



## Item #15-8-3 Information

### Innovation Task Force

August 11, 2015

#### Metropolitan Planning Organizations Partnership

**Issue:** SACOG, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) are working in partnership to address common areas of concern to the three regions.

**Discussion:** In 2014, SACOG Board Chair Steve Cohn directed staff to explore the possibility of a mega-regional partnership with SACOG's counterparts in the Bay Area (MTC) and the San Joaquin Valley (SJCOG). Chair Don Saylor continued this emphasis in 2015. The partnership met in May here at SACOG and will meet again in Stockton on September 20.

In May, MPO Partnership Meeting participants included Board members, Commissioners and senior staff from each of the three planning organizations along with representatives from the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority and the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission. Their discussion focused on improvements to transportation rail corridors, jobs-housing balance between regions, Senate Bill 375 implementation, and maximizing coordinated advocacy and fund development opportunities.

Together, the three MPOs are developing a resolution to guide future partnership work. Defining partnership activities for a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be the subject of discussion at their next meeting on September 20. The Draft MOU will be brought through the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee in the fall for a recommendation to the full SACOG Board for consideration. Similar, actions will be sought by SJCOG and MTC.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever  
Chief Executive Officer

MM:RS:ts

Key Staff: Rebecca Sloan, Director of External Affairs & Member Services, (916) 340-6224