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ABSTRACT

MTC Resolution No. 4667

This resolution approves the Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2050, which is the regional plan for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment. It also serves as the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy for the San Francisco Bay Area.

Further discussion of this subject is contained in the Executive Director's memorandum to the MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee dated October 11, 2024.

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Re: Approval of the Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2050

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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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, 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, Part 450 of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), require MTC as the MPO to prepare and update a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years; 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 the Association of Bay Area Governments (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 was jointly adopted by MTC and ABAG on October 21, 2021 (MTC Resolution No. 4485 and ABAG Resolution No. 09-21); and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG staff have prepared an Amendment to the Plan (Amended Plan), to add the scope and costs of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART) passenger rail extension to Healdsburg in Sonoma County (RTPID 21-T11-202); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Healdsburg extension (RTPID 21-T11-202) is within the financial constraint of the Plan because the additional funding for the project is offset by

equivalent reductions in the costs and scope of other Sonoma County projects and programs in the Plan, including the removal of improvements at US-101/Railroad Avenue and Farmer's Lane; and

WHEREAS, no other changes or revisions are made as part of the Amendment to the Final Plan; and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG staff circulated the Draft Amendment for a 30-day public comment period, starting August 12, 2024, and closing on September 11, 2024, in following with the requirements of the MTC Public Participation Plan (MTC Resolution No. 4590); and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG staff prepared the Final Amendment, consisting of the Draft Amendment, including all revisions (Final Amendment); and

WHEREAS, prior to taking action on the Final Amendment, MTC has heard, been presented with, reviewed, and considered all of the information and data in the administrative record, including the Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Amended Plan Bay Area 2050 and 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (MTC Resolution No. 4665), the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for Plan Bay Area 2050 (MTC Resolution No. 4666), and all oral and written evidence presented to it during all meetings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC certify that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that MTC find that the Final Amendment complies with the requirements of applicable laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC, as a decision-making body, does hereby approve the Final Amendment (Attachment A) as presented; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC direct staff to publish a copy of the Final Amendment in following with the requirements of the MTC Public Participation Plan (MTC Resolution No. 4590) and to submit the Final Amendment to relevant state and federal agencies.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair

This resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California on October 23, 2024.

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The Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2050 is on file in the offices of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105.