

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee**

February 13, 2026

Agenda Item 8a

Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+: Summary of Public Feedback from Round 4 Engagement

Subject:

Overview of feedback received during fall 2025 public engagement events and the associated public comment period for the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+ (Draft Plan) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for Plan Bay Area 2050+, including additional context on common questions and concerns raised.

Background:

The fourth and final round of engagement for Plan Bay Area 2050+ took place in fall 2025 and represents the culmination of nearly three years of work to develop the Draft Plan. The final phase built on previous engagement efforts conducted between 2023 and 2025 and offered the public, partners and stakeholders the opportunity to review the Draft Plan and its accompanying supplemental reports, as well as the Draft EIR. Engagement activities included subregional webinars, hybrid public hearings, and county transportation agency board presentations, as well as the ability to submit comments by email, web form, phone, or U.S. mail. The nearly 60-day public comment period began on October 20, 2025, and closed at 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2025. All comments received are posted to the Plan Bay Area website as follows:

- Draft Plan, draft supplemental reports and Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Report comments: planbayarea.org/draftplan
- Draft EIR comments: planbayarea.org/2050/draft-environmental-impact-report-eir

What We Heard:

In total, 353 comments were submitted by 5 p.m. on December 18, 2025. An additional 10 comments were received after the close of the public comment period. Comments were submitted by members of the public, local jurisdictions, transit agencies, county transportation agencies, other public agencies, as well as advocacy organizations. Overall, a key theme raised across all comments received focused on the Regional Growth Forecast, which is further addressed in **Attachment A**. Other themes that rose to the top include concerns about affordability and the high cost of living, fiscal capacity, and implementation feasibility.

A complete summary of engagement activities and comments received is included as
Attachment B.

Next Steps:

Planning staff are continuing to review comments received and assessing the feedback to identify potential refinements or revisions to the Draft Plan to be incorporated into the final plan prior to consideration for adoption by the Commission and ABAG Executive Board in March 2026. Staff will respond to comments received, as appropriate, shortly after the release of the final plan. All comments received on the Draft EIR will be responded to in the Final EIR.

Issues:

None identified.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Presentation
- Attachment B: Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+ Round 4 Engagement Summary


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