



Plan Bay Area 2050: Call for Projects Approach and Overview

As the Bay Area begins to transition from *Horizon* to developing *Plan Bay Area 2050* (Plan), MTC/ABAG will request the assistance of each of the nine Bay Area County Transportation Agencies (CTAs) and multi-county project sponsors (e.g., Caltrans, BART, Caltrain) to coordinate the identification of candidate projects/programs for inclusion in the Plan.

The purpose of the *Plan Bay Area 2050* Call for Projects process is to assemble an array of capacity-expanding, regionally-significant projects and programmatic categories of smaller investments for prioritization in the region's long-range plan. The time horizon of the Plan extends to 2050. All regionally-significant projects requiring federal or state action (e.g. approval of environmental documents) should be submitted during the Call for Projects. The Call for Projects is a component of the region's long-range planning effort—projects are not awarded funds via this process.

The *Plan Bay Area 2050* Call for Projects will build upon *Plan Bay Area 2040* (adopted in 2017), the Bay Area's adopted *2019 Transportation Improvement Program*, and *Horizon's* Request for Transformative Projects.

Detailed information and guidance on the *Plan Bay Area 2050* Call for Projects will be released directly to CTAs and multi-county project sponsors in the coming weeks. The following is an overview of the proposed approach:

Overall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Similar requirements to Plan Bay Area 2040▪ Emphasis on identifying regionally-significant, capacity-increasing projects (projects exempt from air quality analysis will be grouped into programmatic categories)▪ Continued encouragement for engagement with disadvantaged communities▪ Greater integration to past and current initiatives<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Plan Bay Area 2040 major projects/programs○ 2019 TIP funded projects/programs○ Horizon Transformative Projects	
<i>Specific Tasks</i>		
1. Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Late February 2019 - Kick-off Call for Projects▪ February and March 2019 - MTC/ABAG staff meet with CTAs and multi-county project sponsors▪ June 30, 2019 - official submittal deadline	
2. Identification of Candidate Projects & Programs	What to Submit	<p>Roadway: projects that extend or expand the Bay Area’s principal arterial system OR projects that widen roadways to a principal arterial.</p> <p>Transit: projects that extend or expand the Bay Area’s fixed guideway transit infrastructure (e.g., rail, ferry, BRT), service changes, or fleet expansions.</p>

		<p>Pricing: projects that alter the cost of users of the transportation system (e.g., cordon pricing, tolling, transit fares).</p> <p>Other projects/programs are exempt from air quality analysis and will be included by group listings (i.e., programmatic categories).</p>
	Project Funding Plans	PBA 2050 is required to be a fiscally constrained, meaning project costs cannot exceed forecasted revenues. Therefore, CTAs are asked to submit candidate projects/programs within an initial target of reasonably expected revenues.
	Cost Estimation & Review	Project/program costs should be escalated to the year of expenditure (YOE). MTC/ABAG staff has contracted for consultant assistance in reviewing and estimating major project costs for reasonableness.
	When to Submit	February - June 2019
3. Public Involvement & Outreach	Public Outreach	<p>An effective public outreach and local engagement process should update project information and identify new projects for consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hold at least 1 public meeting; ▪ Document the process; and, ▪ CTAs and multi-county project sponsors should follow best practices as identified in MTC's adopted Public Participation Plan.
	Agency Coordination	CTAs and multi-county project sponsors should work with local jurisdictions, transit operators, etc. to coordinate on the development of their list of candidate projects/programs.
	Title VI Responsibilities	CTAs and multi-county project sponsors should be proactive in engaging with disadvantaged communities and ensure the public outreach process is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as described in MTC's adopted Public Participation Plan.
	Official Submittal	<p>The following items should be sent to MTC as part of the official submittal by June 30, 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Official list of candidate projects/programs; ▪ Public engagement checklist documenting the process; and ▪ Board resolution and agenda materials.