

# **MTC – ABAG Governance; Update and Discussion**

**Commission Workshop  
January 30, 2020**

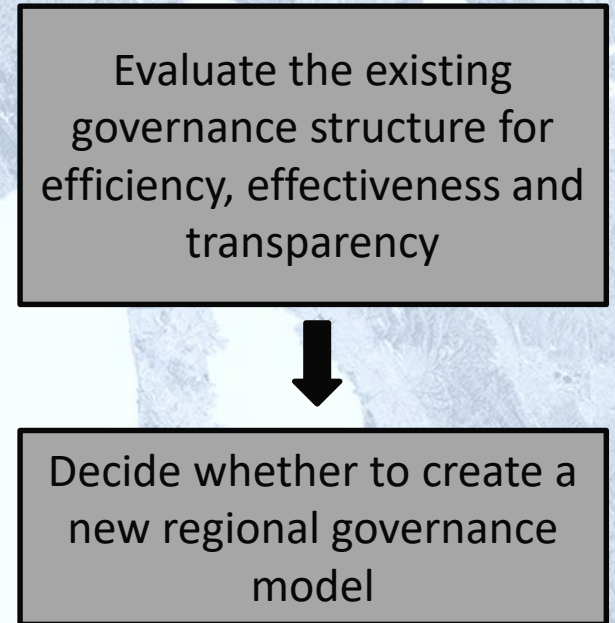
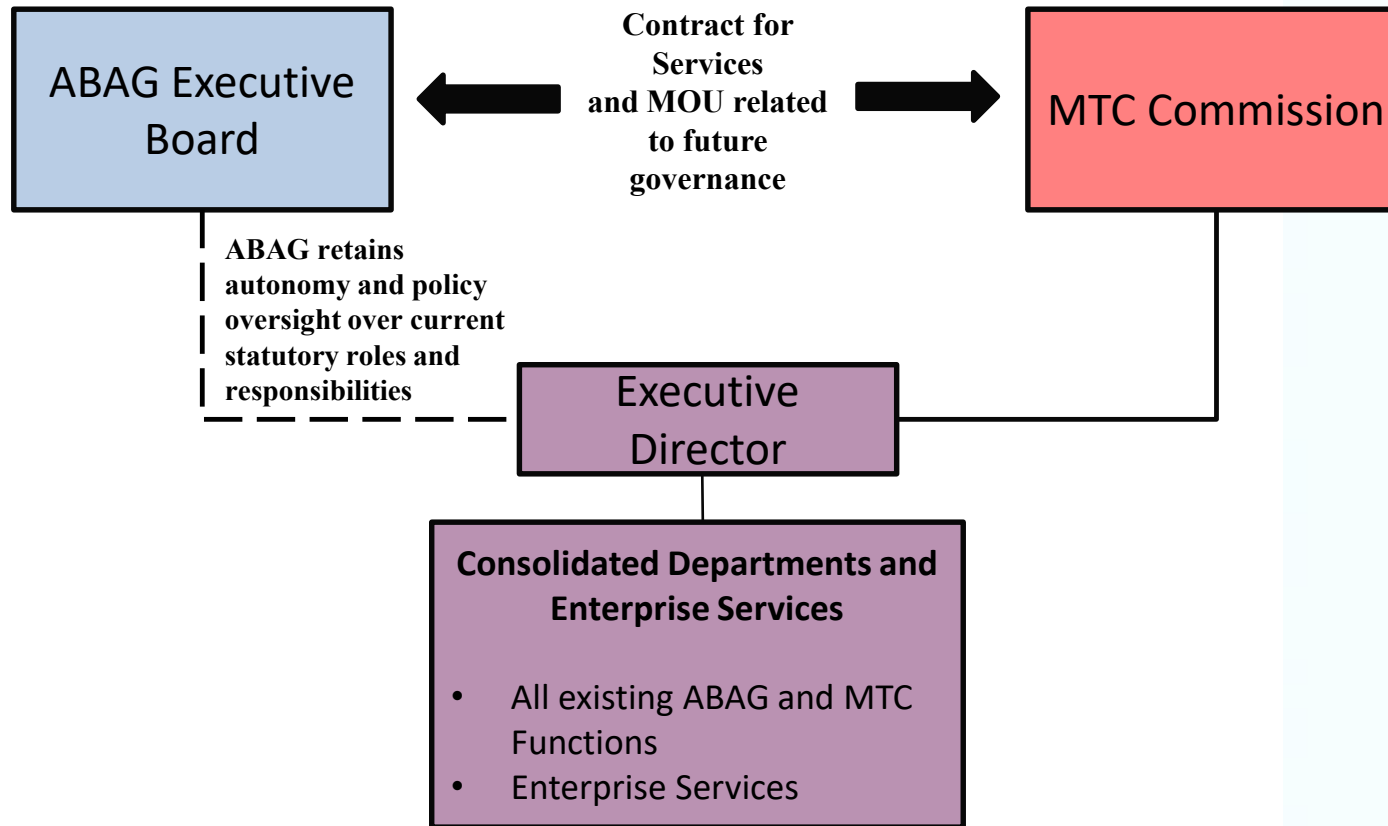
## **Commitment Language in ABAG - MTC MOU (Dated 5/30/17)**

“ABAG and MTC have agreed to pursue the implementation of Option 7 through a mutually agreed upon Contract for Services that governs how ABAG and MTC will share the use of a consolidated staff to carry out their respective missions and statutory powers and responsibilities and a mutually agreed upon memorandum of understanding to jointly pursue with MTC new governance options.”

“No later than July 1, 2019, ABAG and MTC will begin discussions on whether the two agencies should restructure their governing boards to better serve the region and to better utilize the consolidated staff.”



# Current Structure of Consolidated Staff and Two Boards



**Alternatives for organization governance, structure and staffing to be analyzed.**

# **Mission Question –What should Regional Governance address?**

- A) Transportation**
- B) Land Use**
- C) Housing**
- D) Economic Development**
- E) Resilience**
- F) Other?**



# Evaluation Framework – Factors for Successful Governance

## ➤ Authority

- The assignment to carry out the responsibilities and attendant tasks involved: most definitively established through Legislation, but can also be achieved (or arise) through other legal means (MOUs, contracts, litigation settlement etc.).

## ➤ Financial Resources

- Funding in the amounts, and with the requisite control and stability required to carry out responsibilities associated with vested authority.

# Evaluation Framework – Factors for Successful Governance (continued)

## ➤ Technical Capacity

- While often determined in step with financial resources, this is the institutional “wrap around” of knowledge, staffing, process and procedure required to successfully implement the vested authority.

## ➤ Public and Political Support

- While less quantifiable than the other elements (Authority, Financial Resources, Technical Capacity), this element can be equally determinative of success – and critical prerequisites for accessing the other three.



# Where Do We Go From Here – Outstanding Questions

- 1) How does “Governance” (Board Structure) impact “Governing” (delivering outcomes)?
- 2) Does MTC and ABAG continue to pursue a merged Governing model?
- 3) If yes, what more information is needed?

# **Interest in Alternative Models: Future Visits in Process**

**→ Sacramento: SACOG**

**→ San Diego: SANDAG**

**→ Twin Cities: Met Council**

**→ Puget Sound: PSRC**