

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments  
Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee**

December 11, 2020

Agenda Item 4a

**Proposed Final 2021 Joint Advocacy Program**

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- Subject:** Proposed Final 2021 Joint Advocacy Program for MTC and ABAG, expressing the agencies' state and federal legislative priorities.
- Overview:** Attachment A is the proposed Final 2021 Joint Advocacy Program, which incorporates some adjustments based on the Committee's feedback last month as well as feedback from partner agency staff and other stakeholders. Modifications incorporated as a result of the Committee's feedback include:
- Addition of references to support for additional state and federal funding for the San Francisco Estuary.
  - Modifications to Item 3B related to housing production to clarify the intent to authorize housing as a permitted use in *certain* commercial zones, including office parks and major commercial corridors (i.e. not all commercial areas) and further clarity that such uses would still be subject to local approval, but would not require zoning modifications, a costly and lengthy process. Finally, clarify support for accelerating *locally-proposed* zoning changes that accommodate increased housing production near jobs-rich, high-quality transit and high-resource areas.
- The draft advocacy program has been shared with ABAG's Regional Planning Committee via email and presented it to MTC's Policy Advisory Council for feedback. No comments have been received by RPC members. The Policy Advisory Council was generally supportive, though several members expressed concerns about including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Streamlining in our priorities, a longstanding goal that seeks to accelerate the region's priorities while still safeguarding the environment.
- An additional meeting is planned with Bay Area legislative staff as well as a second meeting with staff from regional agencies across the state to share our respective advocacy programs and identify opportunities for collaboration. As such, further refinements to the final document may be presented at your meeting.
- We look forward to hearing further input and finalizing our Joint Advocacy Program for forwarding to the ABAG Executive Board and the Commission this month.
- Issues:** None identified.
- Recommendation:** Staff recommends the proposed MTC/ ABAG 2020 Advocacy Program be forwarded to the ABAG Executive Board and MTC Commission for approval.
- Attachments:** Attachment A: Proposed Final 2021 Joint Advocacy Program

  
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