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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council
FR: Marti Paschal, Staff Liaison
RE: Staff Liaison Report – April 2018

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Draft 2018 Public Participation Plan

MTC is inviting public review and comments on its *Draft 2018 Public Participation Plan*. The draft document can be viewed online at mtc.ca.gov/about-mtc/public-participation/public-participation-plan. Comments are due by 4 p.m. Monday, May 7, 2018.

The *Draft 2018 Public Participation Plan* highlights opportunities for Bay Area residents to engage in the range of MTC's planning work and funding allocations. Also included as Appendix A are planning and decision milestones for the pending update to the region's long-range transportation and land use blueprint, known as Plan Bay Area — slated to be adopted jointly by MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments in 2021.

MTC's current Public Participation Plan was adopted in 2015 to satisfy state and federal requirements for a transparent and inclusive public process. A final 2018 Public Participation Plan is slated for adoption in June 2018. Comments can be emailed to info@bayareametro.gov or mailed to MTC Public Information, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105. Comments must be received by 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2018. To request a copy of the *Draft 2018 Public Participation Plan*, including in accessible formats or other languages such as Spanish and Chinese, please call MTC at (415) 778-6757.

HayWired Scenario Public Release

The [HayWired Scenario](#) – a major California regional and statewide earthquake preparedness initiative – will be released to the public on April 18, 2018, providing a scientific, realistic, and quantitative depiction of what would happen if there were a magnitude 7.0 earthquake on the Hayward Fault with an epicenter in Oakland. The initiative aims to shift behavior surrounding earthquakes by improving communications and the use of earthquake hazard, early warning and aftershock forecast information, as well as inform building codes, build community capacity, and foster business continuity planning.

Developed by the U.S. Geological Survey, the scenario's April 18th public release will kick off with a press event at U.C. Berkeley's California Memorial Stadium, which sits directly atop the Hayward Fault. The release of the HayWired Scenario also marks the beginning of the HayWired Public Engagement Campaign, known as [Outsmart Disaster](#). To find out more about the HayWired Scenario visit www.outsmartdisaster.com. Advisors are encouraged to share the website with anyone who needs access to this critical, potentially life-saving information.

Bike to Work Day is May 10, 2018

Bike to Work Day is the region's premier event to encourage commuters in the nine Bay Area counties to try bike commuting for the first time, or to recommit to increasing time spent cycling. MTC began sponsoring Bike to Work Day in 1995 and now works with bicycle coalitions around the region organizing the annual program to promote bicycling as a viable mode of daily transportation. Complete event information is available at youcanbikethere.com.

MTC/ABAG Joint Annual Report to Congress

MTC and ABAG released their first-ever joint annual report to Congress for 2018, urging lawmakers in Washington D.C. to honor long-standing bipartisan commitments to transportation, housing, and disaster relief. The report, [*Accelerating Progress: Strong Partnerships Move the Bay Area Forward*](#):

- Provides an overview of the Bay Area's policy and funding priorities, including priorities for a national infrastructure and a response to the Trump Administration's budget proposal
- Discusses the region's major capital investment grant requests, including Caltrain modernization and the Bay Area's next generation of transit capacity
- Provides an update on both agencies' major ongoing initiatives, including North Bay wildfire recovery efforts, climate change adaptation, bold efforts to solve the region's housing crisis, the expansion of the Bay Area Express Lanes network, as well as research, planning, and funding to maximize the benefits of autonomous and connected vehicle technologies.

For more detail on these and other issue areas and initiatives, [download the report](#).

Executive Director's Report

The following items are excerpts from the March 2018 Executive Director's Report to the Commission. To read the report in its entirety go to:

<http://www.mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/executive-directors-report>.

- **Advocacy Trip, March 12-14, Washington DC**
MTC made its 39th annual visit to the nation's capital to meet with our Bay Area congressional delegation and key House and Senate committee staff. For the first time ever, several ABAG directors came along. The joint delegation was led by two Sonomans, MTC Chair Jake Mackenzie and ABAG President David Rabbitt.
- **FY 2018 Federal Omnibus, March 23, Washington DC**
Congress has approved a truly massive \$1.3 trillion appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2018 that includes significant boosts in funding for both defense and non-defense discretionary programs. In the transportation arena, the bill provides the U.S. Department of Transportation with nearly \$9 billion above FY 2017 funding levels, including \$1 billion boosts for each of the following: highway formula, multimodal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants, and transit programs. On the housing side, the omnibus provides a 10% increase in the Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) program and an expansion of the low-income affordable housing tax credits.
- **BATA Ratings Upgrades, New York**
I'm a little late in reporting this good news, but the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) has received upgrades on its senior lien rating from Fitch to AA and on its junior lien rating from Standard & Poors to AA-. Congratulations to CFO Brian Mayhew and Treasury Director Susan Woo for this outstanding result. If Regional Measure 3 is approved by

Bay Area voters in June, they will be able to put these higher credit ratings to very good use.

