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Meeting Agenda - Final

ABAG Executive Board

Thursday, January 16, 2020

7:00 PM

Board Room - 1st Floor

Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board Meeting No. 442

The ABAG Executive Board may act on any item on the agenda

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda, roster, and webcast available at <https://abag.ca.gov>

For information, contact Clerk of the Board at (415) 820-7913.

Roster

Candace Andersen, Jesse Arreguin, London Breed, Cindy Chavez, Christopher Clark, David Cortese, Lan Diep, Pat Eklund, Maya Esparza, Nikki Fortunato Bas, Richard Garbarino, Leon Garcia, Liz Gibbons, Lynette Gibson McElhaney, Scott Haggerty, Barbara Halliday, Matt Haney, Erin Hannigan, David Hudson, Wayne Lee, Jake Mackenzie, Rafael Mandelman, Gordon Mar, Nathan Miley, Karen Mitchoff, Raul Peralez, Julie Pierce, Dave Pine, David Rabbitt, John Rahaim, Belia Ramos, Dennis Rodoni, Warren Slocum, Loren Taylor, Lori Wilson.
William Kissinger (Non-voting)

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

2. Installation of President and Vice President

3. Public Comment

Information

4. Executive Board Announcements

Information

5. President's Report

5.a. [20-0137](#) ABAG President's Report

Action: Information

Presenter: Jesse Arreguin

Attachments: [Item 05a Summary Sheet President Report.pdf](#)

- 5.b. [20-0138](#) Report on Call for Special Meeting of the General Assembly
- Action:** Approval
- Presenter:** Therese W. McMillan
- Attachments:** [Item 05b Summary Sheet Call Special Meeting General Assembly.pdf](#)
- 5.c. [20-0144](#) Report on ABAG Housing Methodology Committee Meeting of December 19, 2019
- Action:** Approval
- Presenter:** Jesse Arreguin
- Attachments:** [Item 05c Summary Sheet Housing Methodology Committee.pdf](#)

6. Executive Director's Report

- 6.a. [20-0139](#) Executive Director's Report
- Action:** Information
- Presenter:** Therese W. McMillan
- Attachments:** [Item 06a Summary Sheet Executive Director Report.pdf](#)

7. Executive Board Consent Calendar

- 7.a. [20-0140](#) Approval of ABAG Executive Board Minutes of November 21, 2019
- Action:** Approval
- Presenter:** Clerk of the Board
- Attachments:** [Item 07a Minutes 20191121 Draft v2.pdf](#)
- 7.b. [20-0142](#) Authorization to enter into an agreement with the City of East Palo Alto under the Healthy Watersheds for Resilient Baylands grant in an amount up to \$120,000 from March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024
- Action:** Approval
- Presenter:** Caitlin Sweeney
- Attachments:** [Item 07b 1 Summary Sheet SFEP HWRB CEPA v2.pdf](#)
[Item 07b 2 Summary Approval SFEP HWRB CEPA.pdf](#)

- 7.c. [20-0143](#) Authorization to enter into a funding agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Bay Area Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Plan, Institutional Relations, Business Model, and Information Delivery grant project in an amount up to \$489,670, from October 1, 2019 to April 30, 2021, and to enter into sub-awards with The Regents of the University of California in an amount up to \$54,450; Aquatic Science Center in an amount up to \$224,469.40; San Francisco Bay Joint Venture in an amount up to \$21,795,30; and San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in an amount up to \$22,316.40

Action: Approval

Presenter: Caitlin Sweeney

Attachments: [Item 07c 1 Summary Sheet SFEP Wetlands Program Development v3.pdf](#)
[Item 07c 2 Summary Approval SFEP Wetlands Program Development.pdf](#)

- 7.d. [20-0145](#) Adoption of Resolution No. 01-2020 Authorization to receive \$185,000 in funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy to support the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project

Action: Approval

Presenter: Ben Botkin

Attachments: [Item 07d 1 Summary Sheet WaterTrail v3.pdf](#)
[Item 07d 2 Attachment Resolution No 2020 01 Water Trail Authorization Conser](#)

8. ABAG Administrative Committee

- 8.a. [20-0146](#) Report on ABAG Administrative Committee Meetings of December 13, 2019 and January 10, 2020

Action: Approval

Presenter: Jesse Arreguin

Attachments: [Item 08a 1 Summary Sheet Administrative Committee Report.pdf](#)

9. ABAG Legislation Committee

- 9.a. [20-0147](#) Report on ABAG Legislation Committee Meeting of January 10, 2020

Action: Approval

Presenter: Julie Pierce

Attachments: [Item 09a 1 Summary Sheet Legislation Committee Report.pdf](#)

9.b. [20-0148](#) Report on the Proposed MTC/ABAG 2020 Advocacy Program

Action: Approval

Presenter: Randy Rentschler

Attachments: [Item 09b 1 Summary Sheet Advocacy Program v4.pdf](#)
[Item 09b 2 Attachment Advocacy Program v2.pdf](#)

10. ABAG Finance Committee**10.a. [20-0149](#)** Report on ABAG Finance Committee Meeting on January 16, 2020

Action: Approval

Presenter: Karen Mitchoff

Attachments: [Item 10a 1 Summary Sheet Finance Committee.pdf](#)

11. ABAG Regional Planning Committee**11.a. [20-0150](#)** Report on ABAG Regional Planning Committee Meeting on December 4, 2019

Action: Approval

Presenter: Karen Mitchoff

Attachments: [Item 11a 1 Summary Sheet Regional Planning Committee.pdf](#)

12. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the ABAG Executive Board is on March 19, 2020.

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File #: 20-0137 **Version:** 1 **Name:**
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On agenda: 1/16/2020 **Final action:**
Title: ABAG President's Report
Sponsors:
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Attachments: [Item 05a Summary Sheet President Report.pdf](#)

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ABAG President's Report

Jesse Arreguin

Information

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

January 16, 2020

Agenda Item 5.a.

President's Report

Subject: ABAG President's Report

Background: President Arreguin will give his report.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: Information

Attachments: None

Reviewed:


Therese W. McMillan



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Report on Call for Special Meeting of the General Assembly

Therese W. McMillan

Approval

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

January 16, 2020

Agenda Item 5.b.

