

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

This summary is provided in accordance with the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (California Code of Regulations [CCR] Section 15123). As stated in the State CEQA Guidelines (CCR Section 15123[a]), “an environmental impact report (EIR) shall contain a brief summary of the proposed actions and its consequences. The language of the summary should be as clear and simple as reasonably practical.” As required by the State CEQA Guidelines, this section includes: (1) a summary description of the proposed Plan; (2) a synopsis of environmental impacts and recommended mitigation measures; (3) identification of the alternatives evaluated and discussion of the environmentally superior alternative; (4) a discussion of the areas of controversy associated with the project; and (5) issues to be resolved, including the choice among alternatives.

## SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

### Background

#### LOCATION

The San Francisco Bay Area region includes nine counties that may be aggregated geographically into four subareas: North Bay (Marin, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma Counties), East Bay (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties), South Bay (Santa Clara County), and the West Bay (San Francisco and San Mateo Counties). There are 101 cities spread throughout these nine counties. The total area of the region is approximately 4.4 million acres (7,000 square miles). The region is bordered by Mendocino, Lake, and Yolo Counties to the north; Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced Counties to the east; San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz Counties to the south; and the Pacific Ocean to the west. As of January 2020, the region had a population estimate of 7.79 million, which is approximately 20 percent of California’s population. Roughly 18 percent of the region’s approximately 4.4 million acres were developed as of 2018 (see Table 2-6 in Section 2, “Project Description”). The undeveloped area includes open space and agricultural lands, as well as water bodies (excluding the San Francisco Bay) and parks.

#### MTC, ABAG, AND PLAN BAY AREA

MTC is the transportation planning, coordinating, and financing agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma Counties). MTC was formed in 1970 and functions under State and federal law as the transportation planning, coordinating, and financing agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. It covers the same geographic area as ABAG. MTC is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and the State-designated regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) for the Bay Area. It is responsible for preparing and updating the RTP every 4 years.

ABAG was formed in 1961 by a joint powers agreement among Bay Area local governments and serves as the comprehensive regional planning agency and Council of Governments for the nine counties and 101 cities and towns of the San Francisco Bay region. It is a public entity created by local

governments to meet their planning and research needs related to land use and is responsible under State law for conducting the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process. ABAG also hosts several joint powers and administrative entities related to environmental and water resource protection, disaster resilience, energy efficiency, hazardous waste mitigation, financial services, and staff training to local counties, cities, and towns. It is responsible for preparing and updating the SCS every 4 years.

The most recent RTP/SCS for the Bay Area region—Plan Bay Area 2040—was adopted in 2017. As the Bay Area’s second RTP to include an SCS, the 2017 plan was considered a “limited and focused” update of the original Plan Bay Area, adopted in 2013. The proposed Plan serves as the third RTP/SCS for the Bay Area, is a major update to Plan Bay Area 2040 while accompanying a new Regional Housing Needs Allocation cycle. The proposed Plan expands in scope relative to prior plans by examining the themes of economic development and environmental resilience. As a result, the proposed Plan focuses on 4 interrelated elements—housing, the economy, transportation, and the environment. The proposed Plan is composed of 35 integrated strategies across the 4 elements that provide a blueprint for how the Bay Area can accommodate future growth and make the region more equitable and resilient in the face of unexpected challenges, while achieving regional GHG emissions reduction targets established by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) pursuant to SB 375. As required by State legislation (Government Code Section 65080 et seq.) and by federal regulation (Title 23 U.S. Code Section 134), MTC is responsible for preparing the RTP for the San Francisco Bay Area region. The Plan meets all State and federal requirements for an RTP/SCS.

Once adopted by MTC and ABAG, Plan Bay Area 2050 will guide regional housing, economic, transportation, and environmental strategies and investments for the region. For additional background on Plan Bay Area 2050, see Section 1.7, “Plan Bay Area 2050 Background” in Chapter 1, “Introduction.”

## INTRODUCTION TO THE EIR

### PURPOSE OF THIS EIR

This EIR has been prepared in compliance with the CEQA Statutes and Guidelines. In general, the purpose of an EIR is to:

- ▲ analyze the potential environmental effects of the adoption and implementation of the proposed Plan;
- ▲ inform decision-makers, responsible and trustee agencies, and members of the public as to the range of the environmental impacts of the proposed Plan;
- ▲ recommend mitigation measures to mitigate significant adverse impacts; and
- ▲ analyze a range of reasonable alternatives to the proposed Plan.

The final EIR will include a Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program that identifies who will be responsible for implementing identified mitigation measures and the required timing for implementation. As the joint lead agencies for preparing this EIR, MTC and ABAG will rely on the EIR analysis of potential environmental effects in their review and consideration of the proposed Plan before approval.

As discussed in Section 1.1.8 “CEQA Streamlining Opportunities,” SB 375 provides streamlining benefits for certain transit-oriented projects consistent with an adopted SCS. Pursuant to these provisions of SB 375, this EIR has also been prepared to allow qualifying projects to streamline their environmental review.

## EIR SCOPE

This is a program EIR, which is defined in Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines as: “[An EIR addressing a] series of actions that can be characterized as one large project and are related either:

- (1) Geographically;
- (2) As logical parts in the chain of contemplated actions;
- (3) In connection with the issuance of rules, regulations, plans, or other general criteria to govern the conduct of a continuing program; or
- (4) As individual activities carried out under the same authorizing statutory or regulatory authority and having generally similar environmental impacts which can be mitigated in similar ways.”

A program EIR can be used as the basic, general environmental assessment for an overall program of projects developed over a multi-year planning horizon, and therefore is an appropriate review document for the proposed Plan. A program EIR has several advantages. For example, it provides a basic reference document to avoid unnecessary repetition of facts or analysis in subsequent project-specific assessments. It also allows the lead agency to consider the broad, regional impacts of a program of actions before its adoption and eliminates redundant or contradictory approaches to the consideration of regional and cumulative impacts.

## LEVEL OF ANALYSIS

This EIR presents a programmatic assessment of the potential impacts of the proposed Plan, focusing on the entire set of projects and programs contained in the proposed Plan. Individual transportation, sea level rise adaptation, and development project impacts are not addressed in detail. The analysis focuses on these three categories of projects at the local (county) and regional (Bay Area) level. Impacts are analyzed from a regional and local perspective, as applicable. Where appropriate, this EIR also provides a county-by-county assessment that considers growth geography footprint areas within Transit Priority Area (TPA) boundaries. (See Section 1.9, “CEQA Streamlining Opportunities,” for discussion of why this approach is important.)

For quantitative impact assessments, a geographic information system (GIS) was used to digitally overlay the proposed Plan’s footprints associated with forecasted land use development, sea level rise adaptation infrastructure, and transportation projects onto resource-specific data. Where impacts are quantified through modeling or GIS analysis, they are reported at the regional, county, and/or TPA level in tables and in the text. TPAs are presented as a subset of the regional and county totals. Information provided by county includes both incorporated and unincorporated areas in the county. The portion of the projected land use growth footprint located outside of a TPA is captured in the county totals.

The analysis in this EIR does not evaluate project-specific impacts of individual projects, although it provides environmental analysis and mitigation that is intended to address the range of impacts that

may be associated with individual projects. This approach does not relieve local jurisdictions of responsibility for determining whether project-specific impacts require additional CEQA analysis.

## **EIR Organization**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Executive Summary outlines the proposed Plan and alternatives and includes a summary of the potentially significant adverse environmental impacts of the proposed Plan, the measures identified to mitigate those impacts, and an overview of whether or not identified measures would mitigate the significant impacts and to what level. The executive summary also discusses the environmentally superior alternative, and “areas of known controversy” and “issues to be resolved” as required by CEQA.

### **CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION**

Chapter 1, “Introduction,” describes the relationship between the proposed Plan and the EIR, the organization of the EIR, and the basic legal requirements of a program level EIR. It discusses the level of analysis and the alternatives considered as well as potential tiering opportunities for future environmental documents. This is followed by additional content on the regional setting and regulatory framework that provides the context for the proposed Plan. This background information is followed by a discussion of the Plan development and public engagement process, as well as planning assumptions.

### **CHAPTER 2: PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Chapter 2, “Project Description,” describes the proposed Plan and the project objectives and includes a discussion on planning assumptions and the Plan’s strategies and resulting forecasted changes.

### **SECTIONS 3.1 THROUGH 3.15: ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

Section 3.1 provides an overview of the approach to the environmental analysis. Sections 3.2 through 3.15 describe the existing physical and regulatory settings for each of the environmental issue areas analyzed in the EIR, the potential impacts of the proposed Plan on these environmental issue areas, and measures to mitigate the potential impacts identified. Each issue area is analyzed in a separate section. Each section is organized as follows:

- ▲ Environmental Setting,
- ▲ Regulatory Setting,
- ▲ Significance Criteria,
- ▲ Method of Analysis, and
- ▲ Impacts and Mitigation Measures.

### **CHAPTER 4: ALTERNATIVES**

Chapter 4 includes a description of the alternatives to the proposed Plan. It provides an assessment of the potential of each alternative to achieve the objectives of the proposed Plan while reducing potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. This discussion also includes a table that compares the effects of the Plan alternatives to the proposed Plan and the No Project Alternative. This chapter also includes a discussion of the environmentally superior alternative.

## CHAPTER 5: OTHER CEQA-MANDATED SECTIONS

Chapter 5 includes an assessment of the impacts of the proposed Plan in several subject areas required by CEQA:

- ▲ significant irreversible environmental changes,
- ▲ significant and unavoidable impacts,
- ▲ growth-inducing impacts,
- ▲ cumulative impacts, and
- ▲ impacts found not to be significant.

## Chapter 6: Report Preparers

Chapter 6 contains a list of report authors and others consulted for preparation of this EIR.

## Chapter 7: References

Chapter 7 lists the references used to support preparation of this EIR.

## APPENDICES

Appendix A includes the NOP of this EIR, and Appendix B includes the comments received on the NOP and at the scoping meetings, as well as the Scoping Summary Report. Appendix C includes special-status species data. Appendices D and E include detailed data used to support impact analyses related to energy, and climate change and GHG emissions. Appendix F presents input and output data used for the impact analyses in the Section 3.12, “Noise.”

## Project Objectives

The proposed Plan’s adopted vision is to “ensure by the year 2050 that the Bay Area is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy, and vibrant for all.” As part of the planning process, MTC and ABAG developed guiding principles and associated performance measures for the proposed Plan in conjunction with members of the public, partners, and elected officials. In addition, Senate Bill (SB) 375 mandates two performance targets related to housing the population and achieving GHG emission reduction targets. Together, the guiding principles and performance metrics serve as the basis for the following CEQA objectives:

- ▲ Address climate change by reducing carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions pursuant to targets established by the California Air Resources Board (CARB); specifically, meet or exceed a 19-percent reduction in per-capita emissions from cars and light-duty trucks by 2035 relative to 2005 levels.
- ▲ House 100 percent of the region’s projected growth by income level, and with no increase in in-commuters over the proposed Plan baseline year.
- ▲ Ensure that all current and future Bay Area residents and workers have sufficient housing options they can afford by reducing how much residents spend on housing and transportation and by producing and preserving more affordable housing.

- ▲ Support an expanded, well-functioning, safe, and multimodal transportation system that connects the Bay Area by improving access to destinations and by ensuring residents and workers have a transportation system they can rely on.
- ▲ Support an inclusive region where people from all backgrounds, abilities, and ages can remain in place with full access to the region's assets and resources by creating more inclusive communities and reducing the risk that Bay Area residents are displaced.
- ▲ Conserve the region's natural resources, open space, clean water, and clean air with the intent of improving health of Bay Area residents and workers and improving the health of the environment locally and globally.
- ▲ Support the creation of quality job opportunities for all and ample fiscal resources for communities by more evenly distributing jobs and housing in the Bay Area and by enabling the regional economy to thrive.

## Project Overview

Plan Bay Area 2050 is defined by four elements: housing, economy, transportation, and environment. Within each, there are two or three central themes (totaling 11 across the entire Plan) under which several strategies (totaling 35 across the entire Plan) are nested. Equity and resilience—the cross-cutting themes of Plan Bay Area 2050—are integrated into each element, theme, and strategy. The strategies are envisioned to be implemented over the next three decades by local, regional, or State government, and the Implementation Plan specifies MTC's and ABAG's role in advancing each strategy through specific implementation actions over the next 5 years.

The proposed Plan identifies needs and revenues to implement the 35 strategies. It also seeks to meet or exceed State and federal planning requirements, including State-mandated targets for GHG emissions reductions. In summary, the proposed Plan:

- ▲ details housing and economic strategies ("land use") including investments of \$702 billion in expected revenues to accommodate 2.7 million new persons, 1.4 million new households, 1.5 new forecasted housing units, and 1.4 million new jobs between 2015 and 2050;
- ▲ details transportation strategies including investments of \$579 billion in expected revenues from federal, State, regional, and local sources over the next 30 years;
- ▲ details environmental strategies including investments of \$102 billion in expected revenues to protect the region from at least two feet of future permanent sea level rise inundation, reduce climate emissions, and maintain and expand the region's parks and open space system; and
- ▲ complies with Senate Bill (SB) 375, the State's SCS law, which requires integration of land use and transportation planning to reduce per-capita passenger vehicle GHG emissions by 2035 and provide adequate housing for the region's growth forecast of 2.7 million new persons and 1.4 million new households.

