



Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Meeting Agenda

Planning Committee

James P. Spering, Chair *Eddie Ahn, Vice Chair*

Friday, July 12, 2024

9:40 AM

Board Room - 1st Floor

Joint meeting with the ABAG Administrative Committee

The MTC Planning Committee is scheduled to meet at 9:40 a.m. or immediately following the 9:35 Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority Network and Operations Committee meeting, whichever occurs later.

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Roster

Eddie Ahn (Vice Chair), David Canepa, Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Dorene M. Giacobini*, Matt Mahan, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Sue Noack, David Rabbitt, and James P. Spering (Chair)

*Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order**2. MTC Planning Committee Roll Call / Confirm Quorum**

Quorum: A quorum of this committee shall be a majority of its regular non-ex-officio voting members (5).

3. MTC Planning Committee Consent Calendar

- 3a. [24-0758](#) Approval of MTC Planning Committee Minutes of the June 14, 2024 Meeting

Action: MTC Planning Committee Approval

Attachments: [3a_24-0758_2024-06-14_MTC_Planning_Committee_Meeting_Minutes_Draft.p](#)

4. ABAG Administrative Committee Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Quorum: A quorum of this committee shall be a majority of its regular non-ex-officio voting members (4).

5. ABAG Compensation Announcement – Clerk of the Board**6. ABAG Administrative Committee Consent Calendar**

- 6a. [24-0759](#) Approval of ABAG Administrative Committee Summary Minutes of the June 14, 2024 Meeting

Action: ABAG Administrative Committee Approval

Attachments: [6a_24-0759_2024-06-14_ABAG_Administrative_Committee_Meeting_Minutes](#)

7. Information

- 7a. [24-0811](#) Plan Bay Area 2050+: Round 2 Engagement
- Overview of the engagement strategy for Plan Bay Area 2050+ Round 2 public and partner engagement.
- Action:** Information
- Presenter:** Leslie Lara-Enríquez
- Attachments:** [7ai 24-0811 Summary Sheet Plan Bay Area 2050 + Round 2 Engagemen](#)
[7aii 24-0811 Attachment A Plan Bay Area 2050 + Round 2 Engagement.](#)
- 7b. [24-0840](#) Plan Bay Area 2050 Amendment: Sonoma-Marin Rail Transit to Healdsburg
- Details on a proposed amendment to Plan Bay Area 2050 to include the Sonoma-Marin Rail Transit (SMART) passenger rail extension to Healdsburg.
- Action:** Information
- Presenter:** Adam Noelting
- Attachments:** [7b 24-0840 Summary Sheet PBA 2050-Amendment.pdf](#)

8. Public Comment / Other Business

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9. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MTC Planning Committee will be held on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 9:40 a.m. at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Agenda Item 3a

Bay Area Metro Center
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Planning Committee

James P. Spering, Chair *Eddie Ahn, Vice Chair*

Friday, June 14, 2024

9:40 AM

Board Room - 1st Floor

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Roster

Eddie Ahn (Vice Chair), David Canepa, Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Dorene M. Giacopini*, Matt Mahan, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Sue Noack, David Rabbitt, and James P. Spering (Chair)

***Non-Voting Member**

Non-Voting Member Present: Dorene M. Giacopini, MTC
Ad Hoc Non-Voting Member Present: Commissioner Papan.

ABAG Administrative Committee Members Present: Arreguin, Eklund, Lee, Ramos, Romero, and Silva.

The following individuals participated from noticed remote locations: ABAG Member Arreguin, ABAG Member Lee and ABAG Member Silva.