General Assembly

Subject: Report on Call for Special Meeting of the General Assembly

Background: At its meeting on November 21, 2019, the Executive Board recommended General Assembly approval of amendments to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budget to add \$23.7 million in Regional Early Action Planning Grant revenue. As part of the November action item, staff noted that a special meeting of the General Assembly would be convened for approval of the budget amendment by the General Assembly.

The ABAG Bylaws, Article VI., B. (3), states in pertinent part: "Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called by the Executive Board upon its own motion."

Further, Article VI, B. (4) states: "Ten-day written notice of special meetings shall be given to the delegates of each Member city and Member county. An agenda specifying the subject of a special meeting shall accompany the notice."

Issues: None

Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to call a special meeting of the General Assembly for February 7, 2020, to approve amendments to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budget to add \$23.7 million in Regional Early Action Planning Grant revenue.

Attachments: None

Reviewed: 
Therese W. McMillan



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Title: Report on ABAG Housing Methodology Committee Meeting of December 19, 2019
Sponsors:
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Code sections:
Attachments: [Item 05c Summary Sheet Housing Methodology Committee.pdf](#)

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Report on ABAG Housing Methodology Committee Meeting of December 19, 2019

Jesse Arreguin

Approval

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

January 16, 2020

Agenda Item 5.c.

Housing Methodology Committee

Subject: Report on ABAG Housing Methodology Committee Meeting of December 19, 2019

Background: The Chair of the ABAG Housing Methodology Committee will report on the meeting on December 19, 2019.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to approve the ABAG Housing Methodology Committee report.

Attachments: None

Reviewed:


Therese W. McMillan



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File #: 20-0139 **Version:** 1 **Name:**
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Title: Executive Director's Report
Sponsors:
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Attachments: [Item 06a Summary Sheet Executive Director Report.pdf](#)

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Executive Director's Report

Therese W. McMillan

Information

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

January 16, 2020

Agenda Item 6.a.

Executive Director's Report

Subject: Executive Director's Report

Background: The Executive Director will give her report.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: Information

Attachments: None

Reviewed:



Therese W. McMillan



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File #: 20-0140 **Version:** 1 **Name:**
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Sponsors:
Indexes:
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Attachments: [Item 07a Minutes 20191121 Draft v2.pdf](#)

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Approval of ABAG Executive Board Minutes of November 21, 2019

Clerk of the Board

Approval



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Meeting Minutes - Draft

ABAG Executive Board

President, David Rabbitt, Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Vice President, Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, City of Berkeley
Immediate Past President, Julie Pierce, Vice Mayor, City of Clayton

Thursday, November 21, 2019

7:00 PM

Board Room - 1st Floor

Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board Meeting No. 441

The ABAG Executive Board may act on any item on the agenda
The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.
Agenda, roster, and webcast available at <https://abag.ca.gov>
For information, contact Clerk of the Board at (415) 820-7913.

Location

Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco, California

Teleconference Location

David's Restaurant, 5151 Stars And Stripes Drive, Lobby, Santa Clara, California

Roster

Candace Andersen, Jesse Arreguin, London Breed, Cindy Chavez, Christopher Clark, David Cortese, Lan Diep, Pat Eklund, Maya Esparza, Nikki Fortunato Bas, Richard Garbarino, Leon Garcia, Liz Gibbons, Lynette Gibson McElhaney, Scott Haggerty, Barbara Halliday, Matt Haney, Erin Hannigan, David Hudson, Wayne Lee, Jake Mackenzie, Rafael Mandelman, Gordon Mar, Nathan Miley, Karen Mitchoff, Raul Peralez, Julie Pierce, Dave Pine, David Rabbitt, John Rahaim, Belia Ramos, Dennis Rodoni, Warren Slocum, Loren Taylor, Lori Wilson.
William Kissinger (Non-voting)

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

President Rabbitt called the meeting to order at about 7:02 p.m. Because the agenda notice was not posted at the teleconference location listed in the agenda, it was not a valid teleconference location. Quorum was present.

Present: 26 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Chavez, Cheng, Cortese, Eklund, Esparza, Garcia, Gibbons, Haggerty, Halliday, Hannigan, Hudson, Lee, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rahaim, Ramos, Romero, Rodoni, Sinks, and Wilson L

Absent: 9 - Diep, Gibson McElhaney, Haney, Mackenzie, Mandelman, Miley, Pine, Slocum, and Taylor

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Executive Board Announcements

The following made Executive Board member announcements: Gibbons; Lee.

Lee requested that the Executive Board adjourn in memory of Bernard Tyson, Chair of the Bay Area Council and Chairman and CEO of Kaiser Permanente.

4. President's Report

4.a. [19-1276](#) ABAG President's Report

There was no President's Report.

5. Executive Director's Report

5.a. [19-1231](#) Executive Director's Report

Therese W. McMillan gave the Executive Director's Report.

6. Executive Board Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Eklund and second by Chavez, the Consent Calendar, except Item 6.c., Item 6.l., and Item 6.o., was approved. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 25 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Chavez, Cheng, Eklund, Esparza, Garcia, Gibbons, Haggerty, Halliday, Hannigan, Hudson, Lee, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rahaim, Ramos, Romero, Rodoni, Sinks, and Wilson L

Absent: 10 - Cortese, Diep, Gibson McElhaney, Haney, Mackenzie, Mandelman, Miley, Pine, Slocum, and Taylor

6.a. [19-1233](#) Approval of ABAG Executive Board Minutes of September 19, 2019

6.b. [19-1234](#) Ratification of Election of ABAG President and Vice President

6.c. [19-1235](#) Ratification of Appointment to ABAG Regional Planning Committee

Upon the motion by Pierce and second by Arreguin, the Ratification of Appointment to ABAG Regional Planning Committee was approved. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 25 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Chavez, Cheng, Eklund, Esparza, Garcia, Gibbons, Haggerty, Halliday, Hannigan, Hudson, Lee, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rahaim, Ramos, Romero, Rodoni, Sinks, and Wilson L

Absent: 10 - Cortese, Diep, Gibson McElhaney, Haney, Mackenzie, Mandelman, Miley, Pine, Slocum, and Taylor

