

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2021

ADOPTION OF FINAL PLAN BAY AREA 2050

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), a joint exercise of powers entity created pursuant to California Government Code Sections 6500 et seq., is the Council of Governments and the regional land use planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code § 65080 et seq. requires the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to prepare and update a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) prepared in conjunction with ABAG, every four years; and

WHEREAS, Plan Bay Area 2050 (“Plan”) will serve as the region’s next-generation plan for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment, while serving as the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy for the San Francisco Bay Area consistent with federal and state requirements; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG jointly adopted the first Plan Bay Area in 2013 (Plan Bay Area 2013) (MTC Resolution No. 4111 and ABAG Resolution No. 06-13), and the second Plan Bay Area in 2017 (Plan Bay Area 2040) (MTC Resolution No. 4300 and ABAG Resolution No. 10-17); and

WHEREAS, beginning in early 2018, MTC and ABAG conducted the Horizon initiative, which explored a range of different potential futures for the San Francisco Bay Area with the goal of identifying strategies that are resilient to uncertainty while advancing social equity; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG commenced a comprehensive and coordinated planning process for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment with a 2050 horizon year known as Plan Bay Area 2050 (Plan) in fall 2019, in conformance with all applicable federal and state requirements including Senate Bill 375; and

WHEREAS, the Plan, including both the RTP and the SCS, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and incorporated herein as though set forth in length, contains an integrated set of fiscally-constrained strategies across each of the four elements of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG jointly adopted the Vision for Plan Bay Area 2050 in September 2019, emphasizing that resilient and equitable strategies should be prioritized to ensure by the year 2050 the Bay Area is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy, and vibrant for all (MTC Resolution No. 4393 and ABAG Resolution No. 09-19);

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and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG approved the analysis of the 25 Strategies for the Plan Bay Area 2050 Draft Blueprint in February 2020 as well as the corresponding Growth Geographies (MTC Resolution No. 4410 and ABAG Resolution No. 03-2020); and

WHEREAS, ABAG approved the Final Regional Growth Forecast in September 2020, planning for 1.4 million new jobs and 1.4 million new households by 2050; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG approved the analysis of the 25 Strategies for the Plan Bay Area 2050 Draft Blueprint in February 2020 as well as the corresponding Growth Geographies (MTC Resolution No. 4410 and ABAG Resolution No. 03-2020); and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG approved a revised set of 35 Strategies for the Plan Bay Area 2050 Final Blueprint in fall 2020 as well as the updated Growth Geographies (MTC Resolution No. 4437 and ABAG Resolution No. 16-2020), and;

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG advanced the Plan Bay Area 2050 Final Blueprint into the environmental and implementation planning phase in winter 2021 (MTC Resolution No. 4451 and ABAG Resolution No. 01-2021), and;

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG analyzed Draft Plan Bay Area 2050, previously known as the Final Blueprint, through the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process under the California Environmental Quality Act, releasing the Draft Plan Document and Draft Environmental Impact Report for review in May and June 2021, respectively, and;

WHEREAS, public and stakeholder engagement activities were held on Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 throughout June and July 2021, with all comments considered and, when appropriate, integrated in Final Plan Bay Area 2050 prior to its release in early October 2021, and;

WHEREAS, between fall 2020 and fall 2021, MTC and ABAG developed a detailed Implementation Plan with more than 80 discrete actions identified to advance the 35 strategies featured in Final Plan Bay Area 2050 to be implemented by MTC and ABAG with deep engagement with partner organizations over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, Final Plan Bay Area 2050 was ultimately informed by over 230,000 public comments, over 23,000 planning process participants, and over 450 public and stakeholder events through the Plan Bay Area 2050 process and its predecessor, the Horizon initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Plan advances regional affordability through strategies to tackle the region's long-standing housing crisis through preservation and production of more housing units at all income levels, while advancing means-based strategies to improve

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affordability for low-income transit riders and motorists; and

WHEREAS, the Plan advances regional connectivity through strategies to build next-generation networks for transit and active transportation, improving access to destinations across the nine-county region and beyond, while enabling motorists to shift to more healthier and more sustainable modes; and

