

Report on ABAG to MCCMC

September 22, 2014

ABAG, USGS AND SEAONC SYMPOSIUM: On October 16, 2014 at the Kaiser Center (300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA) from 9:00 to 5:00 pm, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), United States Geological Survey (USGS), and Structural Engineering Association of Northern California (SEAONC) will convene to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake. This symposium will examine resilience progress accomplished in the last twenty-five years; discuss infrastructure interdependence; review best ways to finance community safety; and explore how cities apply implementation for a safer, smart future, as well as recommendations for community resilience building for future regional earthquakes. To register online, go to: <http://www.lomaprieta25.com/>

PLAN BAY AREA: In July 2013, ABAG/MTC approved Plan Bay Area which was the first Regional Transportation Plan for the SF Bay Region that includes a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as required by SB 375. This Plan will be updated in summer 2017. One key difference between the 2013 Plan and the 2017 update is that the 2017 update will not include the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) which was required in 2013 and will be again updated in the 2021 SCS. The 2017 update will focus on specific new initiatives and policy issues identified in Plan Bay Area including: sea level rise adaptation planning; healthy infill development guidelines; and, economic development and prosperity analysis. In addition, MTC is advancing a Regional Goods Movement Plan and 2 transit studies focused on capacity and connectivity of the region's core transit systems.

Three basic stages of collaboration are:

- 1) 2014-2015. Local jurisdictions will revise, remove or propose PDAs and PCAs by summer 2015. They will also provide input on their local visions, plans and strategies; and, the housing permit and policy data which will inform the Land Use Strategies Report due in early 2016 (see Attachment 1).
- 2) 2015-2016. Cities/counties and ABAG staff will review and discuss the pattern of growth allocation for jobs, population and housing in the context of the local visions and regional forecast. In July 2014, ABAG staff mentioned they are buying and working on a more detailed demographic metric model to understand the actual change in the population composition by age, migration, ethnicity and income; and, will provide a relationship between the type of jobs, the level of income and the housing burden and costs which was not available for the 2013 Plan. Also, the City Councils and Boards of Supervisors will discuss the priorities and scenarios that will guide future growth in the Region.
- 3) 2016-2017. Cities/Counties will provide input on the strategies and funding required for an appropriate implementation of the overarching plan.

The State of the Region Report will be released by summer 2015 and will provide an assessment of current economic and housing trends in the Bay Area. Also, the regional forecast of jobs, population and housing will be released by the end of 2015 which will include an assessment of demographic changes, including age and migration patterns, as well as changes in regional employment pattern and interregional commute. The forecast methodology, preliminary findings and final results will be discussed at the ABAG Regional Planning Committee and Regional Advisory Working Group. I will also bring those to our Marin ABAG delegate meetings.

Public meetings will be conducted in all nine Bay Area counties; there will be an online forum and presentations to civic groups, community organizations. These will be structured to ensure significant local community input. Also, ABAG is working through the ABAG delegates in each County to identify what worked well, what didn't and how the components of the process should be prioritized for the 2017 Update. ABAG staff has and will continue participating in all of the Marin ABAG delegate meetings. How the public engagement process will be conducted has yet to be determined. A consultant hired by ABAG/MTC staff will bring a draft public participation plan forward in early 2015. Everyone agrees that significant improvements are essential for the 2017 Update.

Attachments: Plan Bay Area 2017 Process
Draft Schedule & Tasks: 2017 RTP/SCS

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