- 6.d. [19-1237](#) Ratification of Appointment to ABAG Housing Methodology Committee
- 6.e. [19-1240](#) Ratification of Election of Chairperson of the ABAG Housing Methodology Committee
- 6.f. [19-1242](#) Approval of 2020 ABAG Meeting Schedule
- 6.g. [19-1243](#) Authorization to circulate proposed amendment of the ABAG Conflict of Interest Code for public comment, to schedule a public hearing if there is a request from the public to do so, and to submit the proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code to the Fair Political Practices Commission for formal approval if no comments are received
- 6.h. [19-1244](#) Authorization to amend a Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) funding agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company in an amount not to exceed \$71.6 million through December 31, 2022
- 6.i. [19-1245](#) Authorization to amend a Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) contract with Energy Council, on behalf of Alameda County jurisdictions, in an amount not to exceed \$625,550 for the BayREN Multifamily Program through December 31, 2019
- 6.j. [19-1250](#) Authorization to amend contracts with five Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) third-party consultants: BluePoint Planning, LLC; CLEAResult Consulting, Inc.; Frontier Energy, Inc.; Grounded Research and Consulting, LLC; and The Regents of the University of California, for a total amount of \$15.9 million to provide services for BayREN implementation through December 31, 2021
- 6.k. [19-1252](#) Authorization to amend contracts with nine Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) member agencies: Energy Council, on behalf of Alameda County jurisdictions; County of Contra Costa; County of Marin; County of Napa; City and County of San Francisco; County of San Mateo; County of Santa Clara; County of Solano; and Regional Climate Protection Authority, on behalf of Sonoma County jurisdictions; in an amount not to exceed \$38.7 million to provide services for BayREN implementation through December 31, 2022

- 6.l. [19-1253](#) Authorization to enter into contract with the Bay Area Council for support for the Bay Area Council Economic Institute in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for Fiscal Year 2019-20

Members discussed receiving a report on economic research.

Upon the motion by Haggerty and second by Mitchoff, the Authorization to enter into contract with the Bay Area Council for support for the Bay Area Council Economic Institute in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for Fiscal Year 2019-20 was approved. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 24 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Chavez, Cheng, Eklund, Esparza, Garcia, Gibbons, Haggerty, Halliday, Hannigan, Lee, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rahaim, Ramos, Romero, Rodoni, Sinks, and Wilson L

Absent: 11 - Cortese, Diep, Gibson McElhaney, Haney, Hudson, Mackenzie, Mandelman, Miley, Pine, Slocum, and Taylor

- 6.m. [19-1255](#) Authorization to enter into an agreement with Regents of the University of California in the amount of \$54,450 for the services of a Sea Grant Fellow for the 2020-21 year between January 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021

- 6.n. [19-1256](#) Adoption of Resolution No. 14-19 Authorization to Receive Funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy in an amount up to \$500,000 for the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Pilot Project from February 1, 2020 to February 1, 2022

- 6.o. [19-1257](#) Adoption of Resolution No. 15-19 Authorization to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy in the amount of \$1,400,000 to support the San Francisco Bay Trail Project

Members discussed receiving a report on the San Francisco Bay Trail Project.

Upon the motion by Lee and second by Eklund, the Adoption of Resolution No. 15-19 Authorization to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy in the amount of \$1,400,000 to support the San Francisco Bay Trail Project was approved. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 24 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Chavez, Cheng, Eklund, Esparza, Garcia, Gibbons, Haggerty, Halliday, Hannigan, Lee, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rahaim, Ramos, Romero, Rodoni, Sinks, and Wilson L

Absent: 11 - Cortese, Diep, Gibson McElhaney, Haney, Hudson, Mackenzie, Mandelman, Miley, Pine, Slocum, and Taylor

- 6.p. [19-1259](#) Adoption of Resolution No. 16-19 Authorization to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy in the amount of \$600,000 to support the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project

7.a. Closed Session

7.a. [19-1348](#) Closed Session-CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

The ABAG Executive Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) and paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with counsel regarding New Livable California, et al. v. Association of Bay Area Governments, et al., San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CPF-19-516690.

The Executive Board entered into Closed Session.

7.b. Open Session

7.b. [19-1349](#) Open Session

The Executive Board returned to Open Session.

Cynthia Segal reported that there was no reportable action from Closed Session.

8. ABAG Administrative Committee

8.a. [19-1262](#) Report on ABAG Administrative Committee Meetings of October 11, 2019 and November 8, 2019

President Rabbitt gave the report.

Upon the motion by Rabbitt and second by Haggerty, the Report on Administrative Committee Meetings of October 11, 2019 and November 8, 2019 was approved. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 20 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Cheng, Eklund, Garcia, Gibbons, Haggerty, Halliday, Hannigan, Lee, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Ramos, Romero, Sinks, and Wilson L

Absent: 15 - Chavez, Cortese, Diep, Esparza, Gibson McElhaney, Haney, Hudson, Mackenzie, Mandelman, Miley, Pine, Rahaim, Rodoni, Slocum, and Taylor

9. ABAG Legislation Committee

9.a. [19-1263](#) Report on ABAG Legislation Committee Meeting of November 8, 2019

Pierce gave the report.

Upon the motion by Pierce and second by Lee, the Report on ABAG Legislation Committee Meeting of November 8, 2019 was approved. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 21 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Cheng, Eklund, Garcia, Gibbons, Haggerty, Halliday, Hannigan, Lee, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Ramos, Romero, Rodoni, Sinks, and Wilson L

Absent: 14 - Chavez, Cortese, Diep, Esparza, Gibson McElhaney, Haney, Hudson, Mackenzie, Mandelman, Miley, Pine, Rahaim, Slocum, and Taylor

10. ABAG Finance Committee

10.a. [19-1265](#) Report on ABAG Finance Committee Meeting of November 21, 2019

Mitchoff gave the report.

Upon the motion by Mitchoff and second by Pierce, the Report on ABAG Finance Committee Meeting of November 21, 2019 was approved. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 22 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Cheng, Eklund, Garcia, Gibbons, Haggerty, Halliday, Hannigan, Lee, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rahaim, Ramos, Romero, Rodoni, Sinks, and Wilson L

Absent: 13 - Chavez, Cortese, Diep, Esparza, Gibson McElhaney, Haney, Hudson, Mackenzie, Mandelman, Miley, Pine, Slocum, and Taylor

10.b. [19-1266](#) Report on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Financial Statements and Accompanying Reports for Fiscal Year 2018-19

Brian Mayhew gave the report.

