

# Association of Bay Area Governments

## Executive Board

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January 16, 2025

Agenda Item 7.a.

San Francisco Bay Trail Nonprofit

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### Subject:

Update to the Bay Trail Roadmap that was presented at the November 2024 ABAG Executive Board meeting.

Adoption of ABAG Resolution No. 3-2025 authorizing ABAG/MTC to reclaim and carry out the statutory mandates of SB 100 from the Bay Trail Nonprofit and dissolve the agreement between ABAG and the SF Bay Trail Nonprofit

### Background:

Staff will present an update to the 'Roadmap' for the Bay Trail program that was previously presented at the November 2024 ABAG Executive Board meeting. Staff will outline the responsibilities of SB 100 and how the new programmatic structure meets the original intent and functional obligations of SB 100. This update includes greater detail on ABAG/MTC Bay Trail work program and the potential roles for the nonprofit. It also includes new information about the enthusiastic support for the Bay Trail from interviews with environmental funders.

MTC worked with the Potrero Group, an organizational management consultant, and the Bay Trail Ad Hoc Committee to develop a concept paper highlighting the case for philanthropic funding to integrate the Bay Trail Project's nonprofit functions within a larger organization. In November 2024 Potrero Group met with eight Bay Area environmental funders and their feedback was then presented at a December 2024 special meeting of the Bay Trail Board.

Based on the overwhelmingly positive feedback in these conversations, Potrero Group believes that philanthropic "start-up" capital is available to support transitioning the current Bay Trail Project's functions into a well-established Bay Area environmental or trail development organization. Most funders agreed that this project could have much larger philanthropic potential because of its iconic nature and cross-region connectivity.

Following the Bay Trail Roadmap, this resolution authorizes ABAG/MTC to reclaim and carry out the current statutory mandates of SB 100 (Lockyer, 1987) under the ABAG/MTC Bay Trail work program and dissolve the September 5, 1990 agreement between ABAG and the San Francisco Bay Trail Project Nonprofit effective January 2025. Specific Bay Trail policy responsibilities will now be carried out under the joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committee.

### Issues:

None.

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### Recommended Action:

The Executive Board is requested to adopt ABAG Resolution No. 3-2025 and to assign Bay Trail policy responsibilities to the Joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committee.

### Attachments:

- A. Presentation
- B. Bay Trail Board Resolution 03-2025 authorizing ABAG/MTC to reclaim and carry out the statutory mandates of SB 100 (Lockyer, 1987) under the ABAG/MTC Bay Trail work program and Dissolve the September 5, 1990 agreement between ABAG and the San Francisco Bay Trail Project Nonprofit
- C. 1990 Agreement for Administrative Services between ABAG and the San Francisco Bay Trail Nonprofit Project
- D. San Francisco Bay Trail Resolution No. 1-2024 in support of Pursuing a New Organization Partner and Fiscal Agent for the Bay Trail Nonprofit project
- E. San Francisco Bay Trail Project Transition Plan Adopted December 16, 2024
- F. Potrero Group Funder Report

### Reviewed:



for

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