The proposed Plan area covers the entire Bay Area, which includes the nine counties and the 101 cities that make up the region. The proposed Plan is constrained by expected transportation revenues and the forecasted population and job growth discussed in Section 2.3, "Planning Assumptions." The proposed Plan does not change local land use policies; individual jurisdictions retain all local land use authority. The proposed Plan facilitates subsequent streamlined CEQA analysis pursuant to SB 375,

SB 743, and other methods described in Section 1.9, “CEQA Streamlining Opportunities,” in Chapter 1, “Introduction.” The proposed Plan includes a fiscally constrained list of transportation projects and programs that are eligible for future federal and State funding but does not allocate funds to any specific transportation project or program.

## SUMMARY OF ALTERNATIVES

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CEQA requires EIRs to evaluate a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed project that could feasibly attain most of the basic project objectives and that would avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant environmental impacts. In addition, CEQA requires assessment of the likely foreseeable future condition if the proposed project were not implemented; this scenario is called the No Project alternative.

This EIR evaluates the proposed Plan and three alternatives, assuming the same regional forecast control totals, same 2050 horizon year, and full Plan implementation. This EIR also documents the relative environmental advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives as compared to the proposed Plan, and discusses the environmentally superior alternative.

The proposed Plan and three alternatives are briefly described below. A full description of each alternative is provided in Chapter 4.

#### No Project Alternative

Analysis of the No Project Alternative is required under CEQA (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15126.6[e]). The purpose of the No Project Alternative is to allow a comparison of the environmental impacts of approving the proposed project with the effects of not approving it. This alternative represents a future land use pattern and suite of transportation and resilience investments if the proposed Plan is not adopted.

Under the No Project Alternative, growth is assumed to occur consistent with local general plans and zoning without an adopted RTP/SCS, and assumes no new transportation or sea level infrastructure projects beyond those currently under construction or those that have both full funding and environmental clearance (“committed”). Under the No Project Alternative, housing growth would be more dispersed, while job growth would be slightly more concentrated in the region’s two largest job centers of San Francisco and Silicon Valley. In comparison to the proposed Plan, the No Project Alternative would result in higher household growth primarily in Contra Costa County, with higher job growth in San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties. The No Project Alternative includes substantially lower investments for transportation strategies and environment strategies than the proposed Plan.

#### Alternative 1 – TRA Focus Alternative

The TRA Focus Alternative would concentrate growth in areas that contain high-quality transit services. This alternative is characterized as providing a compact growth pattern, with the greatest share of housing and job growth in TRAs within walking distance of regional rail stations. To support this more urban-oriented growth pattern, additional core capacity transit investments are funded in lieu of highway projects that add lane-mileage to the system.

This alternative would result in higher levels of household and job growth in the growth geographies than under the proposed Plan, with substantially more housing growth in TRAs. In comparison to the



proposed Plan, the TRA Focus Alternative would result in higher household growth in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties and higher job growth in Contra Costa County.

### Alternative 2 – HRA Focus Alternative

Alternative 2 focuses a substantially higher share of growth in HRAs, especially in the South Bay. To support this growth pattern and advance regional equity goals, infrastructure funding for major regional and interregional rail expansion projects would be reduced, and greater funding would be provided to local bus frequency increases, new express bus lines, expanded transit fare discount programs, and enhanced nonmotorized infrastructure.

This alternative features levels of household and job growth in growth geographies similar to those of the proposed Plan, with substantially more housing growth and substantially less job growth in HRAs. In comparison to the proposed Plan, Alternative 2 would result in higher household growth in Santa Clara County and higher job growth in San Francisco County.

## SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

The EIR addresses impacts associated with projected growth and impacts associated with the projected land use, assumed transportation projects, and assumed sea level rise adaptation infrastructure. Where a significant or potentially significant impact may occur, mitigation measures are provided. **Table ES-1** summarizes the impact conclusions and recommended mitigation measures identified in this EIR. The impacts are organized by environmental impact issue area in the order in which they appear in Sections 3.2 through 3.15.

Significant unavoidable impacts are those that cannot be mitigated to a less-than-significant level. Sections 3.2 through 3.15 of this EIR identify significant unavoidable impacts of the proposed Plan, as summarized in **Table ES-1**. As stated in Chapter 3.1, “Approach to the Analysis,” to the extent that an individual project adopts and implements all feasible mitigation measures described for each significant impact, many of the impacts listed below would be reduced to a less-than-significant level. For most impacts, MTC and ABAG do not have regulatory or approval authority over future projects. In those cases, MTC and ABAG identify specific mitigation measures for application by the lead agency. In order to rely on this EIR to streamline environmental review for an individual project, the lead agency must require the applicable mitigation measures as a part of the project-level environmental review. Therefore, many impacts have been identified as significant and unavoidable for purposes of this program-level review. Projects taking advantage of CEQA Streamlining provisions of SB 375 (Public Resources Code Sections 21155.1, 21155.2, and 21159.28) must apply the mitigation measures described in this EIR, as necessary and feasible to address site-specific conditions.

## ENVIRONMENTALLY SUPERIOR ALTERNATIVE

CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6(e)(2) states that if the environmentally superior alternative is the no project alternative, the EIR shall also identify an environmentally superior alternative from among the other alternatives analyzed.

As discussed in Section 4.5, “Comparative Impact Analysis of Alternative,” the No Project Alternative would result in two more significant and unavoidable impacts than the proposed Plan (Impact AQ-1 and GHG-4) and would result in one less significant and unavoidable impact than the proposed Plan



(LU-2). Because the No Project Alternative would result in more significant and unavoidable impacts than the proposed Plan, it would not be the environmentally superior alternative. When this is the case, there is no further obligation under CEQA to assess the relative environmental superiority of other alternatives. However, as this information is useful in understanding the relative benefits and adverse effects of the other alternatives, MTC and ABAG have nevertheless chosen to provide this information as summarized below.

The TRA Focus and HRA Focus Alternatives would result in the same number of less-than-significant and significant and unavoidable impacts as the proposed Plan. As shown in Table 4-34, the TRA Focus Alternative would result in comparatively less significant and unavoidable impact than either the proposed Plan or the HRA Focus Alternative (AQ-4 and LU-4). Because the level or degree of resulting significant and unavoidable impact would be lower under the TRA Focus Alternative, this alternative is environmentally superior to the other alternatives.

## AREAS OF CONTROVERSY

Section 15123 of the CEQA Guidelines requires that an EIR identify areas of controversy which are known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by other agencies and the public. Areas of controversy associated with the proposed Plan are made known through comments received during the Notice of Preparation (NOP) process, as well as input solicited on the proposed Plan during public scoping meetings, and an understanding of the community issues in the Plan area. Areas of known controversy, related to the proposed Plan and EIR include:

- Unknown near-term and long-term impacts of COVID-19. With the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic still impacting the daily lives of Bay Area residents, projecting future conditions remains challenging. Longer-term assumptions about post-COVID impacts were integrated about future telecommuting levels, and strategies such as Strategy EN7 were designed to accelerate and incentivize further shifts toward telecommuting, transit, walking, and biking. Furthermore, the Regional Growth Forecast and associated revenue forecasts were updated prior to their finalization to reflect weaker economic conditions, especially in the early 2020s, in the wake of COVID-19. Future iterations of Plan Bay Area will be able to more accurately capture longer-term preferential changes in residential and commercial preferences beyond telecommuting, as more definitive long-term survey data becomes available.
- Linkage between Plan Bay Area 2050 and RHNA. The 2050 household forecasts from Plan Bay Area 2050 play a role in the RHNA process as the baseline allocation, influencing the housing allocations assigned to individual jurisdictions for the 2023 to 2031 RHNA cycle. Given the significant increase in the Regional Housing Need Determination from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, allocations to cities, towns, and counties are significantly higher than the prior RHNA cycle. As Plan Bay Area 2050 integrates growth geographies and strategies that exceed existing local zoning capacity, its appropriate use in RHNA was debated through the Housing Methodology Committee process in 2020.
- Concerns about displacement and gentrification, as well as strategies in EIR Alternative 2. Plan Bay Area 2050 includes specific renter protection and affordable housing strategies, yet displacement risk remains a critical issue in the planning context. These concerns sparked interest in exploring displacement and gentrification further through the EIR process, including through EIR Alternative 2. Strategies integrated in EIR Alternative 2 to address these issue areas, while successful at shifting more low-income households to high-resource communities, included office

development caps in job-rich cities that were controversial and ultimately discarded earlier in the Horizon and Draft Blueprint phases of the planning process.

- ▲ Strategies and assumptions related to climate change adaption. While sea level rise, wildfire, drought, and other impacts of climate change were addressed through specific strategies in the Draft Plan or through exclusion from regional growth geographies, some stakeholders remain concerned that the Draft Plan does not go far enough to reduce development in higher-risk areas for these natural hazards. Other stakeholders have advocated for assuming a faster rate of sea level rise, going beyond recommendations of California environmental agencies, to expand the scope of Strategy EN1.
- ▲ Strategies related to climate change mitigation. Plan Bay Area 2050 meets the year 2035 state greenhouse gas reduction target established by the California Air Resources Board, but some stakeholders have noted that MTC and ABAG should go further by further reducing or eliminating highway expansion projects from the Draft Plan or pursuing even more ambitious climate strategies. Stakeholders have also noted the need to further reduce emissions in both the near-term and long-term and to consider emissions from sources beyond cars and light-duty trucks to a greater degree.
- ▲ Implementation roles and responsibilities. The Draft Implementation Plan for Plan Bay Area 2050 identifies the proposed roles for MTC and ABAG in implementing each of the 35 strategies in the Draft Plan. In some cases, planning process stakeholders have noted that they would prefer MTC and ABAG to take on a lesser or greater role in the coming years. Furthermore, the Draft Implementation Plan has only delineated high-level roles and responsibilities for partner entities, with the vision of expanding this content for the Final Implementation Plan in response to feedback from partner agencies.

## ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED

CEQA Guidelines Section 15123(b)(3) requires that an EIR contain a discussion of issues to be resolved and whether or how to mitigate significant effects. Identified issues to be resolved include the following:

- ▲ Land use and mitigation authority. How to address potential impacts from the projected land development pattern that must be mitigated by the local jurisdiction, given that MTC and ABAG do not have land use authority.
- ▲ Plan consistency determinations. Methods to be employed by local jurisdictions for determining project consistency with PBA 2050 and adoption of mitigation measures by project sponsors and/or implementing agencies in a manner to enable CEQA streamlining for qualifying projects, per SB 375.
- ▲ Consideration of alternatives. In approving PBA 2050 MTC and ABAG must consider CEQA alternatives and make a determination regarding the most beneficial Plan for the region.
- ▲ Balancing overriding considerations. In approving PBA 2050 MTC and ABAG must decide whether the benefits of implementing the final Plan will override those environmental impacts that cannot be feasibly avoided or substantially reduced. A Statement of Overriding Considerations is required to support such a determination.

**Table ES-1: Summary of Impacts and Mitigation Measures**

Impacts	Significance before Mitigation	Mitigation Measures	Significance after Mitigation	
			w/ MM*	w/o MM**
<b>3.2 AESTHETICS AND VISUAL RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Impact AES-1:</b> Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure AES-1:</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Reduce the visibility of construction staging areas by fencing and screening these areas with low contrast materials consistent with the surrounding environment, and by revegetating graded slopes and exposed earth surfaces at the earliest opportunity.</li> <li>▲ Site or design projects to minimize their intrusion into important viewsheds. Measures to achieve this could include, but are not limited to, requiring that the scale and massing of new development in higher-density areas provide appropriate transitions in building height and bulk that are sensitive to the physical and visual character of adjoining neighborhoods that have lower development intensities and building heights, and ensuring building heights are stepped back from sensitive adjoining uses to maintain appropriate transitions in scale and to protect scenic vistas and scenic resources.</li> <li>▲ Design projects to minimize the potential to obscure, detract from, or negatively affect the quality of views from State-designated scenic roadways or scenic highways.</li> <li>▲ Use see-through safety barrier designs (e.g., railings rather than walls).</li> <li>▲ Develop interchanges and transit lines at the grade of the surrounding land to limit view blockage.</li> <li>▲ Design landscaping along State-designated scenic highways and highway corridors in rural and open space areas to add natural elements and visual interest to soften the hard-edged, linear travel experience that would otherwise occur. Retain or replace trees bordering highways so that clear-cutting is not evident.</li> <li>▲ Identify, preserve, and enhance scenic vistas to and from hillside areas and other visual resources.</li> </ul>	SU	SU
<b>Impact AES-2:</b> Substantially damage scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, rock outcropping, and historical buildings within a state scenic highway	PS	<b>Mitigation Measure AES-2</b> Implement Mitigation Measure AES-1.	SU	SU

\*= Significance assuming individual projects adopt and implement the listed mitigation measure, as required for future projects taking advantage of CEQA streamlining provisions of SB 375.

\*\*= Significance assuming some or all of the listed mitigation measure(s) is/are not implemented because MTC/ABAG cannot require local implementing agencies to adopt mitigation measure(s).

