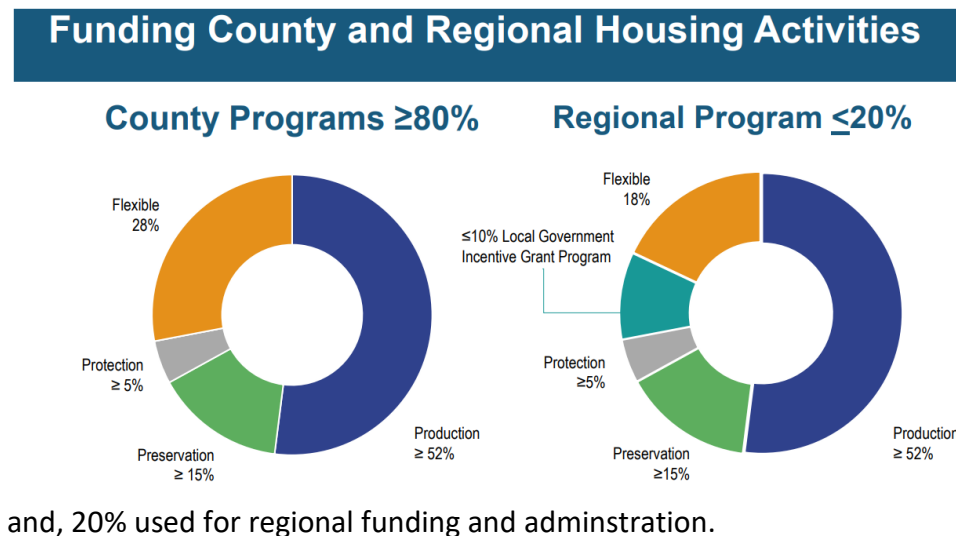


EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- 1) **Regional Affordable Housing and Transportation Tax Measure:** ABAG/MTC has agreed to begin working on placing a Regional Affordable Housing and Transportation tax measure on the ballot across the nine counties of the SF Bay Area in 2024. ABAG/MTC will be seeking feedback from local jurisdictions on the proposed measure.
- 2) **ABAG General Assembly Program and Business Meeting:** The ABAG General Assembly participated in a webinar on a proposed regional tax measure for housing and transportation; heard about ABAG local government services available to local governments and voted to approve the 2022-2023 work plan and increase in dues on June 17, 2022. I wanted to thank all of the ABAG delegates from the cities in Marin who participated in the General Assembly.
- 3) **Future of Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs):** ABAG/MTC will be re-evaluating the PCA criteria for the next round proposed in the OBAG Cycle 3 anticipated in 2024.

1) Regional Affordable Housing and Transportation Tax Measure: Assembly Bill 1487 (Chiu, 2019) authorized the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) to place a regional housing measure on the ballot across the nine counties, in collaboration with the ABAG Executive Board. The legislation authorized a variety of revenue

mechanisms, including a general obligation bond, a parcel tax, commercial linkage fee, a gross receipts tax and an employee head tax for construction and preservation of affordable housing, tenant protection programs, planning and technical assistance related to affordable housing, and for infrastructure to support housing. The legislation provides that 80% of the funding goes back to the County of origin;



and, 20% used for regional funding and administration.

After considerable discussion, ABAG/MTC decided to begin working on a measure for housing and transportation to be placed on the November 2024 ballot across the nine counties. Bay Area Housing for All (BAHA) Coalition has suggested ABAG/MTC pursue a regional housing bond of \$10-\$20 billion; however, this option along with others will be discussed by ABAG/MTC. Each County would work with their cities in developing an expenditure plan which would be submitted to ABAG. ABAG/MTC will be reaching out to the local jurisdictions to seek additional feedback on the proposed measure.

2) ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY Program and Business Meeting: The General Assembly (delegates from each city and county that are ABAG members) met on June 17, 2022. There was a great discussion on a proposed ballot measure in November 2024 for funding housing – production, preservation, protection, etc... The Assembly also voted to support the work plan and dues increase for 2022-2023.

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There was also a discussion about additional local services available from ABAG which are identified in blue below; and, future anticipated services identified in yellow.



