

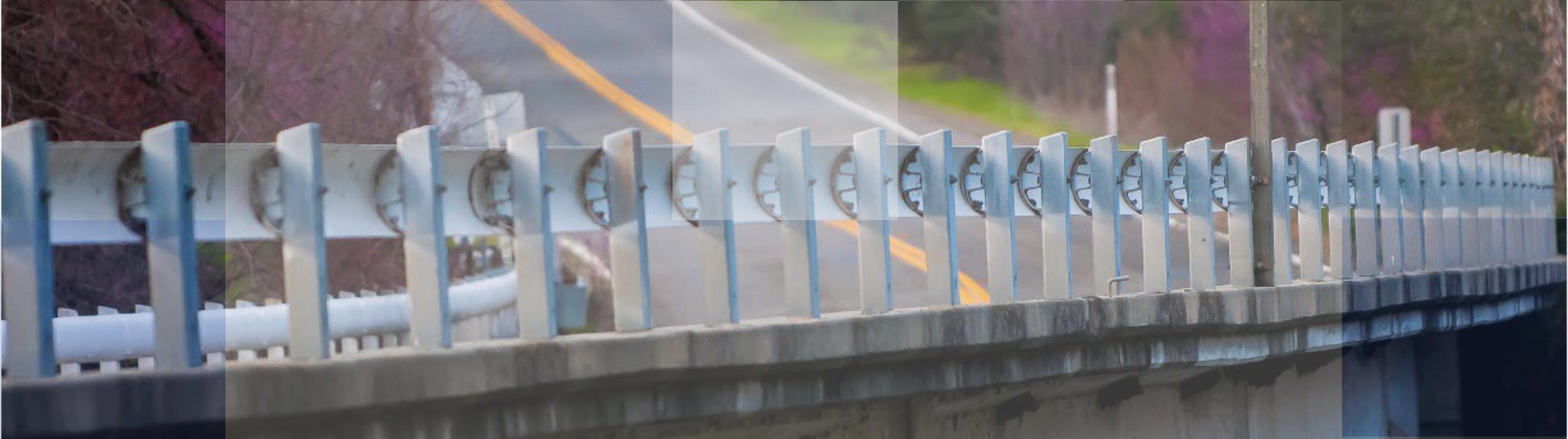
PLAN BAY AREA 2050

# Looking Ahead to 2023: Plan Bay Area 2050+ and Transit 2050+

Fall 2022



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# One Year After Plan Adoption

Where We Are Today - and What's to Come in the 2020s

# Refresher: Past Iterations of Plan Bay Area

## Plan Bay Area (2013)

First regional plan developed under SB 375 with statutory GHG target [3.5 year process; RHNA Cycle 5]



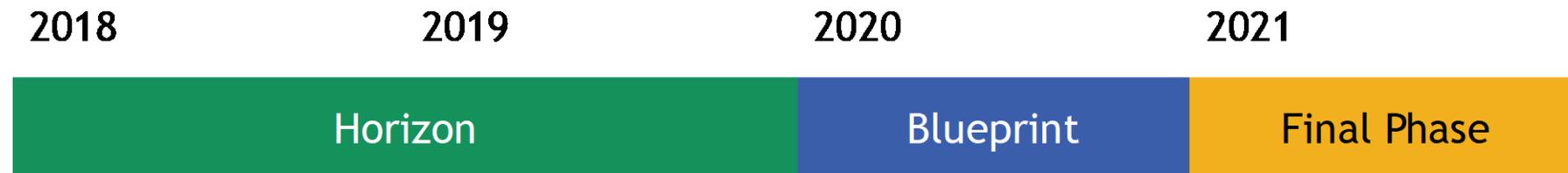
## Plan Bay Area 2040

“Limited and focused update” of the original Plan Bay Area, with a heavy emphasis on the housing crisis [2.5 year process; no RHNA]



## Plan Bay Area 2050

More comprehensive regional plan integrating economic development & environmental resilience, with a focus on planning for uncertainty & equity [4.0 year process; RHNA Cycle 6]



 = *time periods with greatest capacity to implement regional planning initiatives sparked by Plan Bay Area*

# Refresher: Federal and State Requirements

Under federal and state law, Plan Bay Area must be:

## Updated every four years

- Next statutory deadline: Fall 2025

## Fiscally-constrained

- "Fiscal cliff" could require postponing select transportation projects

## Aligned with 2035 GHG target

- CARB might change course and propose a more ambitious target

## Developed through a robust public process

- Opportunity to deploy hybrid engagement approach

## Approved by CARB

- Failure to advance existing implementation actions could trigger rejection of future Plan(s)

