



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ABAG Executive Board

September 16, 2021

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021:

RHNA Appeals

Release of the Draft RHNA Allocations on May 25 initiated the 45-day period during which a local jurisdiction or HCD could submit an appeal to ABAG requesting a change to any Bay Area jurisdiction's allocation. ABAG received 28 appeals from Bay Area jurisdictions by the July 9th deadline. In addition, a number of jurisdictions sent ABAG comment letters about RHNA, in lieu of submitting an appeal. Details about the appeals submitted and comment letters are on the Appeals Process page on the ABAG website. Key dates in the ABAG RHNA process include:

- September and/or October: ABAG conducts public hearing to consider appeals and comments received. **The first appeals hearing is set for September 24th.**
- October or November: ABAG ratifies written final determination on each appeal and issues Final RHNA Allocations that adjust allocations as a result of any successful appeals.
- November or December: ABAG Executive Board conducts public hearing to adopt Final RHNA Plan.

<https://abag.ca.gov/our-work/housing/rhna-regional-housing-needs-allocation/2023-2031-rhna-appeals-process>

PBA2050

For the month of October, there will be a joint meeting between the MTC Commission and ABAG EB to take a final vote on PBA2050. This meeting will take place on Thursday, October 21st at 5pm. It will occur during ABAG's regularly scheduled Executive Board meetings.

Bay Area Transit Tour for State Senate and Assembly Transportation Committee Chairs

In August, I was able to meet with the Transportation Committee Chairs from the State Senate and Assembly—Chair Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach) and Chair Laura Friedman (D-Glendale). MTC organized the three-day tour on August 9-11 at Assemblymember Chiu's request, with excellent assistance from our partner agencies. During this time, the Chairs were able to ride a number of the region's transit systems, tour the Golden Gate Bridge and meet with key transit agencies, including AC Transit, BART, Santa Clara VTA, California High Speed Rail Authority, Caltrain, the City of San Jose, Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District, SFMTA, the Port of Oakland, SFCTA and Transbay JPA.

While the Bay Area has long held the Chair for one or both transportation committee, Southern California now holds both. The tour was an excellent opportunity to provide the Chairs a first-hand experience of the region's transportation network. Bay Area legislators who participated in segments of the tour included Senator Josh Becker (D-Menlo Park), Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley), Senator Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont), and Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco). Chair Pedroza and Commissioners El-Tawansy, Liccardo and Schaaf were able to join for portions of the tour.

Items of Note

BayREN Update

BayREN and ABAG were featured in an article by CalCOG published on September 9th, 2021. It highlighted the role BayREN plays in filling service gaps by providing “Financing and Rebate incentives, Education and Training tools, and Workforce development training opportunities” to customers who normally face barriers to participating in these money-saving energy efficiency programs. A link to the full article is below:

<https://calcog.org/abag-and-bayren-a-regional-model-for-energy-efficiency/>



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