



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ABAG Executive Board

December 17, 2020

New Appointments

Kathleen Kane started on November 30th as the General Counsel for both MTC and ABAG. The General Counsel oversees complex litigation and directs outside counsel in many matters, and is a key member of the executive team.

Retirements

Adrienne Weil – Adrienne started with MTC in August 2010 as a General Counsel. Her last day with MTC is December 29, 2020 as Special Counsel.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER:

Bay Trails Update

With a new \$2.2 million Prop 68 Recreational Trails grant, the City of Richmond and East Bay Regional Park District now have the full \$6.5 million needed to build 2.5 miles of Bay Trail along the shoreline from the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to the northern border of Richmond's Point Molate. Earlier funding came from a \$2.2 million Plan Bay Area *Priority Conservation Area* grant. When completed next December, this multi-use trail will provide the first public access to this stretch of shoreline since the Ohlone people lived there.

Items to Note

VMT Policies and Housing Element Site Feasibility Webinar: To assist local jurisdictions in adopting Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) policies, the ABAG-MTC Regional Planning Program hosted more than 100 local jurisdiction housing, planning and transportation staff in a two-hour "VMT Policies and Housing Element Site Feasibility" webinar on December 10. 70% of the participants' in the webinar reported that their local jurisdictions had not yet adopted local VMT policies. Office of Planning and Research Policy Director Erick De Kok provided an overview of the planning context, and staff from the cities of Fremont and Petaluma shared their experiences and insights working on and adopting their policies. A second panel of transportation and CEQA experts shared strategies and approaches to analysis and mitigations both at a planning and project level.

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