: Information

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# **Megaregion Working Group**

September 23, 2022 Agenda Item 2a

#### **Welcome and Framing Remarks**

#### **Subject:**

Background on the topic of clean vehicles and electrification as it relates to the Megaregion Working Group and overview of meeting goals and objectives.

## **Background:**

In January 2022 the Megaregion Working Group adopted a Megaregion agenda for the year, including a topical focus in four areas: (i) support of the "Megaregion Dozen" Action Plan, (ii) coordinated and cross-disciplinary planning, (iii) electric vehicles (EVs) and electrification, and (iv) roadway pricing. At the request of policymakers, electrification was identified as the primary subject for discussion at the September 2022 Megaregion Working Group meeting.

#### **Discussion:**

The policy, funding, regulatory and implementation environment for clean vehicles, electrification, and clean fuels has been changing rapidly at both the state and federal level. At the federal level, recent developments include:

- The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs (IIJA) Act, which includes significant funding to support EVs and reduced emissions, including the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program, the Carbon Reduction Fund, as well as grants for buses and ferries;
- The Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) Act, which has implications for EV manufacturing and supply chains; and
- The Inflation Reduction Act, which includes significant financial support for EVs and clean energy through tax credits and direct funding, in addition to manufacturing and workforce requirements.

The State of California has also been active in the zero-emission vehicle space. The recently adopted Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget includes a \$6.1 billion zero-emission vehicle package – including support for light-duty vehicles, heavy duty-vehicles, and infrastructure programs –

building upon a \$3.9 billion investment in Fiscal Year 2021-22. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) also recently issued a rule requiring that all new cars sold in the state be free of greenhouse gas emissions such as carbon dioxide by 2035. These developments follow years of past investments, incentives, and regulations that have made California a leader in the fight to reduce emissions from internal combustion engine vehicles. These include, for example, the Innovative Clean Transit regulation, adopted by CARB in 2018 to gradually transition all public transit agencies to a 100-percent zero-emission bus fleet.

All three Megaregion MPO partners have been active in this space as well. There are several EV and electrification initiatives already ongoing within the Megaregion, including those related to transit, clean vehicle incentives, goods movement, charging infrastructure, mobility, and workforce development, among other areas.

As such, continuing to monitor, anticipate, prepare for, and act on recent federal and state developments will be crucial to most effectively supporting the "Megaregion Dozen" and other shared megaregional priorities. Identifying needed investments in infrastructure or network management, understanding new requirements, evaluating coordination needs or pursuing emerging opportunities are all areas where the Megaregion Working Group could offer valuable insights and framing.

It is important to emphasize, however, that the federal and state investments referenced above will be necessary but not sufficient to support the successful implementation and deployment of clean vehicles and EV infrastructure. It will be essential to gain a detailed understanding of relevant barriers and constraints so that the Megaregion can use its considerable size and scope to shape potential federal and/or state advocacy activities, as well as identify an appropriate role amongst the myriad local and regional bodies finding their footing in this shifting and evolving landscape.

Key goals and objectives for the September 2022 meeting therefore include:

(1) Understanding existing clean vehicle and electrification activities and initiatives ongoing in the Megaregion;

- (2) Learning about key federal and state developments with respect to zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure, particularly new funding, policy, and regulations;
- (3) Gaining a better understanding of the barriers and constraints to the successful and equitable deployment of zero emission vehicles and infrastructure as well as potential opportunities that cross regional boundaries; and
- (4) Calibrating Megaregional electrification activities and initiatives appropriately.

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# Clean Vehicle and Electrification Initiatives in the Megaregion

September 2022

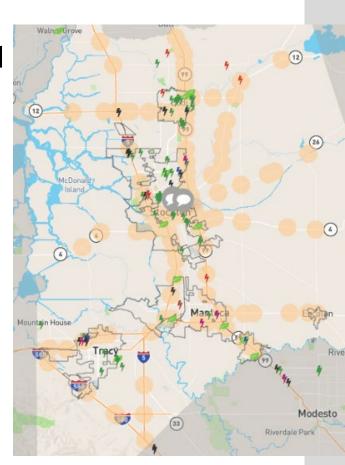






# SJCOG Alternative Fuels Vision Plan

- Countywide inventory of ZEV infrastructure and alternative fueling
- Address the needs of multiple classes of alternative fuel vehicles and identify clean fueling infrastructure opportunities along major freight corridors and other regionally significant roadways
- The AFVP will:
  - Assess existing infrastructure and identify challenges, gaps, and barriers
  - Identify equity issues and ensure infrastructure improvements and investments are equitable and accessible to
  - Recommend infrastructure improvements and related investments, policies and implementation strategies

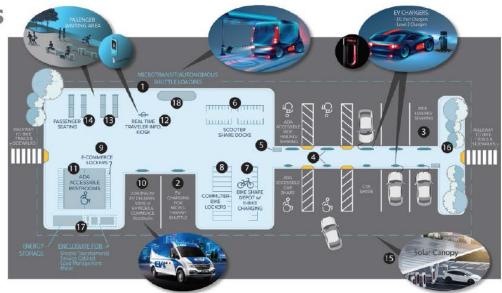


# SJCOG Alternative Fuels Vision Plan - Working Findings

- Evaluation of Opportunities
- Suitable charging stations along key corridors including:
  - Interstates: 5, 580& 205
  - State Routes: 99, 4,
    120, 88, 12, 26,132
- Local parallel roadway facilities
- Interchanges

- NEVI-compliant charging sites
- Heavy-duty charging & fueling plazas for trucks

E-MOBILITY HUB CONCEPT PLAN VIEW





# **Stockton Mobility Collective**

**SMC Project Goals** 









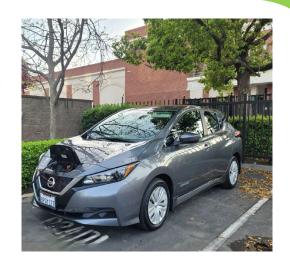


# SMC Key Features

# **Stockton Mobility Collective**

# **EV Carsharing Program**

- Provide affordable and consistent alternative to car ownership
- Offers an alternative way to travel to destinations that are not feasible by transit
- Includes 30 EVs deployed at 5-7 electric charging stations





# E-Bikesharing Program

- Offer low cost hourly and daily rentals
- Provide a first and last mile solution and alternative mode to complement SJRTD transit network
- Includes 100 e-bikes at approximately 12 station hubs



# Sacramento Region Zero Carbon Transportation Initiatives

# **ZEV Deployment Strategy**









4 Agencies and 1 Solution-Focused Strategy to Develop a Zero-Emission Transportation Future for the Sacramento Region

- Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
- Replace existing sources with zero-emission fuels (electricity and hydrogen)
- Invest in under resourced neighborhoods



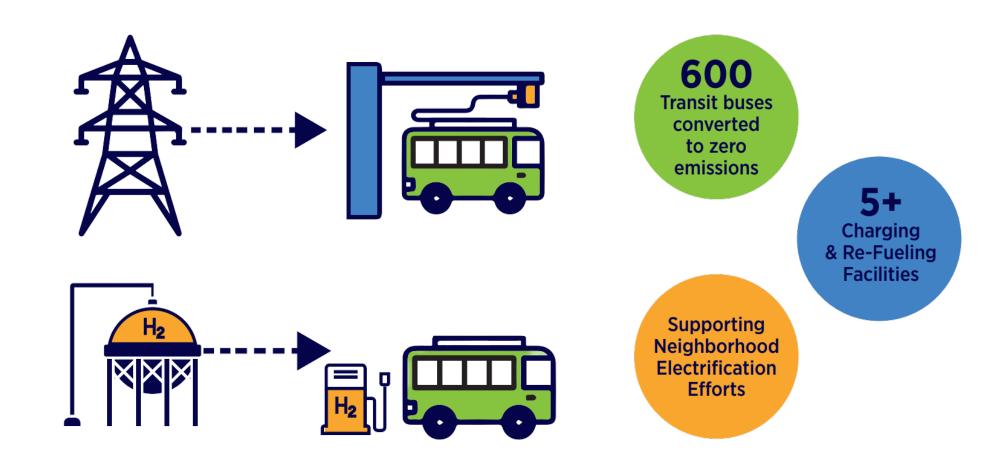
Improve air quality • Reduce GHG emissions • Abate exposure to toxins • Adapt to warming planet • Promote efficient mobility



# Sacramento ZEV Deployment Strategy

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Transit Fleet Conversion & Refueling Infrastructure



# Sacramento ZEV Deployment Strategy (cont'd)

Goods Movement and N

Goods Movement and Medium & Heavy Duty Fleet Transition



# Sacramento ZEV Deployment Strategy (cont'd)

Charging & Transportation Options for Under Resourced Communities

eMobility Hubs Throughout Sacramento Region

> 182 LD Ev Chargers Installed

Supporting
288,000

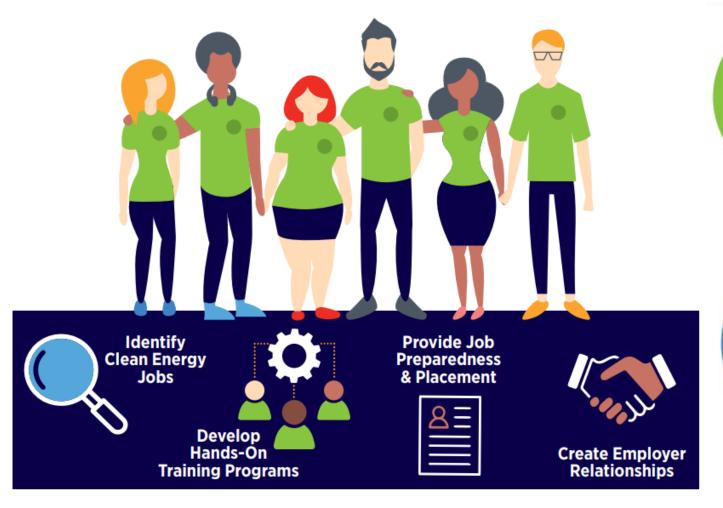
LD EVs
by 2030



# Sacramento ZEV Deployment Strategy (cont'd)



# Workforce Development



4,000
People
Trained with
Clean Energy
Skills by 2024

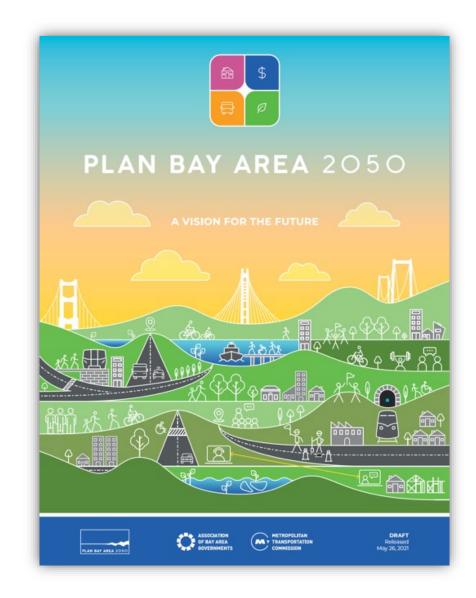
1,000
People Hired into
High-Paying Clean
Energy Jobs
by 2024

