

BayArea Plan

TO: MTC Planning Committee/ABAG Administrative Committee

DATE: July 3, 2014

FR: MTC Executive Director/ABAG Executive Director

RE: Proposed Process – 2017 Plan Bay Area Update

Background

In July 2013, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) approved *Plan Bay Area* (Plan), the first Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the region that also includes a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as required by Senate Bill 375. Per federal requirements, MTC must update the RTP every four years. This memo outlines the overall approach and schedule for the 2017 update of *Plan Bay Area*.

Approach – Focused Update

The approval of the Plan was the culmination of more than three years of planning and public engagement. Staff and partners from throughout the region are now in the process of implementing projects and programs identified in the 28-year Plan and developing those initiatives highlighted in the Plan for future work. Although the federal guidelines require the RTP to be updated every four years, the plans themselves are long range plans, and many key policy priorities, projects and programs remain the same from one plan to the next. As staff looks towards the 2017 update of the Plan, our approach for this planning cycle is to conduct a limited and focused update of *Plan Bay Area* building off of the core framework established by the 2013 Plan.

One key difference between the 2013 Plan and the 2017 update is that the 2017 update does not include the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), which was required in 2013, and will be included again in the 2021 SCS. The RHNA process added a great deal of outreach and planning work that will not be necessary for the 2017 update. In addition, this will not be the region's first SCS, so we can build on lessons learned in the first integrated transportation and land use planning effort.

Key Initiatives

The 2017 update will focus on specific new initiatives and policy issues that were identified in *Plan Bay Area* as being key items to develop and integrate into the 2017 update. These include greater integration with other regional initiatives done in coordination with or led by partner regional agencies such as:

- Sea level rise adaptation planning;
- Healthy infill development guidelines; and
- Economic development and prosperity analysis.

In addition, MTC is advancing a Regional Goods Movement Plan and two transit studies focused on capacity and connectivity of the region's core transit systems. These initiatives will all be key inputs into the 2017 update. Recommendations from these initiatives will be developed on a rolling basis heading into the 2017 update. MTC will coordinate with county Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs) to

ensure coordination with county-level transportation planning efforts. This linkage will be advanced in part through updated County Transportation Plan guidelines currently under development.

ABAG is working with local jurisdictions on the revision of Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs), Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Inner Bay Corridors, including the East Bay Corridors and Grand Boulevard Initiative. These efforts focus on plan implementation, infrastructure improvements, place-making and economic strategies. Local jurisdictions and CMAs are essential partners in the update of Plan Bay Area; their input will shape the forecast and land use strategies.

Finally, the 2017 update will have to take into account the new or expanded work elements that MTC and ABAG agreed to in settling the litigation brought by the Building Industry Association and Communities for a Better Environment against the 2013 Plan.

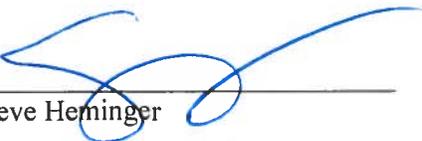
Outreach Strategy

MTC and ABAG will work with other partner agencies to scale public engagement at a level appropriate for this focused 2017 update. A framework for the public engagement will be developed as part of the Draft Public Participation Plan process slated to begin in Fall 2014.

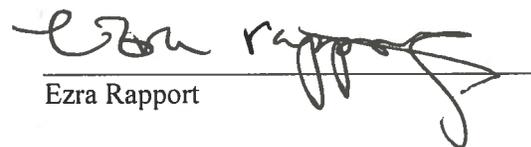
MTC's Policy Advisory Council and ABAG's Executive Board and Regional Planning Committee provided helpful suggestions relative to public engagement that staff is recommending be incorporated into the public engagement process for the 2017 update. Comment opportunities will include the key initiatives mentioned above. Public meetings will be conducted in all nine Bay Area counties, an online forum for public engagement will be provided for those who can't easily attend meetings, presentations to civic groups and community organizations will be structured to ensure significant local community input and MTC and ABAG will work with community-based organizations to involve residents in low-income communities and communities of color. We also expect to rely on our city and CMA partners to convey how the plan is developed with a sensitivity to the varied local conditions across our diverse region.

Next Steps

At your July meeting, staff is requesting feedback on the high-level approach outlined here and set forth in Attachments A and B. The feedback we receive will inform the content and structure of the Public Participation Plan slated to commence in the late fall.



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Attachments

- Attachment A: Approach and Tasks: 2017 RTP/SCS
- Attachment B: Schedule

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Attachment A

Approach & Tasks: 2017 RTP/SCS

Proposed Approach

Overall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focused update in 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ no RHNA ○ use overall Plan Bay Area framework ○ local input on PDA and PCA revisions • emphasis on state of good repair and maintaining performance framework • focus on new initiatives and projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ transit core capacity/connectivity ○ goods movement ○ inner bay corridors • greater integration of other regional agency initiatives such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ sea level rise adaptation planning ○ healthy infill ○ economic development • requirements per settlement agreement(s) including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PDA assessment ○ Freight Emissions Reduction Action Plan ○ EIR disclosures regarding Express Lanes ○ Healthy Infill Guidelines
Specific Tasks:	
a) Public Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Public Participation Plan • 2 rounds of telephone polls • 3 rounds of open houses (kick-off, scenarios, draft plan) • CBO-hosted focus groups • briefings of elected officials
b) Call For Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • update of Plan Bay Area project info • new regional projects largely based on new initiatives • incorporate new county projects per county plans and new funding sources/sales tax measures
c) Project Performance Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preserve strongest performance evaluation elements from Plan Bay Area • integrate state of good repair analysis
d) Job, Population & Housing Forecasts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • update job, population & housing forecasts • keep planning horizon at 2040
e) Transportation revenue Forecast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • update revenue forecasts with new base year and growth rates • keep planning horizon at 2040
f) Scenario Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one round of scenario analysis • scenarios designed to inform the selection of a preferred scenario • same scenario alternatives revised and carried over into EIR

Draft Schedule & Tasks: 2017 RTP/SCS

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