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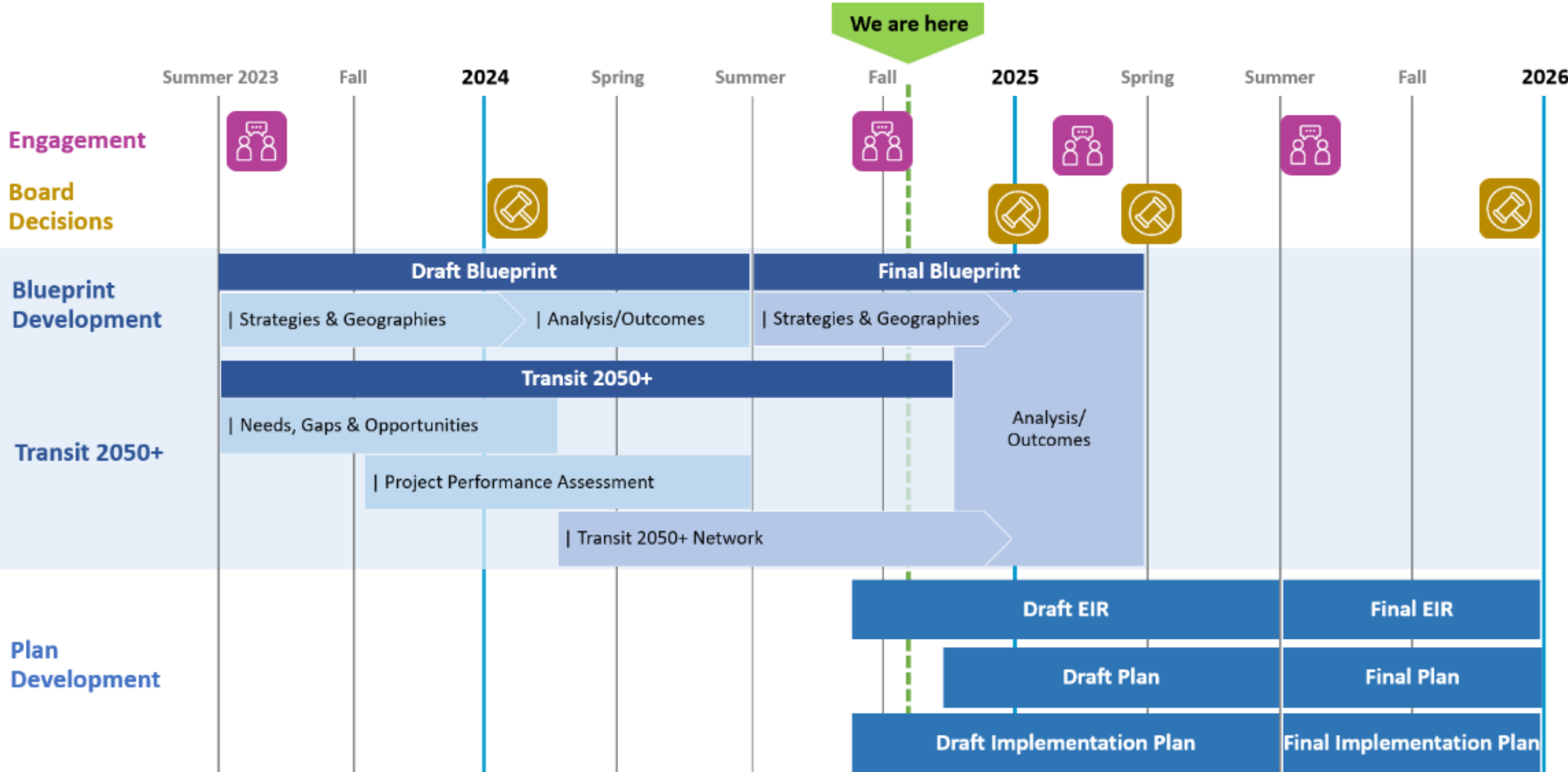
# Plan Bay Area 2050+: Final Blueprint Initial Recommendations

MTC Planning Committee and  
ABAG Administrative Committee

October 11, 2024



# Plan Bay Area 2050+: Schedule



\* Dates are tentative and subject to change

# Engagement Summary: Round 2

## Engagement Activities

### 1. Pop-Up Workshops (18)

- Focused on reaching Equity Priority Communities and transit users

### 2. Online Survey

- Enabled broader participation
- Mirrored pop-up workshop activities

### 3. Tribal and Community-Based Organization Engagement

- Hosted additional pop-ups, discussion groups, presentations and promotion
- Enhanced engagement with Native American residents through CBO partnerships

