



## MEMO

To: ABAG Regional Planning Committee

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Subject: Priority Development Area Applications and Inventory; Staff Recommendations

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### **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 189 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 Regional Planning Committee recommend ABAG Executive Board adoption of the final PDA inventory.*

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).

Only the San Rafael Civic Center PDA has been removed via local council resolution. 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).

### **Recommended Action**

Staff request that the Regional Planning Committee recommend the following to the Executive Board:

- Adopt the final inventory of Priority Development Areas (Attachment 1), including the Golden Gate/North Oakland, Rumrill Boulevard and Sonoma Boulevard Priority Development Areas.

Attachment 1: List of 2015 Priority Development Areas

Attachment 2: Priority Development Area Applications

Attachment 3: Map of 2015 Priority Development Areas