

# ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

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**ABAG**

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Subject: **Priority Development Area Nominations and Staff Recommendations**

## Summary

Priority Development Areas (PDAs) are a key growth component of Plan Bay Area. As of June 30, 2015, the 18-month window for PDA additions and modifications closed. ABAG has since finalized the region-wide inventory of 188 PDAs ahead of preparing an update to Plan Bay Area in 2017. The inventory includes all changes recorded since the adoption of Plan Bay Area in 2013 including, modifications, administrative corrections, one removal, and three recent applications for PDA designation. *ABAG staff request that the ABAG Executive Board adopt three new PDAs.*

All Priority Development Areas satisfy the base criteria of being: (1) within an existing community; (2) planned for housing growth; and (3) near transit. Since Plan Bay Area's adoption, jurisdiction requests to modify existing PDAs were sought largely to make minor name, boundary, placetype and/or planning status updates, which allowed for greater consistency with local specific plans. ABAG lead several administrative corrections at the local level to address overlapped PDA boundaries, and to verify local council resolutions for PDAs that were originally designated by the City and County Association of Governments of San Mateo (C/CAG), the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and the Western Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC).

ABAG received three applications for PDA designation for the following areas: Golden Gate/North Oakland (City of Oakland), Rumrill Boulevard (City of San Pablo), and Sonoma Boulevard (City of Vallejo) (Attachment 2). On August 5th, the Regional Planning Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the ABAG Executive Board adopt the three new Priority Development Areas described in this packet.

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Recommended Action

The Executive Board is requested to adopt the Golden Gate/North Oakland, the Rumrill Boulevard, and the Sonoma Boulevard Priority Development Areas.

Attachments

Attachment 1: List Priority Development Areas 2015

Attachment 2: Priority Development Area Applications 2015

Attachment 3: Map of Priority Development Areas 2015