

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

April 16, 2020

Agenda Item 7.a.

Receipt of the Regional Growth Forecast of Total Jobs, Population, Households, and Housing Units for Plan Bay Area 2050

Subject: Regional Growth Forecast of total jobs, population, households, and housing units for *Plan Bay Area 2050*

Background: In preparation for crafting the growth pattern for *Plan Bay Area 2050*, it is necessary to first understand how much the region will likely grow over the next 30 years. The Regional Growth Forecast estimates of jobs, population, and households serve as key inputs to the UrbanSim 2.0 land use model, which will identify likely locations for future growth based on the ultimate Plan's strategies.

MTC/ABAG staff developed a draft range for the Regional Growth Forecast forecasts based on the methodology adopted by the ABAG Board in September 2019; staff sought feedback from technical stakeholders during winter 2020. The Regional Growth Forecast incorporates comments and feedback received; it also integrates the effects of key Draft Blueprint strategies for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment, which were approved for study by MTC and ABAG in February.

On April 9, the ABAG Executive Board held a special meeting to review the Regional Growth Forecast. Staff has prepared a summary of the questions and answers from that meeting (see Attachment C). The Board will be asked to review results from the Plan Bay Area 2050 Draft Blueprint this summer and will approve the Plan Bay Area 2050 Final Blueprint (which will include the Growth Forecast) this fall.

Issues: None

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Next Steps:

Staff presented the Final Regional Growth Forecast to the ABAG Executive Board on April 9, 2020 as an information item; questions and staff responses are included in Attachment C. The Regional Growth Forecast has now been integrated into the Draft Blueprint, with analysis currently underway. If needed, further refinements can be made to the Regional Growth Forecast to integrate strategy modifications in the Final Blueprint phase later this year.

Recommended Action:

Information

Attachments:

A. April 9, 2020 Executive Board Special Meeting: Discussion Summary

B. Plan Bay Area 2050: Final Regional Growth Forecast Memo

C. Plan Bay Area 2050: Final Regional Growth Forecast Presentation

Reviewed:



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