

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

January 28, 2026

Agenda Item 11b - 26-0152 - HANDOUT

Final 2026 MTC and ABAG Legislative Advocacy Program

Subject:

Final 2026 Joint Advocacy Program for MTC and ABAG, expressing the agencies' state and federal legislative priorities.

Overview:

At its January 9 meeting, the MTC ABAG Joint Legislation Committee reviewed the Final 2026 MTC and ABAG Legislative Advocacy Program and recommended approval by the ABAG Executive Board and the Commission. On January 15, the ABAG Executive Board adopted the advocacy program with a proposed revision related to the Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) and Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The ABAG Executive Board action specified that the additional language is subject to MTC's concurrence.

Proposed Revision

The ABAG Executive Board's proposed revision is shown in italics below.

“5. Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) and Regional Housing Needs

Allocation (RHNA): Monitor proposals and engage in discussions related to statutory updates that would impact future Bay Area RHNA cycles. Advocate for updates that are:

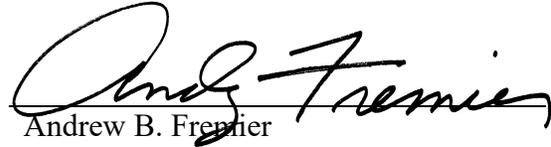
- Aligned with Plan Bay Area 2050+'s guiding principles and housing goals, as well as ongoing discussions related to regional planning updates (see Item 3);
- Structured to empower regions to balance competing goals related to housing, equity, climate, resilience, economic vitality and environment, *including the unique needs and constraints of unincorporated communities*;
- Consistent with Item 4, including supporting resources for regions to continue to support local government partners in meeting their RHNA goals; and
- Implementable at both the regional and local levels.
- Structured to increase transparency related to the Department of Housing and Community Development's use of Department of Finance population projections and other adjustments in the preparation of the RHND.”

Recommendation:

Approve the 2026 Joint MTC ABAG Legislative Advocacy Program with the ABAG Executive Board's requested revision.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Final 2026 MTC and ABAG Legislative Advocacy Program (*proposed*)



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