

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments
Regional Advisory Working Group**

June 9, 2020

Agenda Item 3

Plan Bay Area 2050: Final Phase - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Beyond

- Subject:** Highlights of the latest Plan Bay Area 2050 schedule, noting upcoming milestones related to the Final Blueprint and kicking off the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Implementation Plan.
- Background:** Plan Bay Area 2050: Final Phase - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Beyond will be presented to the Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee on June 12, 2020.
- Staff will be at your June 9, 2020 meeting to discuss this report. The Working Group's input is requested.
- Attachments:** Attachment A: Presentation
Attachment B: Agenda Item 3b from the June 12, 2020 Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee meeting

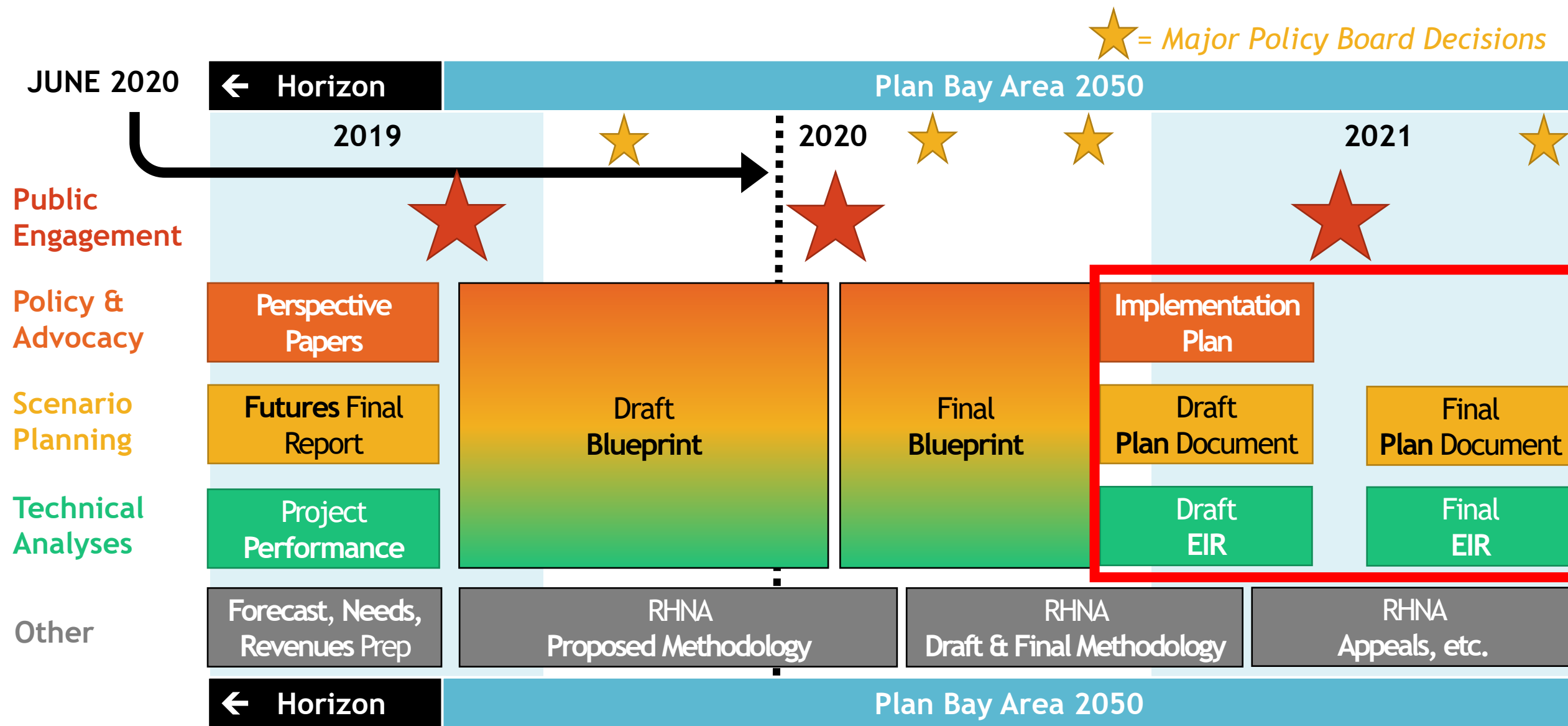
PLAN BAY AREA 2050

Final Phase: EIR and Beyond

June 2020

Chirag Rabari, MTC/ABAG

Plan Bay Area 2050 & RHNA: Schedule



Plan Bay Area 2050 Blueprint: Recent & Upcoming Milestones



- **Draft Blueprint**
 - Strategies and Growth Geographies approved for analysis in **February 2020**
 - Release in summer 2020, with robust stakeholder & public engagement
- **Final Blueprint**
 - Opportunity for further refinements to Strategies and Growth Geographies
 - Action anticipated in **September 2020**

Plan Bay Area 2050 Final Phase Components

Environmental Impact Report

- **Purpose**: Comply with CEQA and inform the public of the Plan's environmental impacts
- The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) must identify mitigation measures and evaluate plan alternatives to minimize impacts

Implementation Plan

- **Purpose**: Focus on short-term actions that MTC/ABAG and partners can take to implement the Plan's strategies over the next 1-5 years