Map of the Month: Bay Area Opportunity Zones

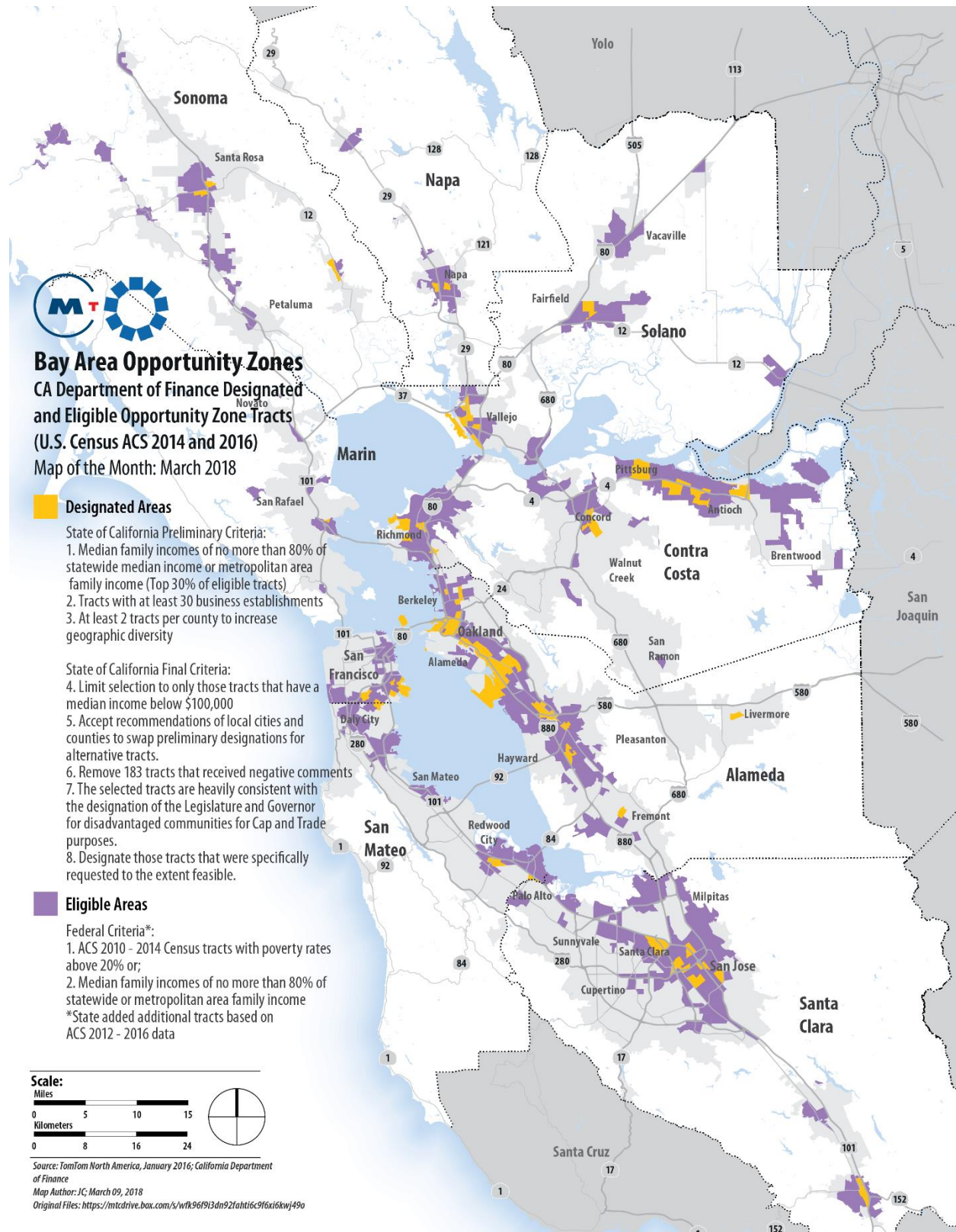
Each month Executive Director Steve Heminger presents a new map to the Commission to help explain important trends in the Bay Area, across the nation, and around the world. The March 2018 map highlights *Bay Area Opportunity Zones* as designated by the State of California Department of Finance. The federal tax bill, passed in December 2017, allows investors to defer or eliminate capital gains on investments made in “Opportunity Zones.” These zones must be designated by the governor in each state from a set of eligible Census tracts. Governors must select no more than 25 percent of eligible tracts statewide. Federal criteria for determining eligible areas states that tracts must either have poverty rates above 20 percent or median family income below 80 percent of either the statewide or metropolitan area income. 3,516 Census tracts in California qualify under this criteria, spread across 54 counties. Of these the governor must select tracts as Opportunity Zones in California. The state’s final recommendation is provided on the map. Within the Bay Area, 530 tracts were eligible under the federal criteria, of which 107 were designated by the governor. Of the 107 designated tracts, 94 tracts were MTC Communities of Concern.

