

Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee

May 14, 2021

Agenda Item 4b

Plan Bay Area 2050: Draft Plan Release Announcement

Subject: Update on the envisioned release window for Draft Plan Bay Area 2050, which will kick off the final round of public engagement, with a deeper-dive briefing for committees and boards slated for next month.

Background: In January 2021, MTC and ABAG approved the Plan Bay Area 2050 Final Blueprint as the Preferred Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Alternative. Since then, MTC/ABAG staff have been developing the Draft Plan Document, the Draft Implementation Plan, and corresponding supplemental reports. Furthermore, environmental analysis has been ongoing from fall 2020 through spring 2021, with scoping comments used to inform the Draft EIR and to craft a “reasonable range” of alternatives.

Draft Plan Release: Staff envisions releasing the Draft Plan Document, Draft Implementation Plan, Draft EIR, and supplemental reports in the coming weeks, with briefings provided to all relevant MTC/ABAG committees, the Commission, and the ABAG Executive Board in June. Currently, the Draft Plan Document, Draft Implementation Plan, and supplemental reports are slated for release on or around **the week of May 24th**. The Draft EIR will be released soon thereafter, on or around **the week of May 31st**.

Next Steps: MTC/ABAG staff will kick off the final phase of Plan Bay Area 2050 public engagement in mid-June with public workshops and public hearings, which will continue to occur virtually given the evolving public health situation. Staff will also present the Draft Plan Document, including the Bay Area’s sustainable communities strategy, to elected officials at County Transportation Agency board meetings in May and June, fulfilling an SB 375 engagement requirement. The public comment period, as established by state law and MTC’s Public Participation Plan, will stretch through mid-July. After the conclusion of the public comment period, staff will report back to the Joint MTC Planning/ABAG Administrative Committee in August and make revisions as appropriate based on feedback received. Plan Bay Area 2050 remains on track for the Commission and ABAG Executive Board to jointly consider for adoption this fall.

Recommendation: Information

Attachments: None


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