



## June - July Update

### Your Road Repair and Transit Funding At Risk

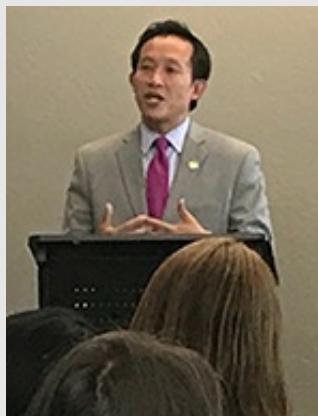
During the ABAG General Assembly, President Rabbitt described the possible impact of the November ballot measure to repeal the gas tax, which is also known as Proposition 6. He referenced a handout in in the GA packet discussing what each of jurisdictions has to lose if the repeal passes. [Take a look at the updated handout here.](#)



### Sacramento Legislative Workshop - June 20th



*Executive Director Steve Heminger, ABAG President David Rabbitt, and MTC Commission Chair Jake Mackenzie*



*Assemblymember David Chiu*



*Senator Scott Wiener*

Local elected officials came together to hear presentations from several members of the

## Horizon Initiative Launched

When we plan for the future, what sort of future are we planning for? These questions and a new path to that plan were presented and discussed at the ABAG Regional Planning Committee in June.



New technologies like driverless vehicles, environmental challenges, such as rising sea levels, natural hazards like earthquakes, other uncertainties such as economic booms and busts, political volatility or other external forces may fundamentally alter the Bay Area's future by the year 2050. To explore challenging questions that traditionally have been outside the regional planning process, ABAG and Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) have developed a new initiative, called Horizon, to examine the pressing issues and possible challenges Bay Area residents may face through 2050.

The Horizon initiative is the first comprehensive Bay Area planning effort to look not just at transportation and housing but also at economic development, resilience and the effects of emerging technologies. The Horizon initiative will consider questions like:

- What might different levels of autonomous vehicle adoption mean for our pipeline of traditional transportation investments, and should we change course?
- What strategies should we consider to better prepare our neighborhoods, business centers and other built infrastructure for increasingly frequent disasters?
- How should the Bay Area respond if economic output, population and employment suddenly boom or bust?
- What actions can the Bay Area take to improve its resilience to national and international geopolitical and economic shifts?

### Horizon's Guiding Principles

We received over 10,000 unique comments from residents across the Bay Area earlier this year when we asked, "What are the most pressing issues we should consider as we plan for life in 2050?" This feedback helped us refine five Guiding Principles that will guide the Horizon initiative:

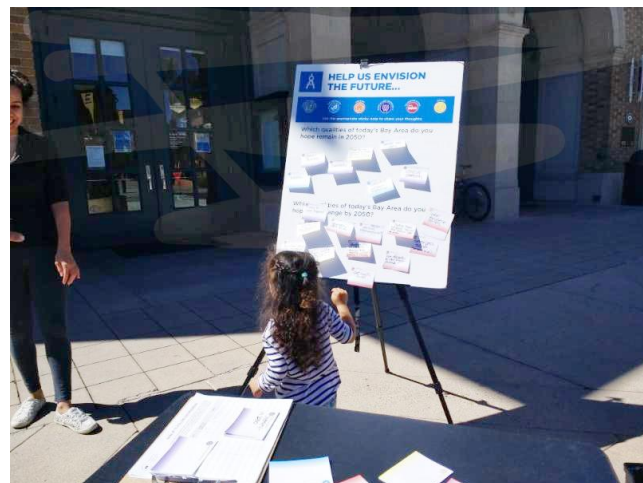
**Affordable:** All Bay Area residents and workers have sufficient housing options they can afford—households are economically secure.

**Connected:** An expanded, well-functioning transportation system connects the Bay Area—fast, frequent and efficient intercity trips are complemented by a suite of local transportation options, connecting communities and creating a cohesive region.

**Diverse:** Bay Area residents support an inclusive region where people from all backgrounds, abilities and ages can remain in place—with access to the region's assets and resources.

**Healthy:** The region's natural resources, open space, clean water and clean air are conserved—the region actively reduces its environmental footprint and protects residents from environmental impacts.

**Vibrant:** The Bay Area is an innovation leader, creating quality job opportunities for all and ample fiscal resources for communities.



