

# Report on ABAG to MCCMC

June 22, 2016

## ABAG MTC MERGER IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN:

On June 7, 2016, the ABAG Executive Board adopted Resolution No. 08-16 that adopts the “Option 7 Implementation Action Plan (IAP)” and authorizes:

1. Staff to conduct negotiations of a Contract for Services in accordance with the principles adopted pursuant to ABAG Resolution 07-16 and to report back to the ABAG Executive Board on the recommendations.
2. ABAG President, in consultation with the Administrative Committee, to appoint members of the Executive Board to conduct negotiations of a MOU in accordance with ABAG Resolution 07-16.

Prior to the vote, I expressed the following concerns: 1) The IAP is silent on the role of the General Assembly. The ABAG Bylaws states the General Assembly is responsible to adopt the work program, budget and provide policy direction to the ABAG Executive Board. Specifically, the IAP does not provide reassurance that any and all changes will be brought before the General Assembly for vote. 2) The IAP does not include an objective evaluation to ensure the ABAG Executive Board will be able to fulfill their statutory obligations through an MOU and Contract for Services. 3) The IAP calls for staff to establish a unified Agency mission, vision and values and to ‘share results with MTC and ABAG policy bodies’. There is no explanation of what happens to the ABAG mission and values or whether the General Assembly will be engaged. 4) Lastly, since MTC voted to change Option 7 to ‘Consider’ in lieu of “Pursue” New Governance Options, it was unclear how ABAG Executive Board was going to deal with this change. I was able to clarify that the ‘negotiations team’ selected by the ABAG President would notice their meetings to adhere to the Brown Act. Unfortunately, since the ABAG Executive Board did not want changes to the Draft IAP, I could not support the motion without these issues being clarified in the IAP.

MTC will be discussing and taking action on the Draft IAP on May 22, 2016.

## PLAN BAY AREA 2040:

1. **Public Workshop/Open House.** Our public workshop/open house on June 4, 2016 was a huge success. At the ABAG Executive Board meeting on June 16, 2016, it was announced that Marin County’s public workshop and open house had over 115 participants. The only other County that was close was San Francisco which reported 65 participants.
  - a. THANK YOU to all the elected officials for participating. We had a great turnout! A special thank you to our moderators – Mayor Catherine Way and Council Member Stephanie Moulton-Peters; and, to our ‘roving microphones’ – Council Member Sashi McEntee and Council Member John Reed; and, to our time keeper Mayor Renee Goddard.
  - b. THANK YOU to both Supervisor Steve Kinsey and Council Member Stephanie Moulton-Peters for agreeing to have the Transportation Authority of Marin co-sponsor this public workshop and open house with the Marin ABAG delegates and alternates. It really makes sense for us to do this together since Plan Bay Area is our ‘roadmap’ for both land use and transportation in the Bay Area.
  - c. THANK YOU to the ABAG and MTC staff specifically Catalina Alvarado (MTC), Pam Grove (MTC) and Wally Charles (ABAG) for setting up the workshop and materials. THANK YOU to the speakers – Cynthia Kroll (ABAG) who always makes a ‘dry’ subject interesting and humorous, Matt Maloney (MTC) who identified immediately with the audience and explained the scenarios so well, David Vautin, who gave a great ‘sneak peak’ at Vital Signs; and, of course, Alix Bockelmann and Brad Paul for participating and showing that the leadership of both ABAG and MTC really want hear our feedback!
  - d. THANK YOU to the city and county clerks for sending out the flyer and helping to spread the word!
  - e. THANK YOU to the Town of Corte Madera – from the Town Council to the staff for allowing us to use their Community Center. It was the PERFECT venue with great staff!! Mario Fiorentini – a **BIG THANK YOU** for making this work and; and, to Dane Sterling a **BIG THANK YOU** for setting up the facility, computer and audio-visual aids system.

2. **Plan Bay Area Scenarios.** As reported last month, MTC released the proposed household and job projections for the 3 land use scenarios generated from UrbanSim without adjustments requested by local governments. I highly recommend that the City/Town Council's review and submit comments to MTC and ABAG on the projections. As discovered at the Plan Bay Area workshop held in Marin in June, some of the projections are high for both household and jobs. **The feedback from jurisdictions will influence the proposed household and job projections for the 'preferred scenario' which will be released in July.** If you submit comments, please be sure to copy me so I have an understanding of your community's concerns.

**ABAG REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE:** On June 1, 2016, ABAG Regional Planning Committee agreed to form two subcommittees to focus on:

- 1) **Establish a Bay Area Economic Development District (EDD):** The subcommittee would oversee and possibly be a Strategy Committee to provide direction on a Draft preliminary *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy* (CEDS) report which could lead us to establishing a regional EDD, as defined by the US Economic Development Administration, provided that five of the nine counties approve a regional EDD via their Board of Supervisors. The potential benefits include: a) jurisdictions and public/private organizations could compete for grants or other financial assistance from a variety of public (US Department of Labor, US Department of Agriculture, US Economic Development Administration, etc..) and private sources. b) Infrastructure funding for cities including increasing broadband capacity. c) Pre-disaster technical and funding assistance to implement resilience actions.
- 2) **Regional Housing Plan of Action:** The subcommittee would oversee the identification of solutions that could be instrumental in making progress toward substantial and lasting housing solutions including: a) formation of a regional housing trust fund; b) facilitating affordability through housing renovation; and c) facilitating best practices through research, education, convening, technical assistance and resource development.

**375 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO:** ABAG, MTC, and BAAQMD have moved to 375 Beale Street in San Francisco. Recently, the budget for the State of California provides additional funds which will allow BCDC to move into the building some time in 2016 or 2017. The first floor includes the hearing room for the governing boards, meeting space for the various committees along with retail spaces. **There is also, on the first floor south wall, a great video of the SF Bay shoreline (that came from the Oakland Museum) that is a must see for all!**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- **June 22, 2016** – 9:30 am MTC meeting
- **July 21, 2016** – 7:00 pm ABAG Executive Board
- **July 27, 2016** – 9:30 am MTC meeting

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