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PS = Potentially significant

S = Significant

SU = Significant and unavoidable

PSU = Potentially significant and unavoidable

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<b>Impact AES-3:</b> In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings and in an urbanized area, conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure AES-3:</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Require that the scale, massing, and design of new development provide appropriate transitions in building height, bulk, and architectural style that are sensitive to the physical and visual character of surrounding areas.</li> <li>▲ Contour the edges of major cut and fill slopes to provide a finished profile that is appropriate to the surrounding context, using shapes, textures, colors, and scale to minimize contrasts between the project and surrounding areas.</li> <li>▲ Require project sponsors to conduct shadow studies for four-story high (and higher) buildings and roadway facilities to identify and implement development strategies for reducing the impact of shadows on public open space, where feasible. Study considerations shall include, but are not limited to, the placement, massing, and height of structures, surrounding land uses, time of day and seasonal variation, and reflectivity of materials. Study recommendations for reducing shadow impacts shall be incorporated into the project design as feasible based on project- and site-specific considerations.</li> </ul>	SU	SU
<b>Impact AES-4:</b> Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure AES-4:</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Design projects to minimize light and glare from lights, buildings, and roadways facilities.</li> <li>▲ Minimize and control glare from transportation projects through the adoption of project design features that reduce glare. These features include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ planting trees along transportation corridors to reduce glare from the sun;</li> <li>➤ landscaping off-street parking areas, loading areas, and service areas; and</li> <li>➤ shielding transportation lighting fixtures to minimize off-site light trespass.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▲ Minimize and control glare from land use and transportation projects through the adoption of project design features that reduce glare. These features include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ limiting the use of reflective materials, such as metal;</li> <li>➤ using non-reflective material, such as paint, vegetative screening, matte finish coatings, and masonry;</li> <li>➤ screening parking areas by using vegetation or trees; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	LTS	SU

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>using low-reflective glass.</li> <li>Impose lighting standards that ensure that minimum safety and security needs are addressed and minimize light trespass and glare associated with land use development. These standards include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>minimizing incidental spillover of light onto adjacent private properties and undeveloped open space;</li> <li>directing luminaries away from habitat and open space areas adjacent to the project site;</li> <li>installing luminaries that provide good color rendering and natural light qualities; and</li> <li>minimizing the potential for sky glow into the nighttime sky and for incidental spillover of light onto adjacent private properties and undeveloped open space.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>3.3 AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Impact AGF-1:</b> Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use, or conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure AGF-1</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require project relocation or corridor realignment, where feasible, to avoid agricultural land, especially Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Significance, and land under a Williamson Act contract.</li> <li>Provide buffers, berms, setbacks, fencing, or other project design measures to protect surrounding agriculture, and to reduce conflict with farming that could result from implementation of transportation improvements and/or projected land use pattern included as a part of the RTP/SCS.</li> <li>Maintain and expand agricultural land protections such as urban growth boundaries.</li> <li>Achieve compensatory mitigation in advance of impacts through the purchase or creation of mitigation credits or the implementation of mitigation projects through Regional Advance Mitigation Planning, as deemed appropriate by the permitting agencies.</li> <li>Require acquisition of conservation easements on land in the same jurisdiction, if feasible, and at least equal in quality and size as mitigation for the loss of agricultural land.</li> <li>Institute new protection of farmland in the project area or elsewhere through the use of long-term restrictions on use, such as 20-year Farmland Security Zone contracts</li> </ul>	SU	SU

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		(Government Code Section 51296 et seq.) or 10-year Williamson Act contracts (Government Code Section 51200 et seq.).		
<b>Impact AGF-2:</b> Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))	PS	<b>Mitigation Measure AGF-2</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require project relocation or corridor realignment, where feasible, to avoid forest land or timberland.</li> <li>Maintain and expand forest land protections such as urban growth boundaries.</li> <li>Achieve compensatory mitigation in advance of impacts through the purchase or creation of mitigation credits or the implementation of mitigation projects through Regional Advance Mitigation Planning, as deemed appropriate by the permitting agencies.</li> <li>Require acquisition of conservation easements on land at least equal in quality and size as mitigation for the loss of forest land or timberland.</li> </ul>	SU	SU
<b>Impact AGF-3:</b> Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use	PS	<b>Mitigation Measure AGF-3</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement Mitigation Measures AGF-1 and AGF-2.</li> <li>Manage project operations to minimize the introduction of invasive species or weeds that may affect agricultural production on adjacent agricultural land. Where a project has the potential to introduce sensitive species or habitats or have other spill-over effects on nearby agricultural lands, the project proponents shall be responsible for acquiring easements on nearby agricultural land and/or financially compensating for indirect effects on nearby agricultural land. Easements (e.g., flowage easements) shall be required for temporary or intermittent interruption in farming activities (e.g., because of seasonal flooding or groundwater seepage). Acquisition or compensation would be required for permanent or significant loss of economically viable operations.</li> <li>Design project features to minimize fragmenting or isolating agricultural land. Where a project involves acquiring land or easements, ensure that the remaining agricultural land is of a size sufficient to allow economically viable farming operations. The project sponsors shall be responsible for acquiring easements, making lot line adjustments, and merging</li> </ul>	SU	SU

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		affected land parcels into units suitable for continued commercial agricultural management.		
<b>3.4 AIR QUALITY</b>				
<b>Impact AQ-1:</b> Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan	LTS	None required.	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact AQ-2:</b> Result in a substantial net increase in construction-related emissions	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure AQ-2</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <p>When applicable screening levels set by the relevant air district are exceeded, implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <p><b>Construction Best Practices for Exhaust</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ The applicant/general contractor for the project shall submit a list of all off-road equipment greater than 25 horsepower (hp) that would be operated for more than 20 hours over the entire duration of project construction, including equipment from subcontractors, to the relevant air district (e.g., BAAQMD, NSCAPCD, or YSAQMD) for review and certification. The list shall include all information necessary to ensure the equipment meets the following requirement:</li> <li>➤ Equipment shall be zero emissions or have engines that meet or exceed either EPA or CARB Tier 4 off-road emission standards, and it shall have engines that are retrofitted with a CARB Level 3 Verified Diesel Emissions Control Strategy (VDECS), if one is available for the equipment being used. Equipment with engines that meet Tier 4 Interim or Tier 4 Final emission standards automatically meet this requirement; therefore, a VDECS would not be required.</li> <li>➤ Idling time of diesel-powered construction equipment and trucks shall be limited to no more than two minutes. Clear signage of this idling restriction shall be provided for construction workers at all access points.</li> <li>➤ All construction equipment shall be maintained and properly tuned in accordance with the manufacturers' specifications.</li> </ul>	LTS-M	SU

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		<p>▀ Portable diesel generators shall be prohibited. Grid power electricity should be used to provide power at construction sites; or propane and natural gas generators may be used when grid power electricity is not feasible.</p> <p><b><u>Construction Best Practices for Entrained Dust</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ All exposed surfaces (e.g., parking areas, staging areas, soil piles, graded areas, and unpaved access roads) shall be watered two times per day. For projects over five acres in size, soil moisture should be maintained at a minimum of 12 percent. Moisture content can be verified by lab samples or a moisture probe.</li> <li>▀ All haul trucks transporting soil, sand, or other loose material off-site shall be covered.</li> <li>▀ On-site dirt piles or other stockpiled PM shall be covered, wind breaks installed, and water and/or soil stabilizers employed to reduce wind-blown dust emissions. The use of approved nontoxic soil stabilizers shall be incorporated according to manufacturers' specifications to all inactive construction areas.</li> <li>▀ All visible mud or dirt track-out onto adjacent public roads shall be removed using wet power vacuum street sweepers at least once per day. Dry power sweeping should only be performed in conjunction with thorough watering of the subject roads.</li> <li>▀ All vehicle speeds on unpaved roads and surfaces shall be limited to 15 mph.</li> <li>▀ All roadway, driveway, and sidewalk paving shall be completed as soon as possible. Building pads shall be paved as soon as possible after grading.</li> <li>▀ All construction sites shall provide a posted sign visible to the public with the telephone number and person to contact at the lead agency regarding dust complaints. The recommended response time for corrective action shall be within 48 hours. BAAQMD's Complaint Line (1-800-334-6367) shall also be included on posted signs to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.</li> <li>▀ All excavation, grading, and/or demolition activities shall be suspended when average wind speeds exceed 20 mph.</li> <li>▀ Wind breaks (e.g., trees, fences) shall be installed on the windward side(s) of actively disturbed areas of construction. Wind breaks should have at maximum 50 percent air porosity.</li> </ul>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Vegetative ground cover (e.g., fast-germinating native grass seed) shall be planted in disturbed areas as soon as possible and watered appropriately until vegetation is established.</li> <li>▲ The simultaneous occurrence of excavation, grading, and ground-disturbing construction activities on the same area at any one time shall be limited. Activities shall be phased to reduce the amount of disturbed surfaces at any one time.</li> <li>▲ All transfer processes involving a free fall of soil or other PM shall be operated in such a manner as to minimize the free fall distance and fugitive dust emissions.</li> <li>▲ All trucks and equipment, including their tires, shall be washed off before leaving the site.</li> <li>▲ Site accesses to a distance of 100 feet from the paved road shall be treated with a 6- to 12-inch compacted layer of wood chips, mulch, or gravel.</li> <li>▲ Sandbags or other erosion control measures shall be installed to prevent silt runoff to public roadways from sites with a slope greater than one percent.</li> <li>▲ Open burning shall be prohibited at the project site. No open burning of vegetative waste (natural plant growth wastes) or other legal or illegal burn materials (e.g., trash, demolition debris) may be conducted at the project site. Vegetative wastes shall be chipped or delivered to waste-to-energy facilities (permitted biomass facilities), mulched, composted, or used for firewood. It is unlawful to haul waste materials off-site for disposal by open burning.</li> <li>▲ The primary contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that all construction equipment is properly tuned and maintained before and for the duration of on-site operation.</li> <li>▲ Where accessible, existing power sources (e.g., power poles) or clean-fuel generators shall be used rather than temporary power generators.</li> <li>▲ A traffic plan shall be developed to minimize traffic flow interference from construction activities. The plan may include advance public notice of routing, use of public transportation, and satellite parking areas with a shuttle service. Operations that affect traffic shall be scheduled for off-peak hours. Obstruction of through-traffic lanes shall be minimized. A flag person shall be provided to guide traffic properly and ensure safety at construction sites.</li> </ul> <p>Applicable mitigation measures shall be required at the time grading permits are issued.</p>		

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<b>Impact AQ-3:</b> Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is in non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure AQ-3(a)</b> MTC and ABAG, in partnership with BAAQMD, and implementing agencies, shall work together to support the use of existing air quality and transportation funds and seek additional funds to continue to implement BAAQMD and CARB programs (e.g., Carl Moyer) intended to retrofit and replace trucks and locomotives.</p> <p><b>Mitigation Measure AQ-3(b)</b> MTC and ABAG, in partnership with BAAQMD and the Port of Oakland, and other agency partners, shall work together to secure incentive funding to reduce mobile PM emissions from mobile exhaust and entrained PM sources such as tire wear, brake wear, and roadway dust.</p> <p><b>Mitigation Measure AQ-3(c)</b> MTC and ABAG, in partnership with local air districts, and implementing agencies shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ support the advancement of corridor-level plans and implementation of projects located on severely congested (LOS F) facilities and</li> <li>▲ incorporate transportation demand management (TDM) strategies into individual land use land transportation projects and plans, as part of the planning process; TDM strategies could include ridesharing, carsharing, telecommuting, adopting flexible working hours, implementing parking management and traffic- calming measures, and marketing TDM options (especially alternative commuting services).</li> </ul> <p><b>Mitigation Measure AQ-3(d)</b> When applicable screening levels set by the applicable air district are exceeded, implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below or are updated by BAAQMD/the applicable air district or within CalEEMod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Provide for, or contribute to, dedication of land for off-site Class I and Class II bicycle trails linking the project to designated bicycle commuting routes in accordance with the regional bikeway master plan.</li> <li>▲ Provide preferential parking spaces for carpool and vanpool vehicles, implement parking fees for single-occupancy vehicle commuters, and implement parking cash-out program for employees.</li> <li>▲ Support local requirements regarding electric vehicle charging spaces.</li> <li>▲ Support the inclusion of bus shelters at transit access points where deemed appropriate by local public transit operator in large residential, commercial, and industrial projects.</li> </ul>	SU	SU

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support local communities and agencies equipping of residential structures with electric outlets in the front and rear of the structure to facilitate use of electrical lawn and garden equipment.</li> <li>Support the contribution to the provision of synchronized traffic signals on roadways affected by the project and as deemed necessary by the local public works department.</li> <li>Support local transit-enhancing infrastructure that includes bus turnouts or bulbs, passenger benches, street lighting, route signs and displays, and shelters as demand and service routes warrant, subject to review and approval by local transportation planning agencies.</li> <li>Support pedestrian-enhancing infrastructure that includes sidewalks and pedestrian paths, direct pedestrian connections, street trees to shade sidewalks, pedestrian safety designs and infrastructure, street furniture and artwork, street lighting, pedestrian signalization and signage, and/or access between bus service and major transportation points in the Plan area.</li> <li>Support local community requirements to require all employment centers to include an adequate number of on-site shower/locker facilities for bicycling and pedestrian commuters (typically one shower and three lockers for every 25 employees per shift).</li> <li>Support local communities and agencies to provide park-and-ride lots as deemed feasible and appropriate by transportation planning agencies.</li> <li>At employment centers that exceed a designated size, as measured by the number of employees, support the provision of on-site child care and after-school facilities or contribute to off-site construction of such facilities within walking distance of employment land uses (for employment centers on or adjacent to industrial land uses, on-site child daycare centers shall be provided only if supported by the findings of a comprehensive health risk assessment performed in consultation with the local air district).</li> <li>Commit to support programs that include guaranteed ride home, subsidized transit passes, and rideshare matching.</li> <li>Support local communities and agencies to provide transportation (e.g., shuttles) to major transit stations and multimodal centers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mitigation Measure AQ-3(e):</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement the following measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, to reduce criteria air pollutant emitted by natural gas combustion in buildings:</p>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibit natural gas infrastructure in new development.</li> <li>Utilize, or design to support, microgrid electric systems to facilitate the resiliency of new developments prohibiting natural gas.</li> <li>Equip residential structures containing front and rear yard area with electric outlets in the front and rear of the structure to facilitate use of electrical lawn and garden equipment.</li> <li>Install ground-source heat pumps, solar, or other alternatively-fueled water heaters instead of natural gas or grid-based electric water heaters.</li> <li>Install ground-source heat pump, or other alternative, heating and cooling systems.</li> <li>Increase wall and attic insulation to 20 percent above Title 24 requirements (residential and commercial).</li> <li>Orient buildings to take advantage of solar heating and natural cooling, and use passive solar designs (residential, commercial, and industrial).</li> <li>Provide energy-efficient windows (double pane and/or Low-E) and awnings or other shading mechanisms for windows, porches, patios, and walkways.</li> <li>Utilize passive solar cooling and heating designs, ceiling and whole house fans, and programmable thermostats in the design of heating and cooling systems.</li> </ul>		
<b>Impact AQ-4:</b> Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations	PS	<p>Implement Mitigation Measure AQ-2</p> <p><b>Mitigation Measure AQ-4(a)</b> When locating sensitive receptors in TAC risk areas, as identified in <b>Figure 3.4-2</b>, implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install, operate and maintain in good working order a central heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system or other air intake system in the building, or in each individual unit, that meets or exceeds a minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) of 13 (MERV-16 for projects located in the West Oakland Specific Plan area) or higher (BAAQMD 2016). The HVAC system shall include the following features: Installation of a high efficiency filter and/or carbon filter to filter particulates and other chemical matter from entering the building. Either high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters or American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) certified 85 percent supply filters shall be used.</li> </ul>	SU	SU