Upon the motion by Wilson and second by Gibbons, the Report on ABAG Financial Statements and Accompanying Reports for Fiscal Year 2018-19 was approved. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 22 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Cheng, Eklund, Garcia, Gibbons, Haggerty, Halliday, Hannigan, Lee, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rahaim, Ramos, Romero, Rodoni, Sinks, and Wilson L

Absent: 13 - Chavez, Cortese, Diep, Esparza, Gibson McElhaney, Haney, Hudson, Mackenzie, Mandelman, Miley, Pine, Slocum, and Taylor

10.c. [19-1260](#) Adoption of Resolution No. 17-19 Authorization to Request for Advance Allocations for Regional Early Action Planning Grants

Staff will report on a request for an advance allocation for Regional Early Action Planning Grants from the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Matt Maloney gave the report.

Upon the motion by Hannigan and second by Wilson, the Executive Board adopted Resolution No. 17-19. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 22 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Cheng, Eklund, Garcia, Gibbons, Haggerty, Halliday, Hannigan, Lee, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rahaim, Ramos, Romero, Rodoni, Sinks, and Wilson L

Absent: 13 - Chavez, Cortese, Diep, Esparza, Gibson McElhaney, Haney, Hudson, Mackenzie, Mandelman, Miley, Pine, Slocum, and Taylor

10.d. [19-1360](#) Approval of Amendment to FY 2019-20 Operating Budget

Staff will present a budget amendment to add \$23.7 million in Regional Early Action Planning Grant revenue to the FY 2019-20 operating budget.

Brian Mayhew gave the report.

Upon the motion by Pierce and second by Gibbons, the Executive Board recommended General Assembly approval of the amendments to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budget. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 21 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Cheng, Eklund, Garcia, Gibbons, Haggerty, Halliday, Hannigan, Lee, Mar, Peralez, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rahaim, Ramos, Romero, Rodoni, Sinks, and Wilson L

Absent: 14 - Chavez, Cortese, Diep, Esparza, Gibson McElhaney, Haney, Hudson, Mackenzie, Mandelman, Miley, Mitchoff, Pine, Slocum, and Taylor

11. ABAG Regional Planning Committee**11.a. [19-1267](#)** Report on ABAG Regional Planning Committee Meeting of October 2, 2019

Mitchoff gave the report.

Upon the motion by Mitchoff and second by Lee, the Report on ABAG Regional Planning Committee Meeting of October 2, 2019 was approved. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 20 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Cheng, Eklund, Garcia, Gibbons, Halliday, Hannigan, Lee, Mar, Mitchoff, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rahaim, Ramos, Romero, Rodoni, Sinks, and Wilson L

Absent: 15 - Chavez, Cortese, Diep, Esparza, Gibson McElhaney, Haggerty, Haney, Hudson, Mackenzie, Mandelman, Miley, Peralez, Pine, Slocum, and Taylor

11.b. [19-1268](#) Plan Bay Area 2050: Growth Framework Next Steps: Proposed Priority Development Areas, Priority Conservation Areas, and Priority Production Areas

Mark Shorett gave the report.

12. Local Government Services**12.a. [19-1269](#)** Presentation on the 2019 State of the Estuary Report

Caitlin Sweeney gave the report.

12.b. [19-1270](#) Presentation on BayREN Water Bill Savings Program and Authorization to enter into Master Services Agreement with Water Utilities

Jenny Berg gave the report.

Upon the motion by Lee and second by Pierce, the Authorization to enter into Master Services Agreement with Water Utilities was approved. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 19 - Andersen, Arreguin, Bas, Cheng, Eklund, Garcia, Gibbons, Hannigan, Lee, Mar, Mitchoff, Pierce, Rabbitt, Rahaim, Ramos, Romero, Rodoni, Sinks, and Wilson L

Absent: 16 - Chavez, Cortese, Diep, Esparza, Gibson McElhaney, Haggerty, Halliday, Haney, Hudson, Mackenzie, Mandelman, Miley, Peralez, Pine, Slocum, and Taylor

13. Adjournment / Next Meeting

President Rabbitt adjourned the meeting at about 9:38 p.m. The meeting was adjourned in memory of Bernard Tyson, Chair of the Bay Area Council and Chairman and CEO of Kaiser Permanente. The next meeting of the ABAG Executive Board is on January 16, 2019.



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Title:	Authorization to enter into an agreement with the City of East Palo Alto under the Healthy Watersheds for Resilient Baylands grant in an amount up to \$120,000 from March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024				
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Authorization to enter into an agreement with the City of East Palo Alto under the Healthy Watersheds for Resilient Baylands grant in an amount up to \$120,000 from March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024

Caitlin Sweeney

Approval

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

January 16, 2020

Agenda Item 7.b.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject: Authorization to enter into an agreement with the City of East Palo Alto under the Healthy Watersheds for Resilient Baylands grant in an amount up to \$120,000 from March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024

Background: The San Francisco Estuary Partnership was awarded the Healthy Watersheds for Resilient Baylands grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2016. The Executive Board authorized sub-agreements on February 16, 2017. The City of East Palo Alto is a new project to be added to the suite of multi-benefit projects under this grant.

The sub-recipient agreement with the City of East Palo Alto in an amount up to \$120,000 is for installation of green infrastructure including bioretention units along Addison Avenue in East Palo Alto.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, to enter into an agreement with the City of East Palo Alto on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership under the Healthy Watersheds for Resilient Baylands grant in an amount up to \$120,000 from March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024.

Attachments: Summary Approval

Reviewed:


Therese W. McMillan

**S U M M A R Y O F E X E C U T I V E B O A R D A P P R O V A L**

Work Item No.:	1720 (FSRC 1339)
Grantor:	United States Environmental Protection Agency
Work Project Title:	Healthy Watersheds for Resilient Baylands
Purpose of Project:	Install green infrastructure at locations around SF Bay
Brief Scope of Work:	Installation of green infrastructure including bioretention units along Addison Ave. in East Palo Alto
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$120,000
Funding Source:	United States Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Impact:	Funds programmed in FY 2019-20 Budget and subsequent years through project completion, expected 2024
Motion by Committee:	The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, to enter into an agreement with the City of East Palo Alto on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership under the Healthy Watersheds for Resilient Baylands grant in an amount up to \$120,000 from March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024.
ABAG Executive Board Approval:	Jesse Arreguin, ABAG President
Approval Date:	



