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Plan Bay Area: Looking Back to Look Forward

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Plan Bay Area: It's What We Do

We develop and update Plan Bay Area — the region's long-range plan — every four years to meet MTC's core state and federal planning responsibilities. The plan:

- ▶ **Integrates** transportation and land use planning to achieve state-mandated climate goals.
- ▶ **Sets regional investment and policy priorities** to help to guide where and how the Bay Area grows.

Plan Bay Area **does not**:

- Override local land use authority
- Allocate money to projects or strategies
- Impose mandates
- Propose specific legislation

MTC-ABAG's “North Star”

Plan Bay Area ...

- ▶ **Focuses growth near transit** to advance a vision of complete, connected and affordable communities.
- ▶ **Responds** to the Bay Area's evolving needs — with each iteration of the plan shaped by emerging challenges and opportunities.
- ▶ **Delivers results** on the ground through strong partnerships and local leadership.



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Plan Bay Area (2013)

Planning Context

- ▶ Integrated planning
- ▶ Climate change and GHG reduction

Policy Priorities

- ▶ Sustainability & Focused Growth

Subsequent Initiatives

- ▶ One Bay Area Grant Program
- ▶ PDA & PCA Programs
- ▶ Climate Initiatives Program
- ▶ MTC-ABAG staff consolidation



Plan Bay Area 2040 (2017)

Planning Context

- ▶ Regional housing crisis
- ▶ Overburdened transportation network

Policy Priorities

- ▶ Housing Affordability & Mobility

Subsequent Initiatives

- ▶ Regional Measure 3
- ▶ CASA Compact | Bay Area Housing Finance Authority | Regional Housing Technical Assistance Program



Plan
BayArea
2040

FINAL
Adopted
July 26, 2017



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Plan Bay Area 2050 (2021)

Planning Context

- ▶ Unprecedented uncertainty and pandemic-related disruptions
- ▶ Ambitious, “what-will-it take” approach

Policy Priorities

- ▶ Equity & Resilience
- ▶ Accelerate Implementation

Subsequent Initiatives

- ▶ Regional Network Management Framework
- ▶ Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy
- ▶ Housing and transportation funding measures

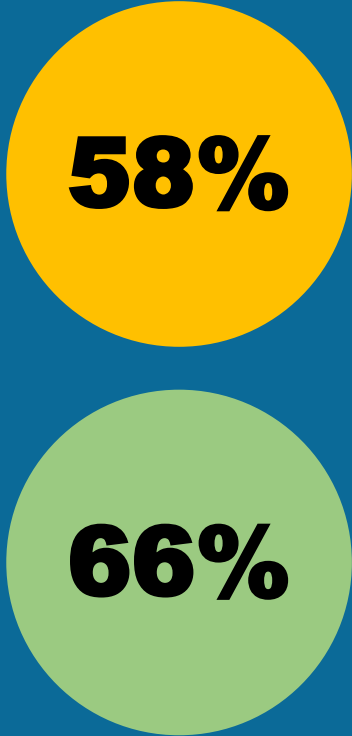


Delivering on Focused Growth & Mobility

The plan's policy and investment priorities have supported progress toward long-range planning goals.

- ▶ Building **new homes near transit in locally-nominated PDAs** while **delivering capital projects that advance sustainability and mobility**.
- ▶ Investing nearly **\$700 million in OBAG funds** to support bike and ped projects, with funds rising every cycle.