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce emissions from diesel trucks through implementing the following measures, if feasible: installing electrical hook-ups for diesel trucks at loading docks; requiring trucks to use Transportation Refrigeration Units that meet Tier 4 emission standards; requiring truck-intensive projects to use advanced exhaust technology (e.g., hybrid) or alternative fuels; prohibiting trucks from idling for more than 2 minutes; and establishing truck routes to avoid sensitive receptors in the project. Implement a truck route program, along with truck calming, parking, and delivery restrictions.</li> <li>Install passive electrostatic filtering systems with low air velocities (i.e., less than 1 mph).</li> <li>Phase residential developments when proposed within 500 feet of freeways such that homes nearest the freeway are built last, if feasible.</li> <li>Locate sensitive receptors as far away from truck activity areas, such as loading docks and delivery areas, as feasible.</li> <li>Ensure that existing and new standby or emergency diesel generators meet CARB's Tier 4 emission standards, if feasible.</li> <li>Locate individual and common exterior open space and outdoor activity areas proposed as part of individual projects as far away as possible from emission source within the project site boundary, face them away major freeways, and shield them from the source (i.e., the roadway) of air pollution with buildings or otherwise buffer them to further reduce air pollution for project occupants.</li> <li>Locate air intakes and design windows to reduce PM exposure (e.g., windows nearest to the roadway do not open).</li> <li>If sensitive receptors are located near a distribution center, do not locate residents immediately adjacent to a loading dock or where trucks concentrate to deliver goods.</li> <li>Locate sensitive receptors in buildings in areas upwind of major roadway traffic to reduce exposure to reduce cancer risk levels and exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub>.</li> <li>Plant trees and/or vegetation between sensitive receptors and pollution source. Trees that are best suited to trapping PM shall be planted, including one or more of the following species: pine (<i>Pinus nigra</i> var. <i>maritima</i>), cypress (x <i>Cupressocyparis leylandii</i>), hybrid poplar (<i>Populus deltoids</i> x <i>trichocarpa</i>), California pepper tree (<i>Schinus molle</i>), and redwood (<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>).</li> </ul>		

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		<p>▲ Reduce emissions from diesel trucks by establishing truck routes to avoid residential neighborhoods or other land uses serving sensitive populations, such as hospitals, schools, and child care centers. A truck route program, along with truck calming, parking and delivery restrictions, shall be implemented to direct traffic activity at non-permitted sources and large construction projects.</p> <p>These BMPs are consistent with recommendations in BAAQMD's CEQA Guidelines (BAAQMD 2017c) and Planning Healthy Places (BAAQMD 2016).</p> <p><b>Mitigation Measure AQ-4(b)</b> MTC and ABAG shall partner with BAAQMD and local lead agencies to develop a program to install air filtration devices in existing residential buildings, and other buildings with sensitive receptors, located near freeways or sources of TACs and PM<sub>2.5</sub>.</p> <p><b>Mitigation Measure AQ-4(c)</b> MTC and ABAG shall partner with BAAQMD to develop a program to provide incentives to replace older locomotives and trucks in the region to reduce TACs and PM<sub>2.5</sub>.</p> <p><b>Mitigation Measure AQ-4(d)</b> Implementing agency shall implement the strategies identified in the CARB Technical Advisory to reduce air pollution exposure near high-volume roadways to less-than-significant levels, where feasible. Examples of effective strategies include (CARB 2017b):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Using speed reduction mechanisms, such as roundabouts to reduce the frequency of stop-and-go driving common among streets that support stop signs;</li> <li>▲ Using traffic signal management to limit the frequency of stop-and-go driving and vehicle idling;</li> <li>▲ Establishing and enforcing speed limit reductions of high-speed roadways;</li> <li>▲ Using design elements that promote air flow and pollutant dispersion along street corridors to optimize air flow, building downwash, and pollution dispersal;</li> <li>▲ Incorporating bike lanes and sidewalks to promote alternative, zero-pollution modes of transportation; and</li> <li>▲ Constructing solid barriers directly adjacent to high-volume roadways, such as sound walls to improve downwash.</li> </ul>		
<b>Impact AQ-5:</b> Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people	LTS	None required.	LTS	LTS

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3.5 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES				
Impact BIO-1a: Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on species identified as candidate, sensitive, or special status in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by CDFW, USFWS, or NOAA Fisheries	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure BIO-1(a)</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implementing agencies shall require project sponsors to prepare biological resource assessments for specific projects proposed in areas known or likely to contain habitat suitable for special-status plants and wildlife. The assessment shall be conducted by qualified professionals pursuant to adopted protocols and agency guidelines, where applicable. Where the biological resource assessments establish that mitigation is required to avoid and minimize direct and indirect adverse effects on special-status plant and wildlife species, or compensate for unavoidable effects, mitigation shall be developed consistent with the requirements or standards of CEQA, USFWS, CDFW, and local regulations and guidelines, in addition to requirements of any applicable and adopted HCP/NCCP or other applicable plans developed to protect species or habitat.</li><li>In support of CEQA, NEPA, CDFW, USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries review and permitting processes for individual proposed Plan projects, pre-project biological surveys shall be conducted as part of the environmental review process to determine the presence and extent of sensitive habitats and species in the project vicinity. Surveys shall follow established methods and shall be conducted at times when the subject species is most likely to be identified. In cases where impacts on State- or federally listed plant or wildlife species are possible, formal protocol-level surveys may be required on a species-by-species basis to determine the local presence and distribution of these species. Coordination with CDFW, USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries, as appropriate, shall be conducted early in the planning process at an informal level for projects that could adversely affect federal or State candidate, proposed, threatened, or endangered species to determine the need for consultation or permitting actions. Projects shall obtain incidental take authorization from the permitting agencies, as required, before project implementation.</li><li>A species and habitat compensation plan shall be prepared for unavoidable direct impacts on special-status plant species and shall be reviewed and approved by the resource agencies and lead agency prior to project approval. The plan shall identify effective methods for reestablishing the affected species and habitat, including but not limited to seed collection, salvage of root masses, and planting seeds and/or root masses in an area</li></ul>	LTS-M	SU

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		<p>with suitable conditions. The plan shall also specify a monitoring program designed to evaluate success in reestablishing the affected species and habitat, and remedial measures that shall be followed if the project is not meeting specified performance criteria. The monitoring program shall be designed to evaluate the current and probable future health of the resources, and their ability to sustain populations in keeping with natural populations following the completion of the program. Remedial measures are highly dependent upon the species and habitats in question, but generally shall include but not be limited to invasive species management, predator control, access control, replanting and reseeding of appropriate habitat elements, regarding, and propagation and seed bulking programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Project designs shall be reconfigured, whenever practicable, to avoid special-status species and sensitive habitats. Projects shall minimize ground disturbances and transportation project footprints near sensitive areas to the extent practicable.</li> <li>▲ Temporary access roads and staging areas shall not be located within the areas containing sensitive plants or wildlife species wherever feasible, to avoid or minimize impacts on these species.</li> <li>▲ Project activities in the vicinity of sensitive resources shall be completed during the period that best avoids disturbance to plant and wildlife species present to the extent feasible.</li> <li>▲ Individual projects shall minimize the use of in-water construction methods in areas that support sensitive aquatic species, especially when listed species could be present.</li> <li>▲ If equipment needs to operate in any watercourse with flowing or standing water where special-status species may be affected, a qualified biological resource monitor shall be present to alert construction crews to the possible presence of such special-status species.</li> <li>▲ If project activities involve pile driving or vibratory hammering in or near water, interim hydroacoustic threshold criteria for protected fish species shall be adopted as set forth by the Interagency Fisheries Hydroacoustic Working Group, as well as other avoidance methods to reduce the adverse effects of construction to sensitive fish, piscivorous birds, and marine mammal species.</li> <li>▲ A qualified biologist shall locate and fence off sensitive resources before construction activities begin and, where required, shall inspect areas to ensure that barrier fencing, stakes, and setback buffers are maintained during construction.</li> </ul>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ For work sites located adjacent to special-status plant or wildlife populations, a biological resource education program shall be provided for construction crews and contractors (primarily crew and construction foremen) before construction activities begin.</li> <li>▲ Biological monitoring shall be considered for areas near identified habitat for State- and federally listed species, and a “no take” approach shall be taken whenever feasible during construction near special-status plant and wildlife species.</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measure NOISE-1 shall be implemented when permanent or temporary noise has been identified as a potential impact on wildlife.</li> <li>▲ Nighttime lighting shall be directed at the construction or project site and away from sensitive habitats. Light glare shields shall be used to reduce the extent of illumination onto adjoining areas. Permanent lighting shall be shielded and directed at intended use areas.</li> <li>▲ Fencing and/or walls shall be built to avoid temporary or permanent access of humans or domestic animals from development areas into areas occupied by special status species. Spoils, trash, or any debris shall be removed offsite to an approved disposal facility.</li> <li>▲ Project activities shall comply with existing local regulations and policies, including applicable HCP/NCCPs, that exceed or reasonably replace any of the above measures protective of special-status species.</li> <li>▲ Compensatory mitigation for unavoidable loss of habitat or other impacts on special-status species may be achieved in advance of impacts through the purchase or creation of mitigation credits or the implementation of mitigation projects through Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP), as deemed appropriate by the permitting agencies.</li> </ul>		
<b>Impact BIO-1b:</b> Have substantial adverse impacts on designated critical habitat for federally listed plant and wildlife species	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure BIO-1(b)</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, for projects that could affect designated critical habitat for federally listed plant and wildlife species that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Coordination with USFWS and NOAA Fisheries, as appropriate based on the species, shall be conducted early in the environmental review process to determine the need for further mitigation, consultation, or permitting actions. Formal consultation is required for any project with a federal nexus when a listed species or designated critical habitat is likely to be adversely affected. Any conservation measures required by USFWS or NOAA Fisheries as</li> </ul>	LTS-M	LTS-M

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		<p>part of formal consultation (e.g., through issuance of a biological opinion) would be implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconfigure project design to avoid or minimize adverse effects on protected species within designated critical habitats.</li> <li>Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall comply with existing local regulations and policies, including applicable HCP/NCCPs.</li> <li>Additionally, implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-1(a), above, which includes an initial biological resource assessment and, if necessary, compensatory mitigation for unavoidable loss of habitat or other impacts on special-status species. Compensatory mitigation may be achieved in advance of impacts through the purchase or creation of mitigation credits or the implementation of mitigation projects through RAMP, as deemed appropriate by the permitting agencies.</li> </ul>		
<b>Impact BIO-2:</b> Have a substantial adverse effect on riparian habitat, State- or federally protected wetlands (including but not limited to marsh, vernal pool, coastal), or other sensitive natural communities identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by CDFW or USFWS, through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure BIO-2</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementing agencies shall require project sponsors to prepare biological resource assessments for specific projects proposed in areas containing, or likely to contain, jurisdictional waters or other sensitive or special-status communities. These assessments shall be conducted by qualified professionals in accordance with agency guidelines and standards. Where the biological resource assessments establish that mitigation is required to avoid and minimize direct and indirect adverse effects on State- or federally protected wetlands, or compensate for unavoidable effects, mitigation shall be developed consistent with the requirements or standards of USACE, EPA, RWQCB, and CDFW, and local regulations and guidelines, in addition to requirements of any applicable and adopted HCP/NCCP or other applicable plans developed to protect these resources. In keeping with the “no net loss” policy for jurisdictional waters (i.e., wetlands and other waters of the United States or State), project designs shall be configured, whenever possible, to avoid wetlands and other waters and avoid disturbances to wetlands and riparian corridors to preserve both the habitat and the overall ecological functions of these areas. Projects shall minimize ground disturbances and transportation project footprints near such areas to the extent practicable.</li> </ul>	LTS-M	LTS-M

