

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

September 21, 2023

Agenda Item 12.a.

Plan Bay Area 2050+: Scope and Schedule

Subject:

Update on scope and schedule for Plan Bay Area 2050+, a minor update to the long-range regional plan that kicked off this summer.

Background:

Plan Bay Area is the long-range fiscally constrained regional plan for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment, updated every four years. Developed in compliance with federal and state regulations and guidelines, it satisfies Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) requirements for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

A joint project of ABAG and MTC, Plan Bay Area is adopted by both the ABAG Executive Board and the Commission, first with the original Plan Bay Area (July 2013), Plan Bay Area 2040 (July 2017), and most recently Plan Bay Area 2050 (October 2021).

Plan Bay Area 2050+ Scope and Schedule:

Plan Bay Area 2050+ is a limited and focused update of Plan Bay Area which kicked off in July, with an anticipated adoption date of fall 2025. Plan Bay Area will be updated in consultation with a wide range of partners, including federal, state, regional, county, local and Tribal governments, as well as community organizations, stakeholders, and the public.

Because it is a limited and focused update that will not require a concurrent Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process, Plan Bay Area 2050+ will leverage the solid foundation of Plan Bay Area 2050, including its adopted vision and guiding principles as well as its overall strategic framework and organization. As such, key priorities for the Plan Bay Area 2050+ process include: (1) educating the public and partners on the purpose, strategies, and real-world impact of the long-range plan, (2) leveraging findings from ongoing high-profile implementation efforts to inform targeted refinements to select plan strategies, and (3) updating planning and technical assumptions to help reflect the realities of the post-COVID environment. The expected timeline and key milestones for Plan Bay Area 2050+ are included in Attachment B.

In parallel to Plan Bay Area 2050+, MTC will be advancing Transit 2050+, a comprehensive re-thinking of the six transit-related strategies in Plan Bay Area 2050's Transportation Element, necessitated by the rapid changes in commute patterns brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, significant reductions in anticipated transit revenues through 2050, and the challenges posed by the region's fragmented transit system. The results of the parallel Transit 2050+ planning process will feed directly into the development of the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Final Blueprint in 2024.

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Next Steps:

A first round of public and partner/stakeholder engagement – including pop-ups, workshops, a webinar, office hours and an online survey – began this summer and is continuing through early fall. Staff will return to the Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee in November 2023 to provide an update on the plan’s core planning assumptions as well as proposed Draft Blueprint strategy refinements.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information

Attachment:

- A. Presentation
- B. Plan Bay Area 2050+ Key Milestones

Reviewed:



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