# Today: Plan Bay Area 2050 Still Awaiting Approval

October 2021

- Plan Adoption by MTC and ABAG

November 2021

- Plan Submission to CARB

February 2022

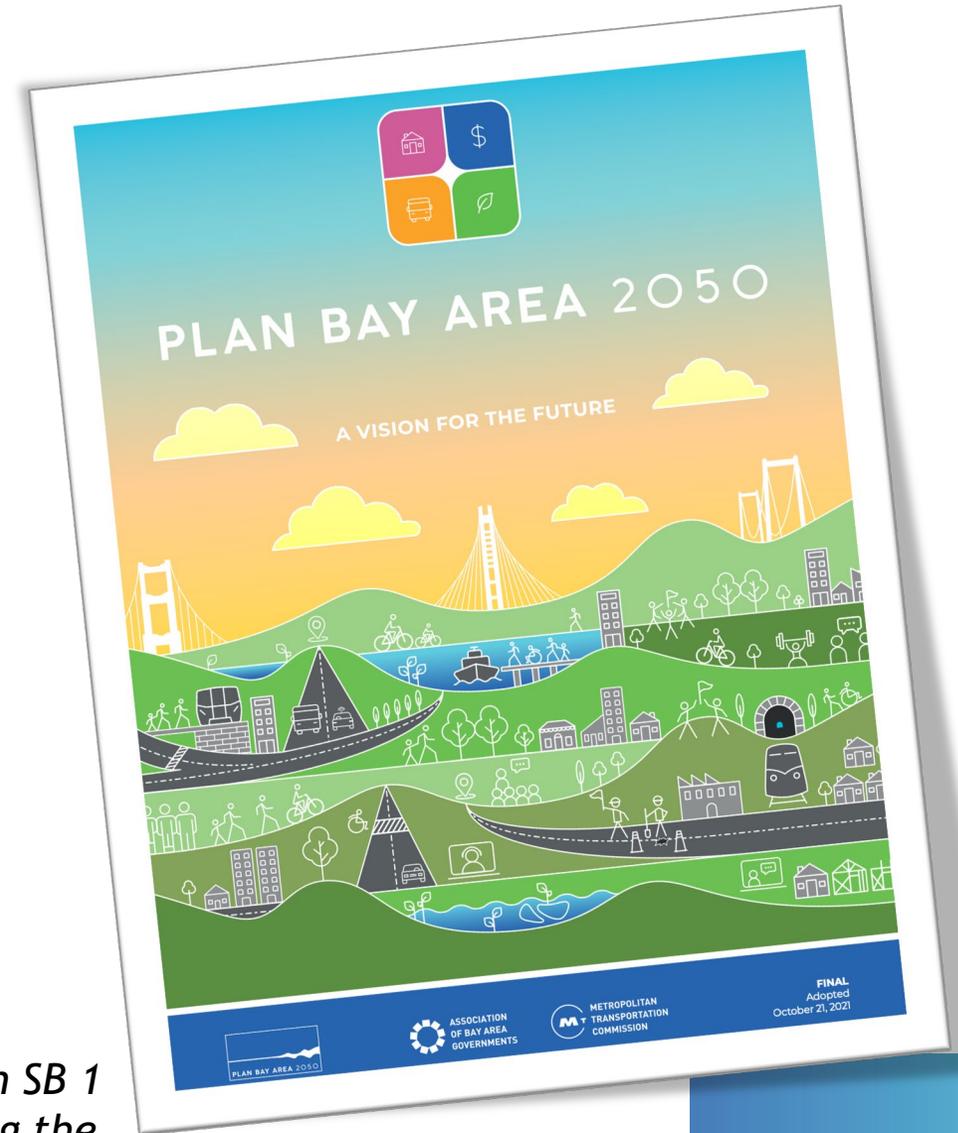
- CARB Request for Clarifying Information

March 2022

- Information Submitted to CARB

November 2022

- **Still Awaiting CARB Approval**



*Without an approved regional plan, transportation projects seeking certain SB 1 funding later this fall may be deemed ineligible for State monies. Initiating the consultation process for a Plan update may also be difficult until the prior cycle is approved.*