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Project sponsors shall consult with USFWS, NMFS, USFS, CDFW where state-designated sensitive or riparian habitats provide potential or occupied habitat for federally listed rare, threatened, and endangered species afforded protection pursuant to the federal ESA, the MBTA during the breeding season, the California ESA, or Fully Protected Species afforded protection pursuant to the State Fish and Game Code and with the CDFW pursuant to the provisions of Section 1600 of the State Fish and Game Code as they relate to Lakes and Streambeds.</li> <li>▲ Where avoidance of jurisdictional waters is not feasible, project sponsors shall minimize fill and the use of in-water construction methods, and place fill only with express permit approval from the appropriate resource agencies (e.g., USACE, RWQCB, CDFW, BCDC, and CCC) and in accordance with applicable existing regulations, such as the Clean Water Act or local stream protection ordinances.</li> <li>▲ Project sponsors shall arrange for compensatory mitigation in the form of mitigation bank credits; on-site or off-site enhancement of existing waters; or wetland creation in accordance with applicable existing regulations and subject to approval by USACE, RWQCB, CDFW, BCDC, and/or CCC. If compensatory mitigation is required by the implementing agency, the project sponsor shall develop a restoration and monitoring plan that describes how compensatory mitigation will be achieved, implemented, maintained, and monitored. At a minimum, the restoration and monitoring plan shall include clear goals and objectives, success criteria, specifics on restoration/creation/enhancement (e.g., plant palette, soils, irrigation design standards and requirements), specific monitoring periods and reporting guidelines, and a maintenance plan. The following minimum performance standards (or other standards as required by the permitting agencies) shall apply to any wetland compensatory mitigation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Compensation shall be provided at a minimum 1:1 ratio for restoration, preservation, and creation but shall in all cases be consistent with mitigation ratios set forth in locally applicable plans (e.g., general plans, HCP/NCCPs) or in project-specific permitting documentation. Compensatory mitigation may be a combination of on-site restoration/creation/enhancement or off-site restoration, preservation, or enhancement. Compensatory mitigation may be achieved in advance of impacts through the purchase or creation of mitigation credits or the implementation of mitigation projects through RAMP, as deemed appropriate by the permitting agencies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ In general, any compensatory mitigation shall be monitored for a minimum of 5 years and will be considered successful when at least 75 percent cover (or other percent cover considered appropriate for the vegetation type) of installed vegetation has become successfully established.</li> <li>▀ If the restoration is not meeting success criteria, remedial measures shall be implemented and would typically include, but are not limited to, replanting, reseeding, grading adjustments, supplemental irrigation, access control, increased weed control, and extended maintenance and monitoring periods. After final success criteria have been met and relevant permitting agencies have approved the mitigation project as complete, all mitigation areas shall be permanently conserved (e.g., conservation easement) and managed in perpetuity.</li> <li>▲ Salvage and stockpile topsoil (i.e., the surface material from 6 to 12 inches deep) and perennial native plants, when recommended by the qualified wetland biologist, for use in restoring native vegetation to areas of temporary disturbance within the project area. Salvage of soils containing invasive species, seeds and/or rhizomes shall be avoided as identified by the qualified wetland biologist.</li> <li>▲ In accordance with CDFW guidelines and other instruments protective of sensitive or special-status natural communities, project sponsors shall avoid and minimize impacts on sensitive natural communities and habitats when designing and permitting projects. Where applicable, projects shall conform to the provisions of special area management or restoration plans, such as the Suisun Marsh Protection Plan and the East Contra Costa County HCP, which outline specific measures to protect sensitive vegetation communities.</li> <li>▲ If any portion of a sensitive natural community is permanently removed or temporarily disturbed, the project sponsor shall compensate for the loss. If such mitigation is required by the implementing agency, the project sponsor shall develop a restoration and monitoring plan that describes how compensatory mitigation will be achieved, implemented, maintained, and monitored. At a minimum, the restoration and monitoring plan shall include clear goals and objectives, success criteria, specifics on restoration/creation/enhancement (e.g., plant palette, soils, irrigation design standards and requirements), specific monitoring periods and reporting guidelines, and a maintenance plan. The following minimum performance standards (or other standards as</li> </ul>		

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		<p>required by the permitting agencies) shall apply to any compensatory mitigation for sensitive natural communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Compensation shall be provided at a minimum 1:1 ratio for restoration and preservation but shall in all cases be consistent with mitigation ratios set forth in locally applicable plans (e.g., general plans, HCP/NCCPs) or in project-specific permitting documentation. Compensatory mitigation may be a combination of on-site restoration/creation/enhancement or off-site restoration, preservation, or enhancement. Compensatory mitigation may be achieved in advance of impacts through the purchase or creation of mitigation credits or the implementation of mitigation projects through RAMP, as deemed appropriate by the permitting agencies.</li> <li>➤ In general, any compensatory mitigation shall be monitored for a minimum of 5 years and will be considered successful when at least 75 percent cover (or other percent cover considered appropriate for the vegetation type) of installed vegetation has become successfully established.</li> <li>➤ If the restoration is not meeting success criteria, remedial measures shall be implemented and would typically include, but are not limited to, replanting, reseeding, grading adjustments, supplemental irrigation, access control, increased weed control, and extended maintenance and monitoring periods. After final success criteria have been met and relevant permitting agencies have approved the mitigation project as complete, all mitigation areas shall be permanently conserved (e.g., conservation easement) and managed in perpetuity.</li> <li>▲ All construction materials, staging, storage, dispensing, fueling, and maintenance activities shall be located in upland areas outside of sensitive habitat, and adequate measures shall be taken to prevent any potential runoff from entering jurisdictional waters. Fueling of equipment shall take place within existing paved roads. Contractor equipment shall be checked for leaks prior to operation and repaired, as necessary.</li> <li>▲ Construction activities shall be scheduled, to the extent feasible, to avoid sensitive times for biological resources and to avoid the rainy season when erosion and sediment transport is increased.</li> <li>▲ Compliance with existing local regulations and policies, including applicable HCP/NCCPs, that exceed or reasonably replace any of the above measures protective of wetlands and other waters or sensitive natural communities.</li> </ul>		

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<b>Impact BIO-3:</b> Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridor, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure BIO-3(a)</b> Implementing agencies shall require project sponsors to prepare detailed analyses for specific projects affecting ECA lands to determine the wildlife species that may use these areas and the habitats those species require. Projects that would not affect ECA lands but that are located within or adjacent to open space lands, including wildlands and agricultural lands, shall also assess whether significant wildlife corridors are present, what wildlife species may use them, and what habitat those species require. The assessment shall be conducted by qualified professionals and according to applicable agency standards. Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Design projects to minimize impacts on wildlife movement and habitat connectivity and preserve existing and functional wildlife corridors.</li> <li>▲ Design projects to promote wildlife corridor redundancy by including multiple connections between habitat patches.</li> <li>▲ Conduct wildlife movement studies for projects that may fragment or constrict regional or local corridors and impede use to nursery sites. These studies will include, but would not be limited to, the following objectives: identify activity levels and directional wildlife movement trends within the study area, assess current functionality of existing underpasses, and determine what species or groups of species exhibit sensitivity to the existing roadways. Movement studies shall identify project-specific measures to avoid or mitigate impacts on corridors and movement to nursery sites that may include, but are not limited to, developing alternative project designs that allow wider movement corridors to remain; provide for buffer zones adjacent to corridors, such as passive recreation zones; implement physical barriers that prevent human and/or domestic predator entry into the corridor or block noise and lighting from development; incorporate shielded and directed lighting in areas near corridors; implement a “natives only” landscaping policy within 200 feet of identified wildlife corridors; incorporate periodic larger habitat patches along a corridor’s length; minimize the number of road crossings of identified wildlife corridors; and replace roadway culverts with bridges to allow for wildlife movement.</li> <li>▲ For projects that cannot avoid significant impacts on wildlife movement corridors or native wildlife nursery areas, consult with CDFW to determine appropriate measures to minimize</li> </ul>	LTS-M	SU

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		<p>direct and indirect impacts and implement measures to mitigate impacts on wildlife corridors or native wildlife nursery sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Conduct site-specific analyses of opportunities to preserve or improve habitat linkages with areas on- and off-site.</li> <li>▲ Analyze habitat linkages and wildlife movement corridors on a broad scale for long linear projects with the possibility of adversely affecting wildlife movement to avoid critical narrow choke points that could reduce function of recognized movement corridor.</li> <li>▲ Construct wildlife-friendly overpasses and culverts.</li> <li>▲ Fence major transportation corridors in the vicinity of identified wildlife corridors.</li> <li>▲ Use wildlife-friendly fences that allow larger wildlife, such as deer, to cross over and smaller wildlife to move under.</li> <li>▲ For projects that require the placement of stream culverts in a fish spawning stream, follow USACE, NOAA Fisheries, USFWS, and CDFW permit conditions and design requirements to allow fish passage through the culverts.</li> <li>▲ Limit wildland conversions in identified wildlife corridors.</li> <li>▲ Retain wildlife-friendly vegetation in and around developments.</li> <li>▲ Monitor and maintain fencing, under crossings, and/or other crossing structures as needed to ensure corridor permeability and functionality. Development and implementation of a fencing and wildlife crossing structure maintenance plan is recommended to maintain permeability for wildlife across corridors.</li> <li>▲ Prohibit construction activities within 500 feet of occupied breeding areas for wildlife afforded protection pursuant to Title 14 Section 460 of the California Code of Regulations protecting fur-bearing mammals, during the breeding season.</li> <li>▲ Comply with existing local regulations and policies, including applicable HCP/NCCPs, that exceed or reasonably replace any of the above measures to protect wildlife corridors.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mitigation Measure BIO-3(b)</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement the following measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Implement Mitigation Measures BIO-1(a) and BIO-2.</li> </ul>		

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<b>Impact BIO-4:</b> Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance, or with provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP); Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP); or other approved local, regional, or State HCP	LTS	None required.	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact BIO-5:</b> Have the potential to substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species; cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels; threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community; or substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered, rare, or threatened species	PS	<b>Mitigation Measure BIO-5</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement the following measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement Mitigation Measures BIO-1(a), BIO-1(b), BIO-2, and BIO-3(a).</li> </ul>	LTS-M	SU
<b>3.6 Climate Change, Greenhouse Gases, and Energy</b>				
<b>Impact GHG-1:</b> Result in a net increase in greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, compared to 2015 conditions that may have a significant impact on the environment	PS	<b>Mitigation Measure GHG-1</b> Consistent with the recommendations in the 2017 Scoping Plan, the applicable lead agency can and should implement, where necessary and feasible to address site-specific construction climate change impacts, the following measures to avoid or minimize impacts related to construction GHG emissions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project proponents shall require its contractors to restrict the idling of on- and off-road diesel equipment to no more than 5 minutes while the equipment is on-site.</li> <li>Project proponents of new facilities shall implement waste, disposal, and recycling strategies (i.e., 10 percent recycled content for Tier 1 and 15 percent recycled content for Tier 2) in accordance with the voluntary measures for non-residential land uses contained in Section A5.405 of the 2016 CALGreen Code or in accordance with any update to these requirements in future iterations of the CALGreen Code in place at the time of project construction.</li> <li>Project proponents of new facilities shall achieve or exceed the enhanced Tier 2 target for nonresidential land uses of recycling or reusing 80 percent of the construction waste as described in Section A5.408 of the 2016 CALGreen Code or in accordance with any update to these requirements in future iterations of the CALGreen Code in place at the time of project construction.</li> <li>Project proponents shall require all diesel-powered, off-road construction equipment meet EPA's Tier 3 or Tier 4 emissions standards as defined in 40 CFR 1039 and comply with the exhaust emission test procedures and provisions of 40 CFR Parts 1065 and 1068. This</li> </ul>	SU	SU

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		<p>measure can also be achieved by using battery-electric off-road equipment as it becomes available.</p> <p>▲ Project proponents shall implement a program that incentivizes construction workers to carpool, and/or use public transit or electric vehicles to commute to and from the project site.</p>		
<b>Impact GHG-2:</b> Conflict with the Bay Area region's achievement of the GHG emissions reduction target of 19 percent below 2005 emissions by 2035 established by CARB pursuant to SB 375	LTS	None required.	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact GHG-3:</b> Conflict with an applicable state plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases	PS	<p>Implement Mitigation Measures TRA-2a and TRA-2b</p> <p><b>Mitigation Measure GHG-3</b> Consistent with the recommendations in the 2017 Scoping Plan, implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement the following, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations:</p> <p>▲ CAP support programs: MTC and ABAG, in partnership with the BAAQMD, shall provide technical assistance to the counties and cities in the Bay Area to adopt qualified GHG reduction plans (e.g., CAPs). The CAPs can be regional or adopted by individual jurisdictions, so long as they meet the standards of a GHG reduction program as described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5. At the regional level, the cumulative emissions reduction of individual CAPs within the region or a regional CAP should demonstrate an additional Bay Area-wide reduction of 33 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e from land uses and on-road transportation compared with projected 2050 emissions levels already expected to be achieved by the Plan. (This is based on the 2015 Bay Area land use and on-road transportation emissions of 37 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e, the statewide GHG reduction target of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, and a two percent increase in statewide emissions between 1990 and 2015). However, MTC and ABAG do not have jurisdiction over the adoption of CAPs by individual jurisdictions.</p> <p>▲ Energy reduction incentive programs: These reductions can be achieved through a combination of programs supported by BayREN, which focus on energy reduction by homeowners, multifamily property owners, and businesses through energy retrofits of existing buildings. BayREN also supports other programs that help local jurisdictions reduce building energy use through improved design and construction standards, such as updated Title 24 energy standards, and including ZNE in new construction. These</p>	SU	SU

