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Memorandum

TO: Regional Planning Committee

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FR: Executive Director

RE: Plan Bay Area 2040, “Action Plan” - Implementation Efforts

Plan Bay Area 2040 (the “Plan”) – jointly adopted in July 2017 – is the Bay Area’s Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and provides a long-range regional blueprint for growth and investment. The Plan notes that a very successful economy has contributed to housing, transportation, and environmental challenges in the Bay Area. As a result, the Plan recommends nineteen actions comprising the “Action Plan.” These actions vary by agency roles and implementation timeframe, but all actions are expected to be addressed in the four-year period leading up to the adoption of the next RTP/SCS planned in 2021. MTC and ABAG committed to providing semi-annual reports on the progress and implementation of these actions to joint meetings of the MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee during the early part of the regional planning process for the next RTP/SCS, Plan Bay Area 2050. This is the first progress report on implementation efforts.

Background

The Plan includes thirteen performance targets to measure how well the Plan’s long-range growth and investment strategies address regional goals, including climate protection, transportation system effectiveness, economic vitality and equitable access. Of the thirteen total adopted performance measures, the Plan achieves five targets, including the two mandatory targets – although we achieved the “adequate housing” target by fiat with a planning assumption, not with forecasted results. The Plan makes progress on four more targets but is moving in the wrong direction on another four. As a result, the “Action Plan” focuses on those performance targets where the Plan is moving in the wrong direction, as well as emerging issues that require proactive regional policy solutions. The Action Plan acknowledges that, similar to past regional achievements in the environment, transportation and economy, successfully addressing the Bay Area’s challenges will require a shared commitment among regional policymakers, local governments and civic organizations, as well as robust public engagement and participation. This shared commitment forms the foundation of the Action Plan and its recommended actions.

Action Plan Objectives

The recommendations in the Action Plan are intended to address multiple Plan performance target areas and are organized into three themes.

- **Housing:** Lower the share of income spent on housing and transportation costs, lessen displacement risk, and increase the availability of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income households.
- **Economic Development:** Improve transportation access to jobs, increase middle wage job creation, and maintain the region's infrastructure.
- **Resilience:** Enhance climate protection and adaptation efforts, strengthen open space protections, create healthy and safe communities, and protect communities against natural hazards.

Key Implementation Efforts

See Attachment A for the complete synopsis of MTC and ABAG's implementation efforts since the Plan's adoption – the primary focus areas are summarized below. In addition to MTC and ABAG's efforts, future progress reports will highlight efforts among partners, including local jurisdictions.

Housing

- CASA and Conditioning Transportation Funds

Economic Development

- Economic Development District and Economic Action Plan

Resilience

- HayWired, Adapting to Rising Tides, and Resilient by Design



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Attachments:

- Attachment A: Summary of Implementation Efforts
- Presentation

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