

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Policy Advisory Council

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Agenda Item 5a

Plan Bay Area 2050+: Implementation Plan

Subject:

Overview of Plan Bay Area 2050+ Implementation Plan progress to-date and upcoming phases.

Background:

Plan Bay Area 2050 established a new component to the regional long-range planning process, the [Implementation Plan](https://planbayarea.org/2050-plan/final-plan-bay-area-2050/chapter-7-final-implementation-plan) (<https://planbayarea.org/2050-plan/final-plan-bay-area-2050/chapter-7-final-implementation-plan>), which focused on short-term, tangible actions that ABAG and MTC could take to advance the plan's 35 adopted strategies. The process developed over eighty actions to advance over the four subsequent years (2021-2025). Since the 2021 adoption of the Plan, the MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committees have received annual updates on progress, with the third such [annual update shared to Committees in November 2024](https://planbayarea.org/implementation) (<https://planbayarea.org/implementation>). During that time, MTC/ABAG staff have made significant progress or completed approximately 70 percent of Plan Bay Area 2050 Implementation Plan actions.

Plan Bay Area 2050+ will also include an Implementation Plan that will mirror the structure of the prior plan, identifying actions MTC and ABAG can take from 2026 through 2029 to advance the strategies included in this plan update.

Elements of the Implementation Plan:

The Plan Bay Area 2050+ Implementation Plan has three components for each of the 35 strategies in the Plan.

- Strategy Assessment – The four-factor assessment evaluates key components of strategy success, including (i) agency authority, (ii) financial resources, (iii) technical capacity, and (iv) public and political support. Attachment B includes a first draft of the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Strategy Assessments, which used Plan Bay Area 2050 as the baseline. Select changes were made where stakeholders and staff believe shifts in the intervening years, whether positive and negative, warrant a change.

- MTC/ABAG Role – A role of (i) lead, (ii) partner, or (iii) support will be identified for each strategy. Again, the role identified during Plan Bay Area 2050 remains the starting point for discussion.
- Implementation Actions – Actions identify specific activities that MTC/ABAG should advance by 2030 to advance the 35 long-term strategies included in the plan’s Final Blueprint. Action ideas will be collected, refined, and prioritized, with the final right-sized set of actions based on a realistic evaluation of agency resources. The final set of actions will strive to balance between ambitious and achievable.

A new part of the Implementation Plan will link metrics to plan strategies to track implementation progress in the years ahead. This data will help staff, the public, and decision makers understand where plan strategies are succeeding and where they are falling short. To support this new work, information on [MTC/ABAG’s Vital Signs](https://mtc.ca.gov/tools-resources/vital-signs) performance monitoring website (<https://mtc.ca.gov/tools-resources/vital-signs>) will be leveraged and supplemented strategically.

Timeline:

The first step in creating the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Implementation Plan occurred in late summer 2024. Input received from local jurisdictions, partner agencies, civic and other non-government organizations at stakeholder workshops on September 12 and September 18 is informing an ongoing open survey, as well as office hour opportunities for partners and stakeholders. After the survey and office hours conclude, MTC/ABAG staff will prioritize the proposed Implementation Actions and produce the Draft Implementation Plan, bringing forward an early draft to MTC/ABAG committees for input this summer. Further engagement on the Implementation Plan will remain a key focus area over the summer, as staff will also be considering input on the broader Draft Plan and Draft EIR. At this point there will also be a formal public comment period which will be the final opportunity to provide input before drafting the Final Implementation Plan to be adopted with the Final Plan and Final EIR in early 2026.

Next Steps:

Staff will promote the Implementation Plan [survey and office hours](https://planbayarea.org/meetings-events/partner-engagement)

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When the survey closes on March 31, 2025, MTC/ABAG staff will work to prioritize actions given resource constraints and develop the first draft of the Plan Bay Area 2050+

Implementation Plan. Staff anticipates returning to the Council to share early findings and to gather additional feedback before formally posting the Draft Implementation Plan.

Recommendation:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Presentation
- Attachment B: Plan Bay Area 2050+ Implementation Plan: Strategy Assessments (*Early Draft*)