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		<p>programs and other measures supported by MTC and ABAG may be included so long as the additional 33 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e reduction (by 2050) can be demonstrated. However, MTC and ABAG cannot require engagement in these programs. This target can be adjusted depending on the progress of statewide legislation or regulations in reducing statewide GHG emissions, so long as a trajectory to achieve this target in the Bay Area is maintained.</p> <p>While many local jurisdictions in the region have released CAPs, the additional implementation of CAPs in the region would continue to help to reduce GHG emissions from the land use projects that would be constructed under the Plan, as well as reducing GHG emissions from existing uses. Energy reduction incentive programs, such as those supported by BayRen, would help with reduce GHG emissions from energy usage in existing and new structures in the region.</p>		
<b>Impact GHG-4:</b> Conflict with an applicable local plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases	LTS	None required.	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact EN-1:</b> Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation	LTS	None required.	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact EN-2:</b> Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency	LTS	None required.	LTS	LTS
<b>3.7 Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources</b>				
<b>Impact CUL/TCR-1:</b> Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Guidelines Section 15064.5	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure CUL/TCR-1</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require a survey and evaluation of structures greater than 45 years in age within the area of potential effect to determine their eligibility for recognition under federal, State, or local historic preservation criteria. The evaluation shall be prepared by an architectural historian or historical architect meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation Professional Qualification Standards (SOI PQS). The evaluation shall comply with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(b) and, if federal funding or</li> </ul>	SU	SU

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		<p>permits are required, with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S. Code Section 470 et seq.). Study recommendations shall be implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Realign or redesign projects to avoid impacts on known historical resources where possible.</li> <li>If avoidance of a significant historical resource is not feasible, implement additional mitigation options that include specific design plans for historic districts or plans for alteration or adaptive reuse of a historical resource that follows the Secretary of the Interior's <i>Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings</i>. The application of the standards shall be overseen by an architectural historian or historic architect meeting the SOI PQS. Prior to any construction activities that may affect the historical resource, a report meeting industry standards shall identify and specify the treatment of character-defining features and construction activities and be provided to the lead agency for review and approval.</li> <li>If a project would result in the demolition or significant alteration of a historical resource, the resource shall be recorded prior to demolition or alteration. Recordation shall take the form of Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), or Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) documentation and shall be performed by an architectural historian or historian who meets the SOI PQS. The documentation package shall be archived in appropriate public and secure repositories. The specific scope and details of documentation shall be developed at the project level in coordination with the lead agency.</li> <li>Comply with existing local regulations and policies that exceed or reasonably replace any of the above measures that protect historical resources.</li> </ul>		
<b>Impact CUL/TCR-2:</b> Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a unique archaeological resource as defined in Guidelines Section 15064.5	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure CUL/TCR-2</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before construction activities, project sponsors shall retain a qualified archaeologist to conduct a record search at the appropriate information center to determine whether the project area has been previously surveyed and whether resources were identified; the record search shall include contacting the NAHC to request a Sacred Lands File search and a list of relevant Native American contacts who may have additional information. If a survey</li> </ul>	SU	SU

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		<p>of the project area has not been conducted in the last 5 years, project sponsors shall retain a qualified archaeologist to conduct archaeological surveys prior to construction activities. Project sponsors shall follow recommendations identified in the survey, which may include activities such as subsurface testing, designing and implementing a Worker Environmental Awareness Program, construction monitoring by a qualified archaeologist, avoidance of sites, or preservation in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Areas determined to be of cultural significance shall be monitored during the grading, excavation, trenching, and removal of existing features by a qualified archeologist and culturally affiliated California Native American tribal monitor.</li> <li>▲ To ensure that new transportation facilities, such as the Transbay rail crossing, do not adversely affect potentially buried archaeological deposits, an underwater archaeological survey shall be conducted to identify, evaluate, and protect significant submerged cultural resources prior to activities that would disturb the shoreline or the floor of the bay. Additionally, the archaeologist shall request a search of California State Lands Commission's Shipwreck Database.</li> <li>▲ When a project would impact a known archaeological site, the project sponsor and/or implementing agency shall determine whether the site is a historical resource (CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(c)(1)). If archaeological resources identified in the project area are considered potentially significant, the project sponsor and/or responsible implementing agency shall undertake additional studies overseen by a qualified archaeologist (36 CFR Section 61) to evaluate the resources eligibility for listing in the CRHR, NRHP, or local register and to recommend further mitigative treatment. Evaluations shall be based on, but not limited to, surface remains, subsurface testing, or archival and ethnographic resources, on the framework of the historic context and important research questions of the project area, and on the integrity of the resource. If a site to be tested is prehistoric, culturally affiliated California Native American tribal representatives shall be afforded the opportunity to monitor the ground-disturbing activities. Appropriate mitigation may include curation of artifacts removed during subsurface testing.</li> <li>▲ If prehistoric archeological resources are identified through survey or discovered in the project area, the culturally affiliated California Native American tribe shall be notified. Both the archeologist and tribal monitor or tribal representative should strive for agreement on the determined significance of an artifact or cultural resource.</li> </ul>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ If significant archaeological resources that meet the definition of historical or unique archaeological resources are identified in the project area, the preferred mitigation of impacts is preservation in place (CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b); PRC Section 21083.2). Preservation in place may be accomplished by, but is not limited to, avoidance by project design, incorporation within parks, open space or conservation easements, covering with a layer of sterile soil, or similar measures. If preservation in place is feasible, mitigation is complete. Additionally, where the implementing agency determines that an alternative mitigation method is superior to in-place preservation, the project sponsor and/or implementing agency may implement such alternative measures.</li> <li>▲ When preservation in place or avoidance of historical or unique archaeological resources are infeasible, data recovery through excavation shall be required (CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)). Data recovery would consist of approval of a Data Recovery Plan and archaeological excavation of an adequate sample of site contents so that research questions applicable to the site can be addressed. For prehistoric sites, the culturally affiliated California Native American tribe shall be afforded the opportunity to monitor the ground-disturbing activities. If only part of a site would be impacted by a project, data recovery shall only be necessary for that portion of the site. Data recovery shall not be required if the implementing agency determines prior testing and studies have adequately recovered the scientifically consequential information from the resources. Confidential studies and reports resulting from the data recovery shall be deposited with the Northwest Information Center. Mitigation may include curation for artifacts removed during data recovery excavation.</li> <li>▲ If archaeological resources are discovered during construction, all work near the find shall be halted and the project sponsor and/or implementing agency shall follow the steps described under CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(f), including an immediate evaluation of the find by a qualified archaeologist (36 CFR Section 61) and implementation of avoidance measures or appropriate mitigation if the find is determined to be a historical resource or unique archaeological resource. If the find is a prehistoric archaeological site, the culturally affiliated California Native American tribe shall be notified and afforded the opportunity to monitor mitigative treatment. During evaluation or mitigative treatment, ground disturbance and construction work could continue on other parts of the project area.</li> </ul>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate curation of all historical resources or a unique archaeological resources and associated records in a regional center focused on the care, management, and use of archaeological collections. All Native American human remains and associated grave goods discovered shall be returned to their Most Likely Descendent and repatriated. The final disposition of artifacts not directly associated with Native American graves will be negotiated during consultation with the culturally affiliated California Native American tribes. Artifacts include material recovered from all phases of work, including the initial survey, testing, indexing, data recovery, and monitoring. Curated materials shall be maintained with respect for cultures and available to future generations for research.</li> <li>Project sponsors shall comply with existing local regulations and policies that exceed or reasonably replace any of the above measures that protect archaeological resources.</li> </ul>		
<b>Impact CUL/TCR-3:</b> Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries	LTS	None required.	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact CUL/TCR-4:</b> Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in PRC Section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure CUL/TCR-4(a)</b> If the implementing agency determines that a project may cause a substantial adverse change to a tribal cultural resource, and measures are not otherwise identified in the consultation process required under PRC Section 21080.3.2, implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement the following measures, where feasible and necessary, to address site-specific impacts and avoid or minimize the significant adverse impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource (PRC Section 21084.3[a]). If the lead agency determines that a project may cause a substantial adverse change to a tribal cultural resource, and measures are not otherwise identified in the consultation process, provisions in the PRC describe mitigation measures that, if determined by the lead agency to be feasible, may avoid or minimize the significant adverse impacts (PRC Section 21084.3[b]). Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>avoiding and preserving the resources in place, including planning and constructing to avoid the resources and protect the cultural and natural context, or planning greenspace, parks, or other open space to incorporate the resources with culturally appropriate protection and management criteria;</li> <li>treating the resource with culturally appropriate dignity, taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resource, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource,</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	SU	SU

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ protecting the traditional use of the resource, and</li> <li>▪ protecting the confidentiality of the resource;</li> <li>▣ establishing permanent conservation easements or other interests in real property, with culturally appropriate management criteria for the purposes of preserving or using the resources or places; and</li> <li>▣ protecting the resource.</li> <li>▲ The implementing agency shall determine whether or not implementation of a project would indirectly affect tribal cultural resources by increasing public visibility and ease of access. If it would, the implementing agency shall take measures to reduce the visibility or accessibility of the tribal cultural resource to the public. Visibility of the resource can be reduced through the use of decorative walls or vegetation screening. Accessibility can be reduced by installing fencing or vegetation barriers, particularly noxious vegetation, such as poison oak or blackberry bushes. It is important to avoid creating an attractive nuisance when protecting tribal cultural resources. Conspicuous walls or signs indicating that an area is restricted may result in more attempts to access the excluded area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mitigation Measure CUL/TCR-4(b)</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Implement Mitigation Measure CUL/TCR-2.</li> </ul>		
<b>3.8 Geology, Seismicity and Mineral Resources</b>				
<b>Impact GEO-1:</b> Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact GEO-2:</b> Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving strong seismic ground shaking	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact GEO-3:</b> Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS

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death involving seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction, lateral spreading, and subsidence				
<b>Impact GEO-4:</b> Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving landslides	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact GEO-5:</b> Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact GEO-6:</b> Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact GEO-7:</b> Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure GEO-7</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Ensure compliance with the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the Antiquities Act, Section 5097.5 of the PRC, adopted county and city general plans, and other federal, State, and local regulations, as applicable and feasible, by adhering to and incorporating the performance standards and practices for the assessment and mitigation of adverse impacts on paleontological resources.</li> <li>▲ Obtain review by a qualified paleontologist to determine whether the project has the potential to require ground disturbance of parent material with potential to contain unique paleontological resources or to require the substantial alteration of a unique geologic feature. The assessment should include museum records searches, a review of geologic mapping and the scientific literature, geotechnical studies (if available), and potentially a pedestrian survey if units with paleontological potential are present at the surface.</li> <li>▲ Avoid exposure or displacement of parent material with potential to yield unique paleontological resources.</li> <li>▲ Implement the following measures where avoidance of parent material with the potential to yield unique paleontological resources is not feasible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ All on-site construction personnel shall receive Worker Education and Awareness Program training before the commencement of excavation work to understand the regulatory framework that provides for protection of paleontological resources and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	LTS-M	SU

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		<p>become familiar with diagnostic characteristics of the materials with the potential to be encountered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A qualified paleontologist shall prepare a paleontological resource management plan (PRMP) to guide the salvage, documentation, and repository of unique paleontological resources encountered during construction. If unique paleontological resources are encountered during construction, qualified paleontologist shall oversee the implementation of the PRMP.</li> <li>➤ Ground-disturbing activities in parent material with a moderate to high potential to yield unique paleontological resources shall be monitored using a qualified paleontological monitor to determine whether unique paleontological resources are encountered during such activities, consistent with the specified or comparable protocols.</li> <li>▲ Identify where ground disturbance is proposed in a geologic unit having the potential to contain fossils, and specify the need for a paleontological monitor to be present during ground disturbance in these areas.</li> <li>▲ Avoid routes and project designs that would permanently alter unique geological features.</li> <li>▲ Salvage and document adversely affected resources sufficient to support ongoing scientific research and education.</li> <li>▲ If paleontological resources are discovered during earthmoving activities, the construction crew will be directed to immediately cease work and notify the implementing agencies and/or project sponsors. The project sponsor will retain a qualified paleontologist for identification and salvage of fossils so that construction delays can be minimized. The paleontologist will be responsible for implementing a recovery plan which could include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ in the event of discovery, salvage of unearthed fossil remains, typically involving simple excavation of the exposed specimen but possibly also plaster-jacketing of large and/or fragile specimens, or more elaborate quarry excavations of richly fossiliferous deposits;</li> <li>➤ recovery of stratigraphic and geologic data to provide a context for the recovered fossil remains, typically including description of lithologies of fossil-bearing strata,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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		<p>measurement and description of the overall stratigraphic section, and photographic documentation of the geologic setting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ laboratory preparation (cleaning and repair) of collected fossil remains to a point of curation, generally involving removal of enclosing rock material, stabilization of fragile specimens (using glues and other hardeners), and repair of broken specimens;</li> <li>➤ cataloging and identification of prepared fossil remains, typically involving scientific identification of specimens, inventory of specimens, assignment of catalog numbers, and entry of data into an inventory database;</li> <li>➤ transferal, for storage, of cataloged fossil remains to an appropriate repository, with consent of property owner;</li> <li>➤ preparation of a final report summarizing the field and laboratory methods used, the stratigraphic units inspected, the types of fossils recovered, and the significance of the curated collection; and</li> <li>➤ project sponsors shall comply with existing local regulations and policies that exceed or reasonably replace any of the above measures that protect paleontological or geologic resources.</li> </ul> <p>▲ Prepare significant recovered fossils to the point of curation, identified by qualified experts, listed in a database to facilitate analysis, and deposited in a designated paleontological curation facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Following the conclusion of the paleontological monitoring, ensure that the qualified paleontologist prepares a report stating that the paleontological monitoring requirement has been fulfilled and summarizes the results of any paleontological finds. The report should be submitted to the CEQA lead agency and to the repository curating the collected artifacts and should document the methods and results of all work completed under the PRMP, including the treatment of paleontological materials; results of specimen processing, analysis, and research; and final curation arrangements.</li> </ul>		
<b>Impact MR-1:</b> Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state or a locally-important mineral resources recovery site delineated on a local land use plan	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS

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3.9 Hazards and Wildfire				
Impact HAZ-1: Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
Impact HAZ-2: Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
Impact HAZ-3: Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within 0.25 mile of an existing or proposed school	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
Impact HAZ-4: Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, create a significant hazard to the public or the environment	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure HAZ-4</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▲ The project proponent shall perform a records review to determine whether there is existing permitted use of hazardous materials or documented evidence of hazardous waste contamination on the project site and provide the results of this investigation to the implementing agency.</li><li>▲ For any project located on or near a hazardous materials and/or waste site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 or sites that have the potential for residual hazardous materials as a result of historic land uses, project proponents shall prepare a Phase I ESA in accordance with the American Society for Testing and Materials' E-1527-05 standard.</li><li>▲ For any project located on or near sites that are not listed and do not have the potential for residual hazardous materials as a result of historic land uses, no action is required unless unknown hazards are discovered during development. In that case, the implementing agency shall discontinue development until DTSC, RWQCB, the local air district, and/or other responsible agency issues a determination, which would likely require a Phase I ESA as part of the assessment.</li><li>▲ Develop, train, and implement worker awareness and protective measures to minimize worker and public exposure to an acceptable level and to prevent environmental contamination as a result of construction.</li></ul>	LTS-M	SU

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Projects preparing a Phase I ESA, where required, shall fully implement the recommendations contained in the report. If a Phase I ESA indicates the presence or likely presence of contamination, the project proponent shall prepare a Phase II ESA, and recommendations of the Phase II ESA shall be fully implemented.</li> <li>▲ Consult with the appropriate local, state, and federal environmental regulatory agencies to ensure sufficient minimization of risk to human health and environmental resources, both during and after construction, posed by soil contamination, groundwater contamination, or other surface hazards including, but not limited to, underground storage tanks, fuel distribution lines, waste pits and sumps.</li> </ul>		
<b>Impact HAZ-5:</b> Result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the planning area for projects located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within 2 miles of a public airport or public use airport	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact HAZ-6:</b> Impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure HAZ-6</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Continue to participate in the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Transportation Emergency Management (RTEMP), review the plan annually, and update as appropriate.</li> <li>▲ Develop new methods of conveying projected and real time evacuation information to citizens using emerging electronic communication tools including social media and cellular networks.</li> <li>▲ Adopt and/or revise, as appropriate, local emergency response and evacuation plans that address growth and potential for congestion on evacuation routes. Include contingencies for lower private automobile ownership and reliance on public transit for evacuation, consistent with the RTEMP.</li> <li>▲ Require specific projects to demonstrate consistency with all applicable emergency response and evacuation plans. Where temporary road closures would be required during construction, prepare traffic mitigation plans that address traffic control and establish alternate emergency response and evacuation routes in coordination with emergency service providers.</li> </ul>	LTS-M	SU

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<b>Impact HAZ-7:</b> Exacerbate the risk of wildland fires, associated pollutant release, and potential for flooding and landslides due to projected land use patterns and infrastructure in or near State Responsibility Areas or land classified as very high hazard severity zones	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure HAZ-7</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Restrict development of areas mapped by CAL FIRE as high and very high fire hazard zones.</li> <li>▲ Improve and educate residents and businesses regarding local emergency communications and notifications.</li> <li>▲ Enforce defensible space regulations to keep overgrown and unmanaged vegetation, accumulations of trash and other flammable material away from structures.</li> <li>▲ Provide public education about wildfire risk and fire prevention measures, and safety procedures and practices to allow for safe evacuation and/or options to shelter-in-place.</li> <li>▲ Plan for and promote rapid revegetation of burned areas to help prevent erosion and protect bare soils.</li> <li>▲ Develop a regulatory mechanism for permitting an aggressive hazardous fuels management program.</li> <li>▲ Establish standards for fuel breaks that can slow or stop a wildfire advancing into a community or into the wildlands. Fuel breaks shall be strategically located to protect a community, structures, or routes of access and egress. Strategic locations may include ridgelines, greenbelts, or other locations to manage embers or support community-level fire suppression tactics.</li> <li>▲ MTC shall facilitate minimizing future impacts to fire protection services through information sharing regarding fire-wise land management (vegetation data, fire-resistant building materials, locations where development is vulnerable to wildfire, and best practices for safe land management) with county and city planning departments.</li> <li>▲ MTC, in partnership with technical experts and stakeholders, shall launch or continue existing initiatives to help local cities and counties to protect Bay Area communities and economies from the disruption of wildfire occurrences. Initiatives could include but not be limited to seminars that review the risk of wildfire and approaches for preparation, including strengthening of infrastructure, emergency services, emergency evacuation plans and reviewing building safety codes.</li> </ul>	SU	SU

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3.10 Hydrology and Water Quality				
Impact HYDRO-1: Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
Impact HYDRO-2: Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
Impact HYDRO-3: Substantially alter existing drainage patterns, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion, siltation, or additional sources of polluted runoff	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
Impact HYDRO-4: Substantially alter existing drainage patterns, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would result in runoff that exceeds capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or results in flooding on- or off-site	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
Impact HYDRO-5: Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would impede or redirect flood flows	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
Impact HYDRO-6: In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
3.11 Land Use, Population, and Housing				
Impact LU-1: Physically divide an established community	PS	Mitigation Measure LU-1 Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:	SU	SU

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Incorporate design features such as sidewalks, bike lanes, and bike/pedestrian bridges or tunnels that maintain or improve access and connections within existing communities and to public transit through regional programs, such as OBAG.</li> <li>▲ Encourage implementing agencies to orient transportation projects to minimize impacts on existing communities by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ selecting alignments within or adjacent to existing public rights-of-way;</li> <li>▼ designing sections above or below grade to maintain viable vehicular, cycling, and pedestrian connections between portions of communities where existing connections are disrupted by the transportation project; and</li> <li>▼ wherever feasible incorporating direct crossings, overcrossings, or undercrossings at regular intervals for multiple modes of travel (e.g., pedestrians, bicyclists, vehicles).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Where it has been determined that it is infeasible to avoid creating a barrier in an established community, encourage implementing agencies to consider other measures to reduce impacts, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ shifting alignments to minimize the area affected;</li> <li>▲ reducing the proposed right-of-way take to minimize the overall area of impact; and</li> <li>▲ providing for bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicle access across improved roadways.</li> </ul>		
<b>Impact LU-2:</b> Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure LU-2</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ MTC shall continue to provide targeted technical services, such as GIS and data support for cities and counties to update their general plans at least every 10 years, as recommended by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.</li> <li>▲ MTC shall provide technical assistance and regional leadership to encourage implementation of the Plan goals and strategies that integrate growth and land use planning with the existing and planned transportation network.</li> </ul>	SU	SU
<b>Impact LU-3:</b> Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS

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<b>Impact LU-4:</b> Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere	PS	<b>Mitigation Measure LU-4</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, the mitigation measures described throughout this EIR to address the effects of displacement that could result in the construction of replacement housing, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures AES-1 through AES-4</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures AGF-1 through AGF-3</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures AQ-2 through AQ-4</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through BIO-3 and BIO-5</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures GHG-1 and GHG-3</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures CUL/TCR-1, CUL/TCR-2, and CUL/TCR-4</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measure GEO-7</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures HAZ-4, HAZ-6 and HAZ-7</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures LU-1 and LU-2</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures NOISE-1 through Noise-4</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures PSR-1 and PSR-2</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures PUF-1 through PUF-4</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measure TRA-2</li> </ul>	SU	SU
<b>3.12 Noise</b>				
<b>Impact NOISE-1:</b> Generate a substantial temporary increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies	PS	<b>Mitigation Measure NOISE-1</b> To reduce construction noise levels to achieve the applicable noise standards of the relevant jurisdiction within the Plan Area, implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Comply with local construction-related noise standards, including restricting construction activities to permitted hours as defined under local jurisdiction regulations (e.g., Alameda County Code restricts construction noise to between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on weekdays and between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on weekends).</li> <li>▲ Notify neighbors and occupants within 300 feet of the project construction area at least 30 days in advance of anticipated times when noise levels are expected to exceed limits established in the noise element of the general plan or noise ordinance.</li> <li>▲ Designate an on-site construction complaint and enforcement manager for the project.</li> </ul>	SU	SU

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Post procedures and phone numbers at the construction site for notifying the implementing agency staff, local Police Department, and construction contractor (during regular construction hours and off-hours), along with permitted construction days and hours, complaint procedures, and who to notify in the event of a problem.</li> <li>▲ Properly maintain construction equipment and outfit construction equipment with the best available noise suppression devices (e.g., mufflers, silencers, wraps).</li> <li>▲ Prohibit idling of construction equipment for extended periods of time in the vicinity of sensitive receptors.</li> <li>▲ Locate stationary equipment, such as generators, compressors, rock crushers, and cement mixers, a minimum of 50 feet from sensitive receptors, but further if possible.</li> <li>▲ Use hydraulically or electrically powered tools (e.g., jack hammers, pavement breakers, and rock drills) for project construction to avoid noise associated with compressed air exhaust from pneumatically powered tools. However, where use of pneumatic tools is unavoidable, an exhaust muffler on the compressed air exhaust should be used; this muffler can lower noise levels from the exhaust by up to about 10 dBA. External jackets on the tools themselves should be used, if such jackets are commercially available, and this could achieve a further reduction of 5 dBA. Quieter procedures should be used, such as drills rather than impact equipment, whenever such procedures are available and consistent with construction procedures.</li> <li>▲ Erect temporary construction-noise barriers around the construction site when adjacent occupied sensitive land uses are present within 75 feet.</li> <li>▲ Use noise control blankets on building structures as buildings are erected to reduce noise emission from the site.</li> </ul>		
<b>Impact NOISE-2:</b> Generate a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure NOISE-2(a)</b> To reduce exposure from traffic noise when significant to achieve the applicable noise thresholds for each roadway type (i.e., 70 dBA CNEL for major roads/freeway, 65 dBA CNEL for all other roads), implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Design adjustments to proposed roadway or transit alignments to reduce noise levels in noise-sensitive areas (e.g., below-grade roadway alignments can effectively reduce noise levels in nearby areas by providing a barrier between the source and receptor).</li> </ul>	LTS-M	SU

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Use techniques such as landscaped berms, dense plantings, reduced-noise paving materials, and traffic-calming measures in the design of transportation improvements.</li> <li>▲ Use rubberized asphalt or “quiet pavement” to reduce road noise for new roadway segments, roadways in which widening or other modifications require re-pavement, or normal reconstruction of roadways where re-pavement is planned.</li> <li>▲ Maximize the distance between existing noise-sensitive land uses and new noise-generating facilities and transportation systems.</li> <li>▲ Contribute to the insulation of buildings or construction of noise barriers around sensitive receptor properties adjacent to the transportation improvement.</li> <li>▲ Use land use planning measures, such as zoning, restrictions on development, site design, and buffers to ensure that future development is noise compatible with adjacent transportation facilities and land uses.</li> <li>▲ Monitor the effectiveness of noise reduction measures by taking noise measurements and installing adaptive mitigation measures to achieve the standards for ambient noise levels established by the noise element of the general plan or noise ordinance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mitigation Measure NOISE-2(b)</b> To reduce the exposure of existing sensitive receptors to non-transportation noise associated with projected development and achieve a noise reduction below 70 dBA CNEL or local applicable noise standard, implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Local agencies approving land use projects shall require that routine testing and preventive maintenance of emergency electrical generators be conducted during the less sensitive daytime hours (per the applicable local municipal code). Electrical generators or other mechanical equipment shall be equipped with noise control (e.g., muffler) devices in accordance with manufacturers’ specifications.</li> <li>▲ Local agencies approving land use projects shall require that external mechanical equipment, including HVAC units, associated with buildings and other stationary sources (e.g., commercial loading docks) incorporate features designed to reduce noise to below 70 dBA CNEL or the local applicable noise standard. These features may include locating equipment or activity areas within equipment rooms or enclosures that incorporate noise reduction features, such as acoustical louvers, and exhaust and intake silencers. Enclosures shall be oriented so that major openings (i.e., intake louvers, exhaust) are</li> </ul>		

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		<p>directed away from nearby noise-sensitive receptors. Site design considerations shall also incorporate appropriate setback distances, to the extent practical, from the noise and existing sensitive receptors to minimize noise exposure.</p> <p><b>Mitigation Measure NOISE-2(c)</b> To reduce transit-related noise exposure to existing receptors within 50 feet of a rail transit line to below 70 dBA, or other applicable standard, implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ When finalizing development project site plans or transportation project design, sufficient setback between occupied structures and the railroad tracks shall be provided to minimize noise exposure to the extent feasible.</li> <li>▲ When finalizing development project site plans, noise-sensitive outdoor use areas shall be sited as far away from adjacent noise sources as possible and site plans shall be designed to shield noise-sensitive spaces with buildings or noise barriers whenever possible.</li> <li>▲ Prior to project approval, the implementing agency for a transportation project shall ensure that the transportation project sponsor applies the following mitigation measures (or other technologically feasible measures) to achieve a site-specific exterior noise level of 70 dBA CNEL (or other applicable local noise standard) and interior noise level of 45 dBA CNEL at sensitive land uses, as applicable for transit projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ use sound reduction barriers, such as landscaped berms and dense plantings;</li> <li>▼ locate rail extension below grade as feasible;</li> <li>▼ use damped wheels on railway cars;</li> <li>▼ use vehicle skirts;</li> <li>▼ use undercar acoustically absorptive material; and</li> <li>▼ install sound insulation treatments for affected structures.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Impact NOISE-3:</b> Generate excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure NOISE-3(a)</b> To reduce construction vibration levels to acceptable levels (i.e., 65 VdB to 80 VdB depending on frequency of event and 0.1 to 0.6 PPV in/sec depending on building type), implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ To minimize disturbance of receptors within 550 feet of pile-driving activities, implement “quiet” pile-driving technology (such as predrilling of piles and the use of more than one</li> </ul>	LTS-M	SU

