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ABAG Delegates: Please attend the General Assembly scheduled for **April 18, 2013** at the Jack London Square Pavilion 98 Broadway (Broadway and Embarcadero) from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Suggestion for City and Town Councils: Please consider placing the Plan Bay Area and Draft EIR on the City and Town Council meeting agendas to provide input on the Plan and the DEIR. Your feedback on whether your council's agree with the preferred alternative or one of the alternatives examined in the DEIR.

Extended Producer Responsibility

Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director for the California Product Stewardship Council briefed the ABAG Board on extended producer responsibility issues and requested support in getting resolutions of support from cities, towns and counties in the Region. The Stewardship Council is a coalition of local governments founded in 2007 to promote producer responsibility for discarded computers, batteries, paints and similar products with hazardous or toxic properties. Ms. Sanborn reported on the Council's work, including legislative advocacy, implementation support for recently enacted stewardship laws and support for the Council's strategic initiatives for 2013 and beyond. The ABAG Board adopted a resolution supporting expended producer responsibility and urging cities, towns and counties to also adopt resolutions. For the model resolution and staff report: <http://www.calpsc.org/join-cpsc/epr-where-you-live>

Thank you to the cities and towns of Fairfax, Larkspur and San Rafael for adopting the resolution supporting extended producer responsibility.

Sustainable Community Strategy

March 22, 2013 - Plan Bay Area/Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) released for 55-day comment period

April 16, 2013 - 10:00 am - ABAG/MTC North Bay Public Hearing on DEIR --
Location: Embassy Suites, San Rafael

April 25, 2013 - 5:00 pm - ABAG/MTC "Conversation with Elected Officials" --
Location: Marin County Civic Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers
7:00 pm – Presentation before TAM Board on the Plan Bay Area/DEIR and 'Transportation Investment Strategy'

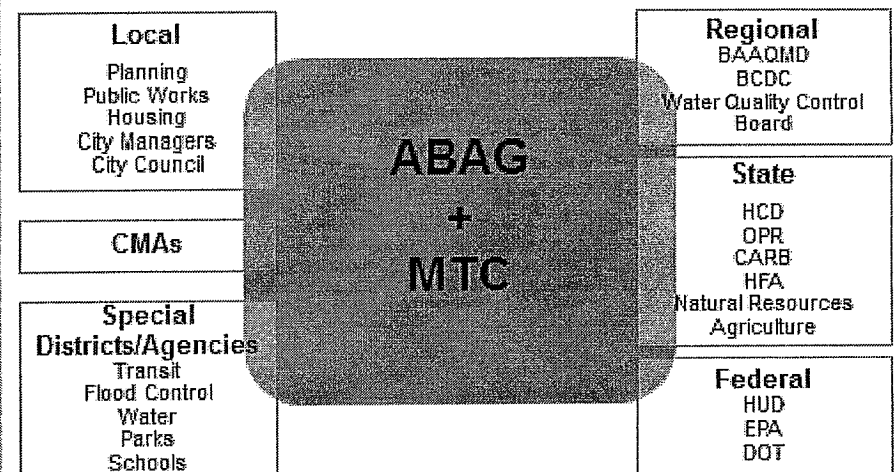
April 29, 2013 - 6:00 pm – ABAG/MTC Plan Bay Area Open House
Location: Marin County Civic Center
7:00 pm - Public Hearing
Location: Marin County Civic Center

May 16, 2013 - Close of comment period Draft Plan Bay Area / DEIR

Plan Bay Area

Funding: Congestion Management Agencies in 9 County SF Bay Area will receive \$200M FROM One Bay Area Grant to: 1) Analyze housing productivity

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trends and future needs; 2) Analyze employment centers; 3) Work on complete communities (quality of life); 4) Analyze and prioritize open space, agricultural and conservation projects; and, 5) Work on resilience of area to respond to disaster on housing infrastructure jobs and governance.

Priority Development Areas will receive \$28M for infrastructure improvements.

Priority Conservation Areas will receive \$10M of which \$5 will be piloted in the North Bay.

Environmental Impact Report:

In May 2012, the ABAG Executive Board and the MTC adopted the Jobs-Housing Connection Strategy as the preferred alternative for Plan Bay Area. This preferred alternative along with 4 additional alternatives will be evaluated through an Environmental Impact Report as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Preferred Alternative focuses more than 80% of new housing and 66% of new jobs in locally elected Priority Development Areas, and focuses the majority of transportation investment on 'fix it first' projects that improve existing transit services and roadways while also funding a variety of new transit projects and a network of Regional Express Lanes. As required by CEQA, the EIR is assessing a No Project alternative and three additional alternatives which are intended to achieve the region's GHG emissions target. They are:

- 1) No Project Alternative: Addresses what would be reasonably expected to occur if Plan Bay Area were not adopted. This is based upon continuation of existing land use policies (as defined in general plans and zoning), the 2010 transportation network along with transportation project that were funded or had environmental clearance and were scheduled for funding by May 2011.
- 2) Transit Priority Focus Alternative: Combines the Preferred Alternative transportation network with a development pattern focused in locations with the highest levels of transit service. This development pattern is similar to the Project, but places a greater emphasis on concentrating new housing and growth in areas particularly well served by transit than on ensuring that this growth takes place in PDAs. In many cases, these areas overlap with PDAs, but in some cases do not. This approach to future land use assumes that zoning capacity will be increased in many transit-rich areas, and that fees may be used to help focus development in these locations.
- 3) Enhanced Network of Communities Alternative: This is the builders alternative with growth projected in the greenbelt areas. The transportation strategy redirects about \$6B in discretionary funding to increase transit service, based on the findings of the Transit Sustainability Project recently completed by MTC. This alternative does not reflect the full implementation of the Regional Express Lanes network.
- 4) Environment, Equity and Jobs Alternative: This alternative focuses a greater share of affordable housing in job-rich communities and redirects \$6B in discretionary funds to increase local transit service while also reducing implementation of the Regional Express Lanes network. The growth is projected in communities with good schools in the suburbs.

Housing Methodology Appeals

8 cities filed an appeal on their housing allocation. No city/town/county in Marin submitted an appeal.

New ABAG Brochure

A new brochure about ABAG is available in their web site and was distributed at the MCCMC meeting in February 2013.

Water Trail Grant Program

ABAG is now accepting grant applications from eligible public agencies and non-profits for Water Trail site enhancement projects. The Water Trail Grant Program is administered by ABAG on behalf of the Water Trail. Applications will be accepted continuously until funding is exhausted, but applicants are encouraged to submit proposals by April 30, 2013 in order to be among the first proposals considered. The application package is attached, but may also be downloaded from www.sfbaywatertrail.org or www.scc.ca.gov. For questions please contact Galli Basson, Water Trail Planner GalliB@abag.ca.gov or [\(510\) 464-7936](tel:5104647936).