- The Implementation Plan will play a role in getting the region "back on track" as it recovers from impacts induced by COVID-19

Plan Document

- **Purpose**: Distill the Plan's vision, assumptions, requirements, strategies and implementation actions into a single place
- The Plan Document is the Plan's primary outward, public-facing deliverable

Near-Term Actions Related to Final Phase

EIR: Notice of Preparation & Public Scoping

- The EIR process will kick off in **early fall 2020** with the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and associated public scoping meetings.
- The NOP informs the public of the lead agency's intent to prepare an EIR and seeks comments about its scope and content.
- Scoping meetings provide the public and public agencies with an opportunity to learn more about the Plan and provide another venue to submit comments regarding issues the EIR should address.



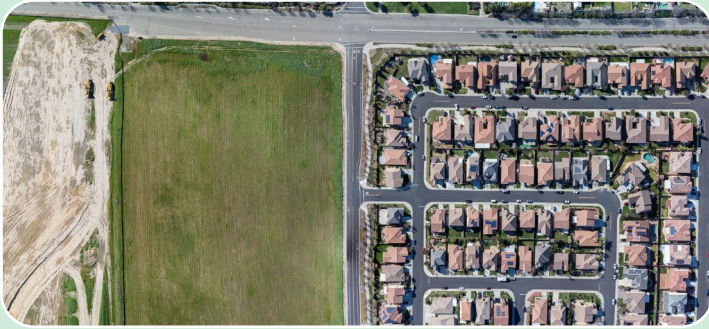
Near-Term Actions Related to Final Phase

Implementation Plan Kickoff

- Expanding upon Plan Bay Area 2040's "Action Plan", the Implementation Plan will focus on maximizing the viability of the Plan's transportation, housing, economic, and environmental strategies.
- The process will engage Bay Area residents, local governments, civic organizations, non-profits, and stakeholders to identify and tackle shared challenges through 2025, starting in **fall 2020**.



Final Phase: Key Milestones



EIR

- Consultant Selection: Summer 2020
- Scoping Process: September 2020
- Analysis Phase: Fall 2020 - Winter 2021
- Draft EIR Release: Spring 2021
- Final EIR Release: Fall 2021

Implementation Plan

- Stakeholder Workshops: Fall 2020
- Feedback & Direction from Committees: Fall 2020
- Public Release: Spring 2021
- Integration in Final Plan: Summer 2021

Plan Document

- Concept & Design: Spring 2020
- Writing & Editing: Fall 2020 - Winter 2021
- Draft Plan Release: Spring 2021
- Final Plan Release: Fall 2021

COVID-19: Potential Risks to Final Phase?

