

New Bay Area Metro Center Welcome

We welcomed members to the new Bay Area Metro Center on June 16th. View the [ABAG calendar](#) for upcoming events and opportunities to visit ABAG.



Opening Celebration



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ABAG-MTC Merger Update

With ABAG's Special Executive Board meeting on June 16th, and MTC's Commission meeting on June 22nd, certain conditions established by Resolution 4210 have now been met and the Merger Implementation Action Plan has been adopted.

Under the terms of Resolution 4210, once both the ABAG Executive Board and Commission of MTC vote to adopt the Option 7 Implementation Action Plan, those sections of Resolution 4210 that would have, on July 1, 2016, transferred 13 ABAG planners to MTC and reduced MTC's planning grant to ABAG are pre-empted and the related proposed actions are voided.

At ABAG's Special Executive Board meeting, Resolution 08-16 was passed. This action adopts the Option 7 - Implementation Action Plan with the attached Worker Protection Principles, and

1. Authorizes staff to conduct negotiations with MTC for a Contract for Services in accordance with principles adopted under ABAG Executive Board Resolution 07-16 and report back to the Executive Board on a timely basis regarding progress on such negotiations and to present recommendations on a Contract for Services between ABAG and MTC.

2. Authorizes ABAG's President, in consultation with the ABAG Administrative Committee, to appoint members of the Executive Board to conduct negotiations of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in accordance with the above mentioned principles and to report back to the Executive Board on a timely basis regarding the progress of such negotiations and to present recommendations on an MOU between ABAG and MTC.

The MTC at its Wednesday, June 22nd meeting approved the Implementation Action Plan for MTC/ABAG Merger Study, Option 7 and took Related Financial Actions that included:

- 1) Approval of the Implementation Action Plan (IAP) to guide Option 7 implementation (the consolidation of all staff functions of MTC and ABAG within MTC under one executive director and consideration of Governance options).
- 2) Approval of a \$1.9 million funding agreement to support ABAG planning functions through December 31, 2016.
- 3) Approval of a \$250,000 contract with Public Financial Management to support financial due diligence called for in the IAP.
- 4) Approval of a \$250,000 contract with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP to conduct legal due diligence called for in the IAP.

MTC's Chair Dave Cortese suggested that MTC approve an amendment "referring SEIU's Worker Protection Principles and MTC's Committee for Staff Representation comments into the record to the new ABAG/MTC Joint Labor Relations Committee for discussion." MTC voted to approve that amendment. ABAG's Executive Board had included SEIU's Worker Protection Principles in its formal approval of the Option 7 Implementation Action Plan (IAP) on June 16th, along with the Guiding Principles it had previously adopted.

For more information, visit the [Merger Discussion Page](#).

Plan Bay Area 2040 Spring Outreach Extends Regional Conversation on Housing and Transportation



During May and June, more than 1,100 members of the public attended open houses or took an online quiz to learn about and comment on an update to the region's long-range transportation and housing roadmap known as Plan Bay Area 2040. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) invited the public to attend open houses held in all nine Bay Area counties beginning May 26 and continuing through June 14.

Bay Area residents who attended these open houses had the opportunity to view displays and offer comments on long-term goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light-duty trucks, house the region's projected population, improve public health, maintain the region's transportation infrastructure, and preserve open space, among others.

An online quiz, [Build a Better Bay Area](#), has drawn more than 600 participants so far. The quiz highlights some of the trade-offs that policy makers will be grappling with as they consider the elements that should be included in Plan Bay Area 2040's preferred scenario. Responses to 10 quiz questions are tied to the three alternative scenarios: Main Streets, Connected Neighborhoods and Big Cities. Quiz questions mirror the tough decisions facing the Bay Area as we adapt to the challenges of future population

growth. To be taken from any desktop or mobile device, the Build A Better Bay Area quiz will remain up through the summer. To view the quiz, visit BuildABetterBayArea.org.

Those unable to attend a workshop can view materials and offer comments online at the [Plan Bay Area Open Forum](#). Open Forum is an online conversation platform that encourages Bay Area residents to be a part of the region's planning efforts. Residents are invited to guide the future of our region by getting involved in the conversation and submitting comments to ABAG and MTC.

For more information, visit the website at [Plan Bay Area 2040](#).

San Francisco Bay Protection Measure AA Passed with Bay Area Voter Support

Measure AA, a special parcel tax of \$12 per year for twenty years that was on the June 7, 2016 ballot in all nine Bay Area counties, passed with 69 percent voter approval.

"This is a significant achievement for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Authority), for the San Francisco Bay, for all Bay Area residents, and for all of us interested in regional issues," said Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director.



San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority



The "San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention, and Habitat Restoration Program," known as the Clean and Healthy Bay Ballot Measure, would generate approximately \$25 million per year, totaling \$500 million, to fund shoreline projects that would protect and restore the San Francisco Bay by: (1) reducing trash, pollution and harmful toxins; (2) improving water quality; (3) restoring habitat for fish, birds and wildlife; (4) protecting communities from floods; and (5) increasing shoreline access for public enjoyment. Through the parcel tax, revenue would be allocated to projects in each of the San Francisco Bay Area's nine counties.

ABAG is responsible for appointing the seven member Governing Board of the Authority. The current members are listed here: <http://sfbayrestore.org/sf-bay-restoration-authority-board.php>. In addition, ABAG has provided voluntary staff support to the Authority in the form of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's Director and Staff, as well as ABAG's Executive Director, Legal Counsel, Finance Director and Board Clerk. The staff of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program has also served the Authority on a voluntary basis.

For more information, visit the website at <http://sfbayrestore.org/> or contact the San

Meeting Calendar - July 2016

ABAG Administrative Committee Special Meeting

7/8 @ 10:30 a.m., 375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco

ABAG Legislative and Governmental Organization Meeting

7/21 @ 3:30 p.m., 375 Beale Street, Ohlone Room, San Francisco

ABAG Finance & Personnel Committee

7/21 @ 5:00 p.m., 375 Beale Street, Ohlone Room, San Francisco

ABAG Executive Board Meeting

7/21 @ 7:00 p.m., 375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Governing Board

7/29 @ 1:00 p.m., California State Coastal Conservancy, 1330 Broadway,
11th Floor Conference Room, Oakland

[More information available on ABAG's website](#)