## Help us plan for what's on the Horizon!

The Horizon initiative will allow the public, planners and policymakers through June 2019 to wrestle with a range of challenging questions that traditionally have been outside the regional planning process.

There will be many opportunities to be involved and provide your input. In the next few months, we'll invite you to:

- Submit your best and brightest ideas to reshape Bay Area transportation in June's innovative Request for Transformative Projects
- Come see us in person and attend a community event later this year
- Follow the conversation throughout on Twitter [@MTCBATA](#) or [facebook.com/MTCBATA/](#)

For more information on this effort, please view the [RPC meeting agenda](#) or contact the Horizon project manager, Dave Vautin, at [dvautin@bayareametro.gov](mailto:dvautin@bayareametro.gov).

## ABAG General Assembly

Did you attend the ABAG General Assembly? Nearly 150 attendees from local governments throughout the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area did. If you were unable to join us, here's what you missed:



Participants heard presentations on the State of the Association, plenary speaker Jeremy Nowak's recommendations on how cities and regions can effectively respond to the unique challenges of the 21st Century, and a dynamic panel of elected officials discussing Nowak's presentation.

The overarching theme of this year's program was resilience, showcased in breakout sessions providing:

- Recovery lessons from the North Bay Wildfires
- Adaptation strategies for floods and sea level rise
- Earthquake preparedness
- Energy - Community Choice Aggregation programs.

[View the GA highlight video, along with other conference materials here.](#)







Representatives from 59 cities and five counties, sufficient to meet quorum requirements, attended the Business Meeting portion of the program, which gave approval to ABAG's annual general budget and updated its bylaws.

[Video of the Business meeting can be viewed here.](#)

The General Assembly brings together ABAG's member towns, cities and counties once a year to review and approve the Association's budget and work program for the coming fiscal year, as well as to discuss urgent policy issues facing the region. We hope to see you at next year's General Assembly!



The latest special issue of ESTUARY News magazine, takes a deep dive into the 2017-2018 Resilient by Design Bay Area Challenge.

- Read stories about how nine Bay communities, infrastructure, and flood facilities can adapt to the nearly new normal — a one to six-foot rise in sea level by 2100, with accelerating rates of rise mid-century.
- Get answers to questions about regional governance, integrated permitting, and financing for restoration and adaptation.

View the [June 2018 Estuary News PDF](#)



## Bay Area Native to Run San Francisco Bay Trail to Raise Money for Animal Charities

Starting June 29, Bay Area native and long distance runner Eileen Francisco will begin an epic, month-long journey to run 500 miles around San Francisco



Bay. She hopes to raise money for Animal Run, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and racing fundraiser for local animal welfare organizations.

Eileen is going to run approximately 30 miles every other day starting this Friday to complete the circuit, with

most of the miles being run along the San Francisco Bay Trail.

Eileen aims to raise \$10,000 in seed money to support Animal Run – planned 5k, 10k and half-marathon races to be held later this year – where runners' registration fees will be donated to various Bay Area animal welfare organizations.

As seen in the chart to the right, Eileen's run will begin and end in Richmond, traveling in a counter-clockwise direction around San Francisco Bay. For more information about the run, or to donate, visit the Animal Run website.

Day	DayOfWk	Date	Star/Finish	Miles
1	Fri	6/29	Richmond-Crockett	30.5
2	Sun	7/1	Crockett-Vallejo	31.5
3	Tue	7/3	Vallejo-Sonoma	33
5	Thu	7/5	Novato-San Rafael	32
6	Sat	7/7	San Rafael-Sausalito	31.5
7	Mon	7/9	Sausalito-South San Francisco	31
9	Wed	7/11	South SF-Redwood City	32.5
10	Fri	7/13	Redwood City- East Palo Alto	29
11	Sun	7/15	East Palo Alto-Milpitas	35.5
13	Tue	7/17	Milpitas- Dunbarton Bridge	27
14	Thu	7/19	Dunbarton Bridge-Union City	32
15	Sat	7/21	Union City - Bay Farm Island	31.5
17	Mon	7/23	Alameda-Oakland	30
18	Wed	7/25	Oakland-Treasure Isla-Berkeley	27.5
19	Fri	7/27	Berkeley-Richmond	26.5
21	Sun	7/29	Clean up mileage	
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The San Francisco Bay Trail is a planned 500-mile walking and cycling path around the entire San Francisco Bay, eventually connecting all nine Bay Area counties, 47 cities, and across the region's seven toll bridges. Over 350 miles are already in place, connecting communities to open spaces, parks, transit, schools and each other.

