

## RESOLUTION NO. XX – 2020

### JOINT RESOLUTION

### **ME**TROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**WHEREAS**, megaregions, or mega-metropolitan areas, are the functional geographic scale for many natural, transportation, labor, housing, land use, economic and other systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the Bay Area, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, and the San Joaquin Council of Governments, combined, 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.

**WHEREAS**, it is not possible for any one of the regional planning organizations to fully plan for the future of its residents without considering and addressing the cross-border impacts and influences on and from the residents of the other two regional planning organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, federal, state and philanthropic programs, policies, regulations and funding encourage coordinated planning and action between organizations functioning within the same mega-region; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing boards of these three Metropolitan Planning Organizations conclude it is in the interests of their residents and employees to build on and enhance the existing substantial coordination and cooperation between these organizations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that these three organizations will do the following:

1. Maintain the Megaregion Working Group by designating four Board or Commission members from each MPO to meet at least three times each year to identify issues of common interest and recommend joint activities for consideration by the three governing boards;
2. Coordinate the Regional Transportation Plans/Sustainable Communities Strategies of the organizations to optimize the performance of the plans and make efficient the work effort required to produce them, including, to the extent possible, aligning major planning assumptions, policy priorities, and discussions about infrastructure investments that connect the megaregion.
3. Coordinate major planning efforts, with particular emphasis on jobs-housing balance issues between the three MPOs, facilitating the production of housing to achieve affordability and availability goals, improving transportation infrastructure for all modes of transportation including telecommuting and teleworking, making easier the flow of goods within the megaregion and in and out of the mega-region, and growing in a way that protects essential natural resources such as air, water and farmland;
4. Participate in joint data gathering and analysis, research, planning, service delivery and policy-making activities to enhance the quality of life and economic prosperity of the

megaregion and work with private, higher education and civic organizations as appropriate to conduct this work;

5. Align the state and federal legislative platforms and policy efforts of the three organizations when and where appropriate and on topics of interest to the governing boards;
6. Pursue additional ways to integrate the staff-work of the three organizations to improve effectiveness and efficiency including the creation of staff-level working groups organized around the topics outlined in this resolution;
7. Coordinate the efforts of the Working Group with business community partners including economic councils, chambers, business organizations, and other groups that represent the economic and business interests across the megaregion.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this XXth day of September/October 2020, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

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Chair

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Executive Director