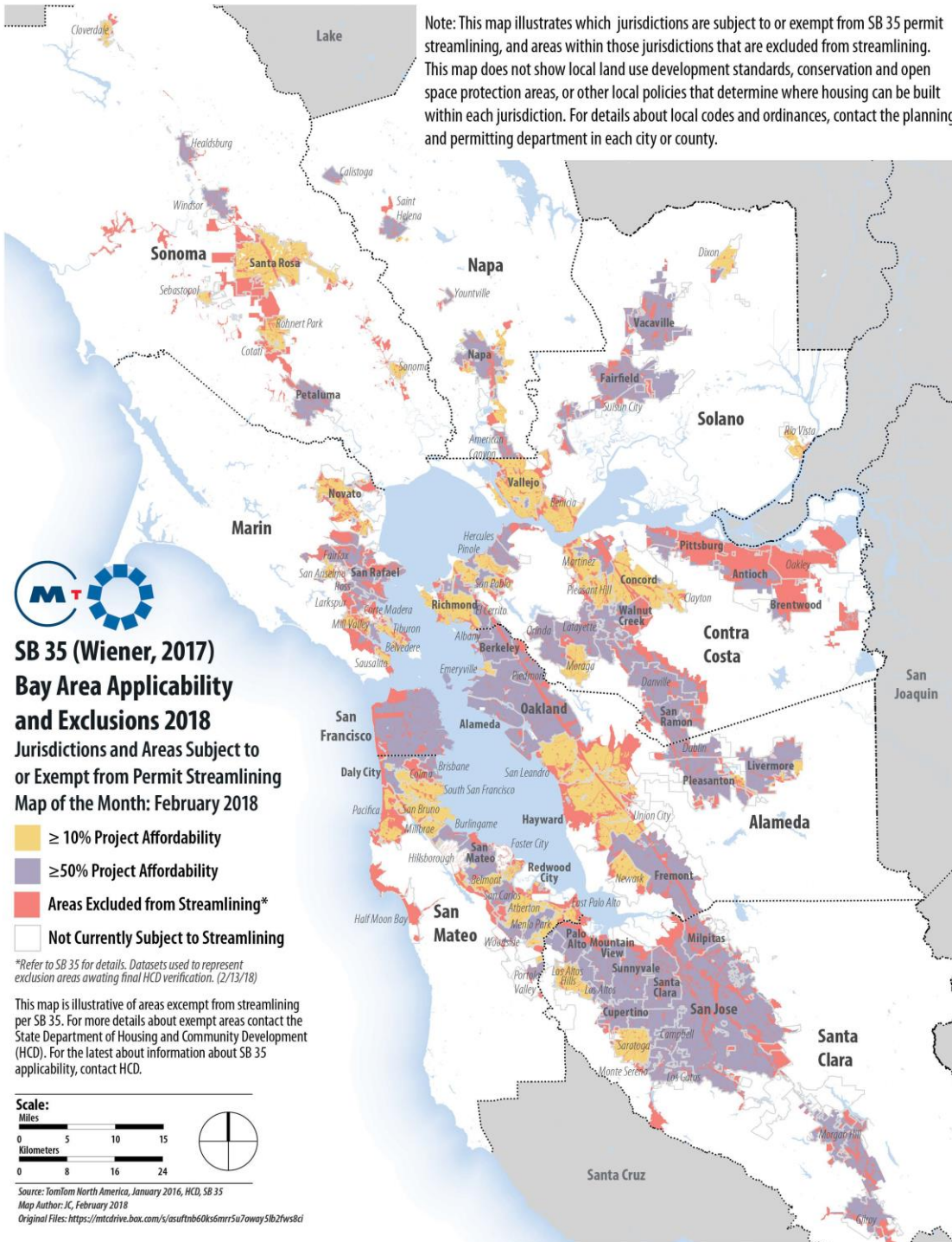
Map of the Month: SB 35 (Wiener, 2017) Bay Area Regional Determination