Entry-Level
Employability,
Workforce
Retraining,
Reskilling,
& Local
Recruitment



# MTC Transportation Electrification Program Background

- To date MTC has supported a variety of light-duty clean vehicle investments, including incentives, charging infrastructure and EV carshare, among others
- Accelerating transportation electrification (Strategy EN8)
  is key Plan Bay Area 2050 strategy to help achieve 19%
  greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target
- Improve equitable access to clean transportation options and advance equitable outcomes
- Address gaps and barriers to accelerate deployment of EVs, EV charging infrastructure, and other electric mobility options (e-bike, electric car share, etc.)
- Support replicable or scalable solutions that can improve access to electrification across the region
- Anticipate \$65M investment



# MTC Letter of Interest (LOI)

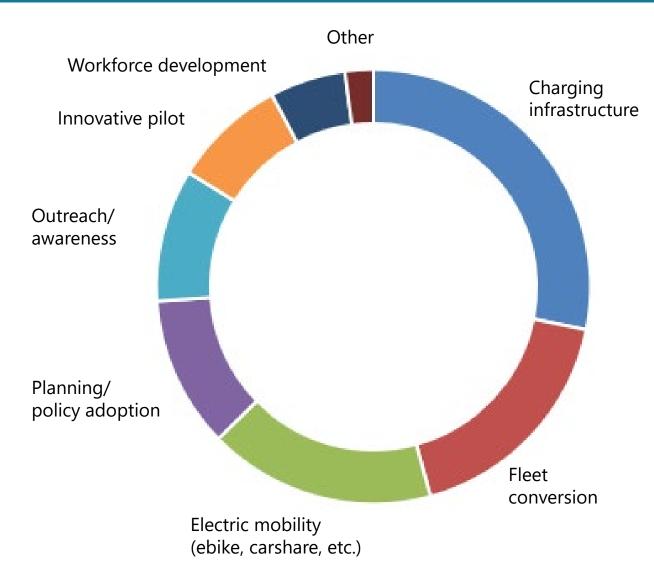
# **Collect local project ideas to:**

- Assess needs and opportunities for transportation electrification at the local level
- Identify barriers to implementation
- Gauge status of strategies and implementation activities
- Assess funding availability and needs
- Inform development of regional programs, including local assistance grant programs

# MTC Transportation Electrification Program: Letter of Interest The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is seeking proposals or concepts for projects or programs that address gaps and accelerate equitable electric vehicle (EV) adoption, EV charging deployment, or other electric mobility options and demonstrate replicable or scalable solutions that can improve access across the region. See MTC's Transportation Electrification Program page for more information. For questions, please contact James Choe, Climate Program Manager: jchoe@bayareametro.gov PROPOSER INFORMATION \* 1. Public Agency Project Sponsor Organization \* Main Contact Name Email Address \* Phone Number 2. Project Partner(s), if applicable (list Organization, Contact Name, and Email) PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION \* 3. Project type(s) (this is not an exhaustive list of project types that can be proposed) Planning or policy adoption (e.g., EV readiness plan; permitting streamlining) Charging infrastructure project (e.g., public EV fleet charging installation; mobility hub chargers; transit station parking facility chargers)

# MTC LOI Response Summary

- Received over 80 submittals from jurisdictions in every county
- Top areas of reported need:
  - Charging infrastructure
  - Fleet conversion
  - Electric mobility (bikes, bike share, car share)
  - Planning or policy adoption
- Barriers cited:
  - Staff capacity
  - Uncertainty about electrical upgrades, new technologies
  - Difficulty resolving charging infrastructure issues at multi-family developments
- Next steps: develop programs for release in 2023



# Select Findings from MTC LOI

- High need for charging infrastructure, both for fleets and the public
- Many public charging projects aim to support multifamily residences and other underserved communities
- Many barriers to deploying infrastructure, primarily uncertainty around electrical upgrades and the interconnection role with PG&E
- Significant interest in municipal fleet electrification, including medium- and heavy-duty
- Unexpectedly high number of e-mobility projects and few existing funding programs
- Lack of staff capacity, both time and expertise, is primary barrier across LOIs, particularly for new technologies such as MD/HDVs
- Submissions based on planning were especially specific and supported



