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Regional Planning Committee

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Plan Bay Area 2050

Subject:	Report on Draft Regional Growth Forecast of Total Jobs, Population, Households, and Housing Units for *Plan Bay Area 2050*
Background:	In preparation for crafting the growth pattern for *Plan Bay Area 2050*, it is necessary to first understand how much the region will likely grow over the next 30 years. The Regional Growth Forecast estimates of jobs, population and households will serve as a key input to the UrbanSim 2.0 land use model, which will identify likely locations for future growth based on the ultimate Plan's strategies. This presentation will focus on the draft range of Regional Growth Forecasts, and the underlying assumptions for creating the range. MTC/ABAG staff are developing the Regional Growth Forecast based on the methodology adopted by the ABAG Board in September 2019.
Issues:	For Plan Bay Area 2050, MTC/ABAG staff have worked on an upgraded methodology that is designed to integrate the effects of housing, economic, and other critical strategies that are part of the broader Plan Blueprint. Such strategies are expected to influence the level of growth in the region, while also affecting affordability, equity, economic mobility, and other critical outcomes. The draft Regional Growth Forecast range includes a Base Case forecast which can be described as "business as usual", with few changes from today's policies. We are also providing an Upper Range forecast, which reflects a significant drop in the relative price of housing between the Bay Area and the nation; this shift would be the net result of implementing a suite of potential strategies that would increase housing supply at all income levels.
	Between 2015 and 2050, the Base Case forecast projects regional employment to grow by 1.1 million to **5.1 million jobs**. Population is forecasted to grow by 2.0 million people to **9.7 million**. This population will comprise over **3.6 million** households, for an increase of nearly 950,000 households from 2015. The Upper Range forecast, which assumes integration of successful housing strategies that would effectively lower the region's relative housing price, projects that the region would grow to **5.2 million jobs**, and **10.2 million** people comprising **4.0 million** households. Additional technical documentation is provided in **Attachment A**.
Next Steps:	Upcoming refinements will work to align the Regional Growth Forecast with the specific strategies integrated in the Draft Blueprint for Plan Bay Area 2050. The Final Regional Growth

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Forecast is slated to be complete in spring 2020 in advance of the Final Blueprint phase of Plan Bay Area 2050.

Recommended Action: Information

Attachments: A. Plan Bay Area 2050: Draft Regional Growth Forecast

B. Presentation

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