

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 01-2021

This resolution adopts the Plan Bay Area 2050 Final Blueprint as the Preferred Alternative for analysis in the Plan Bay Area 2050 Environmental Impact Report, as required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Further discussion of this subject is contained in the Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee Summary Sheet dated January 8, 2021.

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RE: APPROVAL OF THE PLAN BAY AREA 2050 FINAL BLUEPRINT AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR ANALYSIS IN THE PLAN BAY AREA 2050 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

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, 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, 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") will serve as the region's next-generation 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

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) set a higher year 2035 greenhouse gas emission reduction target for cars and light-duty trucks (-19 percent per-capita) for long-range regional plans in all major California metropolitan regions, as of March 2018; and

WHEREAS, Plan Bay Area 2050 ("Plan") will serve as the region's next-generation plan, ultimately serving as the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy for the San Francisco Bay Area; and

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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, ABAG approved the Regional Growth Forecast Methodology in September 2019, which guided the development of the Plan Bay Area 2050 Regional Growth Forecast; and

WHEREAS, ABAG approved the Final Regional Growth Forecast in September 2020, planning for 1.4 million new jobs and 1.4 million new households by 2050; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG approved the analysis of the 25 Strategies for the Plan Bay Area 2050 Draft Blueprint in February 2020 as well as the corresponding Growth Geographies (MTC Resolution No. 4410 and ABAG Resolution No. 03-2020); and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG approved a revised set of 35 Strategies for the Plan Bay Area 2050 Final Blueprint in fall 2020 as well as the updated Growth Geographies (MTC Resolution No. 4437 and ABAG Resolution No. 16-2020), and;

WHEREAS, the Final Blueprint was informed by over 33,000 public comments, over 15,000 planning process participants, and over 290 public and stakeholder events through the Plan Bay Area 2050 process to date and its predecessor, the Horizon initiative; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG released the Final Blueprint Outcomes and Growth Pattern in December 2020, demonstrating how Plan Bay Area 2050 advances the adopted Vision; and

WHEREAS, the Final Blueprint meets and exceeds the statutory greenhouse gas emissions established by CARB in March 2018, demonstrating the region's commitment to tackle climate change, while accommodating the Final Regional Growth Forecast; and

WHEREAS, the Final Blueprint, if approved to advance into the Plan Bay Area 2050 Environmental Impact Report, would be analyzed against a reasonable range of alternatives in 2021, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act, prior to Plan Bay Area 2050 adoption; now, therefore be it

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

RESOLVED, that ABAG, as a decision-making body, hereby adopts the Plan Bay Area 2050 Final Blueprint as the Preferred Alternative for analysis in the Plan Bay Area 2050 Environmental Impact Report.

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The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 21st day of January, 2021.

Jesse Arreguín, Chair
President

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Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Clerk of the Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 21st day of January, 2021.

Frederick Castro
Clerk of the Board