### 4. Digital Promotion

- Broad marketing to boost participation and raise awareness

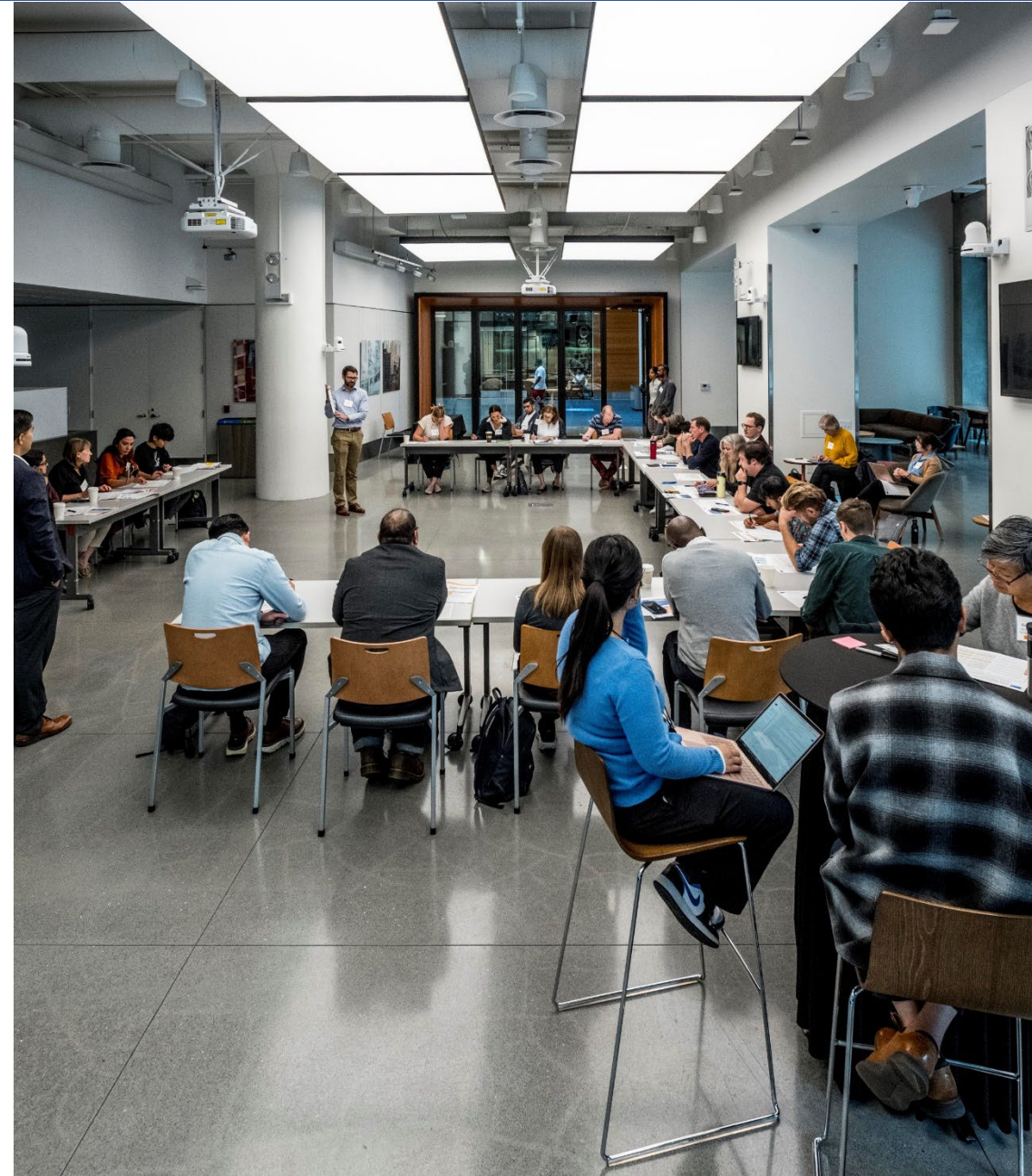
### 5. Webinars, Technical Workshops (2) & Office Hours

- *Introducing the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Blueprint and Draft Transit 2050+ Network* webinar kicked off Round 2 engagement
- Additional webinar(s) and office hours for technical partners will be available in the fall

## Engagement Topics

1. Seek input on how to best address Draft Blueprint challenges
2. Seek input on Draft Transit 2050+ Network and strategies

*Note: More detailed engagement findings will be shared in November*



# Plan Bay Area 2050+: Vision, Elements, and Themes

## Vision

Ensure by the year 2050 that the Bay Area is **affordable**, **connected**, **diverse**, **healthy** and **vibrant** for all.

