

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2024

ABSTRACT

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 summary sheet associated with the agenda item for the ABAG Administrative Committee meeting of October 11, 2024.

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APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO 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 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, ABAG and MTC 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, ABAG and MTC staff prepared the Final Amendment, consisting of the Draft Amendment, including all revisions (Final Amendment); and

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WHEREAS, prior to taking action on the Final Amendment, ABAG has heard, been presented with, reviewed, and considered all of the information and data in the administrative record, including the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for Plan Bay Area 2050 (ABAG Resolution No. 09-24), and all oral and written evidence presented to it during all meetings

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 Final Amendment, consisting of the Draft Amendment, including all revisions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that prior to taking action on the Final Amendment, ABAG has heard, been presented with, reviewed, and considered all of the information and data in the administrative record, including the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for Plan Bay Area 2050 (ABAG Resolution No. 09-24), and all oral and written evidence presented to it during all meetings; and be it further

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

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

RESOLVED, that ABAG 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.

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

AMENDMENT TO PLAN BAY AREA 2050

Please refer to Attachment A to MTC Resolution No. 4667.