



**City Manager's Report**  
**March 12, 2019 City Council Meeting**  
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**Item#: 12.1**

**Subject:** Adopt a resolution acknowledging that the City of Placerville is committed to helping the State of California and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) region reach its 19 percent greenhouse gas reduction goal through implementation of the Green Means Go pilot project and direct the City Manager or designee to submit all necessary pre-application documents to SACOG.

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**Purpose:** The recommended action will support the efforts of SACOG to achieve the goal of a reduction in green house gas emissions by 19 percent for the SACOG region by the year 2035.

**Background:** SACOG is the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the region which includes six counties and 22 cities. SACOG is responsible for ensuring that transportation projects and plans do not impede the region's clean air goals. SACOG evaluates all projects included in the federal Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to ensure consistency with air quality objectives and to determine conformity.

SACOG is currently updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) for the Sacramento region. The MTP/SCS pro-actively links land use, air quality, and transportation needs. The current 2016 MTP/SCS was adopted in February 2016. The MTP/SCS is federally required to be updated every four years. The next MTP/SCS is required to be adopted by February 2020. With a 20-year time horizon, the MTP/SCS forecasts growth for the region to the year 2040

The plan takes an integrated approach to transportation and land use, and the resulting impacts to air quality, with a focus on implementation and maintenance of the existing transportation system. Additionally, the MTP/SCS supports the Sacramento Region Blueprint, which implements smart growth principles such as compact and mixed-use development that shorten commute times, reduce traffic congestion, lessen dependence on automobiles, improve air quality, and provide for housing choices more aligned with the changing demographics. The MTP/SCS update seeks to provide increased transportation options, while also reducing congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, and distances traveled between jobs and housing.

**Discussion:** In March 2018, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) established new SB 375 greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for the SACOG region. The region's target for a 19 percent reduction by 2035 is conditional on the implementation of a new pilot program in the Sustainable Communities Strategy that addresses specific conditions and challenges relating to

GHG emission reductions. If SACOG and the state do not secure funding and related policy commitments, CARB will reduce SACOG's target to 18 percent.

To achieve these goals and secure future from the state, SACOG has initiated the Green Means Go pilot program. Green Means Go is a multi-year pilot program to lower greenhouse gas emissions in the six-county Sacramento region by accelerating infill development, reducing vehicle trips, and electrifying remaining trips. Local jurisdictions are asked to designate "Green Zones," in which they must take specific actions to promote infill development and reduce existing barriers and provide new transportation options. State funding is needed to help implement these actions and further incentivize local development and housing production. Green Zones, in a partnership of state funding and local government action, create areas targeted for infill and compact development, increasing housing and transportation options and promoting shorter, fewer, and cleaner vehicle trips.

The City, thorough its participation in SACOGs Civic Lab 2 program, is in the process of identifying potential Green Zones that can meet Green Zone criteria. The City's Green Zones will be submitted to SACOG by March 15<sup>th</sup> pre-application due date.

**Options:**

1. Approve the resolution and support of the Green Means Go program as recommended by staff.
2. Do not approve resolution and/or provide other direction to staff.

**Cost:** None.

**Budget Impact:** None

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution acknowledging that the City of Placerville is committed to helping the State of California and the SACOG region reach its 19 percent greenhouse gas reduction goal through implementation of the Green Means Go pilot project and directs the City Manager or designee to submit all necessary pre-application documents to SACOG.



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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. *Green Means Go* brochure, SACOG