

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

November 14, 2024

Agenda Item 6.c.

Plan Bay Area 2050 Amendment: Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit to Healdsburg

Subject:

Approval of a proposed amendment to Plan Bay Area 2050 (“Plan”) to include the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District’s (SMART) passenger rail service extension to Healdsburg, and the approval of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Addendum.

Background:

At its joint meeting on October 11, 2024, the ABAG Administrative Committee, together with the MTC Planning Committee, received a report on a proposed amendment to Plan Bay Area 2050. The summary sheet and attachments presented at the meeting are included as Attachments A through D.

The proposed amendment includes the next phase of the SMART rail extension, extending service from Windsor to Healdsburg in Sonoma County. Staff explained that the amendment must meet legal requirements, including fiscal constraint. To comply, MTC/ABAG staff, in consultation with SCTA, recommended offsetting the cost of the SMART extension by removing other Sonoma County projects of similar value. The projects identified for removal are improvements to US-101/Railroad Avenue and the Farmers Lane Extension in Santa Rosa.

The MTC Planning Committee recommended that the MTC Commission adopt the following resolutions: MTC Resolution No. 4665 for the Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Amended Plan Bay Area 2050 and the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program, MTC Resolution No. 4666 for the Addendum to the Final EIR for Plan Bay Area 2050, and MTC Resolution No. 4667 for the Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2050. At its meeting on October 23, 2024, the Commission unanimously approved the adoption of MTC Resolution Nos. 4665, 4666, and 4667.

The ABAG Administrative Committee concurrently recommended that the ABAG Executive Board adopt Resolution No. 09-2024, which is an Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for Plan Bay Area 2050, and Resolution No. 10-2024, which is an Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2050. Action by the ABAG Executive Board is the final step in this Plan Amendment approval process.

Issues:

None.

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Recommended Action:

The Executive Board is requested to adopt Resolution No. 09-2024 and Resolution No 10-2024.

Attachments:

- A. Summary Sheet, MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee ABAG Administrative Committee, October 11, 2024
- B. Summary of Public Comments
- C. Resolution 09-2024: Addendum to the Final EIR for Plan Bay Area 2050
- D. Resolution 10-2024: Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2050

Reviewed:



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