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# Transit Electrification in the Bay Area



- Many bus operators have zero-emission buses in their fleets and/or are piloting technology
- New bus procurements are increasingly zeroemission, ahead of CARB timeline
- Battery Electric Buses and Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Buses will both be significant components of zeroemission fleet
- MTC and operators will undertake a Regional Zero-Emission Transition Strategy in the coming year, focused on cost and funding of the ZEB transition, coordination opportunities, and evaluation/management of risk

# SolanoExpress Route Map



# EGAREGION WORKING GROUP



Meeting Date: September 23, 2022

# **Perspectives on Electrification Opportunities and Barriers**

Panel discussion of 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.

# **Moderator and Panelist Biographies**

**Egon Terplan (moderator)** works at the intersection of economic development strategy, regional planning, and transportation and land use policy. He is currently the Robert S. Cornish Endowed Chair of Regional Planning in the Department of City & Regional Planning at UC Berkeley and consults on projects across California. From 2019 to 2022 Egon served as the Senior Advisor for Economic Development and Transportation within the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the California Strategic Growth Council. In that role, he helped launch and manage "Regions Rise Together," a statewide inclusive economic development and sustainable growth initiative and also helped design and create two innovative regional implementation programs – the \$600 million Community Economic Resilience Fund and the \$600 million Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2022. He was also the project director for the California Transportation Assessment (AB 285), a review of the state transportation planning and funding system.

Prior to his appointment with the Governor's Office, Egon was the Regional Planning Director for SPUR, where he authored and managed dozens of projects on topics ranging from land use and high-speed rail to the future of downtown Oakland to an economic strategy for middle-wage jobs in the Bay Area. He also co-authored the first-ever analysis of the Northern California megaregion (<a href="https://www.spur.org/publications/urbanist-article/2007-11-01/northern-california-megaregion">https://www.spur.org/publications/urbanist-article/2007-11-01/northern-california-megaregion</a>).

**Darin Cline (panelist)** is the Senior Manager of the Greater San Francisco Bay Area Local Governmental Affairs team for the Pacific Gas & Electric Company. He is responsible for the local governmental relations, Community and Stakeholder Relations, and capital projects on the Bay Area city, county, and regional levels.

Darin has extensive experience in public and private sectors, including former service as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Appointments, and Communications for the County of St. Louis, MO, and Confidential Assistant for a Georgia Governor. He initiated St. Louis County's first "Going Green" program and was tasked with supporting the metro-area transportation system. The bulk of his career was spent managing political campaigns, ballot measures, and land use advisory services for business leaders and elected officials in over 30 states on the local, state, and federal level.

Darin also currently serves on the Boards of Oakland Chamber of Commerce and East Bay Economic Development Alliance.

**Diane Nguyen (panelist)** is the Executive Director of the San Joaquin Council of Governments. Diane has over 20 years of work experience at SJCOG. During that time, Diane was a pioneer for many innovative projects in the San Joaquin region. She collaborated with many agencies and community partners in developing San Joaquin's first Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and first 7-public transit agency mobile ticketing application. She also oversees the delivery of Measure K Program of Projects-- San Joaquin's half cent sales tax program which finances an array of transportation improvements. She was instrumental in securing \$7.4 million from a California Air Resources Board grant to bring electric carshare, electric bikeshare, EV infrastructure, and work force development into South Stockton's disadvantaged community.

Diane also spent seven years in private consulting. She led engineering and planning teams to deliver Capital Improvement Programs throughout California. Notable was her management of two interchanges on Highway 99 in Elk Grove which were constructed at the same time.

Craig Segall (panelist) was appointed Deputy Executive Officer, Mobile Sources and Incentives, of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in May 2021. He plays a key role in creating a zero-emission transportation sector and addressing long-standing transportation inequities to achieve California's clean air, community protection, and climate goals. Mr. Segall's responsibilities include all facets of new and emerging air pollution control programs and policies related to mobile emissions sources. In addition, he oversees the incentive programs in the Sustainable Transportation and Communities Division and the Mobile Source Control Division.