# Today: MTC/ABAG Focused 100% on Implementation

**Plan Bay Area 2050**  
Implementation Plan

**Transportation:** TOC Policy; Blue Ribbon; NextGen Freeways; AT Plan; MAP

**Housing:** BAHFA Pilot Programs; Priority Sites Program; Housing Ballot Measure

**Economy:** PPA Pilot Grants; CERF Collaboration

**Environment:** OBAG3 Climate Initiatives; PCA Revamp; SLR Framework

**Cross-Cutting:** Equity Priority Communities Re-Envisioning; SB 375 Reform Advocacy

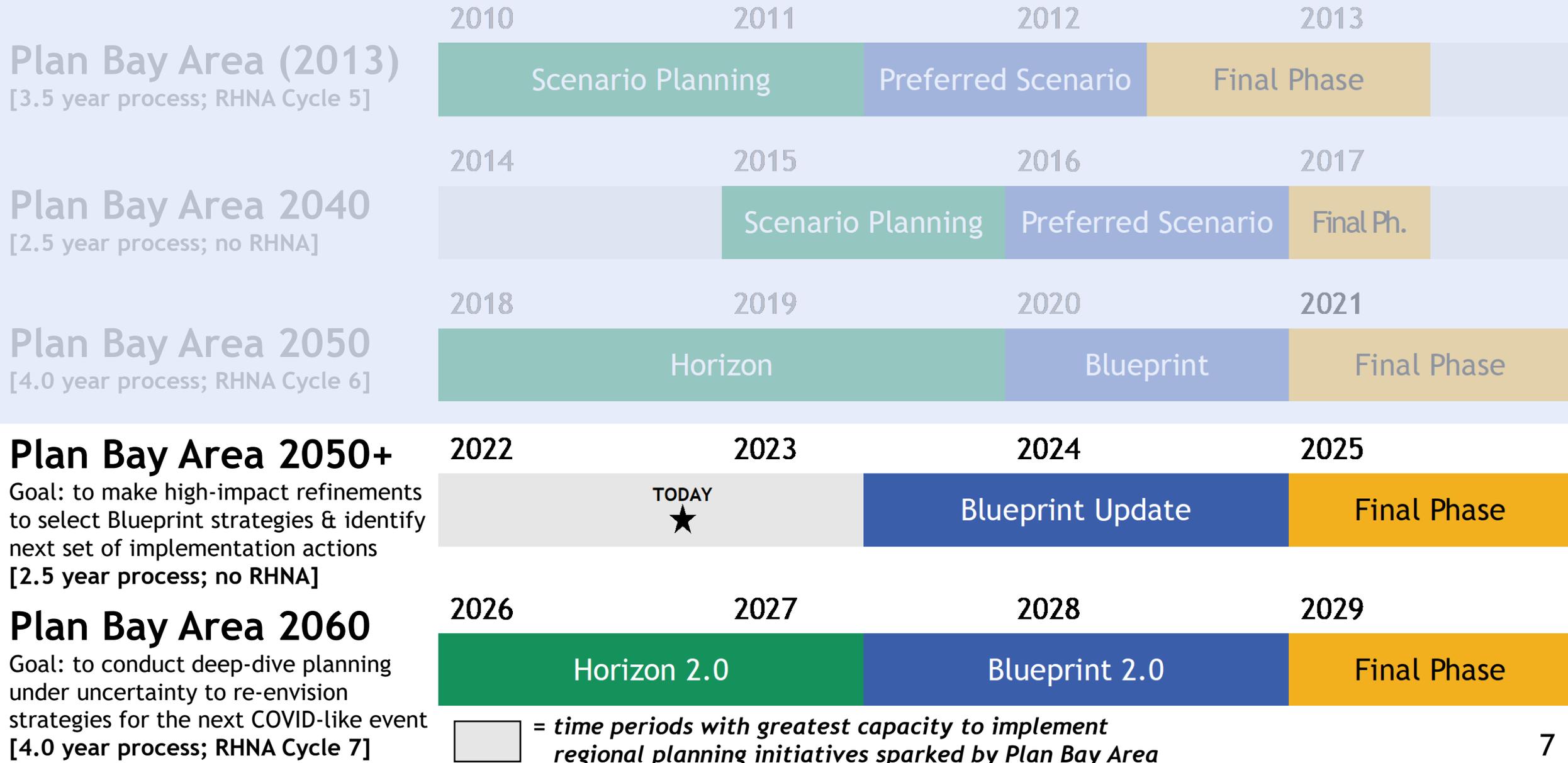
*Graphic is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all MTC/ABAG implementation activities but instead shows a representative list of some of the higher-profile efforts underway.*

## Core Question Going Forward:

How can MTC/ABAG best continue to advance implementation of critical initiatives that turn Plan Bay Area 2050 from vision to reality - all while making targeted updates to Plan Bay Area to reflect the evolving planning landscape?

