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ABSTRACT

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This resolution approves the Final Blueprint Growth Geographies and the Final Blueprint Strategies, including the Final Transportation Project List and Final Resilience Project List, for Plan Bay Area 2050+.

Further discussion of this subject is contained in the Planning Committee Summary Sheet dated January 10, 2025.

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Re: Approval of the Final Blueprint Growth Geographies and Final Blueprint Strategies for Plan Bay Area 2050+

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), a joint exercise of powers entity created pursuant to California Government Code Sections 6500 et seq., is the Council of Governments and the regional land use planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code § 65080 et seq. requires MTC to prepare and update a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) prepared in conjunction with the ABAG, every four years; and

WHEREAS, Plan Bay Area 2050+ (“Plan”) is envisioned to be the Bay Area’s next long-range regional plan, ultimately serving as the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy for the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG jointly adopted the first Plan Bay Area in 2013 (Plan Bay Area 2013) (MTC Resolution No. 4111 and ABAG Resolution No. 06-13), and the second Plan

Bay Area in 2017 (Plan Bay Area 2040) (MTC Resolution No. 4300 and ABAG Resolution No. 10-17), and the third Plan Bay Area in 2021 (Plan Bay Area 2050) (MTC Resolution No. 4485 and ABAG Resolution No. 09-21); and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG jointly adopted the Vision for Plan Bay Area 2050 in September 2019, emphasizing that resilient and equitable strategies should be prioritized to ensure by the year 2050 the Bay Area is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy, and vibrant for all (MTC Resolution No. 4393 and ABAG Resolution No. 09-19); and

WHEREAS, this Vision is carried forward into Plan Bay Area 2050+; and

WHEREAS, ABAG approved the Regional Growth Forecast Methodology in September 2019, which guided the development of the Plan Bay Area 2050 Regional Growth Forecast and which is carried forward into Plan Bay Area 2050+; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Regional Growth Forecast was shared in draft form in November 2023 and is proposed to be carried forward into the Final Blueprint phase as the Final Regional Growth Forecast for Plan Bay Area 2050+; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG have used census data to create and update Equity Priority Communities (EPCs) since their inception in 1999 and EPCs are census tracts that have significant concentration of disadvantage factors; and

WHEREAS, the methodology to identify EPCs was adopted in 2016 via MTC Resolution No. 4217 and is proposed to be carried forward in Plan Bay Area 2050+; and

WHEREAS, staff will incorporate EPCs identified with 2014-2018 ACS data as well as EPCs identified with 2018-2022 ACS data into a single consolidated map of Plan Bay Area 2050+ Equity Priority Communities and analyze both data vintages as part of Plan Bay Area 2050+ equity and performance analyses; and

WHEREAS, the MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee approved the analysis of proposed Draft Blueprint Strategies as well as corresponding Draft Blueprint Growth Geographies for the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Blueprint in January 2024; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG released findings from the Draft Blueprint analysis in June 2024; and

WHEREAS, MTC has been advancing the parallel Transit 2050+ long-range planning effort in close coordination with Bay Area transit operators to develop a comprehensive update to the Plan Bay Area 2050's transit strategies to support system connectivity, ridership recovery, reliability, and more; and

WHEREAS, MTC released the Draft Transit 2050+ Network in July 2024 which focused on frequent, fast, reliable, and safe services intended to regrow transit ridership and better connect the region; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG showcased Draft Blueprint successes and shortcomings, as well as the Transit 2050+ Draft Network, through dozens of events for public and stakeholder feedback from over the summer of 2024, engaging nearly 14,000 participants and receiving thousands of comments; and

WHEREAS, the revised Final Blueprint Strategies, including the Final Transportation Project List and Final Resilience Project List, and Final Blueprint Growth Geographies integrate feedback to better address the challenges identified in the Draft Blueprint phase and incorporate a refined Transit 2050+ Network, including but not limited to the goal of meeting or exceeding the state-mandated greenhouse gas reduction target, in alignment with the adopted Vision for Plan Bay Area 2050+; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC hereby certifies that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC, as a decision-making body, hereby adopts the Final Blueprint Strategies, including Final Transportation Project List and Final Resilience Project List, and Final Blueprint Growth Geographies as listed in the MTC Planning Committee item dated January 10, 2025, and authorizes staff to analyze associated outcomes in the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Final Blueprint; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC, as a decision-making body, direct staff to consider the exploration of more pessimistic or more optimistic planning scenarios and trajectories as part of future long-range regional planning activities.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Nick Josefowitz, Vice Chair

This resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California, and at other remote locations, on January 22, 2025.