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For the October session we are engaging in the **scenarios development for the update of Plan Bay Area 2040**. We will have a workshop session to gather input on the concepts, strategies, and investments that would be combined to define the three draft scenarios. While we have a solid foundation from the first *Plan Bay Area* adopted in 2013, the intense pace of growth in some parts of our region over the last few years combined with changes in local plans, demand some adjustments in our regional strategies.

This upcoming workshop builds upon the discussions in August on the ***People, Places, and Prosperity*** report and the new set of **Priority Development Areas (PDAs)** and **Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)**. The *People, Places, and Prosperity* report is now available in print as well as online (<http://reports.abag.ca.gov/ppp/2015/>). All of the proposed PDAs and PCAs were adopted at the September ABAG Executive Board meeting, per our committee recommendation. We have a total of 188 PDAs and 165 PCAs. This is the official set of PDAs and PCAs for the Plan Bay Area to be adopted in 2017.

As part of the Plan Bay Area scenario development process, we are also sending a packet to our local planning partners to gather input on scenario concepts, recent changes in local plans, and an expected range of growth by PDA and city. We are also initiating the dialogues with our local councils to brief them on the Plan Bay Area update and to get their input on land use strategies, housing policies, and transportation investments. The second round of scenarios will be released in March 2016 in preparation for public workshops in April 2016, and the approval of the Preferred Scenario will be in June 2016.

In addition to the Plan Bay Area scenarios workshop, this October meeting will also include an update on the current MTC proposal to transfer land use planning from ABAG to MTC. We are including in this packet the memo from MTC staff and the response from ABAG. For more information on this topic you can go to: http://abag.ca.gov/media/2015_merger/

We have another two major efforts that are moving at a good pace: the regional forecast and the industrial land and jobs assessment. We will be sending you preliminary reports

on those efforts over the next month. The regional forecast will be adopted by the ABAG Executive Board in January 2016.

On the resilience front, at the last ABAG Executive Board meeting, we recognized that Napa and surrounding communities recently observed the **one year anniversary of the earthquake which damaged much of downtown Napa and Vallejo**, as well as surrounding homes and vineyards. Since then, the Regional Resilience Program has achieved a number of noteworthy milestones to better prepare the Bay Area for natural hazards: (1) Launched new multi-year partnerships with FEMA and the Rockefeller 100 Resilient Cities Initiative to support implementation of disaster and climate strategies in our member cities and counties; (2) Convened nine city and county staff workshops to update and develop local hazard mitigation and climate adaptation plans; (3) Released the 25th Loma Prieta Anniversary Policy Platform focused on safer buildings, improved infrastructure, and improved financing options (resilience.abag.ca.gov)