1. Call to Order

2. MTC Planning Committee Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 5 - Chair Spering, Vice Chair Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Moulton-Peters and Commissioner Noack

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Mahan and Commissioner Rabbitt

3. MTC Planning Committee Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Commissioner Canepa and second by Commissioner Noack, the MTC Planning Committee Consent Calendar was unanimously approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Spering, Vice Chair Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Moulton-Peters and Commissioner Noack

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Mahan and Commissioner Rabbitt

3a. [24-0606](#) Approval of MTC Planning Committee Minutes of the May 10, 2024 Meeting

Action: MTC Planning Committee Approval

Attachments: [3a_2024-05-10_MTC_Planning_Committee_Meeting_Minutes_Draft.pdf](#)

4. ABAG Administrative Committee Roll Call / Confirm Quorum**5. ABAG Compensation Announcement – Clerk of the Board****6. ABAG Administrative Committee Consent Calendar**

- 6a.** [24-0607](#) Approval of ABAG Administrative Committee Summary Minutes of the May 10, 2024 Meeting

Action: ABAG Administrative Committee Approval

Attachments: [6a 24-0607 2024-05-10 ABAG Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes Draft.pdf](#)

- 6b.** [24-0651](#) ABAG Committee Appointments

Action: ABAG Administrative Committee Approval

Presenter: President Ramos

Attachments: [6b 24-0651 ABAG Committee Appointments.pdf](#)

7. Approval

7a. [24-0683](#) Interagency Flooding and Sea Level Rise Memorandum of Understanding

Authorize the Executive Director or designee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the four voting member agencies and the three non-voting partner agencies of the Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC) to coordinate efforts to address the threats of flooding and sea level rise in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Action: Approval / ABAG Executive Board
Approval / Commission

Presenter: Allison Brooks and Joshua Bradt

Attachments: [7ai 24-0683 Summary Sheet Interagency Flooding and Sea Level Rise MOU.pdf](#)
[7aii 24-0683 Attachment A Flooding and Sea Level Rise MOU.pdf](#)
[7aiii 24-0683 PowerPoint Flooding Sea Level Rise MOU.pdf](#)

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, spoke on this item.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Canepa and second by Vice Chair Ahn, the Interagency Flooding and Sea Level Rise Memorandum of Understanding was unanimously approved to be referred to the Commission for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Spring, Vice Chair Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Moulton-Peters and Commissioner Noack

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Mahan and Commissioner Rabbitt

8. Information

8a. [24-0682](#) Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Blueprint: Key Findings

Key performance and equity findings from the Draft Blueprint analysis, prior to late summer 2024 public and stakeholder engagement.

Action: Information

Presenter: Chirag Rabari

Attachments: [8ai Summary Sheet Plan Bay Area 2050+ Update.pdf](#)
[8aii PowerPoint Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Blueprint Key Findings.pdf](#)

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, spoke on this item.

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, spoke on this item.

9. Public Comment / Other Business

10. Adjournment / Next Meeting

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

ABAG Administrative Committee

Chair, Belia Ramos, Supervisor, County of Napa
Vice Chair, Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, City of Berkeley

Friday, June 14, 2024

9:40 AM

Board Room - 1st Floor

Joint meeting with the MTC Planning Committee

Roster

Candace Andersen, Jesse Arreguin, Pat Eklund, Otto Lee, David Rabbitt, Belia Ramos,
Carlos Romero, Cindy Silva, Wanda Williams

1. Call to Order
2. MTC Planning Committee Roll Call / Confirm Quorum
3. MTC Planning Committee Consent Calendar

The MTC Planning Committee took action on this item.

- 3a. [24-0606](#) Approval of MTC Planning Committee Minutes of the May 10, 2024 Meeting

Action: MTC Planning Committee Approval

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4. ABAG Administrative Committee Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

The following individuals participated from noticed remote locations:
Member Arreguin, Member Lee, and Member Silva.

Present: 6 - Arreguin, Eklund, Lee, Ramos, Romero, and Silva

Absent: 1 - Rabbitt

5. ABAG Compensation Announcement – Clerk of the Board

6. ABAG Administrative Committee Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Lee and seconded by Romero, this was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Arreguin, Eklund, Lee, Ramos, Romero, and Silva

Absent: 1 - Rabbitt

6a. [24-0830](#) Approval of ABAG Administrative Committee Summary Minutes of the May 10, 2024 Meeting

Action: ABAG Administrative Committee Approval

Attachments: [6a 2024-05-10 ABAG Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes Draft.pdf](#)