Find out more on the Bay Trail [website](#) and download [a brochure and map](#) to plan your own adventure. The San Francisco Bay Trail is a program of ABAG and receives funding for project operation and trail development from MTC.

*Disclaimer: Please note, the above information is provided for informational purposes only and to highlight the role of the San Francisco Bay Trail. Neither ABAG nor MTC have any official affiliation with the Animal Run organization, either as sponsors or supporters.*

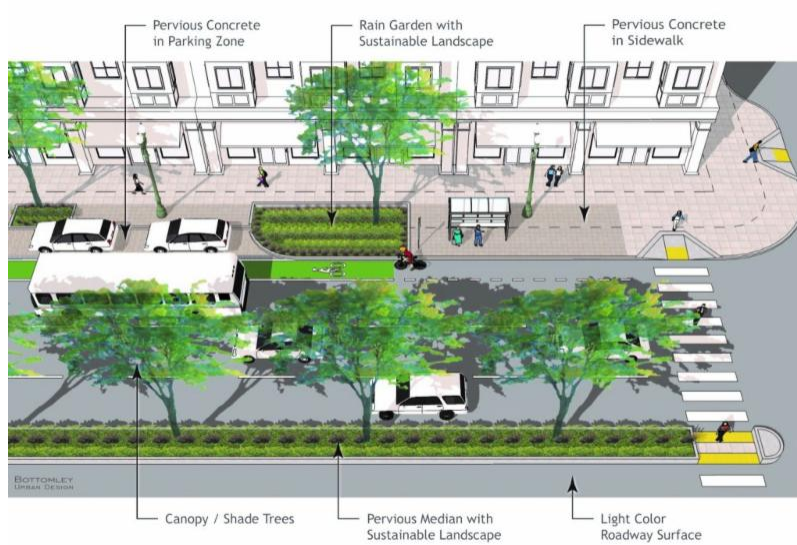
## Estuary Partnership Releases New Sustainable Streets Roadmap

Champions of green and sustainable streets have a new path with the release of the Roadmap of Funding Solutions for Sustainable Streets, now posted on the [Estuary Partnership's website](#).



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The goal of the Roadmap is to identify specific actions that can be undertaken by funding agencies, implementing agencies, and champions from various sectors and levels of government to broaden financial resources for Sustainable Streets: Complete Streets + Green Stormwater Infrastructure.



*Complete Street + Green Infrastructure = Sustainable Street (source: Bottomley Urban Design)*

The Roadmap recommends immediate (2018-19), short-term (2019-20), and long-term actions broken into three pathways:

- Prioritize Sustainable Streets in Funding Sources
- Improve Conditions for Projects Funded by Multiple Grants
- Additional Funding Options

SFEP intends to convene a standing Roadmap Committee of Participating Agencies to monitor and track progress of the Roadmap recommended actions. The roundtable process and document development were funded by the EPA San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund.

Completion of the Roadmap satisfies Task 24-4 of the Estuary Blueprint: *Develop and promote a comprehensive regional road map that identifies key policies, documents, legislation, agencies, and specific actions needed for integrating green infrastructure with future climate change, transportation, and other infrastructure investments within the region, including looking for opportunities to implement large regional projects.*

More on urban greening projects can be found [here](#).

Additional information on the progress on implementation of [Estuary Blueprint](#) tasks and actions is available on the [website](#).

## ABAG Meetings and Events Calendar



### Thursday, July 19

Legislation Committee, 4 p.m.  
 Finance Committee, 5 p.m.  
 ACFA Governing Board, 5:05 p.m. or after the Finance Committee Meeting  
 Executive Board, 7 p.m.  
 Board Room, Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco

### Wednesday, August 1

Regional Planning Committee Meeting, 1 p.m.  
 Yerba Buena Room, Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco

### Thursday, August 2

ABAG FAN Executive Committee, 10 a.m.

ACFA Credit Committee, 10:05 a.m., or immediately after the ABAG FAN Executive  
Committee Meeting

Golden Gate CR 8102, Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco

Check the ABAG [Meetings and Agenda](#) and the [ABAG Calendar](#) for upcoming meeting  
information.

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