

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2024

ABSTRACT

This resolution approves the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared for Plan Bay Area 2050, the San Francisco Bay Area's plan for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment (SCH No. 2020090519).

Further discussion of this subject is contained in the summary sheet associated with the agenda item for the ABAG Administrative Committee meeting of October 11, 2024.

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**APPROVAL OF THE ADDENDUM TO THE FINAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PLAN BAY AREA 2050**

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), a joint exercise of powers entity created pursuant to California Government Code Sections 6500 et seq., is the Council of Governments and the regional land use planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code § 65080 et seq. requires MTC to prepare and update a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) prepared in conjunction with ABAG, every four years; and

WHEREAS, Plan Bay Area 2050 (“Plan”) is the region’s plan for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment, and serves as the RTP and SCS for the San Francisco Bay Area consistent with federal and state requirements; and

WHEREAS, ABAG and MTC served as joint lead agencies in preparing a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR) (SCH# 2020090519) with the assistance of ABAG and MTC staff and consultants pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15000 et seq.) for the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Program EIR provides full disclosure and programmatic analysis of the potentially significant environmental effects of the Plan for purposes of State law requirements; federal law exempts approval of a transportation plan from environmental review (23 U.S.C., § 134 (j)); and

WHEREAS, ABAG and MTC jointly certified the Program EIR prepared for the Plan (Final EIR) on October 21, 2021 (ABAG Resolution No.08-21 and MTC Resolution No. 4484); and

WHEREAS, ABAG and MTC jointly adopted the Final Plan on October 21, 2021 (ABAG Resolution No. 09-21 and MTC Resolution No. 4485); and

WHEREAS, ABAG and MTC staff have prepared an Amendment to the Plan (Amended Plan), which is subject to the approval of ABAG and MTC under separate actions (ABAG Resolution No. 10-24 and MTC Resolution No. 4667); and

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WHEREAS, ABAG and MTC staff have prepared an Addendum to the Final EIR (Addendum) in response to the Amendment to the Plan, pursuant to provisions of the CEQA Guidelines § 15164.

WHEREAS the Addendum rather than a subsequent EIR has been prepared because none of the conditions described in § 15162 (a) calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred and because some changes or additions are necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Addendum need not be circulated for public review but can be included in or attached to the Final EIR pursuant to provisions of CEQA Guidelines § 15164(c); and

WHEREAS, ABAG and MTC staff prepared the Addendum, consisting of: (1) an introduction to the Addendum; (2) a description of the Amendment to the Plan; (3) CEQA checklist and impact analysis; (4) technical revisions to the Final EIR; and (5) a conclusion of the findings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15164(d), ABAG and MTC considered the Addendum together with the Final EIR prior to making a decision on the Amendment to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the approval of this Resolution have occurred; and

WHEREAS, ABAG and MTC have heard, been presented with, reviewed, and considered all of the information and data in the administrative record, including the Addendum, and all oral and written evidence presented to it during all meetings; now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ABAG hereby certify that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference; and be it further

RESOLVED, MTC and ABAG staff prepared the Addendum, consisting of: (1) an introduction to the Addendum; (2) a description of the Amendment to the Plan; (3) CEQA checklist and impact analysis; (4) technical revisions to the Final EIR; and (5) a conclusion of the findings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ABAG find that the Addendum satisfies all the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ABAG, as a decision-making body, certifies that the Addendum (Attachment A) was presented to them, and that they have reviewed and considered the

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information contained within the Addendum prior to approving the Amendment to the Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ABAG direct staff to immediately (within five working days): (a) file a Notice of Determination documenting these decisions (CEQA Guidelines § 15094); and (b) retain a copy of the approved Addendum as a public record.

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 14th day of November, 2024.

Jesse Arreguin
President

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVAL

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Clerk of the Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called and noticed meeting held in San Francisco, California, and at other remote locations, on the 14th day of November, 2024.

Frederick Castro
Clerk of the Board

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EXHIBIT A

ADDENDUM TO THE FINAL EIR FOR PLAN BAY AREA 2050

Please refer to Attachment A to MTC Resolution No. 4666.