Talking Freight: MPO Perspective on Coordinating with the State DOT and Other MPOs on Freight Transportation Planning

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Metropolitan Planning Organization for the San Francisco Bay Area

- 7.5 million people
- 9 counties, 12 urbanized areas, 101 cities and towns
- 25 transit operators
- 3.7 million jobs

What We Do

Planning, financing and coordinating transportation in the region

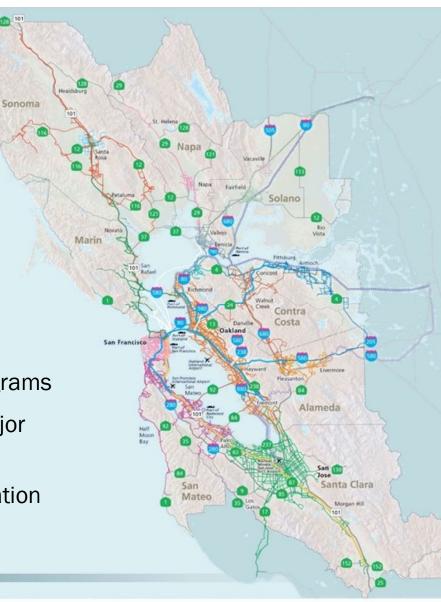
Operate a suite of services to help travelers get around

What I Do

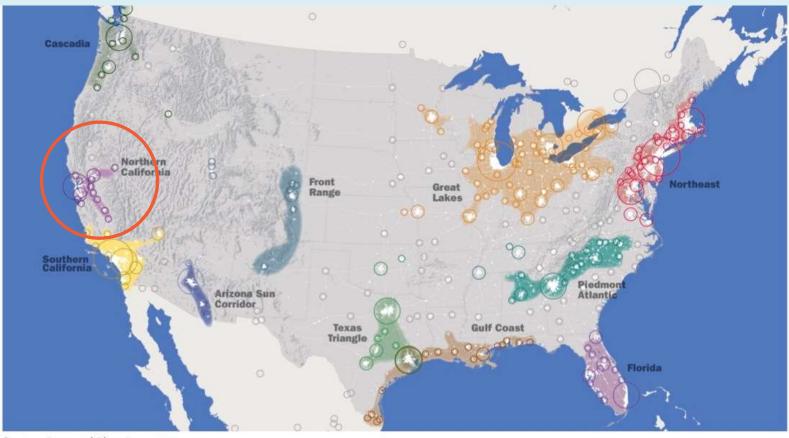
Develop and manage state and regional funding programs

Coordinate with partner agencies like Caltrans on major transportation projects

Secure competitive funding for and deliver transportation projects



Mega-Regions and Economic Clusters



Source: Regional Plan Association

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Northern California Mega-Region



The Northern California Megaregion Compared to Other U.S. Megaregions Sorted by Gross Regional Product (GRP)

Megaregion	Square Mileage	2014 Population	2014 GRP (\$ in millions)	2010-2014 GRP CAGR	2014 GRP Per Capita (\$)	% of 2014 U.S. GDP
Northeast	61,942	54,782,704	3,750,607	3.27%	68,463	21.53%
Great Lakes	205,452	55,696,501	2,747,601	3.63%	49,332	15.77%
Southern California	61,986	25,368,827	1,412,877	3.42%	55,693	8.11%
Texas Triangle	85,312	21,283,372	1,338,669	6.98%	62,897	7.69%
Northern California	24,149	12,063,285	875,579	5.28%	72,582	5.03%
Gulf Coast	59,519	14,286,289	872,818	5.18%	61,095	5.01%
Piedmont Atlantic	59,525	18,448,418	815,170	4.01%	44,186	4.68%
Southern Florida	38,356	18,323,894	769,259	3.75%	41,981	4.42%
Cascadia	47,226	8,780,816	543,703	3.90%	61,919	3.12%
Front Range	56,810	5,892,278	316,988	4.15%	53,797	1.82%
Arizona Sun Corridor	48,803	5,977,688	259,698	3.59%	43,445	1.49%