6b. [24-0831](#) ABAG Committee Appointments

Action: ABAG Administrative Committee Approval

Presenter: President Ramos

Attachments: [6b ABAG Committee Appointments.pdf](#)

7. Approval

7a. [24-0832](#) Interagency Flooding and Sea Level Rise Memorandum of Understanding

Authorize the Executive Director or designee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the seven-member agencies of the Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC) to coordinate efforts to address the threats of flooding and sea level rise in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Action: Approval / ABAG Executive Board
Approval / Commission

Presenter: Allison Brooks and Joshua Bradt

Attachments: [7ai Summary Sheet Interagency Flooding and Sea Level Rise MOU.pdf](#)
[7aii Attachment A Flooding and Sea Level Rise MOU.pdf](#)
[7aiii PowerPoint Flooding Sea Level Rise MOU.pdf](#)

Aleta Dupree, Team Polls, spoke on this item.

Upon the motion by Eklund and second by Silva, the Interagency Flooding and Sea Level Rise Memorandum of Understanding was unanimously approved to be referred to the ABAG Executive Board for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Arreguin, Eklund, Lee, Ramos, Romero, and Silva

Absent: 3 - Rabbitt, Andersen, and Williams

8. Information

8a. [24-0682](#) Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Blueprint: Key Findings

Key performance and equity findings from the Draft Blueprint analysis, prior to late summer 2024 public and stakeholder engagement.

Action: Information

Presenter: Chirag Rabari

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**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee**

July 12, 2024

Agenda Item 7a

Plan Bay Area 2050+: Round 2 Engagement

Subject:

Overview of the engagement strategy for Plan Bay Area 2050+ Round 2 public and partner engagement.

Background:

In July 2023, MTC-ABAG kicked off Plan Bay Area 2050+, a limited and focused update to the regional vision for transportation, housing, economic development and environmental resilience. Following an extensive first round of engagement in the latter half of 2023, the Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee approved revised Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Blueprint strategies and growth geographies for further study in January 2024. This spring, staff completed the Draft Blueprint analysis, forecasting equity and performance outcomes for the Draft Blueprint.

In parallel, staff are advancing the Transit 2050+ effort in close coordination with transit operators — applying a connected network planning approach to update the transit-related strategies in Plan Bay Area 2050's transportation element. In February 2024, staff provided an update on Transit 2050+, including preliminary findings related to existing conditions and identified needs and gaps for the region's transit system. Development of a fiscally-constrained Draft Network, informed by needs and gaps and project performance findings, is also underway and will be shared with committees later this summer.

By the end of this year, the two parallel efforts will come together as part of the plan's Final Blueprint. To help inform the development of the plan's Final Blueprint, staff will conduct a second round of engagement in late summer to early fall to seek our partners' and the community's guidance on how to address identified challenges. This memorandum provides an overview of the key engagement activities staff is planning for the second round of engagement.

Engagement Goals:

Given the status of both projects, the goals for Round 2 engagement are:

1. **Plan Bay Area 2050+** — Introduce challenges identified in Draft Blueprint analysis, including climate and fiscal challenges; seek feedback on priorities for Final Blueprint with a particular focus on the plan’s transportation element.
2. **Transit 2050+** — Introduce the Draft Network, including envisioned projects and/or frequencies; seek feedback on the prioritization of transit strategies and investments.
3. **Plan Bay Area 2050+ Implementation Plan** — Identify and prioritize strategies that should be fast-tracked toward implementation to make progress toward the plan’s vision by end of decade.

Proposed Round 2 Public Engagement:

The proposed activities reflect the priorities expressed by the public as part of the 2023 update to MTC’s Public Participation Plan, including prioritizing online engagement, going to where people already are, and broadly promoting opportunities for engagement. Given the activities conducted last year as part of Round 1 and the public engagement requirements delineated in Senate Bill 375 (2008), staff propose the activities below for Round 2 engagement.

