

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission**  
**Policy Advisory Council**

**July 28, 2023**

**Agenda Item 5b**

**Plan Bay Area 2050+: Scope and Schedule**

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**Subject:**

Update on scope and schedule for Plan Bay Area 2050+, a minor update to the long-range regional plan slated to kick off this summer.

**Background:**

Plan Bay Area is the long-range, fiscally constrained regional plan for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment, updated every four years. Developed in compliance with federal and state regulations and guidelines, it satisfies Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) requirements for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

A joint project of ABAG and MTC, Plan Bay Area is adopted by both the ABAG Executive Board and the Commission, first with the original Plan Bay Area (July 2013), Plan Bay Area 2040 (July 2017), and most recently Plan Bay Area 2050 (October 2021). A modified version of this item was presented to the Joint MTC Planning with the ABAG Administrative Committee on July 14, 2023.

**Plan Bay Area 2050+ Scope and Schedule:**

Plan Bay Area 2050+ is a limited and focused update of Plan Bay Area, which is kicking off this month, with an anticipated adoption date of fall 2025. Plan Bay Area will be updated in consultation with a wide range of partners, including federal, state, regional, county, local and Tribal governments, as well as community organizations, stakeholders, and the public.

Because it is a limited and focused update that will not require a concurrent Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process, Plan Bay Area 2050+ will leverage the solid foundation of Plan Bay Area 2050, including its adopted vision and guiding principles as well as its overall strategic framework and organization. As such, key priorities for the Plan Bay Area 2050+ process include: (1) educating the public and partners on the purpose, strategies, and real-world impact of the long-range plan, (2) leveraging findings from ongoing high-profile implementation efforts to inform targeted refinements to select plan strategies, and (3) updating planning and

technical assumptions to reflect the realities of the post-COVID environment more fully. The expected timeline and key milestones for Plan Bay Area 2050+ are included in Attachment B. In parallel to Plan Bay Area 2050+, MTC will be advancing Transit 2050+, a comprehensive re-thinking of the six transit-related strategies in Plan Bay Area 2050's Transportation Element, necessitated by the rapid changes in commute patterns brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, significant reductions in anticipated transit revenues through 2050, and the challenges posed by the region's fragmented transit system. The parallel Transit 2050+ planning process results will feed directly into the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Final Blueprint development in 2024.

**Next Steps:**

A first round of public engagement – including pop-ups, workshops, webinars, and an online survey – will take place this summer for both Plan Bay Area 2050+ and Transit 2050+. Staff will return to the Council to provide updates on Plan Bay Area 2050+ in the fall.

**Issues:**

None identified.

**Recommendation:**

Information.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Presentation
- Attachment B: Plan Bay Area 2050+ Key Milestones