Prior to joining CARB, Mr. Segall was a public interest and government lawyer, working on a wide array of regulatory and statutory challenges and litigation efforts intended to protect public health and the environment. Mr. Segall holds a J.D. from Stanford Law School and graduated from the University of Chicago where he studied biology and environmental studies. In his spare time, he lectures at the University of Edinburgh Law School and was a also a visiting lecturer at the UCLA Law School.

**Tim Taylor (panelist)** managed the Land Use, Communications and Mobile Source Division at the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) from 1996 to 2003 and again from 2007 to his retirement in August of 2018. He began at the Air District in 1991 in the "Clean Alternative Fuels/Low-emission Vehicles (CAF/LEV) Program" and became a Division Manager in 1995. In August of 2003, Mr. Taylor left the Air District to assume the role of Director of Strategic Marketing Planning for Cleaire, an exhaust emission control company and returned to the Air District in 2007 as a Division Manager overseeing the implementation of a wide range of programs including Mobile Programs, Land Use Programs, Communications Programs and Climate Change Programs.

Mr. Taylor has served on a number of professional associations in the past including Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and President of the Public Equipment Managers Association (PEMA), a member on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) Task Force, a member of the California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association (CAPCOA) 2010 Climate Change Conference Steering Committee, Chair of the Central California Ozone Study "Further Study Measures" Committee and Chair of the CAPCOA Mobile Source and Fuels Committee. He continues to serve as the Vice President and Executive Director of the Sacramento Clean Cities Coalition.

# Update on Funding and Legislative Activities

Including Megaregion Dozen Projects

September 2022





# Megaregion Dozen Update

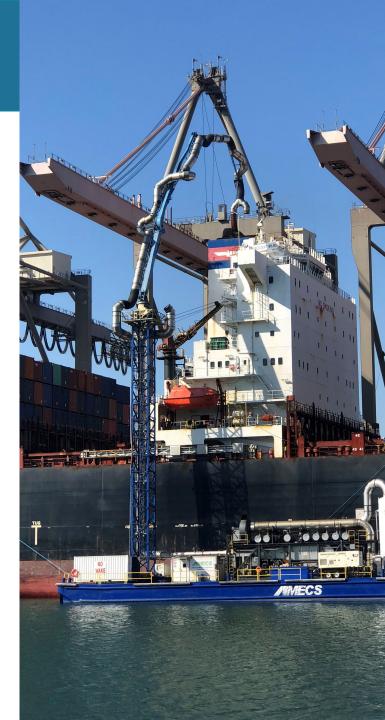
- MRWG Letters of Support
  - ☐ Template for Megaregion Dozen support letters – submitted for federal/state grants
- High-Level Matrix of Funding Sources



Fund Source	Highway/Exp Lanes/IC	Transit/Rail	Port
Federal Discretionary	X	Χ	X
Federal Formula	X	X	[see TCEP]
State SB1 SCCP	X	Χ	
State SB1 TCEP	X		Χ
State SB1 LPP	X	X	
State TIRCP		Χ	
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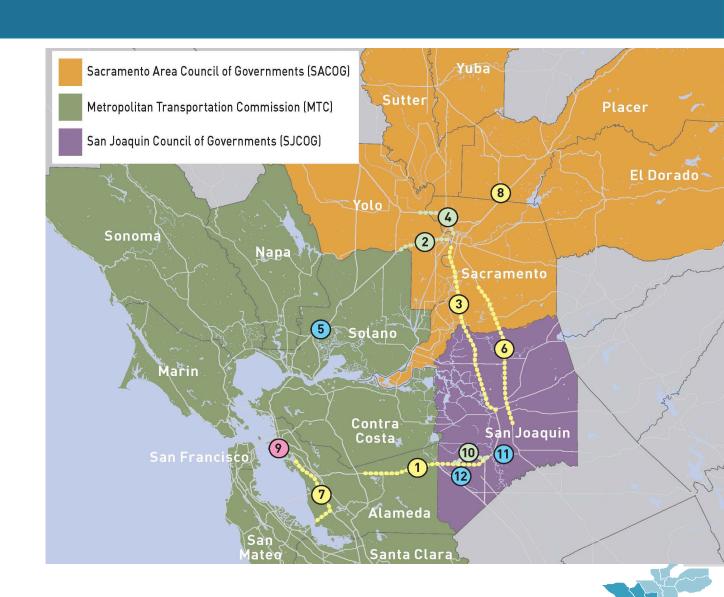
# **Updated Funding Opportunities**