Community Engagement:

a) **Pop-Up Workshops (18)**

Staff will host two pop-up workshops per county, aiming to reach Equity Priority Communities (EPCs) and transit users, as well as broaden the geographic reach beyond Round 1 engagement. Each pop-up workshop will include display boards to solicit input on Plan Bay Area 2050+ and Transit 2050+, with additional handouts available on the plan process and Draft Blueprint outcomes; pop-up workshops will also promote participation in the online survey. **Attachment A** includes a list of potential pop-up workshop locations.

b) Online Survey

An online opportunity for engagement offers the ability to dive deeper into the background and context of both plans, while at the same time giving the public and our partners the option to participate in the plan development process from the comfort of their homes. The goal of the online survey is to mirror the input activities from the pop-up workshops but include additional context-setting information that will help enable more meaningful input on the process.

c) Community-Based Organization (CBO) Engagement

To ensure we reach Equity Priority Communities (EPCs) and other priority populations, staff will continue our partnerships with the community-based organizations we worked with for Round 1. Staff continually work to identify additional CBO partners who work with key EPCs across the region. To date, staff has reached out to 35 organizations, conducting ongoing outreach to expand the portfolio of partner organizations.

d) Tribal Outreach

Staff will host a virtual Tribal summit for federally-recognized Tribes and a webinar for other California Native American Tribes to facilitate participation in these activities. Additionally, engagement staff will aim to partner with CBOs that serve the Native American community in the region and explore partnership opportunities to conduct engagement with their constituents.

e) Digital Promotion

Communications staff will conduct a broad marketing campaign to promote participation in the various Round 2 engagement activities and raise awareness about the plan.

Partner Engagement:

a) Technical Workshop(s) and Webinar(s)

In late summer and/or early fall, staff plan to host workshops and webinars to engage our partners, including local jurisdictions, transit agency and county transportation agency staff, advocates, and other interested parties in the more technical aspects of plan development.

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b) Office Hours/One-on-One Meetings

Staff also will host office hours for our technical partners, advocates and other interested parties to be able to provide detailed input that will help inform the development of the Final Blueprint.

Next Steps:

Round 2 engagement activities will begin in late summer 2024; staff invites Commissioners and ABAG Board Members to participate in the pop-up workshops happening across the region. If interested in attending, MTC/ABAG staff will be in contact in the near future to provide additional information.

Issues:

None identified.

Attachment:

- Attachment A: Potential Pop-up Workshop Locations


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Plan Bay Area 2050+/Transit 2050+: Round 2 Engagement