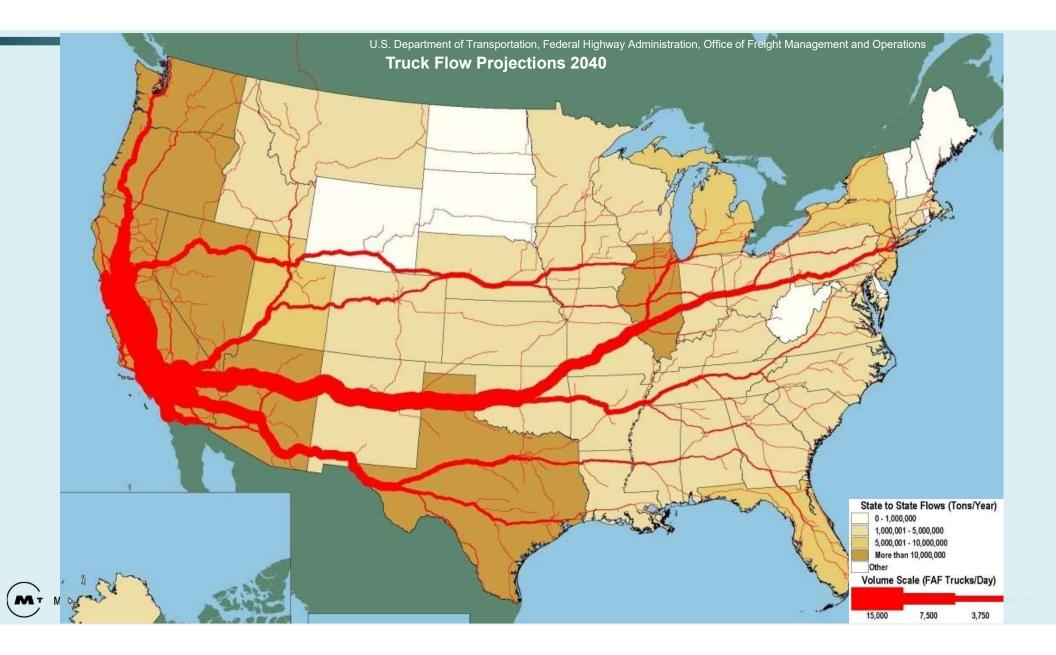
Data Source: Regional Plan Association America 2050, "Defining U.S. Megaregions"; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Analysis: Bay Area Council Economic Institute



Population: 12.2 million, accounts for 31.5% of California's population

Gross Regional Product (GRP): \$875 billion in 2014, the highest GRP per capita of any U.S. megaregion



Relationship with Other MPOs

Intra-Regional Planning Efforts

- Goods Movement Executive Team Meetings
- SF Bay Area Goods Movement Plan (2/16)
- Goods Movement Investment Strategy (2/18)
- N. California Megaregion Goods Movement Study
 - Funded in-part by Caltrans
 - Includes members from Sacramento, San Joaquin, Monterey Bay
- Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition
 - Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program
 - Funding Priorities and Decisions



Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition

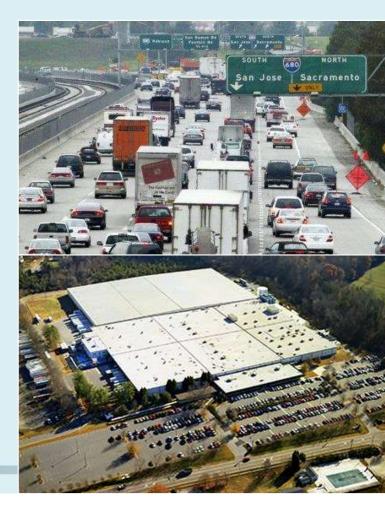
\$2.5 billion available statewide in TCIF Program

Originally Formed in 2006

Interregional partnership

- 23 counties
- 10 regional transportation agencies
- 3 ports Oakland, Sacramento and Stockton
- Caltrans
- 2 railroads

Business community representatives



Relationship with State DOT (Caltrans)

Quarterly Meetings

- California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC)
- Project Delivery and Planning Meetings with District 4

Planning and Coordination

- Statewide MPO Coordination
- Assignment of CUFC/CRFC
- California State Rail Plan
- California Freight Mobility Plan



Freight Mobility Plan Update

State Solicited Input

- Outreach Meetings
- CFAC Subcommittees

Outcomes

- Regional Investment Strategy
- Sustainability Focus
- Short-Term Project List
- Expected Adoption Dec. '19



Senate Bill 1 (SB1), approved by the California State Legislature in 2017, provides \$300 million annually for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP). Plan Bay Area 2040, released in July 2017, reflects the priorities of the Bay Area Goods Movement Plan, including over \$5 billion in these investments





Increase Port of Oakland efficiency

Reduce emissions



Reduce neighborhood impacts

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Strategic highway investments

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