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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4437, Revised

This resolution approves the Final Blueprint Strategies, the Final Blueprint Growth Geographies, and the Regional Growth Forecast for Plan Bay Area 2050.

This resolution was revised on November 20, 2020 to update Strategy EN7 to include a broader suite of commute trip reduction programs.

Further discussion of this subject is contained in the Planning Committee Summary Sheet dated September 11, 2020, and the Commission Summary Sheet dated November 20, 2020.

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Re: Approval of the Final Blueprint Strategies, Final Blueprint Growth Geographies, and Regional Growth Forecast for Plan Bay Area 2050

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4437, REVISED

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, 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 the ABAG, every four years; and

WHEREAS, Plan Bay Area 2050 (“Plan”) will serve as the region’s next-generation plan, ultimately serving as the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy for the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG jointly adopted the first Plan Bay Area in 2013 (Plan Bay Area 2013) (MTC Resolution No. 4111 and ABAG Resolution No. 06-13), and the second Plan Bay Area in 2017 (Plan Bay Area 2040) (MTC Resolution No. 4300 and ABAG Resolution No. 10-17); and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG jointly adopted the Vision for Plan Bay Area 2050 in September 2019, emphasizing that resilient and equitable strategies should be prioritized to ensure by the year 2050 the Bay Area is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy, and vibrant for all (MTC Resolution No. 4393 and ABAG Resolution No. 09-19); and

WHEREAS, ABAG approved the Regional Growth Forecast Methodology in September 2019, which guided the development of the Plan Bay Area 2050 Regional Growth Forecast; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Growth Forecast was shared in draft form in spring 2020 and subsequently updated to reflect significant economic impacts from the coronavirus pandemic and the 2020 recession over the first ten years of the planning horizon; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG approved the analysis of the 25 Strategies for the Plan Bay Area 2050 Draft Blueprint in February 2020 as well as the corresponding Growth Geographies (MTC Resolution No. 4410 and ABAG Resolution No. 03-2020); and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG released the Draft Blueprint Findings in early July 2020 showcasing successes and shortcomings through dozens of virtual events for public and stakeholder feedback; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG received more than 3,400 comments and engaged more than 7,600 participants in the public engagement process on the Draft Blueprint during July and August 2020 that informed the revised recommendations for the Final Blueprint phase; and

WHEREAS, the revised Strategies and Growth Geographies integrate feedback to better address the five challenges identified in the Draft Blueprint phase, including the goal of meeting or exceeding the state-mandated greenhouse gas reduction target, in alignment with the adopted Vision for Plan Bay Area 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Commission directed that staff explore alternatives to Strategy EN7 in fall 2020; and

WHEREAS, the revised Strategy EN7 enables similar climate emission reductions while providing employers greater flexibility in terms of incentives and disincentives to achieve modal shift; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that MTC, as a decision-making body, hereby adopts the amended Strategies, Growth Geographies, and Regional Growth Forecast as listed in the MTC Planning Committee item dated September 11th, 2020 as amended in the Commission items dated September 23, 2020 and November 20, 2020, and authorizes staff to analyze associated outcomes in the Plan Bay Area 2050 Final Blueprint.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution, revising and superseding the resolution approved on September 23, 2020, was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California and remotely on November 20, 2020.