



Date: September 2, 2016
To: Regional Planning Committee
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Subject: Session Overview - September 14, 2016

As we informed you before, we moved this meeting from August 5 to September 14 in order to be able to discuss the Draft Preferred Scenario of Plan Bay Area 2040, which was released August 30, 2016. Your participation in the September and October sessions is essential to get your input on the Preferred Scenario and the policies and strategies to be included in Plan Bay Area. **We will be receiving comments until October 14, 2016.** These comments will inform the Final Preferred Scenario to be approved by the ABAG Executive Board and MTC Commission on Thursday, November 17, 2016.

The presentation of the Draft Preferred Scenario will be preceded by an overview of our Open Space Program with a particular focus on the Bay Trail priorities. This Program is an important component of our overall regional sustainability and equity efforts. The Priority Conservation Areas provide a balance to our focus on infill development in Priority Development Areas. Our Bay Trail and Water Trail efforts recognize the importance of open space access and reflect our collective efforts to come together around this issue.

On the ABAG-MTC merger process, the executive teams of both agencies have met twice to address the following:

- 1) Examine the roles and responsibilities outlined in the Implementation Action Plan (IAP) (follow this [link](#)) and 2) discuss coordination of the due diligence. During the due diligence process ABAG and MTC work together to identify business processes, current financial numbers, and the legal structure of ABAG and all our entities to lay the foundation for ABAG's contract for services with MTC. The contract for services will be the governing document on how ABAG and MTC successfully work together to ensure ABAG's mission is met with its members, grantors, partners, and ABAG entities. The contract must be agreed to before the staff consolidation can occur. Additionally, ABAG's Employee Relations Group has met twice with MTC's management and Committee for Staff Representation (MTC's employee representation group) to provide input into the analysis needed to

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structure the staff consolidation process (ABAG Executive Director memo to staff, August 18, 2016).

At our June RPC meeting, we discussed the designation of the Economic Development District and received substantial input from the committee. This was presented to the ABAG Executive Board, which approved a resolution to authorize staff to partner with the US Economic Development Administration and regional and local organizations to prepare a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and to create a regional Economic Development District.

Ongoing efforts

▪ Regional Planning Committee Subcommittee Meetings

- Housing Subcommittee:
 - Wednesday, September 14th 3:00 – 4:30 (Metro Center, 375 Beale Street) Review of current housing tasks, recent housing data and discussion of priorities for 2016-2017.
- *Economic Strategy Subcommittee:*
 - Tuesday, September 13, 1:00 – 2:30 pm (Metro Center, 375 Beale Street). Review of strategies to support a more resilient, prosperous, and equitable economy.
- *Infrastructure Subcommittee:*
 - Wednesday, September 14th, 9:30 - 11:30 (Metro Center, 375 Beale Street) Continue discussion on local and regional collaboration between water districts, cities, and counties. Focus on potential water system disruptions following a scenario earthquake, hear impressions from the September 8th Yellow Command Exercise, and discuss how Subcommittee or a Lifelines Council can foster useful coordination.
 - October 12th, 2:00 - 4:00 (Metro Center, 375 Beale Street) Recap findings from July and September meetings and develop specific findings and recommendations for ABAG's RPC and Executive Board in December 2016 and January 2017.
 - November 10th, 1:00 - 5:30 *tentative time* (Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak Street) Share recommendations emerging from the July, September, and October RPC Subcommittee meetings with a broader audience of peers, and consider a specific proposal for Lifeline Council formation. Committee will initially focus on the resilience of our urban water systems.