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		<p>pile driver to shorten the total pile driving duration), where feasible, in consideration of geotechnical and structural requirements and conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ To reduce structural damage, where pile driving is proposed within 50 feet of an older or historic building, engage a qualified geotechnical engineer and qualified historic preservation professional (for designated historic buildings only) and/or structural engineer to conduct a preconstruction assessment of existing subsurface conditions and the structural integrity of nearby (i.e., within 50 feet) historic structures that would be exposed to pile-driving activity. If recommended by the preconstruction assessment, for structures or facilities within 50 feet of pile-driving activities, the project sponsors shall require ground vibration monitoring of nearby historic structures. Such methods and technologies shall be based on the specific conditions at the construction site. Conditions will be determined through activities such as the preconstruction surveying of potentially affected historic structures and underpinning of foundations of potentially affected structures, as necessary. The preconstruction assessment shall include a monitoring program to detect ground settlement or lateral movement of structures in the vicinity of pile-driving activities and identify corrective measures to be taken should monitored vibration levels indicate the potential for building damage. In the event of unacceptable ground movement with the potential to cause structural damage, all impact work shall cease, and corrective measures shall be implemented to minimize the risk to the subject, or adjacent, historic structure.</li> </ul> <p>Use cushion blocks to dampen impact noise from pile driving.</p> <p><b>Mitigation Measure NOISE-3(b)</b> To reduce vibration effects from rail operations, implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Ensure that project sponsors apply the following mitigation measures to achieve FTA-recommended vibration levels of 72 VdB at residential land uses, or other applicable standard, for rail extension projects:</li> <li>▲ Use high-resilience (soft) direct fixation fasteners for embedded track.</li> <li>▲ Install ballast mat, or other approved technology for the purpose of reducing vibration, for ballast and tietrack.</li> </ul>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct regular rail maintenance, including rail grinding and wheel truing to recontour wheels, to provide smooth running surfaces.</li> </ul>		
<b>Impact NOISE-4:</b> For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels	PS	<b>Mitigation Measure NOISE-4</b> Local lead agencies for all new development proposed to be located within an existing airport influence zone, as defined by the locally adopted airport land use compatibility plan or local general plan, shall require a site-specific noise compatibility study. The study shall consider and evaluate existing aircraft noise, based on specific aircraft activity data for the airport in question, and shall include recommendations for site design and building construction to ensure compliance with interior noise levels of 45 dBA CNEL, such that the potential for sleep disturbance is minimized.	LTS-M	SU
<b>3.13 Public Services and Recreation</b>				
<b>Impact PSR-1:</b> Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, and other public facilities	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure PSR-1(a)</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement the following measure, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prior to approval of new development projects, local agencies shall ensure that adequate public services, and related infrastructure and utilities, will be available to meet or satisfy levels identified in the applicable local general plan or service master plan, through compliance with existing local policies related to minimum levels of service for schools, police protection, fire protection, medical emergency services, and other government services (e.g., libraries, prisons, social services). Compliance may include requiring projects to either provide the additional services required to meet service levels or pay fees toward the project's fair share portion of the required services pursuant to adopted fee programs and State law.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mitigation Measure PSR-1(b)</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement the following measure, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For projects that could increase demand for public services facilities, implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall coordinate with relevant service providers to ensure that the existing public services could accommodate the increase in demand. If existing facilities are found to be inadequate to maintain adequate capital capacity, equipment, personnel, and/or response times, facility improvements for the appropriate public service shall be identified in each project's CEQA documentation. Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement, where feasible and necessary, the</li> </ul>	SU	SU

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		<p>mitigation measures described throughout this EIR to address the environmental effects related to the construction of new or expanded public service facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✔ Mitigation Measures AES-1 through AES-4</li> <li>✔ Mitigation Measures AGF-1 through AGF-3</li> <li>✔ Mitigation Measures AQ-2 through AQ-4</li> <li>✔ Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through BIO-3 and BIO-5</li> <li>✔ Mitigation Measures GHG-1 and GHG-3</li> <li>✔ Mitigation Measures CUL/TCR-1, CUL/TCR-2, and CUL/TCR-4</li> <li>✔ Mitigation Measure GEO-7</li> <li>✔ Mitigation Measures HAZ-4, HAZ-6 and HAZ-7</li> <li>✔ Mitigation Measures LU-1, LU-2, and LU-4</li> <li>✔ Mitigation Measures NOISE-1 through Noise-4</li> <li>✔ Mitigation Measures PSR-2</li> <li>✔ Mitigation Measures PUF-1 through PUF-4</li> <li>✔ Mitigation Measure TRA-2</li> </ul>		
<b>Impact PSR-2:</b> Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure PSR-2</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement, where feasible and necessary, the mitigation measures described throughout this EIR to address the environmental effects related to the construction of new or expanded recreational facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures AES-1 through AES-4</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures AGF-1 through AGF-3</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures AQ-2 through AQ-4</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through BIO-3 and BIO-5</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures GHG-1 and GHG-3</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures CUL/TCR-1, CUL/TCR-2, and CUL/TCR-4</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measure GEO-7</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures HAZ-4, HAZ-6 and HAZ-7</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures LU-1, LU-2, and LU-4</li> <li>▲ Mitigation Measures NOISE-1 through Noise-4</li> </ul>	SU	SU

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<b>3.14 Public Utilities and Facilities</b>				
<b>Impact PUF-1:</b> Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure PUF-1(a)</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ For projects that could increase demand on water and wastewater treatment facilities, coordinate with the relevant service provider to ensure that the existing public services and utilities could accommodate the increase in demand. If the current infrastructure servicing the project site is found to be inadequate, infrastructure improvements for the appropriate public service or utility shall be identified in each project's CEQA documentation. The relevant public service provider or utility shall be responsible for undertaking project-level review as necessary to provide CEQA clearance for new facilities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mitigation Measure PUF-1(b)</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ During the design and CEQA review of individual future projects, determine whether sufficient stormwater drainage facilities exist for a proposed project. These CEQA determinations must ensure that the proposed development can be served by its existing or planned drainage capacity. If adequate stormwater drainage facilities do not exist, project sponsors shall coordinate with the appropriate utility and service provider to ensure that adequate facilities could accommodate the increased demand, and if not, infrastructure and facility improvements shall be identified in each project's CEQA determination. The relevant public service provider or utility shall be responsible for undertaking project-level review as necessary to provide CEQA clearance for new facilities.</li> <li>▲ For projects of greater than 1 acre in size, reduce stormwater runoff caused by construction by implementing stormwater control best practices, based on those required for a SWPPP.</li> <li>▲ Model and implement a stormwater management plan or site design that prevents the post-development peak discharge rate and quantity from exceeding pre-development rates.</li> </ul>	SU	SU

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<b>Impact PUF-2:</b> Have insufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years	SU	<p><b>Mitigation Measure PUF-2(a)</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ For projects that could increase demand for water, coordinate with the relevant water service provider to ensure that the provider has adequate supplies to accommodate the increase in demand. This can and should be documented in the form of an SB 610 Water Supply Assessment, an SB 221 Water Supply Verification, or other capacity analysis.</li> <li>▲ Implement water conservation measures which result in reduced demand for potable water. This could include reducing the use of potable water for landscape irrigation (such as through drought-tolerant plantings, water-efficient irrigation systems, the capture and use of rainwater) and the use of water-conserving fixtures (such as dual-flush toilets, waterless urinals, reduced flow faucets).</li> <li>▲ Coordinate with the water provider to identify an appropriate water consumption budget for the size and type of project and designing and operating the project accordingly.</li> <li>▲ For projects located in an area with existing reclaimed water conveyance infrastructure and excess reclaimed water capacity, use reclaimed water for non-potable uses, especially landscape irrigation. For projects in a location planned for future reclaimed water service, projects should install dual plumbing systems in anticipation of future use. Large developments could treat wastewater onsite to tertiary standards and use it for non-potable uses onsite.</li> </ul>	SU	SU

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		<p>▲ Apply Tier 1 or Tier 2 CALGreen standards as mandatory local requirements, which reduce water use by 12 and 20 percent, respectively, and require additional qualifying elective actions.</p> <p><b>Mitigation Measure PUF-2(b)</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall require the construction phase of transportation projects to connect to reclaimed water distribution systems for non-potable water needs, when feasible based on project- and site-specific considerations.</p> <p><b>Mitigation Measure PUF-2(c)</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall require transportation projects with landscaping to use drought-resistant plantings or connect to reclaimed water distribution systems for irrigation and other non-potable water needs when available and feasible based on project- and site-specific considerations.</p>		
<b>Impact PUF-3:</b> Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has inadequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure PUF-3</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:</p> <p>▲ During the design and CEQA review of individual future projects, determine whether sufficient wastewater treatment capacity exists for a proposed project. These CEQA determinations must ensure that the proposed development can be served by its existing or planned treatment capacity. If adequate capacity does not exist, project sponsors shall coordinate with the relevant service provider to ensure that adequate public services and utilities could accommodate the increased demand, and if not, infrastructure improvements for the appropriate public service or utility shall be identified in each project's CEQA documentation. The relevant public service provider or utility shall be responsible for undertaking project-level review as necessary to provide CEQA clearance for new facilities.</p> <p>▲ Require compliance with Mitigation Measure PUF-2(a), and MTC shall require implementation of Mitigation Measures PUF-2(b) and PUF-2(c), as feasible based on project- and site-specific considerations to reduce water usage and, subsequently, some wastewater flows.</p>	LTS-M	SU
<b>Impact PUF-4:</b> Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction	PS	<b>Mitigation Measure PUF-4</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, that include those identified below:	SU	SU

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goals, and comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Provide an easily accessible area that is dedicated to the collection and storage of non-hazardous recycling materials.</li> <li>▲ Maintain or reuse existing building structures and materials during building renovations and redevelopment.</li> <li>▲ Use salvaged, refurbished, or reused materials to help divert such items from landfills.</li> <li>▲ Divert construction waste from landfills, where feasible, through means such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ submitting and implementing a construction waste management plan that identifies materials to be diverted from disposal;</li> <li>➤ establishing diversion targets, possibly with different targets for different types and scales of development; and</li> <li>➤ helping developments share information on available materials with one another, to aid in the transfer and use of salvaged materials.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▲ Apply the specifications developed by the Construction Materials Recycling Association (CMRA) to assist contractors and developers in diverting materials from construction and demolition projects, where feasible (CalRecycle 2021b).</li> </ul>		
<b>3.15 Transportation</b>				
<b>Impact TRA-1:</b> Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact TRA-2:</b> Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3(b)	PS	<p><b>Mitigation Measure TRA-2a</b> MTC shall work with state and local agencies to ensure implementation of components of the Plan that will help to reduce regional VMT, particularly projects that improve and/or expand transit service, as well as bicycle and pedestrian facilities. These transportation projects, in conjunction with land use policies included in the Plan, will help the region to achieve the projected decreases in regional VMT per capita and achieve the region's SB 375 targets for GHG emissions. MTC will collaborate with State and other agencies to explore the feasibility of new programs for reducing VMT such as VMT fees, banks, and exchanges.</p> <p><b>Mitigation Measure TRA-2b</b> Implementing agencies and/or project sponsors shall implement measures, where feasible and necessary based on project- and site-specific considerations, consistent with MTC's "Key SB 743 Implementation Steps for Land Use Projects" that include but are not limited to those identified below:</p>	SU	SU

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		<p>▲ Transportation demand management (TDM) strategies shall be incorporated into individual land use and transportation projects and plans, as part of the planning process. These TDM measures are strategies not included in EN09, rather they are measures that could and should be implemented by the local agency based on land use authority that neither MTC nor ABAG has. Local agencies shall incorporate strategies identified in the Federal Highway Administration's publication: Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference (August 2012) into the planning process (FHWA 2012). For example, the following strategies may be included to encourage use of transit and non-motorized modes of transportation and reduce vehicle miles traveled on the region's roadways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>include TDM mitigation requirements for new developments;</li> <li>incorporate supporting infrastructure for non-motorized modes, such as, bike lanes, secure bike parking, sidewalks, and crosswalks;</li> <li>provide incentives to use alternative modes and reduce driving, such as universal transit passes, road and parking pricing;</li> <li>implement parking management programs, such as parking cash-out, priority parking for carpools and vanpools;</li> <li>develop TDM-specific performance measures to evaluate project-specific and system-wide performance;</li> <li>incorporate TDM performance measures in the decision-making process for identifying transportation investments;</li> <li>implement data collection programs for TDM to determine the effectiveness of certain strategies and to measure success over time; and</li> <li>set aside funding for TDM initiatives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mitigation Measure TRA-2c</b> Implement Mitigation Measures GHG-3</p>		
<b>Impact TRA-3:</b> Substantially increase hazards due to geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS
<b>Impact TRA-4:</b> Result in inadequate emergency access	LTS	None required	LTS	LTS

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