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Title:	Authorization to enter into a funding agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Bay Area Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Plan, Institutional Relations, Business Model, and Information Delivery grant project in an amount up to \$489,670, from October 1, 2019 to April 30, 2021, and to enter into sub-awards with The Regents of the University of California in an amount up to \$54,450; Aquatic Science Center in an amount up to \$224,469.40; San Francisco Bay Joint Venture in an amount up to \$21,795.30; and San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in an amount up to \$22,316.40				
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Authorization to enter into a funding agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Bay Area Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Plan, Institutional Relations, Business Model, and Information Delivery grant project in an amount up to \$489,670, from October 1, 2019 to April 30, 2021, and to enter into sub-awards with The Regents of the University of California in an amount up to \$54,450; Aquatic Science Center in an amount up to \$224,469.40; San Francisco Bay Joint Venture in an amount up to \$21,795.30; and San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in an amount up to \$22,316.40

Caitlin Sweeney

Approval

Association of Bay Area Governments

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Agenda Item 7.c.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject: Authorization to enter into a funding agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Bay Area Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Plan, Institutional Relations, Business Model, and Information Delivery grant project in an amount up to \$489,670, from October 1, 2019 to April 30, 2021, and to enter into sub-awards with The Regents of the University of California in an amount up to \$54,450; Aquatic Science Center in an amount up to \$224,469.40; San Francisco Bay Joint Venture in an amount up to \$21,795.30; and San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in an amount up to \$22,316.40

Background: The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) was awarded a new Wetlands Program Development Grant from the U.S. EPA to fund the completion of the development of the Bay Area Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program (WRMP), with a focus on Institutional Relations, Business Model, and Information Delivery. The project will finish planning the WRMP, supporting the broader regional community of wetland interests by aligning with state and federal wetland regulatory programs and procedures, and building capacity to manage and deliver WRMP data and information.

Several project partners worked with SFEP to develop the project, and will be responsible for aspects of its completion: Aquatic Science Center (ASC) will design the data management and delivery system; San Francisco Bay Joint Venture and the San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will test the system developed by ASC and engage stakeholders; and The Regents of the University of California will provide a Sea Grant Fellow to assist with the project.

State and local partners will contribute \$163,500 towards required match for the project, including \$46,500 in staff time from SFEP.

Issues: None

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Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, to enter into a funding agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Bay Area Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Plan, Institutional Relations, Business Model, and Information Delivery grant project in an amount up to \$489,670, from October 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021; and to enter into sub-awards with The Regents of the University of California in an amount up to \$54,450; Aquatic Science Center in an amount up to \$224,969.40; San Francisco Bay Joint Venture in an amount up to \$21,795.30; and San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in an amount up to \$22,316.40.

Attachments: Summary Approval

Reviewed:


Therese W. McMillan

**S U M M A R Y O F E X E C U T I V E B O A R D A P P R O V A L**

Work Item No.:	1720 (FSRC 1346)
Grantor:	United States Environmental Protection Agency
Work Project Title:	Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program, Phase II
Purpose of Project:	This project will finish planning the SF Bay Wetland Regional Monitoring Program
Brief Scope of Work:	Complete institutional relations planning, develop a business model, and plan information delivery system for the Bay Area Wetland Regional Monitoring Program
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	Grant funding totals \$489,670; sub-awards to Regents of the University of California for \$54,450, Aquatic Science Center for \$224,969.40, San Francisco Bay Joint Venture for \$21,795.30, and San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve for \$22,316.40.
Funding Source:	United States Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Impact:	Funds programmed in FY 2019-20 Budget
Motion by Committee:	The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, to enter into a funding agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Bay Area Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Plan, Institutional Relations, Business Model, and Information Delivery grant project in an amount up to \$489,670, from October 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021; and to enter into sub-awards with The Regents of the University of California in an amount up to \$54,450; Aquatic Science Center in an amount up to \$224,969.40; San Francisco Bay Joint Venture in an amount up to \$21,795.30; and San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in an amount up to \$22,316.40.
ABAG Executive Board Approval:	Jesse Arreguin, ABAG President
Approval Date:	



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Title:	Adoption of Resolution No. 01-2020 Authorization to receive \$185,000 in funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy to support the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project				
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Adoption of Resolution No. 01-2020 Authorization to receive \$185,000 in funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy to support the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project

Ben Botkin

Approval

Association of Bay Area Governments

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Agenda Item 7.d.

San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project

Subject: Adoption of Resolution No. 01-2020 Authorization to receive \$185,000 in funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy to support the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project

Background: The California State Coastal Conservancy authorized the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred and eighty five thousand dollars (\$185,000) to the Association of Bay Area Governments to develop and implement various projects for the Water Trail, directly or through subgrants, throughout the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties.

On March 21, 2013, the ABAG Executive Board adopted Resolution No. 02-13 encouraging all shoreline jurisdictions to adopt local resolutions of support and integrate Water Trail strategies into local plans to realize the vision of the Water Trail.

California State Coastal Conservancy funds provide for program management and capital support to continue implementation of the Enhanced San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan. The Association of Bay Area Governments has been providing program operations support since 2011.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to adopt Resolution No. 01-20 authorizing the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, to receive \$185,000 in funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy to support the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project to develop and implement various projects for the Water Trail, directly or through subgrants, throughout the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties.

Attachment: Resolution No 01-2020.

Reviewed:


Therese W. McMillan

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 01-20

**AUTHORIZING THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER
INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY TO
IMPLEMENT THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER TRAIL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), is a “public agency” within the meaning of Section 6500 of the California Joint Exercise of Powers Act, consisting of Sections 6500 through 6599.3 of the California Government Code, as amended from time to time (the “Joint Powers Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has established the State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code, and has authorized the Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement the provisions of Division 21; and

WHEREAS, the public has an interest in the San Francisco Bay and the surrounding watershed lands as one of the most valuable natural resources of the state, and is the central feature in an interconnected open-space system of watersheds, natural habitats, waterways, scenic areas, agricultural lands, and regional trails; and

WHEREAS, water-oriented recreational uses of the San Francisco Bay, including kayaking, canoeing, boardsailing, sculling, rowing, dragon boating, and the like, are of great benefit to the public welfare of the San Francisco Bay Area and are an integral element of the recreational opportunities that add to the community vitality and quality of life that the citizens of the region enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project (Water Trail), administered by ABAG, is a visionary plan to enhance access to the waters of the San Francisco Bay and Suisun Marsh – the Bay Area’s largest open space - that are available for navigation by human-powered boats and beachable sail craft, and provide for diverse water-accessible overnight accommodations; and

