

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

April 16, 2020

Agenda Item 8.a.

Proposed Work Plan for AB 1487 Revenue Measure

Subject: Approval of Proposed Work Plan for AB 1487 Revenue Measure

Background: At the March 13, 2020 joint meeting of the ABAG Administrative Committee and MTC Executive Committee, staff presented a proposed work plan to complete all preparations necessary for a potential AB 1487 revenue measure to qualify for the November 2020 ballot should the agencies choose to pursue such a measure.

The work plan includes convening a time-limited, Interim Advisory Committee to satisfy statutory requirements. Pursuant to AB 1487, the Advisory Committee must be approved jointly by the ABAG Executive Board and MTC (acting as the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority). Staff worked with the ABAG President and MTC Chair to develop a proposed membership list for the Interim Advisory Committee.

Three days after the joint committee meeting, on March 16, 2020, Bay Area counties jointly announced the first shelter-in-place orders in response to the emerging public health crisis caused by COVID-19. Since then, the shelter-in-place orders have been expanded and extended through at least May 3, 2020. The President and Vice-President of ABAG, along with the Chair and Vice-Chair of MTC, have directed staff to revise the proposed work plan to account for the changed circumstances. Staff has suggested revisions to the proposed work plan that reflect the difficulty of conducting in-person outreach, updated timelines based on COVID-related delays, and the evaluation of potential BAHFA activities that do not rely on the decision to pursue a November 2020 ballot measure.

Based on recent communication with representatives of the housing advocate community, new poll information on a housing measure is expected in mid-May. The poll information will be important to inform whether a November housing measure has a viable path forward, and to allow a “go/no go” decision at the May board meetings.

Staff will report on the Joint ABAG Administrative Committee and MTC Executive Committee discussion on the proposed work plan, the coronavirus-related revisions proposed by staff, and recommendations for ABAG Executive Board action, if any.

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Issues: None

Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to approve the proposed work plan for AB 1487 revenue measure, as reported.

Attachments: A. Work Plan, Joint ABAG Administrative Committee and MTC Executive Committee, March 13, 2020

B. Updated Work Plan

C. Updated Presentation

Reviewed:



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