3) Future of Priority Conservation

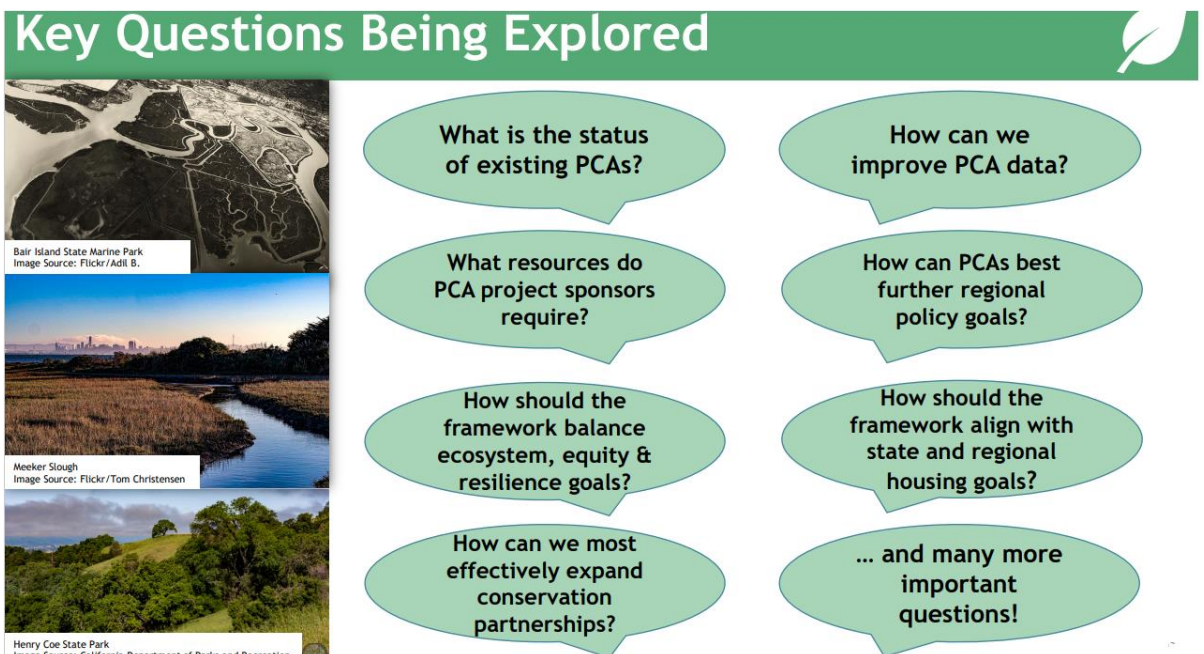
Areas (PCAs): The planning framework for identifying and designating PCAs was inaugurated in 2007. PCAs are locations nominated by cities, counties, and park/open space districts and designated by ABAG for natural habitat protection and open space preservation. PCAs encompass four primary designations: natural landscapes, agricultural lands, urban greening and regional recreation. At present, there are over 185 PCAs within the region, located in all nine Bay Area counties.

Since 2013, MTC has awarded over \$26 million in One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 1 and Cycle 2 funds in support of 56 total PCA projects. This funding has helped PCA project sponsors acquire or enhance properties designated as PCAs. A total of \$3.8 million for PCAs has also come from the state Coastal Conservancy, which has acted as a key partner in administering the grant program in the East Bay, South Bay and Peninsula. Approximately \$18 million for PCAs has been proposed in the OBAG Cycle 3, with the next call for projects anticipated in 2024 – making this a prime opportunity to revisit the PCA planning framework.

In November 2021, MTC was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Sustainable Agricultural Lands (SALC) Program managed by the California Department of Conservation to engage in a broad-based, multi-partner and multi-stakeholder effort to:

1. Understand the strengths and weaknesses of the current PCA framework;
2. Articulate a vision for next-generation PCAs;
3. Establish clear goals and objectives for PCAs;
4. Incorporate a wider range of policy concerns into the planning framework; and
5. Develop and/or refine data and mapping tools available to program partners.

This project will evaluate all aspects of the current PCA nomination, evaluation, and designation process as well as develop the guidelines and resources that project applicants need to support high-impact conservation planning and policy decisions.



UPCOMING MEETINGS²

- **July 8, 2022 --** MTC Operations Committee, 9:35 am
Joint MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee, 9:40 am
Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee, 9:45 am
- **July 13, 2022 --** MTC Bay Area Toll Authority Oversight Committee, 9:35 am
MTC Administration Committee, 9:40 am
MTC Programming and Allocation Committee, 9:45 am
MTC Policy Advisory Council, 1:30 pm
- **July 14, 2022 --** ABAG Housing Committee & BA Housing Finance Authority Committee, 1:00 pm
- **July 15, 2022 --** Bay Area Regional Collaborative, 10:05 am
- **July 18, 2022 --** MTC Fare Integration Task Force, 12:30 pm
MTC Clipper Executive Board, 1:30 pm
- **July 21, 2022 --** ABAG Power Committee, 11:00 am
ABAG Finance Committee, 5:00 pm
ABAG ACFA Governing Board, 5:05 pm
ABAG Executive Board, 5:10 pm
- **July 22, 2022 --** MTC Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee, 1:00 pm
- **July 25, 2022 --** MTC Policy Advisory Council Fare Coordination and Integration Committee, 9:00 am
MTC Network Management Business Case Advisory Group, 1:00 pm
- **July 27, 2022 --** Metropolitan Transportation Commission, 9:35 am
MTC Bay Area Toll Authority, 9:40 am
MTC Bay Area Headquarters Authority, 9:45 am
MTC Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority, 9:50 am
- **August 18, 2022 --** ABAG Power Executive Committee, 11:00 am
- **August 26, 2022 --** MTC Policy Council Equity and Access Subcommittee, 11:00 am
- **August 29, 2022 --** MTC Policy Council Fare Coordination and Integration Committee, 9:00 am

² All meetings are 'hybrid' which means that some Board/Committee members will be in person at 375 Beale Street, SF; and, others will be participating via Zoom, webcast and/or teleconference, unless noted otherwise. <https://mtc.legistar.com/> If you have questions, contact Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato at 415-883-9116 or via email at: pateklund@comcast.net.