

September 23, 2015



ABAG Governing Board  
MTC Board of Commissioners  
101 Eighth Street  
Oakland, CA 94607-4700

**SUBJECT: ABAG & MTC PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION ISSUES**

At its meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015, the San Pablo City Council considered matters related to the proposed consolidation of regional land use planning and research functions from ABAG to MTC promulgated under state law pursuant to the SB 375 legislation. Following this discussion, the San Pablo City Council outlined the following concerns regarding this proposed consolidation, as follows:

- To ensure that Plan Bay Area grant funding and planning for Priority Development Areas (PDAs) remain optimal and sustainable for local jurisdictions actively engaged in these regional programs or projects; and
- To ensure that a wide range of stakeholders are engaged in a transparent process to ensure that a deliberate and collaborative process, with public accountability, is supported by both agencies with adequate time for proper funding and implementation through the entire FY 2015-16 period; and
- San Pablo supports a comprehensive and multi-disciplinary regional approach on the consolidation of all planning related functions in a combined agency that addresses both land use, transportation and all related functions where environmental, social concerns and transportation goals are collectively addressed for the betterment of the Bay Area region.

The San Pablo City Council urges both respective Governing Boards to take all concerns and issues from local cities and all stakeholders into serious consideration, and work toward a cooperative agreement that leads to a successful transition of planning functions, and development of a new model which promotes Bay Area regional governance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely:

Kathy Chao Rothberg  
Mayor

cc: San Pablo City Councilmembers  
Contra Costa Mayors