A trend toward focused growth



58%

**New Bay Area
homes in PDAs,
2010–2020**

66%

**New Bay Area
homes in PDAs,
2018–2023**

Source: California Department of housing & Community Development, ABAG-MTC

From Plans to Reality

DELIVERED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, 2010-2025

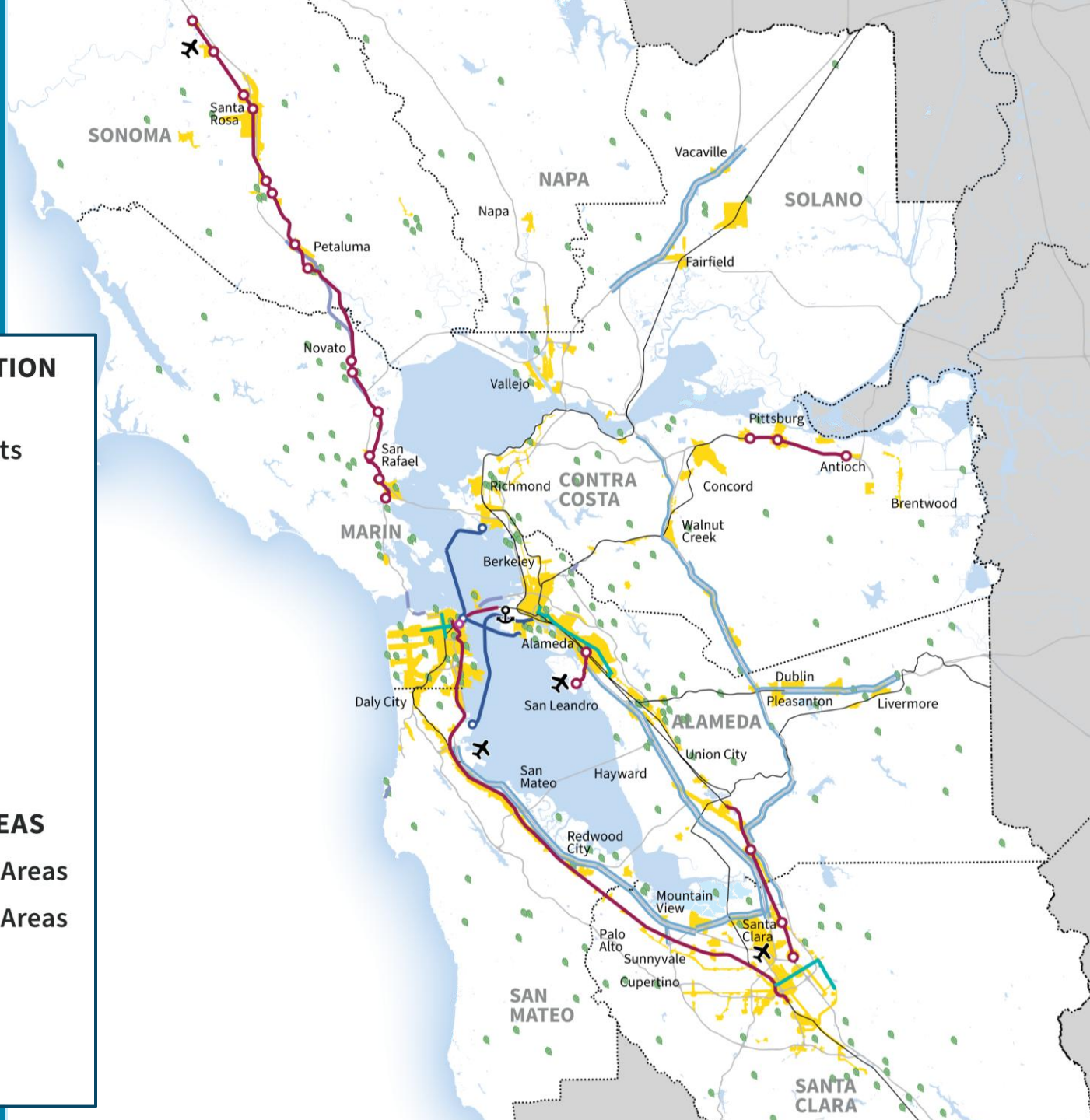
- Highway Improvements
- Bus Rapid Transit
- Express Lane
- Ferry
- Rail
- Rail Station
- Ferry Terminal
- Bus Station

LOCALLY PRIORITIZED AREAS

- Priority Development Areas
- Priority Conservation Areas

EXISTING

- Rail (existing)
- Highway (existing)



Regional Progress, 2010-2025: NORTH BAY

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SMART from Larkspur to Windsor



Downtown Santa Rosa PDA/TOC

Other Notable North Bay Projects:

- ▶ Solano I-80 Express Lanes (opening late 2025)
- ▶ SR-37 Near Term Actions
- ▶ Downtown Napa PDA
- ▶ Napa Soscol Headwaters PCA
- ▶ Great Redwood Trail



