Management Partners

Attachment A
MTC-ABAG Merger Study
Planning Program Areas

The table below summarizes the major planning program areas performed by the planning departments of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). The purpose of the matrix is to identify where the two agencies' planning work tends to coincide. A check mark indicates that the organization provides ongoing staff support to that program area. "Minor" indicates that the work of the organization touches on that area to some degree, but primary responsibility for supporting that area resides elsewhere. "Funds" indicates that the organization provides funding to support that program area, but not ongoing staff support.

The "program area" description below is, in part, Management Partners' characterization of the work; some projects and programs have different names within the agencies. As can be readily noted, there is a substantial overlap in the planning areas on which both agencies work. Each agency approaches the program area with a different focus and often the work performed by each agency is complementary.

Management Partners has not been able to undertake a detailed review of each program area to know whether work may overlap, where it my complement, or where it may even occasionally conflict. (Such an analysis should be undertaken should a policy decision be made to integrate the agencies.) This high-level analysis is intended to indicate areas where there is likely to be room for more efficient allocation of staff resources and a more holistic and effective approach to the issues facing the region, such as resiliency, housing policy and reduction of greenhouse gases.

Planning Program Areas	MTC	ABAG
Air quality conformance	✔	Minor
Bay Area "Report Card" • **MTC: Vital Signs** • **ABAG: State of the Region**	✔	✔
Bay Trail	Funds	✔
Active transportation planning/Bay Area bikeshare	✔	
Cap and trade financing for Plan Bay Area implementation	✔	✔
Climate initiatives	✔	
Complete streets	✔	Minor
Transit planning/core capacity and connectivity studies	✔	
Economic development	Minor	✔

Planning Program Areas	MTC	ABAG
Forecasts and modeling	✔	✔
Household interview survey program	✔	
Housing programs	✔	✔
Industrial areas and goods movement	✔	✔
Intergovernmental coordination	✔	✔
Lifeline transportation planning	✔	
Mapping	✔	✔
Priority conservation areas	Minor	✔
Priority development area (PDA) implementation/transit-oriented development (TOD)	✔	✔
Regional airport coordination	✔	✔
Regional housing need allocation (RHNA)	Minor	✔
Regional transit on-board survey program	✔	
Resiliency programs	✔	✔
Sustainable communities strategy/Plan Bay Area (PBA)	✔	✔
Transportation data analysis	✔	
Parking policies, pricing, and technical assistance	✔	
Water Trail		✔