WHEREAS, ABAG is named in AB 1296 (Hancock) establishing the Water Trail as an implementing partner and the ABAG Executive Board adopted Resolution No. 02-13 (March 21, 2013) encouraging all shoreline jurisdictions to adopt local resolutions of support and integrate Water Trail strategies into local plans to realize the vision of the Water Trail; and

WHEREAS, the initial \$1,000,000 Conservancy authorization (2011) and subsequent \$750,000 augmentation (2013) enabled ABAG staff to develop critical outreach and education media for the Water Trail, including a new logo, website (sfbaywatertrail.org), brochure, maps, sign program, design guidelines, event display

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board and to launch a grant program benefitting local jurisdictions, and to provide technical assistance to potential and existing Water Trail site managers; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy Executive Officer authorized a \$185,000 augmentation to ABAG ("grantee") for the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project ("the project"); and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy requires that the governing body of the grantee certify through a resolution that it approves the award of Conservancy grant funding and authorizes the execution by a representative of the grantee of a grant agreement on terms and conditions required by the Conservancy grant agreement.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments:

1. Approves the award of grant funding from the State Coastal Conservancy for the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project.
2. Agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the grant agreement and any other agreement or instrument as may be required by the Conservancy and as may be necessary to fulfill the terms if the grant agreement.
3. Authorizes the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, to act as a representative of the grantee, to negotiate and execute on behalf of the grantee all agreements and instruments necessary to comply with the Conservancy's grant requirements, including, without limitation, the grant agreement.

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 16th day of January, 2020.

Jesse Arreguin
President

Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Clerk of the Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 16th day of January, 2020.

Frederick Castro
Clerk of the Board



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Report on ABAG Administrative Committee Meetings of December 13, 2019 and January 10, 2020

Jesse Arreguin

Approval

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

January 16, 2020

Agenda Item 8.a.

Administrative Committee

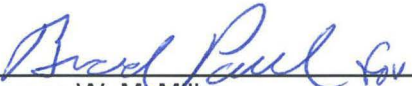
Subject: Report on ABAG Administrative Committee Meetings of December 13, 2019 and January 10, 2020

Background: The Chair of the ABAG Administrative Committee will report on the meetings on December 13, 2019 and January 10, 2020.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to approve the ABAG Administrative Committee report.

Attachments: None

Reviewed: 
Therese W. McMillan



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Report on ABAG Legislation Committee Meeting of January 10, 2020

Julie Pierce

Approval

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

January 16, 2020

Agenda Item 9.a.

Legislation Committee

Subject: Report on ABAG Legislation Committee Meeting of January 10, 2020

Background: The Chair of the ABAG Legislation Committee will report on the meeting on January 10, 2020.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to approve the ABAG Legislation Committee report.

Attachments: None

Reviewed:


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Report on the Proposed MTC/ABAG 2020 Advocacy Program

Randy Rentschler

Approval

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

January 16, 2020

Agenda Item 9.b.

MTC/ABAG Advocacy Program

Subject: Report on the Proposed MTC/ABAG 2020 Advocacy Program

Background: At its meeting on January 10, 2020, the ABAG Legislation Committee, meeting jointly with the MTC Legislation Committee, recommended ABAG Executive Board approval of the MTC/ABAG 2020 Advocacy Program.

Staff received feedback at the ABAG and MTC Joint Legislation Committee meeting on January 10th. A revised version of the proposed 2020 Advocacy Program is attached with changes made since the January 10th version reviewed by the committee underlined.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to approve the MTC/ABAG 2020 Advocacy Program.

Attachment: 2020 Advocacy Program (Revised)

Reviewed:



Therese W. McMillan



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2020 ~~DRAFT~~ ADVOCACY PROGRAM



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Advocacy program additions based on feedback are *italicized* and deletions are represented with a ~~strike through~~.

State Advocacy Goals and Proposals

1. **Housing:** Improve access to opportunity by supporting policies aimed at increasing production of housing and increasing funding to produce and preserve affordable housing and associated infrastructure to help build complete communities.

A. Increase funding available for affordable housing and other supportive infrastructure *while also reducing the cost of housing production*

Monitor and support efforts to provide additional state resources for housing and ~~other infrastructure~~ *housing-supportive infrastructure, planning and services* to ensure housing investments can be made in conjunction with improvements to parks/open space, and other resources to improve Bay Area resident's quality of life.

Efforts will include advocacy in support of a restoration of tax-increment financing or similar local option for affordable housing and supportive infrastructure, such as AB 11 (Chiu), a two-year bill, or a reconfiguration of SB 5 (Beall), which was vetoed in 2019 by Governor Newsom. *Continue to support for ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry), which would lower the vote threshold for housing and infrastructure bonds to 55 percent. Support innovative strategies to reduce the cost of permitting and housing construction without diminishing environmental and labor standards and safeguards.*

B. Support upzoning near public transit and jobs-rich areas *with reasonable levels of flexibility*

Monitor and engage with key stakeholders on SB 50 (Wiener), a two-year bill that seeks to reduce barriers to higher-density housing development in transit- and jobs-rich areas. Continue to advocate for the MTC and ABAG Joint Legislation Committee's recommendations from May 2019, which sought to provide greater flexibility on implementation at the local level, while still requiring minimum levels residential density to be allowed in transit-rich and jobs-rich areas.

