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**CALL AND NOTICE OF THE**  
**Mega Region Working Group Meeting**  
**Friday, May 8, 2020, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**In light of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency declaration regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020 and the Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health, the meeting will be conducted via webcast, teleconference, and Zoom for committee, commission, or board members who will participate in the meeting from individual remote locations.**

**A Zoom panelist link for meeting participants will be sent separately to committee, commission, or board members.**

**The meeting webcast will be available at**  
**<https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/meetings/live-webcasts>.**

**Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely via Zoom at the following link or phone number:**

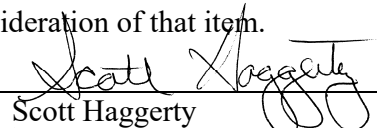
**Attendee Link: <https://bayareametro.zoom.us/j/91983443182>**

**Join by Telephone: US: +14086380968,,91983443182#**

**Webinar ID: 919 8344 3182**

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**<https://mtc.ca.gov/how-provide-public-comment-board-meeting-zoom>.**

As Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission ("MTC"), I am calling a special meeting of the Mega Region Working Group meeting for Friday, May 8, 2020, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., remotely at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Board Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105. The business to be transacted will include: (1) Welcome and Self-Introductions; (2) Information Sharing on Impact of COVID-19 in the Mega Region; (3) Potential Mega Region Policy Priorities (4) Update on Mega Region Summit (5) Adjournment / Next Meeting. An agenda will be posted and distributed for this meeting by MTC staff in the normal course. Members of the public will have an opportunity to directly address the Mega Region Working Group concerning any item that has not been described in this Call and Notice of Special Meeting before or during consideration of that item.

  
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Scott Haggerty  
May 4, 2020



## Mega Region Working Group

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**Public Communications:** Any person wishing to address the Working Group on any item not on the agenda may do so at this time.

### Agenda:

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| 1) Welcome and Self-Introductions                               | 10 minutes |
| 2) Information Sharing on Impact of COVID-19 in the Mega Region | 20 minutes |
| 3) Potential Mega Region Policy Priorities                      | 75 minutes |
| 4) Update on Mega Region summit                                 | 10 minutes |
| 5) Adjourn  | 5 minutes  |

Next Working Group Meeting will be: November 20, 2020, hosted by SACOG, from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

# Draft Mega Region Policy Priorities

Support California's climate goals and promote improvements to passenger and freight rail systems, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, reducing vehicle miles traveled, improving walking, biking and other modes of transportation and alignment of transportation investments with housing and economic development.

	Policy Area	Action Areas
1	Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Passenger Rail and Freight</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support strategic investments to improve goods movement through the Mega Region and support agriculture and manufacturing.</li> <li>○ Support strategic investments in passenger rail service to enhance mobility options for our residents.</li> <li>○ Improve rail safety and support efforts to increase passenger rail safety through increased funding for positive train control and other strategies to reduce risk.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Transit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seek increased state and federal transit funding.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Highway Corridors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improve managed lanes coordination, especially around the gateways.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Project Delivery</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support strategies to speed up the delivery of transportation projects with the goal of delivering improvements faster and at a lower cost.</li> <li>○ Support efforts to streamline the project delivery process and/or eliminate duplicative requirements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2	Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Regional Economic Prosperity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support strategies to attract and retain quality jobs.</li> <li>○ Support economic development and opportunity through investments that support workforce training.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Housing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improve access to opportunity by supporting policies aimed at increasing production of a variety of housing types.</li> <li>○ Support strategies to speed up the delivery of housing projects with the goal of delivering housing units faster and at a lower cost.</li> <li>○ Advocate for increased funding to produce and preserve affordable housing and associated infrastructure to help build complete communities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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4	Long Range Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB 375 Implementation and Reform</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Align the timelines for the development of the Regional Transportation Plans and Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS) to ensure coordination on forecasting assumptions, strategies, and investments to improve the movement of people and goods throughout the Mega Region.</li> <li>○ Support legislation to increase the availability of funding at the regional level to help implement sustainable communities strategies, as well as policy tools to reduce single-occupancy vehicle travel, reduce burdensome housing plus transportation costs to households, and reduce the amount of time and distance people must travel for daily needs, in a manner that ensures equitable policy outcomes.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• <b>Regionalize Funding Programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide regional allocations of housing and climate investment funding.</li> <li>○ Support place-based investment funding from the state that supports investment and anti-displacement efforts in Disadvantaged Communities and transit-oriented developments.</li> <li>○ Support new funding and planning opportunities to support electric vehicle infrastructure and programs for both private vehicles and public transit fleets.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• <b>Telework Programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support efforts to provide regional telework policies and support for employers and employees.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>