- Staff will continue monitoring for, and attempt to mitigate, any potential risks to outreach, engagement, overall schedule, and process.
- Federal and state statutes continue to require Plan adoption in 2021 to avoid adverse impacts to project delivery and funding.

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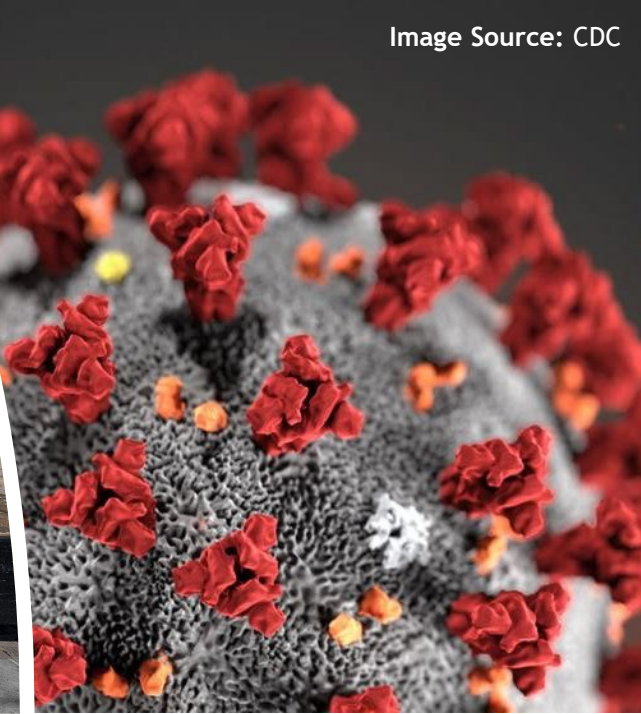


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Questions? Clarifications?

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**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
MTC Planning Committee**

June 12, 2020

Agenda Item 3b

Plan Bay Area 2050: Final Phase - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Beyond

Subject: Highlights of the latest Plan Bay Area 2050 schedule, noting upcoming milestones related to the Final Blueprint and kicking off the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Implementation Plan.

Background: Following approval of the Plan Bay Area 2050 Draft Blueprint Strategies and Growth Geographies for analysis in February 2020 by the MTC and ABAG boards, staff have been conducting modeling and analysis in preparation of the release of the Draft Blueprint this summer. Following robust engagement with the public, key stakeholders, and elected officials, there will be an opportunity to further refine the Growth Geographies and Strategies for the Final Blueprint, with action anticipated in September 2020. This refinement opportunity will include the consideration of recommendations from the Blue-Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force, which has been convened by MTC to lead the re-emergence of stronger, more connected, and more resilient transit in the wake of COVID-19.

However, approval of the Final Blueprint does not mark the end of the long-range planning process for Plan Bay Area 2050. The final phase of the planning process will stretch from fall 2020 to fall 2021 and will include the development of the **Environmental Impact Report**, the **Implementation Plan**, and the **Plan Document**. The remainder of this memorandum describes these upcoming deliverables, highlighting the primary purpose and timeline associated with each.

EIR

The purpose of the Plan Bay Area 2050 EIR will be to comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as well as other applicable provisions of state and federal law. The EIR will inform decision-makers, responsible and trustee agencies, and the public of the potential environmental impacts of implementing the transportation, housing, economic and environmental strategies proposed in the Final Blueprint. The EIR will also identify feasible mitigation measures and evaluate a range of plan alternatives to minimize the significant adverse impacts that are identified. While MTC/ABAG staff are anticipated to take on a more comprehensive role than in prior long-range plans, staff anticipates bringing a consultant contract for environmental analysis services to the MTC Administration Committee for approval this summer.