- Senate Bill 1 Competitive Programs
  - ☐ Applications due November/December 2022
- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)
  - Awards announced over the summer
- State Budget Surplus
  - ☐ Extra money for ATP, TIRCP, and Port Infrastructure
- Federal Infrastructure Bill (i.e. "BIL")
  - NOFOs available for CRISI, Reconnecting Communities, Rail Safety. Others like BUILD, INFRA, MEGA already due
  - ☐ Formula funding split adopted in June 2022
  - ☐ Forthcoming Carbon Reduction Program, PROTECT



# Legislative Advocacy

- Advocacy collateral used during legislative visits in Sacramento and DC
- Includes summary statistics of Megaregion, project summaries, and location map
- Picked up by other regions as example of good outreach



# Bills and Grant Awards

- State Bills
  - ☐ Budget surplus, Calls for Projects
- Federal Grant Award Recipients
  - ☐ San Jose, Alameda CTC (CRISI)
  - ☐ SACOG, Yuba-Sutter Transit, SF (RAISE)
  - ☐ Roseville, Napa, Fairfield, San Joaquin, Santa Clara VTA (FTA Grants)
  - ☐ More to come



# **Megaregion Working Group**

**September 23, 2022** 

Agenda Item 7a

#### Rotate Megaregion Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair to SACOG and SJCOG

#### **Subject:**

Action to rotate the position of Megaregion Working Group Chair and Vice Chair to SACOG and SJCOG, respectively, for 2023.

## **Background:**

In December 2020, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish duties and governance guidelines for the Megaregion Working Group. This MOU specified that – beginning with SJCOG in 2021, MTC in 2022, and SACOG in 2023, and continuing on in that order – each MPO partner shall take the role of lead agency for the work conducted by and on behalf of the working group on a rotating annual basis. The MOU further specifies that the MPO partner assigned the role of lead agency shall designate one elected member of its governing body to serve as Chair and the MPO partner who will serve as lead agency the following year shall designate one elected member of its governing body to serve as Vice Chair.

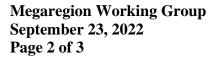
At the September 2021 meeting, the Megaregion Working Group took action to rotate the roles of chair and vice-chair from SJCOG and MTC in 2021 to MTC and SACOG in 2022, respectively. Action was taken at the January 2022 meeting to designate the governing body members who served as Megaregion Working Group Chair and Vice Chair in 2022.

#### **Recommendations:**

In accordance with the Megaregion Working Group MOU, it is recommended that working group members take action to rotate the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair from MTC and SACOG in 2022 to SACOG and SJCOG in 2023, respectively. SACOG governing body members may nominate and elect a Chair, and SJCOG governing body members nominate and elect a Vice Chair, at the first Megaregion Working Group meeting of the year in January 2023.