WHEREAS, the Plan helps to maintain and expand the region's diversity by advancing strategies to protect vulnerable lower-income renters from displacement, while working with Equity Priority Communities to invest in community-prioritized infrastructure and recognizing the need for renter and homebuyer assistance programs for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, the Plan advances human and environmental health in the region and beyond through strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by electrifying vehicles and buildings, reducing automobile dependence, investing in parks and conservation, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Plan helps to maintain and grow the region's economic vibrancy through strategies to expand job training and business incubator programs to create more economic opportunities in Equity Priority Communities while preserving and investing in key industrial lands; and

WHEREAS, Final Plan Bay Area 2050 meets all relevant federal and state requirements, including those related to air quality, land use, and transportation as described below; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code § 65080(b)(2)(G), in preparing the Plan, MTC and ABAG considered spheres of influence adopted by the Local Agency Formation Commissions within the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code § 65080(b)(2)(E), federal public participation requirements, and MTC's Public Participation Plan (MTC Resolution No. 4246), the Plan was developed through a strategic, proactive, comprehensive public outreach and involvement program, which included: an adopted public participation plan; routine distribution of information to local/regional media; advertising in local and regional newspapers; distribution of public information materials, such as brochures and newsletters; a dedicated website; meetings with representatives from each county's board of supervisors and city councilmembers; noticed public hearings to receive testimony on the Plan and the Environmental Impact Report (EIR); subregional workshops to facilitate public comment on the Plan; and interagency coordination and involvement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code § 65080(b)(2)(B), the Plan (i) identifies the general location of uses, residential densities, and building intensities within the region; (ii) identifies areas within the region sufficient to house all the

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population of the region, including all economic segments of the population, over the course of the planning period of Plan Bay Area 2050 taking into account net migration into the region, population growth, household formation and employment growth; (iii) identifies areas within the region sufficient to house an eight-year projection of the regional housing need for the region pursuant to California Government Code § 65584; (iv) identifies a transportation network to service the transportation needs of the region; (v) gathers and considers the best practically available scientific information regarding resource areas and farmland in the region as defined in subdivisions (a) and (b) of California Government Code § 65080.01; (vi) considers the state housing goals specified in California Government Code §§ 65580 and 65581; and (viii) allows the Plan to comply with Section 176 of the Federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7506); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code § 65080(b)(2)(B), in preparing the Plan, ABAG was responsible for identifying the general location of uses, residential densities, and building intensities within the region; identifying areas within the region sufficient to house all the population of the region, including all economic segments of the population, over the course of the planning period of the Plan taking into account net migration into the region, population growth, household formation and employment growth; identifying areas within the region sufficient to house an eight-year projection of the regional housing need for the region pursuant to California Government Code § 65584; gathering and considering the best practically available scientific information regarding resource areas and farmland in the region as defined in subdivisions (a) and (b) of California Government Code § 65080.01; and considering the state housing goals specified in California Government Code §§ 65580 and 65581; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code § 65080(b)(2)(B), in preparing the Plan, MTC and ABAG were jointly responsible for setting forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets adopted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) set a more ambitious year 2035 greenhouse gas emission reduction target for cars and light-duty trucks (19 percent reduction per-capita) for long-range regional plans in all major California metropolitan regions, as of March 2018; and

WHEREAS, as demonstrated in the Program EIR certified for the Plan, the Plan sets forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve the regional greenhouse gas emission targets set by CARB for the region; and

WHEREAS, prior to taking action on the Plan, ABAG has heard, been presented

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with, reviewed, and considered all of the information and data in the administrative record, including the Final Program EIR, and all oral and written evidence presented to it during all meetings and hearings; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan is accompanied by certification that the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Plan complies with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (ABAG Resolution No. 08-2021); and

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15097, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and made a condition of this approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments hereby certifies that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ABAG finds that the Plan meets the requirements of Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, 2008) as codified in California Government Code § 65080, subdivision (b); and be it further

RESOLVED, that ABAG finds that the Plan complies with the requirements of all other applicable laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ABAG does hereby adopt the Plan as included as Exhibit 1, as well as all associated supplemental reports, subject to additional minor or non-substantive technical corrections and editorial changes (Final Plan); and be it further

RESOLVED, that ABAG directs its staff to publish the Final Plan and to submit the Final Plan to relevant state and federal agencies.

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 21st day of October, 2021.

Jesse Arreguin
President

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Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Clerk of the Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called and noticed meeting held in San Francisco, California, and at other remote locations, on the 21st day of October, 2021.

Frederick Castro
Clerk of the Board

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Exhibit 1

Final Plan Bay Area 2050

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Exhibit 2

**Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for
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