The EIR process will kick off in early fall 2020 with the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and associated public scoping meetings. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines, the NOP informs the public of the lead agency's intent to prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) and seeks comments about the scope and content of the EIR. As a related action, scoping meetings are held to provide the public and public agencies with the opportunity to learn more about Plan Bay Area 2050 and provide another venue to submit comments regarding the issues that should be addressed in the EIR. In light of ongoing anticipated impacts from COVID-19, public outreach and engagement staff are evaluating how EIR scoping meetings can be conducted in accordance with both CEQA and public health guidelines.

Subsequent to scoping, the analysis phase of the EIR is anticipated to run through early 2021; later milestones involving Executive Board and Commission review and approval include the release of the Draft EIR in spring 2021 and release of the Final EIR in fall 2021.

Implementation Plan


In Plan Bay Area 2040, MTC and ABAG pioneered an “Action Plan” to focus on areas where the plan’s performance was moving in the wrong direction and to address emerging policy issues. For Plan Bay Area 2050, staff are proposing an Implementation Plan that will focus on short-term, tangible actions that ABAG, MTC, and their partners can take to implement adopted strategies across the four core elements of the Plan. By working to maximize the viability of the Plan’s strategies, the Implementation plan will play a key role in getting the region “back on track” as it recovers from a likely economic recession caused by impacts from COVID-19 over the next one-to-five years.

The Implementation Plan process will engage Bay Area residents, local governments, civic organizations, non-profits, and other stakeholders to identify and tackle these shared challenges through 2025. The Implementation Plan will kick off in late summer.