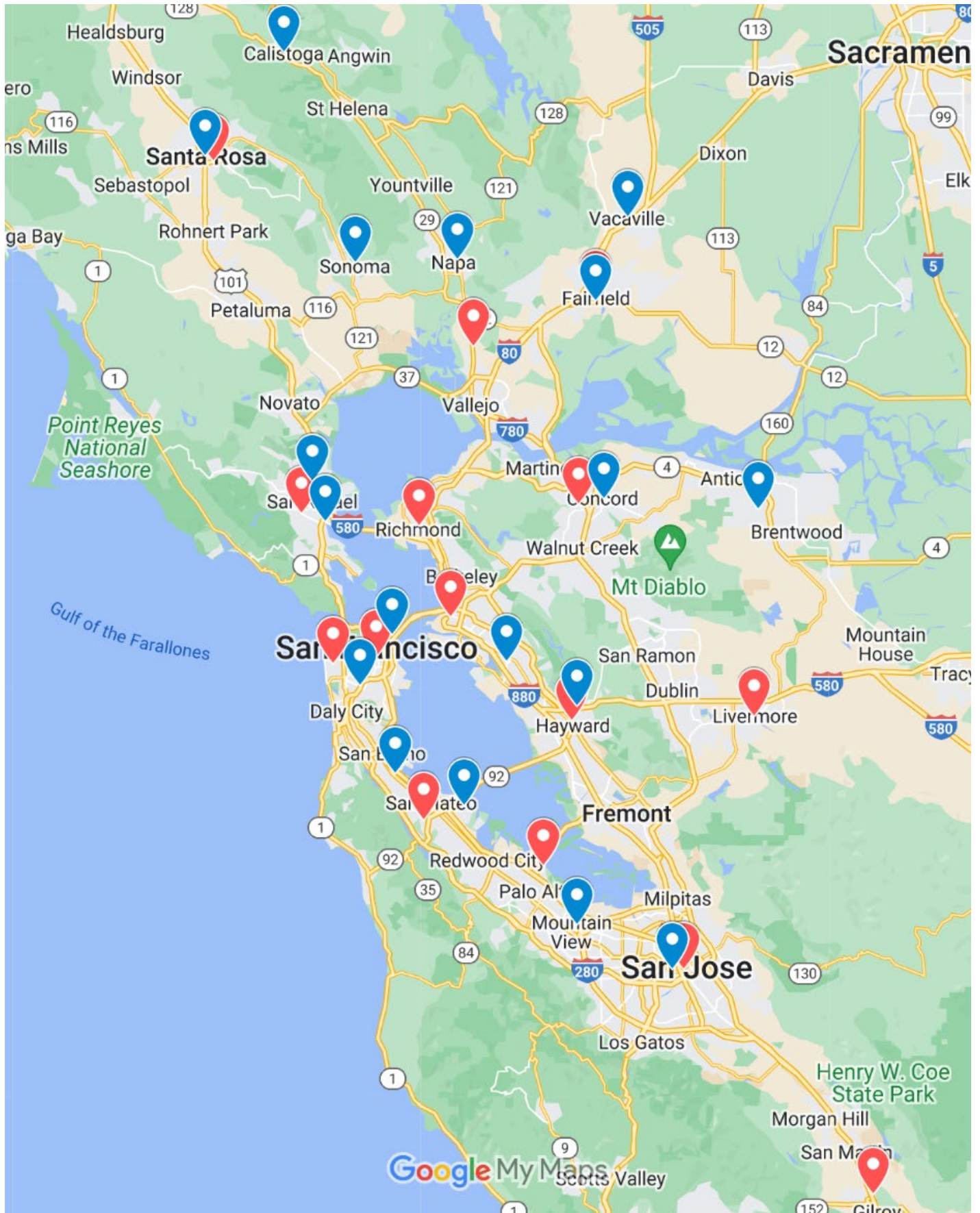
Potential Pop-up Workshop Locations

Staff is planning 18 pop-up workshops across the nine Bay Area counties. Below is a preliminary list of potential locations for summer 2024 public engagement. The locations below aim to expand the geographic reach of Round 1 engagement pop-ups, as well as facilitate outreach to Equity Priority Communities and transit riders.

The locations will be finalized in mid-July, pending review and input from the Policy Advisory Council, the Transit 2050+ project management team, the ABAG Administrative Committee, and the MTC Planning Committee.

	Event/Location	County	Dates
1	Multicultural Festival (Antioch)	Contra Costa	Aug. 10
2	Solano Rail Hub	Solano	Aug. 13
3	Balboa Park BART Station	San Francisco	Aug. 14
4	Coliseum BART Station — Battle of the Bay Baseball Game	Alameda	Aug. 17
5	Foster City Summer Days	San Mateo	Aug. 18
6	Larkspur Ferry Terminal	Marin	Aug. 20
7	Santa Rosa Transit Mall	Sonoma	Aug. 21
8	Castro Valley Farmers' Market	Alameda	Aug. 24
9	Calistoga Farmers' Market	Napa	Aug. 17
10	Sonoma Sundays on the Plaza	Sonoma	Aug. 25
11	Concord BART Station	Contra Costa	Aug. 27
12	Millbrae Transit Station	San Mateo	Aug. 28
13	Dog Days of Summer	San Francisco	Aug. 31
14	Downtown Vacaville Cowtown Shakedown Classic Car & Music Festival	Solano	Aug. 31
15	Mountain View Farmers' Market at Mountain View Transit Center	Santa Clara	Sep. 1
16	Soscol Gateway Transit Center	Napa	Sep. 3
17	2024 Ember Stomp Wildfire Prevention Festival	Marin	Sep. 7
18	Viva CalleSJ	Santa Clara	Sep. 8

The map on the following page illustrates the geographic reach of Rounds 1 and 2 pop-up workshops. The Round 2 pop-up locations listed above are noted in **blue**. For comparison, the Round 1 pop-up locations from summer 2023 are noted in **red**.



