THE IMPORTANCE OF GOODS MOVEMENT IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Northern California megaregion refers to the economically and geographically linked set of regions comprised of the Bay Area, Sacramento, Northern San Joaquin Valley and the Central Coast.

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Regional Profiles within the Northern California Megaregion

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Each of the four regions within the megaregion has separate characteristics and regional strengths, yet they are tied together through the goods movement system and the patterns of domestic and international trade. Exports of high value, specialty agricultural products from the San Joaquin Valley and wine from the North Bay move through the Bay Area’s Ports. Medical supplies and precision instrumentation, products of a growing high tech manufacturing sector in the Bay Area, traverse through domestic and international air cargo centers for shipment all over the world.


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THE IMPORTANCE OF GOODS MOVEMENT IN THE BAY AREA

The nine-county Bay Area is the most significant contributor to the megaregion economy. Alameda County is the center point of goods movement in the region, as it is home to many of the freight facilities in the megaregion and is located in the geographic center, providing major connections to all parts of the region. The County has a diverse manufacturing base that includes high-technology sectors such as electronics, precision instrumentation, and medical supplies, yet also includes traditional manufacturing operations in metal products, food products, and machinery. Goods movement, including imports, exports, and domestic movements to consumer markets, plays a significant role in the Bay Area economy.

In 2012, the predominant freight movements by weight in the Bay Area were intraregional commodity flows. These short-haul freight movements include freight traveling along local supply chains, as well as locally produced products that are moved to the seaports and airports for export, or from the region's seaports and airports to local consumers and industries.

Bay Area Goods Movement Flows and Annual Growth, 2012

Source: Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) 3.5 Provisional Data and Forecasts.

Employment in Goods Movement-Dependent Industries in the Bay Area, 2011

Source: ABAG (Plan Bay Area 2013), Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy (CCSCE), and Cambridge Systematics Analysis.

CONTRIBUTION TO JOBS

Goods movement provides a diversity of employment opportunities for residents with a range of skills, education and experience. More than 1.8 million people were employed in goods-movement dependent industries (i.e., manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and others which rely on freight and the movement of products for their business practices) in the Northern California megaregion in 2012. Just under 1 million of these goods movement jobs are in the Bay Area, which has more than 300,000 jobs in the Manufacturing and Retail Trade Sectors. Alameda County accounts for 21.5% of regional goods movement employment and is anticipated to have the fastest growing job market in the region from 2010 to 2040.