Future Updates to Plan Bay Area  
(2025 or 2029, depending on timeline)

# Looking Ahead: Next Two Planning Cycles



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# Plan Bay Area 2050+ & Transit 2050+

Making Targeted Updates to Specific Strategies

# Context-Setting: Two Divergent Visions for Transit?

## Connected Network Plan

- Identified in Transit Transformation Action Plan & Plan Bay Area 2050 Implementation Plan
- Fiscally-unconstrained modal plan defined by service levels and travel times between regional hubs

**If developed in isolation:** CNP could be a primarily aspirational transit vision that exceeds the region's fiscal capacity to advance, out of sync with the financial constraints posed by the "fiscal cliff" era

## Plan Bay Area 2050+

- Federal and state requirement to develop a cross-cutting regional plan for transportation & land use
- Fiscally-constrained plan defined by prioritization
- Often critiqued for overemphasis on capital projects

**If developed in isolation:** PBA50+ could continue to emphasize legacy capital investments in Transportation Element, rather than re-considering tradeoffs between service augmentation & system expansion post-COVID

**Question Explored by MTC/ABAG Staff:** is there a way to blend the best of both frameworks into an integrated approach that leverages staff synergies to overcome resource constraints?

# Integrating Connected Network Planning

- Developing a standalone Connected Network Plan alongside Plan Bay Area 2050+ would be a riskier path that could lead to two inconsistent visions of how our transit network should evolve post-COVID.
- Moreover, limited staffing and financial resources would require a longer timeline to deliver, despite the urgent need to re-imagine priorities and implement them.
- Instead, staff recommend a harmonized approach where connected network planning directly informs the official regional plan process, through the Transit 2050+ initiative.
- Transit 2050+ would develop a service-oriented, hub-oriented, fiscally-constrained transit network vision by updating the six transit-related strategies in Plan Bay Area 2050 using a data-driven approach to identifying investment priorities.

**Plan Bay Area 2050+:**  
Responsible for targeted refinements to all 29 strategies unrelated to transit  
*(led by MTC/ABAG)*

**Transit 2050+:**  
Responsible for a comprehensive re-imagining of transit-oriented strategies  
*(co-led by MTC and transit operator team)*

**Plan Bay Area 2050+**



**Transit 2050+  
(CNP)**



# Plan Bay Area 2050+: Focusing Our Efforts

To enable maximum capacity to prioritize aforementioned implementation efforts, and to advance Transit 2050+ with a focus on transit investment priorities, staff recommends a targeted approach that makes high-impact refinements to a subset of the 35 existing Plan Bay Area 2050 strategies.



## Step 1: Update Planning Assumptions

Update Plan Bay Area 2050 technical assumptions based upon latest available data (e.g., telecommute levels, revenue forecasts, electric vehicle adoption levels, etc.).



## Step 2: Update Select Blueprint Strategies

Refine assumptions for select Blueprint strategies from the adopted Plan to reflect implementation efforts (e.g., TOC Policy, SLR Framework, Climate Initiatives, etc.), while leveraging Horizon findings relevant to post-COVID environment.



## Step 3: Identify New Implementation Priorities

Determine which of the 80+ implementation actions have been completed and generate new priorities for MTC and ABAG to advance between 2026 and 2030.

## Project Timeline



# Plan Bay Area 2050+: Potential Emphasis Areas



## Overarching Tasks for Regional Plan

**Statutorily Required:**

**Targeted Updates Anticipated:**

Retain from Plan Bay Area 2050:

**Public & Stakeholder Engagement**

**Data & Model Upgrades**

Vision & Goals;  
Performance & Equity Metrics



## Step 1: Update Planning Assumptions

**Targeted Updates Anticipated:**

Retain from Plan Bay Area 2050:

**Regional Growth Forecast Update;  
External Forces; Growth Geographies;  
Needs & Revenue**

Regional Growth Forecast Methodology



## Step 2: Update Select Blueprint Strategies

**Targeted Updates Anticipated:**

Retain from Plan Bay Area 2050:

**Transportation Strategies;  
Environment Strategies**

Housing Strategies;  
Economy Strategies



## Step 3: Identify New Implementation Priorities

**Statutorily Required:**

**Targeted Updates Anticipated:**

**EIR; Implementation Plan**

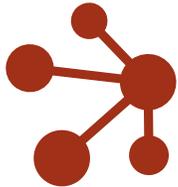
**Plan Document**

# Transit 2050+: Envisioned Six-Step Process



## Step 1: Explore Needs and Gaps

Develop initial white paper describing existing & future conditions, needs, and opportunities as context-setting for future transit planning work.



## Step 2: Define Hubs and Corridors

Leverage past analyses at regional and local scales to expedite identification of hubs & corridors; categorize each corridor by realistic frequencies.