## Elements



## Themes

**Plan Bay Area 2050+**  
35 Strategies Organized Into  
**11 Themes**



**Maintain and Optimize the Existing System**



**Create Healthy and Safe Streets**



**Build a Next-Generation Transit Network**



**Protect and Preserve Affordable Housing**



**Spur Housing Production at All Income Levels**



**Create Inclusive Communities**



**Improve Economic Mobility**



**Shift the Location of Jobs**



**Reduce Risks from Hazards**



**Expand Access to Parks and Open Space**



**Reduce Climate Emissions**

# What are the Key Elements of the Final Blueprint?



## Planning Assumptions

- **External Forces** reflect assumptions about future year conditions that are independent from Plan Bay Area and beyond the region's control, such as work-from-home levels or sea level rise
- The **Regional Growth Forecast** estimates how much the Bay Area might grow between now and 2050, including population, jobs and households
- **Needs and Revenue Analyses** are financial forecasts that support the Transportation, Housing and Environment Elements



## Strategies and Geographies

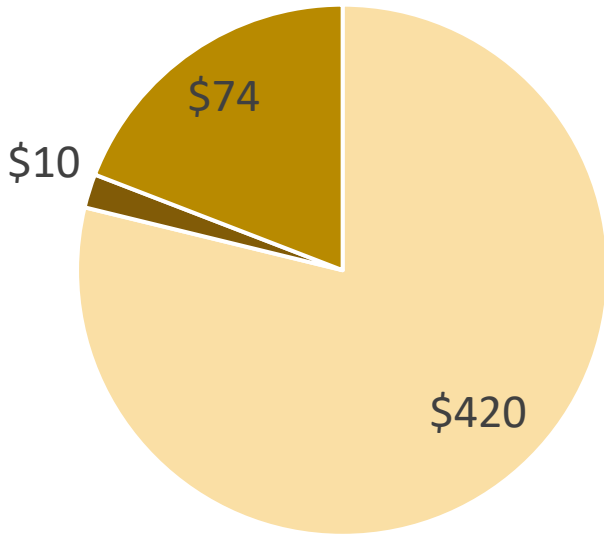
- **Strategies** are either public policies or investments that can be implemented in the Bay Area over the next 25 years
- **Growth Geographies** are where future housing and/or job growth would be focused
- Plan Bay Area includes: Transportation Strategies (including Transportation Project List); Housing Geographies & Strategies; Economic Geographies & Strategies; and Environmental Strategies (including Resilience Project List)





# Final Blueprint: Revenues and Investments

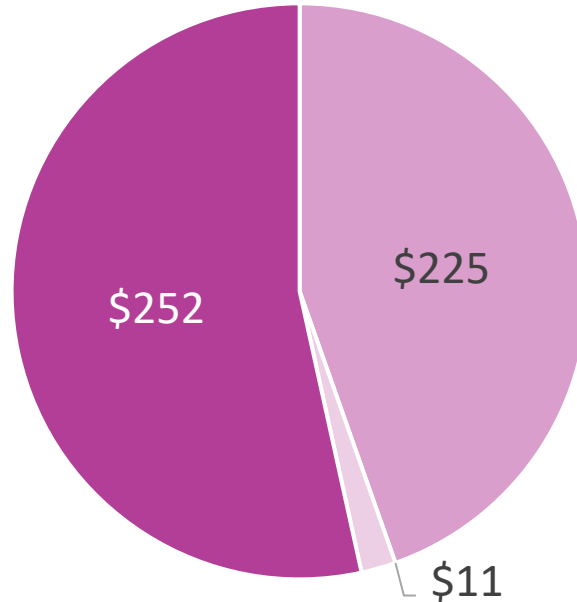
**Transportation Strategies**  
(\$515 billion)



- Maintain & Optimize Existing System
- Create Healthy and Safe Streets
- Build a Next-Generation Transit Network

Existing revenues: \$422 billion  
New revenues: \$93 billion

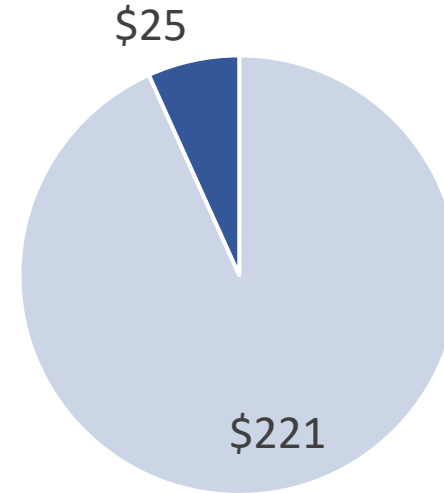
**Housing Strategies**  
(\$488 billion)



