

Draft Mega Region Legislative Platform

- Shape any legislation that updates SB 375 (Steinberg, 2008) in order to strengthen regional planning, including:
 - Seeking opportunities to achieve alignment of the timelines for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) to ensure coordination on forecasting assumptions, strategies, and investments to improve the movement of people and goods throughout the Mega Region.
 - Supporting legislation to increase the availability of funding at the regional level to help implement SCSs, 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. This includes increased availability of funding and financing tools for all infrastructure that supports infill development.
 - Support policy changes that move away from a focus on emission models and towards a focus on near term, ambitious but achievable actions that will reduce GHGs in partnership, rather than competition, with the state.
- Support new funding to help pay for affordable housing and support legislation that facilitates the construction of more housing in low-VMT locations and/or high opportunity areas to meet the needs of each of our regions' respective current and future work force at all income levels. Support new investments that support job development in the jobs-poor/housing-rich parts of the megaregion
- Support policies, programs and investments aimed at making it more attractive for our residents to travel between our regions by passenger rail and public transit.
- Seek planning and infrastructure funding for the Mega Region and its local jurisdictions to better plan for and prepare for the effects of climate change, including extreme heat, sea level rise, flooding, and fire. Advocate for planning and funding to be prioritized for vulnerable and disadvantaged populations.
- Support strategic investments to improve goods movement for the agricultural supply chain and manufacturing logistics between the counties in the megaregion.
- Support additional funding opportunities for multimodal transportation investments in corridors which serve as gateways between regions.
- Support funding to achieve higher levels of operational efficiency and optimization of 5G networks. Infusion of funding for high speed bandwidth offers supercharge connections and data download speeds. It will help implement VMT reduction strategies focused on teleworking and strong, rapid connectivity for AV cars and AV freight. It will also make it more feasible for employers to support long-term teleworking of employees that would otherwise travel inter-regionally for work.
- Support new funding and planning opportunities for electric vehicle infrastructure and programs for both private vehicles and public transit fleets to ensure electric vehicle coordination within the Mega Region. Programs should focus on increasing mobility and minimizing transportation costs for the lowest income households.