



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Association of Bay Area Governments

April 20, 2023

Personnel—New Appointments

Oscar Quintanilla Lopez—Oscar started with MTC on April 3 as the Assistant Director in the Budgets and Financial Planning and Analysis section.

Denise Mandap—Denise started with MTC on April 3 as an Associate, Budget and Grant Financial Analyst in the Budgets and Financial Planning and Analysis section.

Lydia Elias—Lydia started with MTC on April 17 as a Clipper Program Associate in the Electronic Payments section.

Katey Hinkle—Katey started with MTC on April 17 as a FasTrak Business Operations Analyst in the Electronic Payments section.

Ifenna Chikezie—Ifenna started with MTC on April 17 as an Information Security Analyst in the Technology Services section.

George Alonzo—George started with MTC on April 17 as a General Services Unit Assistant in the Facilities and Contract Services section.

Key Updates

ABAG-MTC's Regional Housing Technical Assistance (RHTA) Program has won a 2023 American Planning Association (APA) California - Northern Section Award of Excellence in the Planning Agency (public sector) division in recognition of the collaborative model of the RHTA Program, which offers a large volume of technical assistance, high-quality resources, and visionary leadership as an innovative solution to the complex set of requirements and housing policies in California.

On March 31, staff **released a revised draft of the procedural guidance for implementation of MTC's Transit-Oriented Community (TOC) Policy** that incorporates feedback from local jurisdictions and other stakeholders. The draft guidance explains in more detail what [the TOC Policy requirements](#) are and how local staff can provide the information necessary to show compliance. Staff anticipate that the process for developing the final TOC Policy guidance will be ongoing throughout 2023.

Bay Area local governments are invited **to nominate Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Sites**. All PDAs and Priority Sites nominated by the program deadlines will be included in Plan Bay Area 2050+ and will be eligible for future planning, infrastructure or housing funds dedicated to these programs. Download the applications and learn more about deadlines at <https://abag.ca.gov/news/nominate-priority-sites-priority-development-areas>.



Items to Note

Kate Hartley (BAHFA) provided an informational presentation to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on **BAHFA and a general obligation housing bond** on April 18. Member David Rabbitt facilitated the presentation's inclusion on the Board's agenda and was in attendance. The item was well received by Board members and public participants.

An ABAG/MTC delegation visited Washington, D.C., March 26-29 to meet with leaders and advocate for ABAG/MTC's **joint 2023 federal advocacy priorities**. The delegation included MTC Chair Alfredo Pedroza, ABAG President Jesse Arreguin, and Members Federal Glover, David Rabbitt, Jim Sperling, Cindy Chavez, Carol Dutra-Vernaci and Margaret Abe-Koga.

Looking Ahead

Mark Your Calendars! The ABAG General Assembly will be held at the Bay Area Metro Center on Friday, June 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The General Assembly will include a business meeting, for which a quorum is required, and the key action item is approval of the ABAG Budget & Work Program. The afternoon will include a conference with a great line-up of speakers focused on economic development. A program will be distributed to the Executive Board and General Assembly delegates via email soon.

Upcoming BAHFA informational meetings in May include a presentation to the Community Action Partnership of Solano, Joint Powers Authority, scheduled with the assistance of MTC Commissioner Jim Sperling and Solano County Supervisor Mashburn.

An MTC/ABAG delegation will visit Sacramento on May 22 to meet with leaders and advocate for MTC/ABAG's joint 2023 state advocacy priorities.

Andrew Fremier
Executive Director