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment A: Megaregion Working Group Membership Roster



Therese W. McMillan

# **Attachment A**

# **Megaregion Working Group Membership Roster**

Metropolitan Transportation Commission				
Alfredo Pedroza, Supervisor, Napa County				
Nate Miley, Supervisor, Alameda County				
Jim Spering, Supervisor, Solano County				
Amy Worth, Councilmember, City of Orinda				
San Joaquin Council of Governments				
Robert Rickman, Supervisor, San Joaquin County				
Gary Singh, Vice Mayor, City of Manteca				
Nancy Young, Mayor, City of Tracy				
Leo Zuber, Councilmember, City of Ripon				
Sacramento Area Council of Governments				
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Mike Kozlowski, Councilmember, City of Folsom				
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# **Megaregion Working Group**

**September 23, 2022** 

Agenda Item 8a

# "Save the Dates" for 2023 Megaregion Working Group Meetings

## **Subject:**

Action to "Save the Dates" for Megaregion Working Group meetings in 2023.

#### **Background:**

In December 2020, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish duties and governance guidelines for the Megaregion Working Group. This MOU specifies that the Megaregion Working Group shall meet at least three times each year to guide the coordination efforts and work of the three MPO partners.

#### **Recommendations:**

To aid in scheduling and the execution of administrative responsibilities, it is recommended that the three MPO partners "save" the following dates and times for Megaregion Working Group meetings in 2023:

- 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.

#### **Attachments:**

None

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#### Good Afternoon-

Please make sure that the following comments are forwarded to all Members of the Megaregion Working Group as part of the public record under Item 9 for General Public Comments at the Megaregion Working Group meeting for Friday, September 23, 2022. Thank you.

Tim Sbranti

Dear Honorable Commissioners-

On behalf of the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group (ITV), which is an interconnected community of leaders from our national laboratories, businesses, and civic institutions, I wish to commend both Commissioners and Staff for your diligent efforts towards enhancing connectivity through your participation in the Megaregion Working Group. With that being said, ITV does wish to pass along some general observations related to today's agenda though, along with one suggestion that we believe deserves further exploration from the Working Group.

In looking at today's agenda, there appears to be an exclusive focus on electriciation (agenda items 2, 3, and 4). There is no doubt that electrification is an important tool, and ITV applauds the various initiatives that are taking place as well as the exploration of barriers and opportunities. However, there are other technologies with as much if not greater potential that deserve a similar level of analysis and consideration. Specifically, ITV believes that hydrogen needs to be elevated within the conversation for future meetings.

As you likely are aware, the Governor and Legislature have just approved a significant investment in green hydrogen (ARCHES and AB 209) to the tune of \$100 million. This appears to be just a small initial step by the State of California to move towards green hydrogen as a solution to issues related to mobility and sustainability. In terms of more recent developments on hydrogen within the Megaregion, the City of Richmond and Chevron just hosted a major event exploring the possibilities within Contra Costa, the East Bay and beyond as it relates to hydrogen technology. The Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) is poised to host its own Hydrogen Summit on October 20th.

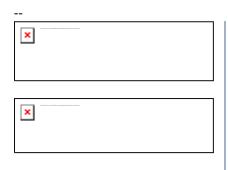
And in breaking news just this week, the Working Group's very own Mayor Nancy Young of Tracy just led the way in getting her City Council to approve the transfer of a 200-acre site to Valley Link, which will pave the way for the state's first passenger rail system to run on self-produced green hydrogen. Through the leadership of Mayor Young and the Tracy City Council, their actions will not only provide fueling for the critical Valley Link rail system, but also to fuel buses from multiple transit agencies and heavy truck operators and freight throughout the Megaregion. You can read more about the feasibility study

here: https://www.valleylinkrail.com/ files/ugd/95df9a f57f824e8f5a424c83c7864f733070a9.pdf

This Working Group has the opportunity to be a champion of this green hydrogen vision and build out a network that can be done most effectively with inter-regional planning. ITV would like to strongly encourage you to pursue a bold plan to support projects which connect the Northern California Megaregion on self-produced green hydrogen. ITV is

very confident that these efforts will have a lasting impact for generations to come, and we believe that we are on the precipice of achieving some tremendous milestones. The State of California and local entities within the Megaregion are already leading the charge, and with some guidance and support from the Working Group the possibilities are limitless on what can be accomplished.

Best Wishes,



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