Last month, the February Map of the Month contained an error that was getting corrected so it was not included in your packet. After the map on *Bay Area Opportunity Zones* you will find the February Map of the Month titled *SB 35 (Wiener, 2017) Bay Area Regional Applicability 2018*.

This Map of the Month identifies locations where Bay Area jurisdictions are required by Senate Bill 35 to streamline the approval process for housing developments that meet certain requirements. A jurisdiction is subject to SB 35’s streamlining requirements if it has not made sufficient progress toward its Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) goals, or if it failed to submit its latest Housing Element Annual Progress Report. Jurisdictions that did not permit enough above-moderate income units to meet a pro-rata share of their above-moderate income regional housing need for the current housing element cycle, are subject to SB 35 streamlining for projects that dedicate a minimum of 10 percent of units to be affordable to lower-income households. Jurisdictions that did not permit sufficient lower income units (very-low and low-income) to meet a pro-rata share of their very-low and low-income regional housing need for the current housing element cycle, are subject to SB 35 streamlining for projects that dedicate a minimum of 50 percent of units to be affordable to lower-income households. Although the determination of RHNA progress applies to the jurisdiction as a whole, certain locations, such as the coastal zone or prime farmland, are excluded from the streamlining requirements (see areas in red on map).

Visit our Map of the Month page at <http://gis.mtc.ca.gov/home/motm.html> to review not just our current map, but those presented at previous Commission meetings as well.







Senate Bill 35 (Wiener, 2017) Exclusion Areas

Table 1: Data Sources

Per SB 35 legislation, exclusion areas apply within U.S. Census designated urbanized areas

Exclusion Areas*	Datasets and Sources	Description
Coastal Zone (Sec. 3; a; 6): A	Coastal Sediment Master Plan: Coastal Zone Boundary (CCC) http://www.dbw.ca.gov/csmw/SpatialData.aspx	
Prime Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Sec. 3; a; 6): B	Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) Farmland FMMP: http://www.dbw.ca.gov/csmw/SpatialData.aspx Categories: http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/fmmp/mccu/Pages/map_categories.aspx	Selected lands of types: Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, and Farmland of Local Importance
Wetlands (Sec. 3; a; 6): C	US Fish & Wildlife Service: California Wetlands https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/mapper.html	
Fire Hazards - High and Very High (Sec. 3; a; 6): D	CalFire: California Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map Update Project, 2007 http://www.fire.ca.gov/fire_prevention/fire_prevention_wildland_zones_maps	Selected high and very high fire hazard severity zones
Hazardous Waste Sites (Sec. 3; a; 6): E	CA Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/	Created 50 meter buffer around listed locations
Earthquake Fault Zone (Sec. 3; a; 6): F	Association of Bay Area Governments Resilience Open Data Site: Alquist-Prolo Fault Zones http://resilience.abag.ca.gov/open-data/	
Flood Zones and Floodways (Sec. 3; a; 6): G,H	Association of Bay Area Governments Resilience Open Data Site: Flood - 100 & 500 year http://resilience.abag.ca.gov/open-data/	Selected 1% annual chance (100 year) flood hazards (zones A, A99, AE, AH, AO) and 1% annual chance (100 year) flood hazard & wave action (zones V, VE)
Conservation Lands (Sec. 3; a; 6): I	California Protected Areas Database (CPAD); http://www.calands.org/ Public Parks and Open Space: Plan Bay Area 2040 http://2040.planbayarea.org/	
Habitat for Protected Species (Sec. 3; a; 6): J	"Critical Habitat", Figures 2.9 -5 through 2.9 -8, Plan Bay Area 2040 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) http://2040.planbayarea.org/reports	Due to the large extent of the habitat for the Alameda Whipsnake we have purposely excluded this species from our analysis
Conservation Easements (Sec. 3; a; 6): K	California Conservation Easement Database http://www.calands.org/	

* For the full text of the SB 35 legislation, see: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB35