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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4666

This resolution approves the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared for Plan Bay Area 2050, the San Francisco Bay Area's plan for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment (SCH No. 2020090519).

Further discussion of this subject is contained in the Joint MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee memorandum dated October 11, 2024.

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Re: Approval of the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for Plan Bay Area 2050 the San Francisco Bay Area's plan for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment (SCH No. 2020090519).

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, MTC is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), pursuant to Section 134(d) of Title 23 of the United States Code (USC) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region (the region); 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 ABAG, every four years; and

WHEREAS, Plan Bay Area 2050 ("Plan") is the region's plan for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment, and serves as the RTP and SCS for the San Francisco Bay Area, consistent with federal and state requirements; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG served as joint lead agencies in preparing a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR) (SCH# 2020090519) with the assistance of MTC staff and consultants pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15000 et seq.) for the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Program EIR provides full disclosure and programmatic analysis of the potentially significant environmental effects of the Plan for purposes of State law requirements; federal law exempts approval of a transportation plan from environmental review (23 U.S.C., § 134 (j)); and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG jointly certified the Program EIR prepared for the Plan (Final EIR) on October 21, 2021 (MTC Resolution No. 4484 and ABAG Resolution No.08-21); and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG jointly adopted the Final Plan on October 21, 2021 (MTC Resolution No. 4485 and ABAG Resolution No. 09-21); and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG staff have prepared an Amendment to the Plan (Amended Plan), which is subject to the approval of the Commission and ABAG under separate actions (MTC Resolution No. 4667 and ABAG Resolution No. 10-24); and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG staff have prepared an Addendum to the Final EIR (Addendum) in response to the Amendment to the Plan, pursuant to provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines § 15164.

WHEREAS, the Addendum rather than a subsequent EIR has been prepared because none of the conditions described in § 15162 (a) calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred and because some changes or additions are necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Addendum need not be circulated for public review but can be included in or attached to the Final EIR pursuant to provisions of CEQA Guidelines § 15164(c); and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG staff prepared the Addendum, consisting of: (1) an introduction to the Addendum; (2) a description of the Amendment to the Plan; (3) CEQA checklist and impact analysis; (4) technical revisions to the Final EIR; and (5) a conclusion of the findings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15164(d), MTC and ABAG considered the Addendum together with the Final EIR prior to making a decision on the Amendment to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the approval of this Resolution have occurred; and

WHEREAS, MTC has heard, been presented with, reviewed, and considered all of the information and data in the administrative record, including the Addendum, and all oral and written evidence presented to it during all meetings; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, MTC and ABAG staff prepared the Addendum, consisting of: (1) an introduction to the Addendum; (2) a description of the Amendment to the Plan; (3) CEQA checklist and impact analysis; (4) technical revisions to the Final EIR; and (5) a conclusion of the findings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC find that the Addendum satisfies all the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC, as a decision-making body, certifies that the Addendum (Attachment A) was presented to them, and that they have reviewed and considered the information contained within the Addendum prior to approving the Amendment to the Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC direct staff to immediately (within five working days): (a) file a Notice of Determination documenting these decisions (CEQA Guidelines § 15094); and (b) retain a copy of the approved Addendum as a public record.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair

This resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California on October 23, 2024.

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Addendum to the Program EIR for Plan Bay Area 2050

The Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
for Plan Bay Area 2050 is on file in the offices
of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Bay Area Metro Center,
375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105.