



# CITY OF WHEATLAND

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

January 14, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Council Consideration and Adoption of Resolution 01-20  
Expressing Support for Sacramento Area Council of  
Governments (SACOG) Green Means Go Pilot Program

**PREPARED BY:** Jim Goodwin

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### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends adopting Resolution 01-20 supporting the SACOG Green Means Go pilot program.

### **Background/Discussion**

Green Means Go is a multi-year pilot program proposed by SACOG to lower green-house gas emissions in the six-county SACOG region to meet the mandated GHG target. 26 of 28 SACOG jurisdictions have already expressed support. Please see the SACOG informational material attached.

### **Alternatives**

The City Council may choose not to adopt Resolution 01-20.

### **Fiscal Impact**

No General Fund impact.

### **Attachments**

[Include as necessary – please number]

1. Resolution 01-20
2. SACOG Green Means Go informational material

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEATLAND  
SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED GREEN MEANS GO PILOT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheatland is a member of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the greater Sacramento region faces an ambitious state-mandated per capita greenhouse gas reduction target of 19 percent by 2035 for the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheatland is committed to helping the Sacramento region meet its 19 percent greenhouse gas reduction target while, at the same time, providing more housing and transportation choices and advancing economic prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, SACOG and its member local governments must work in partnership with the state in order to support housing and transportation projects that will help the region and the state achieve our goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green Means Go pilot program will be a meaningful and measurable effort to catalyze and advance projects and programs that accelerate housing, innovative transportation options, and electric vehicle deployment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green Means Go Sacramento regional pilot program will create immediate funding pipelines to launch projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheatland urges SACOG to continue efforts to secure implementation funding in the state budget.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Wheatland is committed to helping SACOG and the Greater Sacramento region reach its environmental, housing and economic prosperity goals through implementation of the Green Means Go pilot program.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Wheatland on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Rick West, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa J. Thomason, City Clerk

# Support the Sacramento Region's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Pilot Program



## **Greenhouse Gas Reductions and Economic Development:**

"Green Means Go" is a multi-year pilot program proposed by SACOG to lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the six-county Sacramento region by accelerating infill development, reducing vehicle trips, and electrifying remaining trips. Green Means Go, when adequately supported, will also improve quality of life in the region by improving local economic development, increasing housing availability, and decreasing traffic congestion. Green Means Go is a key component of SACOG's recently adopted 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS).

The Sacramento region faces unique challenges due to its composition of urban, suburban, and rural development. These unique challenges were recognized by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) when establishing new SB 375 GHG emission reduction targets. When CARB established SACOG's 19% GHG reduction target, SACOG was the only region to have its target conditioned on successful implementation a pilot program. The pilot nature of Green Means Go allows it to be a model for other regions on how to effectively grow their communities while at the same time reducing GHG emissions.

Under Green Means Go, SACOG's local jurisdictions will target investment and policies in "Green Zones", which must have infill capacity, be in an area planned for infill development, and in a center, corridor or established community, as identified in SACOG's SCS. Among other things, these Green Zones will be the laboratories for economic development projects that promote strategies to increase transportation options for shorter, cleaner, and fewer vehicle trips; increase housing options near transit centers; and make it easier for the Sacramento region to access electric vehicles for cleaner transportation. There has already been substantial buy-in from the Sacramento region as 26 of 28 local jurisdictions support Green Means Go and have submitted projects for preapproval.

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## **Increasing Housing and Improving Transportation:**

In thinking through the best ways to reduce GHGs by almost 19% in the next 15 years, SACOG members identified three distinct areas that will have marked impacts in achieving these goals. They include:

- 1) Accelerating Infill: Accelerate development within areas of existing communities by prioritizing incentives and removing barriers
- 2) Accelerating Travel Options: Increase transit, bicycle, and walking trips through programs, infrastructure improvements, and new mobility options
- 3) Accelerating EV Deployment: Expand options for zero emissions transportation by increasing access to EV charging and shared EV programs and fleets

SACOG's current MTP/SCS anticipates 1.2 million homes and 1.3 million jobs in our region by 2040. Of these, over 40% of the homes and over 50% of the jobs must be close to high-frequency transit service in order to meet our climate goals. Its membership has gone through an extensive planning process to develop a list of viable projects that meet the program criteria but face significant barriers due to factors like infrastructure costs. The documented projects noted on the following page would result if Green Means Go is funded.

These few highlighted projects show not only the excitement in the region for Green Means Go, but that the benefits go far beyond GHG reductions. Green Means Go is the Sacramento region's commitment and solution to California's housing and transit problems. The projects recognize there is a necessary connection between land use, housing, economic and workforce development, transportation investments, and travel choices.



## Support for Green Means Go

### Statewide Organizations

- California Alliance for Jobs
- California State Council of Laborers

### Local Organizations

- Mercy Housing
- North State Building Industry Association
- Power Inn Alliance
- Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce
- Sacramento Association of Realtors
- Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce
- Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
- Sacramento-Sierra's Building & Construction Trades Council
- South Lake Tahoe Association of Realtors
- Valley Vision
- WALKSacramento
- Yolo County Association of Realtors

### SACOG Jurisdictions

#### *Cities*

- Auburn
- Citrus Heights
- Colfax
- Davis
- Elk Grove\*
- Folsom
- Galt
- Isleton
- Live Oak
- Loomis
- Marysville\*
- Placerville\*
- Rancho Cordova\*
- Rocklin

- Roseville
- Sacramento\*
- West Sacramento\*
- Winters\*
- Woodland\*
- Yuba City\*

#### *Counties*

- El Dorado County
- Placer County
- Sacramento County
- Sutter County\*
- Yolo County
- Yuba County

*\*passed a resolution*