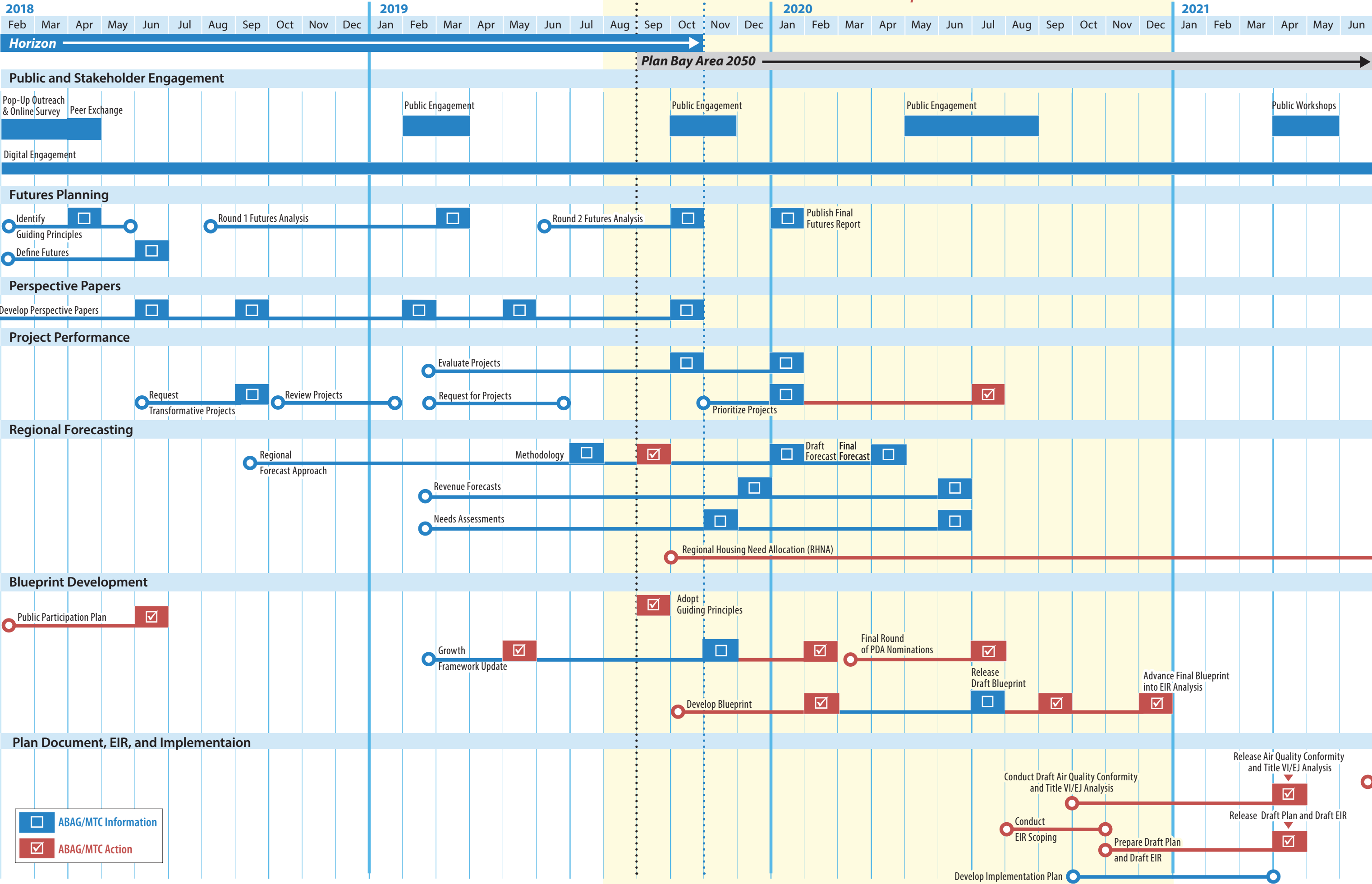
Plan Document

The Plan Document is the primary outward, public-facing deliverable of Plan Bay Area 2050, distilling the Plan’s vision, assumptions, requirements, strategies and implementation actions into a single, accessible document. Staff are currently exploring document design and content organization concepts, as well as determining how federal and state statutory requirements can best be addressed in the Plan Document and its associated supplemental reports. The Draft Plan Document will be released in spring 2021 and the Final Plan Document will be released in fall 2021; both will require Commission and Executive Board review and approval.

- Issues:** Staff will continue monitoring the COVID-19 situation as relates to potential impacts to planned public outreach and engagement, as well as the overall process and schedule for Final Phase elements.
- Next Steps:** Staff will move forward with all Final Phase elements and keep the Commission and Executive Board apprised of relevant developments.
- Recommendation:** Information
- Attachments:** Attachment A: Horizon and Plan Bay Area 2050: Key Milestones


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Horizon and Plan Bay Area 2050: Key Milestones



Horizon

Plan Bay Area 2050

Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Pop-Up Outreach & Online Survey
Peer Exchange
Public Engagement
Public Engagement
Public Engagement
Public Workshops

Futures Planning

Identify
Guiding Principles
Define Futures
Round 1 Futures Analysis
Round 2 Futures Analysis
Publish Final Futures Report

Perspective Papers

Develop Perspective Papers

Project Performance

Evaluate Projects
Request
Transformative Projects
Review Projects
Request for Projects
Prioritize Projects

Regional Forecasting

Regional Forecast Approach
Methodology
Revenue Forecasts
Needs Assessments
Draft Forecast
Final Forecast

Blueprint Development

Public Participation Plan
Adopt Guiding Principles
Growth Framework Update
Develop Blueprint
Final Round of PDA Nominations
Release Draft Blueprint
Advance Final Blueprint into EIR Analysis
Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA)

Plan Document, EIR, and Implementaion

Conduct Draft Air Quality Conformity and Title VI/EJ Analysis
Release Air Quality Conformity and Title VI/EJ Analysis
Conduct EIR Scoping
Prepare Draft Plan and Draft EIR
Release Draft Plan and Draft EIR
Develop Implementation Plan

ABAG/MTC Information

ABAG/MTC Action

Adopt RHNA
December 2021

Adopt Plan, EIR, Air Quality Conformity and Title VI/EJ Analysis
September 2021