San Rafael PDA/TOC

Regional Progress, 2010-2025: EAST BAY



Tempo BRT – Oakland to San Leandro

Other Notable East Bay Projects:

- ▶ eBART to Antioch
- ▶ Contra Costa Centre PDA/TOC
- ▶ Richmond Ferry Terminal
- ▶ Warm Springs PDA/TOC
- ▶ East Bay Greenway



Fruitvale PDA/TOC



Downtown San Leandro PDA/TOC

Regional Progress, 2010-2025: WEST BAY



Caltrain Electrification

Other Notable West Bay Projects:

- ▶ Bay Bridge New East Span
- ▶ Van Ness BRT
- ▶ Transbay Transit Center PDA/TOC
- ▶ Burlingame Mobility Hub / TOC
- ▶ San Francisco Slow Streets & Protected Bikeways



Downtown Redwood City PDA/TOC



Downtown South San Francisco PDA/TOC

Regional Progress, 2010-2025: SOUTH BAY



BART to Silicon Valley, Phase 1

Other Notable South Bay Projects:

- ▶ US-101 and SR-85 Express Lanes
- ▶ Tilton Ranch PCA
- ▶ San Jose TDM and Electric Mobility
- ▶ San Jose Greater Downtown PDA/TOC
- ▶ Guadalupe River Trail



Milpitas Transit Area PDA/TOC



Berryessa/North San Jose PDA/TOC

Staying the Course and Sustaining Progress

- ▶ Despite progress, the Bay Area faces continued pressures from high housing costs, gaps in transit connectivity and accelerating climate impacts
- ▶ Achieving the regional vision of complete communities near transit will require sustained commitment
- ▶ Success will depend on strengthening what works, bridging gaps and broadening partnerships

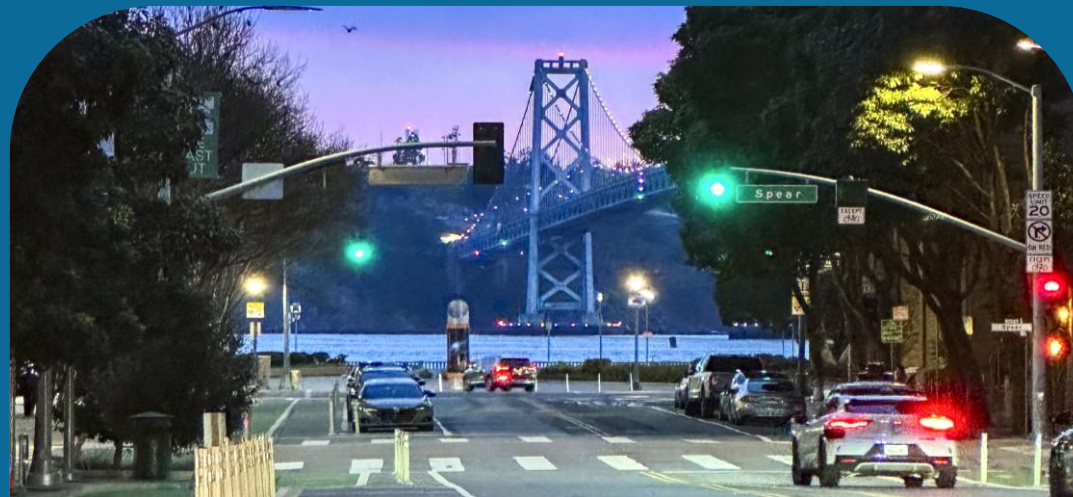


Looking Ahead to 2026



Plan Bay Area 2050+ Adoption

- ▶ **Wrap up comment period & engagement**
- ▶ Review comments & **revise as needed**
- ▶ Commission and ABAG Executive Board **consider adopting** Plan Bay Area 2050+ & certifying the Final EIR
- ▶ Submit for **regulatory approval**



Kick Off Plan Bay Area 2060

- ▶ **Next “major” plan update** launches mid-2026 — kicking off with blue-sky visioning and scenario planning
- ▶ An opportunity to go further — **exploring policy and funding trajectories**, and emerging trends like demographic shifts, AI and automation

Questions and Discussion

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