

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee**

March 13, 2026

Agenda Item 8c

MTC Resolution No. 4749; and ABAG Resolution No. 01-2026.

Final Plan Bay Area 2050+ Environmental Impact Report

Subject:

Request referral of MTC Resolution No. 4749 and ABAG Resolution No. 01-2026 to the Commission and ABAG Executive Board, respectively.

Background:

MTC and ABAG staff, in coordination with a technical environmental consultant (Ascent Environmental, Inc.) prepared the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for Plan Bay Area 2050+ in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The EIR evaluates the potential environmental effects of implementing the proposed plan, identifies feasible mitigation measures to reduce significant impacts, and analyzes reasonable alternatives to the proposed plan. Preparation of the Final EIR represents one of the final steps in the CEQA process for Plan Bay Area 2050+, which began in January 2025 with the release of the Notice of Preparation (NOP).

In June 2025, MTC and ABAG took action to advance the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Final Blueprint (MTC Resolution No. 4715 and ABAG Resolution No. 8-2025) into the environmental review process pursuant to CEQA, following a presentation on the Final Blueprint's performance and equity outcomes. After completing analysis of the proposed plan and alternatives, staff released the Draft EIR on October 20, 2025, initiating a 60-day public review and comment period that concluded on December 18, 2025. During the comment period, staff held three virtual public hearings to receive comments on the Draft EIR, in addition to broader engagement conducted for the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+.

Staff reviewed all comments received on the Draft EIR in December 2025 and January 2026. More than 100 comments were submitted and are addressed in the Final EIR, including refinements to the Draft EIR where appropriate. All comments were posted online in early February and can be found at <https://planbayarea.org/digital-library/draft-environmental-impact-report-plan-bay-area-2050-plus-public-comments-0pdf>. Consistent with CEQA requirements,

written responses to comments submitted by public agencies will be provided at least 10 days prior to the proposed certification of the Final EIR, scheduled for March 19, 2026 (ABAG Executive Board) and March 25, 2026 (MTC Commission).

Based on staff review, no significant new information was added to the Final EIR that would require recirculation of the Draft EIR under CEQA. Specifically, the comments and responses did not identify any new significant environmental impacts, nor did they substantially increase the severity of impacts already disclosed in the Draft EIR.

Final EIR and Findings:

The Final EIR includes all comments received on the Draft EIR and responses to those comments, including consolidated “master responses” addressing issues raised by multiple commenters. The Final EIR also incorporates revisions to the Draft EIR and includes the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. For reference, the Draft EIR and its appendices are included in the Final EIR.

Due to its length, the Final EIR is not attached to this memorandum but is available for public review online at the Plan Bay Area website, <https://planbayarea.org/2050/draft-environmental-impact-report-eir>, in person by appointment at MTC offices located at 375 Beale Street in San Francisco, or by contacting info@planbayarea.org or calling (415) 778-6757 to arrange alternative access.

In conjunction with certification of the Final EIR, staff will bring forward CEQA Findings, including a Statement of Overriding Considerations, for consideration by the Commission and the ABAG Executive Board. These findings summarize the basis for approving the proposed plan and address significant environmental impacts identified in the EIR. The Findings are expected to highlight that:

- The proposed plan reflects substantially greater public and stakeholder input than the EIR alternatives, based on a multi-year planning process.
- Unlike other alternatives considered, the proposed plan advances all five adopted Guiding Principles and meets applicable federal and state requirements.

- The proposed plan identifies more than 60 near-term implementation actions to advance its 35 strategies, making it more actionable in the near term than other alternatives evaluated in the EIR.

Based on the Final EIR and the accompanying CEQA Findings, MTC and ABAG staff recommend certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the CEQA Findings prior to adoption of the proposed plan as the Final Plan Bay Area 2050+.

Next Steps:

Staff will finalize the proposed Findings document in advance of the ABAG Executive Board meeting on March 19, 2026, and the MTC Commission meeting on March 25, 2026.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendation:

Refer ABAG Resolution No. 01-2026 to the ABAG Executive Board meeting on March 19, 2026, and MTC Resolution No. 4749 to the MTC Commission meeting on March 25, 2026, to certify the Final Plan Bay Area 2050+ Environmental Impact Report and adopt the CEQA Findings.

Attachments:

- MTC Resolution No. 4749
 - Attachment B: The document is also available at <https://planbayarea.org/2050/environmental-impact-report-eir>
 - Attachment C
- ABAG Resolution No. 01-2026
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