## Step 3: Generate Project Concepts by Corridor

Generate transit project concepts (including scope & costs) that fulfill each corridor's unique needs, while updating project information for existing projects.



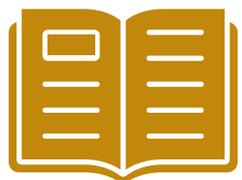
## Step 4: Evaluate Project Concepts & Networks

Conduct project & network performance assessments integrating newly-generated projects; refresh costs for legacy project performance findings.



## Step 5: Design Final Blueprint Transit Network

Work through tradeoffs process on prioritization & phasing; summarize benefits of Transit 2050+ network compared to status quo.



## Step 6: Explore Implementation Challenges *(Fall 2024 through Spring 2025)*

Develop final supplemental report for Transit 2050+, integrating findings on funding and implementation challenges with Implementation Plan nexus.

*Winter and Spring 2023*

*Spring through Fall 2023*

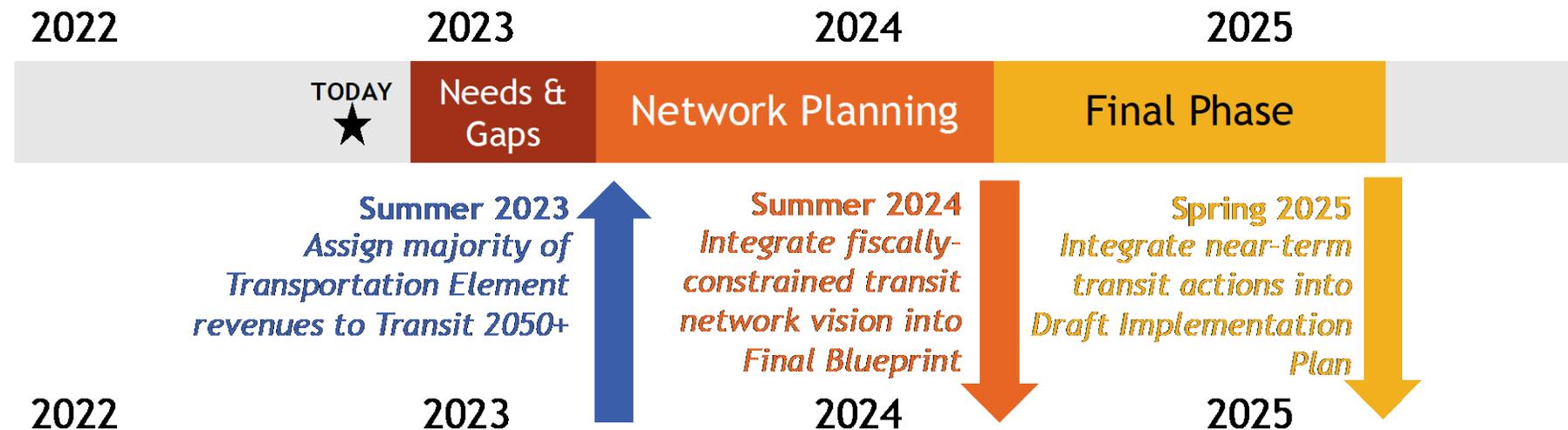
*Fall 2023 through Summer 2024*

# Process Timelines: 18-Month Transit Sprint Ahead

While Plan Bay Area 2050+ would not begin in earnest until mid-2023, staff recommend moving forward with consultant procurement and initial analyses for Transit 2050+ in early 2023. This will enable robust network planning work to be conducted throughout fiscal year 2024, enabling the project team to recommend a fiscally-constrained network vision in time for the Plan Bay Area 2050+ summer 2024 Final Blueprint deadline.

## Transit 2050+

Goal: to comprehensively re-imagine six transit-related PBA50 strategies using a service-oriented, fiscally-constrained planning process [kickoff in winter 2023]



**Summer 2023**  
Assign majority of Transportation Element revenues to Transit 2050+

**Summer 2024**  
Integrate fiscally-constrained transit network vision into Final Blueprint

**Spring 2025**  
Integrate near-term transit actions into Draft Implementation Plan

## Plan Bay Area 2050+

Goal: to make high-impact refinements to select Blueprint strategies & identify next set of implementation actions [kickoff in summer 2023]



# Questions?

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## Next Steps

- **Late 2022:** Finalize Consultant Scope and Issue RFQ for Transit 2050+ Technical Assistance
- **Winter 2023:** Kick Off Transit 2050+ Analyses with Transit Operators via Project Management Team
- **Spring 2023:** Adopt Updates to Public Participation Plan Prior to First Round of Public Engagement