C. ~~Lower barriers to new housing or transportation tax measures~~

~~Support ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) which would lower the vote threshold for affordable housing and infrastructure bonds to 55 percent.~~ *(Note: support for this has been incorporated into Item 1A)*

2. Transportation Funding: Support implementation of Plan Bay Area 2050 by protecting and increasing funding for all modes of transportation.	
A. Regional transportation revenue ballot measure	Collaborate with key stakeholders seeking authorization to place on the ballot a Bay Area transportation revenue measure. Ensure that any measure is aligned with <i>Plan Bay Area</i> and includes reforms to support the efficient management and seamless operation of our transportation system. <i>If requested by Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Senator Beall, the author of SB 278, MTC will help to facilitate a robust public engagement process so that all Bay Area needs are considered when crafting the package of projects, programs and policies. Assuming placement of a regional transportation measure on the ballot in 2020, staff will work to develop public information materials and support partners in their efforts to inform the public about the proposed initiative.</i>
B. Zero-emission bus mandate	Support expanding and/or broadening eligibility of existing state funds to help transit operators convert their bus fleets to zero-emission in order to meet the state's Innovative Clean Transit rule <i>without diminishing transit operators' ability to provide the transit service levels needed to meet other important regional goals, including attracting more riders to public transit.</i>
C. Equitable access to transportation	Support broadening eligibility requirements in existing and/or new transportation funding streams to enable their use as a subsidy for low-income transportation system users (e.g. discounted fares for public transportation or shared mobility services), <i>consistent with performance measure updates outlined in 3A. Advocate that legislation aimed at benefiting disadvantaged communities use a definition that includes low-income communities and does not rely exclusively on communities defined by the state's CalEnviroScreen method which disproportionately excludes the Bay Area low-income communities relative to other parts of the state.</i>
D. Regional trails and bicycle/pedestrian funding	<i>Support the inclusion of funding for regional trails, such as the San Francisco Bay Trail, and the Bay Area Ridge Trail, and the Great California Delta Trail for recreation as well as active transportation, in a statewide park bond.</i>

3. Public Transit: Support policies aimed at ensuring public transit is an affordable, reliable and convenient transportation option.	
A. Transportation Development Act (TDA) performance standards update	Partner with the California Transit Association in its efforts to update California’s current TDA (Transportation Development Act) eligibility requirements in an era of emergent on-demand transportation options that are contributing to declining transit ridership nationwide. Explore development of alternative performance measures that are focused on incentivizing transit agency actions that improve transit service and increase ridership, consistent with state and regional climate and equity goals. <i>Ensure changes protect transit operators from financial penalties if reduced farebox revenue is a result of discount fares for low-income riders.</i>
B. Seamless Mobility	Support legislative efforts aimed at improving the traveler experience through an interconnected, safe, multimodal transportation system that supports progress toward Plan Bay Area goals, including a reduction in per capita vehicle miles traveled and increased transit ridership.
4. Project Delivery: Support strategies to speed up the delivery of transportation <i>and housing</i> projects with the goal of delivering improvements faster and at a lower cost.	
A. Flexibility in Contracting & Public-Private Partnerships	Increase <i>flexibility in contracting and public private partnerships. Support reforms to expedite project delivery. Increase flexibility in the Caltrans design review process and provide broad authority for the use of design-build and public-private partnerships by Caltrans and regional transportation agencies. Support policies that would authorize public agencies to partner with the private sector on public right of way to accelerate deployment of technology, such as fiber optic cable, necessary for connected vehicle deployment.</i>
B. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Monitor and engage on legislation related to CEQA with the goal of accelerating transportation and housing development projects that are consistent with local and regional plans without diminishing environmental safeguards.
5. Congestion Relief: Support policies aimed at reducing vehicle miles traveled and associated traffic congestion, including, but not limited to, pricing strategies and employer-based programs to help reduce the share of commuting by single-occupant vehicles. Keep equity impacts in mind when evaluating any such pricing strategies.	

<p>6. System Effectiveness: Advocate for policies that improve the Bay Area’s transportation system’s effectiveness and service delivery, including improved enforcement, minimization of fraud and litigation, and protection of user’s privacy. Ensure agencies can communicate with their customers to provide relevant transportation-related information and quality service while following industry best practices with regard to enabling customers to opt-in to receive non-essential communications.</p>	
<p>A. Improve toll collection & enforcement</p>	<p>Support enactment of SB 664 (Allen), related to affirming toll agencies’ ability to share information about toll transactions necessary for the seamless collection of tolls and toll penalties. The bill would retain current privacy protections for customers, clarify current law with respect to handling of personally identifiable information by toll agencies and their subcontractors, and more clearly define toll agencies obligations with respect to delivery of toll violation notices. Engage the Bay Area delegation and staff on the importance of tolls to our current and future transportation system and ensure that they are well informed about how we administer toll violations and disputes, as well as our privacy policies with respect to protecting personally identifiable information.</p>
<p>B. Reduce credit card fraud at Clipper® vending machines</p>	<p>In partnership with the California Transit Association and Bay Area transit operators, support legislation to prevent fraud-related fare revenue losses by authorizing credit card ZIP code authentication at unattended public transit ticket machines, similar to authorization granted to gas stations.</p>
<p>C. Improve HOV and Express Lanes Performance</p>	<p>Support efforts to improve the performance of high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) and express lanes through enhanced enforcement of vehicle passenger occupancy requirements.</p>
<p>7. Mobility on Demand New Mobility: Engage in regulatory and legislative efforts to facilitate the deployment of new mobility technologies with the goal of accelerating their safety, accessibility, mobility, environmental, equity, and economic and workforce benefits, including opportunities to support improved increase access to transit access and reduce the share of single-occupancy vehicle trips. Advocate for increased access to critical travel pattern data by local, regional and state agencies for transportation and land use planning and operational purposes while ensuring privacy is protected.</p>	
<p>8. Climate Change, Energy Efficiency & Resilience: Support funding and policy strategies to help achieve and better coordinate state and regional climate goals, <i>advance energy efficiency</i> and improve the Bay Area’s resilience to natural hazards and the impacts of climate change, including earthquakes, sea level rise and fire.</p>	