**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee**

July 12, 2024

Agenda Item 7b

Plan Bay Area 2050 Amendment: Sonoma-Marín Rail Transit to Healdsburg

Subject:

Details on a proposed amendment to Plan Bay Area 2050 to include the Sonoma-Marín Rail Transit (SMART) passenger rail extension to Healdsburg.

Background:

SMART began initial operations between downtown San Rafael and northern Santa Rosa in 2017, and in 2019, service was extended south to Larkspur to enhance connections to the Golden Gate ferry terminal. Construction is currently underway on a northern extension to Windsor, which was included in the adopted Plan Bay Area 2050, providing additional connectivity to northern Sonoma County. Plan Bay Area 2050 also included an infill station in North Petaluma and significant investments necessary to protect the SMART corridor from rising sea levels. Earlier this year, MTC received a request from Caltrans to amend Plan Bay Area 2050 to further extend SMART passenger rail, with the next phase stretching from Windsor to Healdsburg. SMART has secured significant funding for this extension, including an expected \$40 million allocation identified in the Regional Measure 3 Expenditure Plan, but an estimated \$81 million funding gap remains. Pursuing additional near-term state funding sources to close this gap and move towards construction would require the Healdsburg extension to be included in the current fiscally-constrained regional plan, Plan Bay Area 2050.

Performance Findings and Past Investments:

As part of the Plan Bay Area 2050 Project Performance Assessment, staff evaluated the Windsor to Cloverdale extension, including Healdsburg. Overall, the analysis found that many of the region's commuter rail projects, like the proposed northern extension of SMART, had low cost-effectiveness with limited ridership gains relative to their project costs. Furthermore, these projects often had equity concerns, given ridership forecasts skewed toward higher-income demographics. As a result, this SMART extension was not included in fiscally-constrained Transportation Element of Plan Bay Area 2050. Preliminary results from the Transit 2050+ process currently underway are consistent with these prior findings as well.

Statutory Requirements and Path Forward:

Despite performance challenges, it is clear there is strong local support for amending Plan Bay Area 2050 to accommodate the Healdsburg extension project, and significant funding has been secured to-date. However, to advance such an amendment, key statutory requirements must be considered:

- **Fiscal Constraint:** Federal planning requirements mandate that the added costs of the project do not exceed the plan's transportation revenue forecast. To accommodate this requirement, staff propose removing an equivalent amount of Sonoma County projects (i.e., US-101/Railroad Avenue Improvements and Farmers Lane Extension) to keep the plan fiscally-constrained and compliant with federal law.
- **Greenhouse Gas Target:** State planning requirements mandate that the greenhouse gas target must continue to be met, consistent with the adopted plan. Given the relatively small magnitude of changes to the Transportation Project List, no issues are anticipated as a result of this amendment.
- **Public Review:** MTC's Public Participation Plan (2023) requires that an amendment to Plan Bay Area 2050 undergo public review and comment. Adequate time will need to be reserved this summer to fulfill this requirement to provide the public an opportunity to weigh in on the amendment.
- **Environmental Analyses:** Federal and State environmental requirements mandate the disclosure of the potential environmental impacts for amendments., Staff will prepare two companion environmental assessments in the coming months—one for state environmental requirements and one for federal transportation air quality conformity. These assessments will be included with the Commission and ABAG materials for the proposed amendment in late 2024.

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Next Steps:

MTC staff has started the process to amend Plan Bay Area 2050 to include the extension to Healdsburg. Preliminary analysis indicates that this amendment would slightly reduce regional traffic volumes. This suggests the amendment will likely have no impact on achieving regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets or making a positive transportation air quality conformity finding. However, the necessary analyses will be finalized in the coming months. Staff will coordinate with SMART and SCTA to prepare the necessary amendment and statutory environmental documents. The public review process is expected to begin this summer. Following the review, MTC staff plans to present the item to the Commission and ABAG for action in the fall.

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

None



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