

# ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



## **ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD—EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

July 18, 2019

### **Status Report: AB 1487 Ad Hoc Committee**

The Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the MTC Chair and ABAG President met three times since its designation in May by President Rabbitt and Chair Scott Haggerty.

Members include:

- VC Alfredo Pedroza, Jim Spring, Amy Worth, Libby Schaaf and Damon Connolly (MTC)
- President David Rabbit, VP Jesse Arreguin, Cindy Chavez, Julie Pierce and Warren Slocum (ABAG)

A report of its activities has been included in the Legislation Committee report for this month, as part of the work continuing around AB 1487 (Chiu) in the State Legislature.

### **Bay Area Metro Awards/ABAG General Assembly: June 6, 2019**

MTC and ABAG hosted the first Bay Area Metro Awards—our new joint award recognizing contributions toward the region’s mobility, affordability, and resilience.

For those that missed the event, details and videos can be accessed on ABAG or MTC websites.

The award ceremony was followed by my first ABAG General Assembly as Executive Director—the General Assembly unanimously approved the ABAG 2019 Budget and Work Plan.

The session ended with a panel on Housing Challenges and Best Practices with the mayors of Fremont and Burlingame, Supervisor David Rabbitt, and KQED’s Guy Marzorati.

### **SCAG/USC: Impact of Census 2020: June 11, 2019**

I was invited to speak on a panel addressing the role of metropolitan planning as it aligns with critical data coming from the upcoming Census 2020.

It was a great reminder of how crucial that national exercise is and the role we all play to have our constituents participate in the count!

I was able to highlight the groundbreaking work of our Planning Team’s scenario-based long range planning Horizons initiative.

### **Bay Trail 30 Anniversary**

This year the Bay Trail Project celebrates 30 years since the adoption of the *Bay Trail Plan* by the ABAG Executive Board, which occurred on June 15, 1989.

The trail is now 70% complete and growing, with over 350 miles of trail in use by the public for recreation, transportation and environmental education.

We have had significant press coverage on this milestone within the past month:

- 1) an 8-page article in the current edition of *Bay Nature* magazine (provided to you today, and made possible by MTC);
- 2) a July 5 front page San Francisco *Chronicle* article; and
- 3) an entire episode on NBC Bay Area's Open Road with Doug McConnell that aired on July 14 and is available to view on the Open Road website [nbcbayarea.com/openroad](http://nbcbayarea.com/openroad) (made possible by BATA and the Bay Trail nonprofit).

I'd like to thank the ABAG Executive Board for their support of this important regional program.

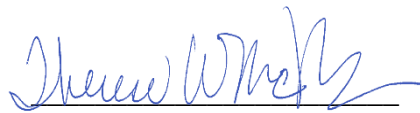
### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Kick-off meeting: Joint ABAG-MTC Governance Committee: July 24, 2019**

On July 24<sup>th</sup>, the appointed Joint ABAG MTC Governance Committee—designated as a result of the 2017 Memorandum of Understanding to “begin discussions on whether the two agencies should restructure their governing boards to better serve the region and to better utilize the consolidate staff”—will meet for the first time.

Including himself, the six ABAG members appointed to the Committee by President Rabbitt are: Vice President Jesse Arreguin, Cindy Chavez, Julie Pierce, John Rahaim, and Warren Slocum.

The six MTC Commissioner members include: Chair Scott Haggerty, Vice Chair Alfredo Pedroza, Nick Josefowitz, Jim Spering, David Cortese, and Amy Worth.



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