- Protect and Preserve Affordable Housing
- Spur Housing Production at All Income Levels
- Create Inclusive Communities

Existing revenues: \$161 billion  
New revenues: \$326 billion

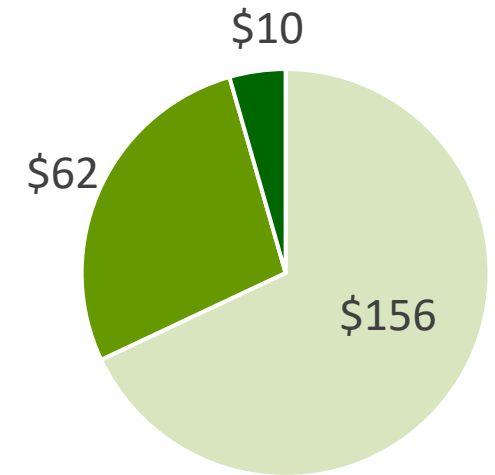
**Economy Strategies**  
(\$235 billion)



- Improve Economic Mobility
- Shift the Location of Jobs

Existing revenues: N/A  
New revenues: \$237 billion

**Environment Strategies**  
(\$228 billion)



- Reduce Risks from Hazards
- Expand Access to Parks and Open Space
- Reduce Climate Emissions

Existing revenues: \$30 billion  
New revenues: \$185 billion

*Note: \$10 billion in transportation revenues are assigned to support Environment Element strategies focused on reducing climate emissions. Economic development revenues not inventoried. Numbers may not sum due to rounding. For more information, please see Attachment B (Transportation Needs and Revenue), Attachment C (Housing Needs and Revenue), and Attachment D (Environment Needs and Revenue).*



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## **Integrating Transit 2050+**

The Transit 2050+ process has proposed a revamp to Plan Bay Area 2050's suite of transit strategies to help support cost-effective ridership recovery and growth, including greater emphasis on service frequencies and speed, the customer experience, and network integration.

Strategies Updated: T2, T3, T4, T11, T12

Note: See Attachment E for detailed strategy descriptions.

## **Facing Fiscal and Climate Realities**

To close the plan's GHG gap the Final Blueprint continues to emphasize low-cost, high-impact, and climate-friendly strategies. The plan also proposes to distinguish between projects that increase roadway capacity and VMT versus those that do not, and adjusts the level of investment in the regional express lane network.

Strategies Updated: T6, T7, T8, EN8, EN9

## **Optimizing Our Pricing Approach**

Staff are working with partners and stakeholders on a range of refined pricing approaches for the plan, including future all-lane tolling, a regional mileage-based user fee, or other options to address varied affordability, reliability, safety, and GHG/VMT goals, among others.

Strategies Updated: T5



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## Scaling Up Innovation

The Final Blueprint considers approaches to achieve a nearly 25% reduction in the total cost of producing affordable housing, including expanding access to low-cost land; innovative design and construction processes; targeted fee reductions; and providing a single source of funding to projects that meet key criteria.

Strategies Updated: H4

## Expanding Housing Opportunities

Coupled with leveraging public land and aging commercial sites, the expanded use of existing streamlining provisions and targeted development fee reductions result in cost savings and expanded opportunities for housing production, particularly in areas close to transit.

Strategies Updated: H3, H6, H8

## Better Aligning Jobs and Transit

The Final Blueprint seeks a greater concentration of future *in-person* jobs near frequent transit. Targeted incentives and investments will help expand job access for low-income households, spur downtown recovery, and reduce climate emissions.

Strategies Updated: EC5





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## Accessibility Improvements

The Final Blueprint includes new approaches to support accessibility retrofits to make homes safer for residents with disabilities. It also has added emphasis for new community parks to be designed for residents of all abilities.

Strategies Updated: EN2, EN6

## Greater Investment in Urban Parks

In the Draft Blueprint, there was only a modest increase in urban parks while regional population grew. Staff propose an increase in funding for community parks, particularly in Equity Priority Communities, and incorporating new parks as part of large-scale development.

Strategies Updated: EN6

## Updated Sea Level Rise Project Details

In spring 2024, local governments reviewed and updated sea level rise adaptation project details. This has led to a modest increase in element needs for projects such as ecotone levees, elevating infrastructure, marsh restoration, sea walls, and more.

Strategies Updated: EN1



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# Next Steps

## Fall 2024:

- Share Round 2 engagement findings
- Provide update on 2024 Equity Priority Communities (EPCs)
- Finalize project lists and make final revisions to Final Blueprint in response to public, partner, and policymaker feedback

## January 2025:

- Seek approval of Final Blueprint strategies and geographies, including project lists

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