A. SB 375 implementation and reform	Monitor legislation aimed at updating SB 375 (Steinberg, 2008) in light of the California Air Resources Board's <i>2018 Progress Report</i> on the bill, which concluded that the legislation is falling short of expectations with respect to greenhouse gas reductions from changes in land use and travel behavior. Support legislation to increase the availability of funding at the regional level to help implement sustainable communities strategies, as well as policy tools to reduce single-occupancy vehicle travel in a manner that ensures equitable policy outcomes.
B. State Route 37 improvements	Sponsor legislation in collaboration with Caltrans and the four north bay counties of Marin, Napa, Solano and Sonoma to authorize tolls on State Route 37—adding it as the 8th bridge in the state-owned toll bridge system administered as part of the Bay Area Toll Authority enterprise—to help fund the long-term <i>multi-modal</i> reconstruction and resilience of the SR 37 roadway. Ensure legislation contains appropriate triggers related to a long-term solution in the corridor before tolls are imposed.
C. Increase the Bay Area's preparedness for a major earthquake	Continue to support legislation aimed at increasing funding for residential seismic retrofits, such as SB 254 (Hertzberg), a two-year bill supported by ABAG in 2019. Also support proposals to help local agencies develop an inventory of seismically vulnerable buildings, such as AB 429 (Nazarian, 2019), which ABAG also supported but which stalled on the Senate Floor.
<i>E. Wildfire mitigation</i>	<i>Monitor and support legislation aimed at protecting current and future Bay Area residents from wildfire risk.</i>
<i>F. Climate adaptation</i>	<i>Seek state funding for regions and localities to invest in projects and programs that will improve the Bay Area's resilience to the impacts of climate change, including fire and sea level rise. As in Item 2C, advocate that any such funding geared towards disadvantaged communities uses a definition that includes low-income communities and households and does not rely exclusively on the state's CalEnviroScreen method.</i>
<i>G. Support California's Climate Leadership</i>	<i>Monitor and support state actions aimed at preserving California's authority to implement Cap and Trade and vehicle emissions mandates. Support stopgap legislation, if needed, to minimize impacts on transportation planning and project delivery that could result from federal administrative actions.</i>

9. Safety: Improve roadway <i>and rail</i> safety for all users	
<i>A. Zero traffic fatalities goal Vision Zero</i>	<i>Work with regional and statewide partners, including participants of the Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force, to monitor Monitor and support legislation aimed at achieving the Vision Zero goals of no roadway-related deaths or serious injuries by improving safety for all road users, including non-motorists.</i>
<i>B. Passenger rail safety</i>	<i><u>Support efforts to increase passenger rail safety through increased funding for positive train control and other strategies to reduce risk.</u></i>

Federal Advocacy Goals and Proposals	
1. Reauthorization: Engage in national deliberations prioritizing the funding and policy framework for the next surface transportation bill	
	<p>Work with partners across the country to support a long-term, fully funded transportation authorization that supports states and regions in achieving national goals related to infrastructure condition, safety, mobility, and air quality; provides new resources to make the nation’s transportation networks responsive to transformative technologies and the changing climate; and empowers the Bay Area to address our region’s unique mobility challenges. MTC’s federal transportation advocacy efforts will center around building on the progress made in the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raise New Revenues & Grow Existing Programs: Raise revenues to restore Highway Trust Fund solvency and increase federal transportation investment. Grow core FAST Act-authorized surface transportation programs, which have proven effective in delivering essential funds to California and the Bay Area. 2. FAST Act Updates: Within the FAST Act framework, grow federal support for transit and regional mobility solutions, update transit programs to reward Bay Area best practices, and expedite project delivery without harming the environment. 3. 21st Century Challenges and Opportunities: Establish the federal government as a strong partner in state and regional efforts to make transportation networks responsive to transformative technologies and the changing climate. The next transportation bill should

	include significant new resources for metropolitan areas to invest in solutions to the myriad mobility and related challenges facing the Bay Area and metros nationwide.
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2. Appropriations: Support robust transportation and housing appropriations <i>funding</i>	
A. Programmatic appropriations	Partner with local, regional and statewide transportation agencies as well as national stakeholders to ensure that Congress funds highway, transit and rail programs at no less than FAST Act-authorized levels. If Congress proposes to increase appropriations above FAST Act-authorized levels, seek to maximize Bay Area funding in revenue allocations. Additionally, work to defend federal affordable housing funds and programs, such as Section 8 housing vouchers, the HOME Investment Partnership Program and the Community Development Block Grant Program.
B. Advocate for discretionary grant awards, including Capital Investment Grant funding for Resolution 3434/ <i>Plan Bay Area</i> Projects	Work with regional, state and national partners to advocate for implementation of the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Program as authorized by the FAST Act. Support federal appropriations consistent with the full funding grant agreements approved for the Caltrain Peninsula Corridor Electrification project. Seek to advance through the CIG process the Bay Area’s next generation of transit expansion projects, namely: San Francisco Transbay Transit Center (Phase 2)/Downtown Extension (DTX), BART to Silicon Valley: Phase 2, and the Transbay Corridor Core Capacity project. Support additional Bay Area transportation agency and transit operator efforts to secure discretionary funding for projects consistent with <i>Plan Bay Area</i> .
C. <i>Housing tax credits</i>	<i>Support efforts to expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, California’s largest source of federal funding for new affordable housing.</i>
3. Transportation Innovation: Support policies that enable technological innovations to improve mobility, <i>including mobility on demand</i> , while protecting the public’s interest.	
	In partnership with Bay Area cities and counties, the business community, and state and national transportation organizations, engage in regulatory and legislative efforts related to facilitating the deployment of transformative transportation technologies with the goal of accelerating safety, mobility, environmental, equity and economic benefits associated with new mobility technologies, including application in the transit sector. With respect to connected vehicles and autonomous vehicles (CV/AV), <i>support policies—including preservation of capacity in the 5.9 GHz spectrum band—that facilitate joint CV/AV deployment.</i> Additionally, ensure strong federal vehicle safety standards while also preserving the ability of state and local agencies to continue to set policies governing the operation of vehicles on highways and local roads, regardless of whether they are driven autonomously or manually.

4. Climate Protection and Air Quality: *Advocate for a strong federal partner in the Bay Area's efforts to improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and make our communities and transportation networks resilient to a changing climate. Support legislation to increase the health and resiliency of the San Francisco Bay—including H.R. 1132 (Speier) which would target resources to bay conservation and restoration—as well as programmatic flexibility to invest federal transportation funds in resiliency improvements that deliver co-benefits.* Defend against rollbacks of California's air quality and climate change laws and regulations, such as fuel efficiency standards and Cap and Trade programs.

5. Access to Health Care: Support efforts to increase federal funding and eligibility from non-transportation sources to improve access to health care services.



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Finance Committee

Subject: Report on ABAG Finance Committee Meeting on January 16, 2020

Background: The Chair of the ABAG Finance Committee will report on the meeting on January 16, 2020.

Issues: None

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Agenda Item 11.a.

Regional Planning Committee

Subject: Report on ABAG Regional Planning Committee Meeting on December 4, 2019

Background: The Chair of the ABAG Regional Planning Committee will report on the meeting on December 4, 2019.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to approve the ABAG Regional Planning Committee report.

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