

Metropolitan Transportation Commission 2025 Commission Workshop (Day 1)

October 22, 2025

Agenda Item 2

Plan Bay Area Implementation — Looking Back to Look Forward

Subject:

Staff will provide a brief history of Plan Bay Area — the agency’s North Star — and report on the progress toward realizing the region’s vision to create a more affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant Bay Area for all.

Background:

Plan Bay Area is the regional long-range plan for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. Developed in compliance with federal and state regulations and guidelines, it satisfies both federal Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) requirements and state Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) requirements. A joint project of MTC and ABAG, Plan Bay Area is updated every four years and adopted by both the Commission and the ABAG Executive Board, first with the original Plan Bay Area (July 2013), Plan Bay Area 2040 (July 2017), and most recently Plan Bay Area 2050 (October 2021).

Each iteration of the long-range plan has adapted to meet the changing needs of the region. Over the past 15 years, Plan Bay Area has helped set ambitious priorities for transportation, housing and the environment while catalyzing progress toward regional goals through initiatives like Priority Development Areas (PDAs), Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs), and major infrastructure investments, among many others. Strong local partnerships and leadership have been essential to demonstrating progress in these varied realms, with notable success stories to highlight in all corners of the region, as shown in **Attachment A**.

On October 20, 2025, MTC and ABAG released the latest iteration of the plan — Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+ — for public review and comment, in advance of the agencies considering adoption of the Final Plan Bay Area 2050+ in early 2026. The draft release includes the Draft Implementation Plan, which identifies concrete, near-term actions that MTC and ABAG can take over the next five years to advance the long-range strategies included in the plan. These actions will aim to sustain progress, deliver on existing commitments, and transition successful pilots into ongoing initiatives. For an overview of Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+, please see **Attachment**

B, and for plan-relevant highlights at the county level, please see the County Fact Sheets included in **Attachment C**.

Next Steps:

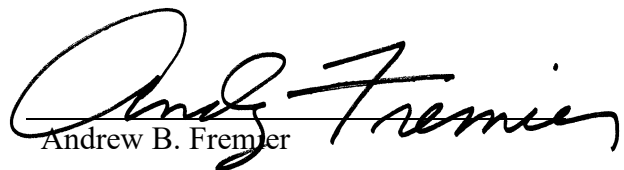
Looking further ahead, in mid-2026 MTC and ABAG intend to kick off Plan Bay Area 2060, a major plan update that will include both “blue sky” and scenario planning, with the intention to explore varying policy and funding trajectories for the region. Plan Bay Area 2060 may investigate a range of topics including shifts in demographics and housing needs; escalating construction costs; the proliferation of autonomous vehicles; threats of wildfire, earthquakes, and flood impacts; and the impacts of artificial intelligence, among others.

Issues:

None identified.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Presentation
- Attachment B: Plan Bay Area 2050+ Executive Summary (Handout)
- Attachment C: Plan Bay Area 2050+ County Fact Sheets (Handout)



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