

# ABAG Report to MCCMC<sup>1</sup>

June 2021

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- 1) **ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** On June 25, 2021, the ABAG General Assembly will convene at 9:00 am for a panel discussion on housing and homelessness along with other presentations. The business meeting begins at 10:30 am which includes a vote on the FY 2021 to 2022 Budget and Workplan.
- 2) **Plan Bay Area 2050 Workshop for North Bay (Marin, Napa, Solano & Sonoma).** On June 30, 2021, ABAG and MTC will conduct a public workshop on Plan Bay Area 2050 for the North Bay beginning at noon. To connect to the workshop click the following link: [Launch Meeting - Zoom](#)
- 3) **Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 and Draft EIR.** After an extensive environmental analysis of the preferred alternative (Draft Plan Bay Area) and three other alternatives, Alternative 1 is the environmentally superior alternative – NOT the preferred alternative (Draft PBA 2050).

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## ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

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- 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.: Brief presentations on Regional Early Action Program (REAP) and Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) and Expanded Regional Housing Portfolio. There will be a panel discussion on housing affordability and homelessness.
- 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Presentation and vote on the ABAG Workplan and Budget for FY 2021-22.

To join the webinar and General Assembly on June 25, 2021: <https://bayareametro.zoom.us/j/88330935989>

## PLAN BAY AREA 2050 WORKSHOP FOR NORTH BAY WORKSHOP:

On June 30, 2021 at noon, ABAG/MTC will conduct a public workshop on Plan Bay Area 2050 for the North Bay. The meeting will be recorded and posted on the Plan Bay Area 2050 website. The link to participate is: [Launch Meeting - Zoom](#). Or, go to Zoom and the ID and passcode are:

Webinar ID: 865 5893 1464

Passcode: 012057

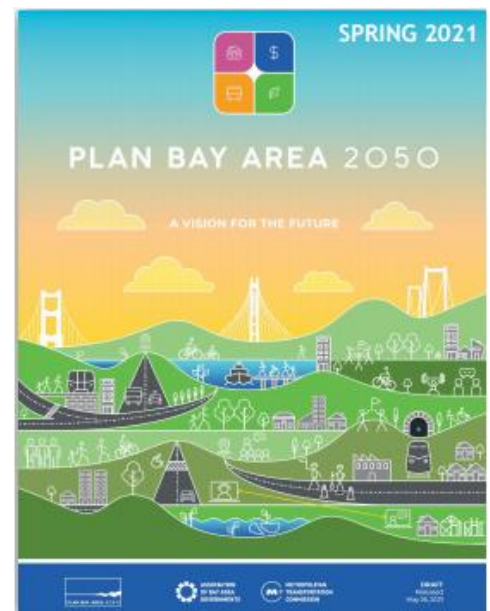
On June 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., the workshop for the San Francisco and San Mateo counties begin at noon. Following is the link to this workshop: [Launch Meeting - Zoom](#). Or, go to Zoom and the ID and passcode are:

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Following are the links to recordings of previous workshops held:

East Bay {[Plan Bay Area 2050: East Bay Workshop \(Alameda and Contra Costa Counties\) June 14, 2021 - YouTube](#)} and, South Bay [Draft Plan Bay Area 2050: Virtual Public Workshop — June 17, 2021 - YouTube](#).



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<sup>1</sup> Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC)

There are two more public hearings scheduled for:

<p>Tuesday, June 22, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><a href="#">Hearing 2 Zoom Link</a></p> <p>Webinar ID: 812 0345 4209</p> <p>Passcode: 177176</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 7, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><a href="#">Hearing 3 Zoom Link</a></p> <p>Webinar ID: 854 5833 8822</p> <p>Passcode: 908706</p>
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### **Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 and DRAFT EIR:**

ABAG/MTC released the Draft “Plan Bay Area 2050: A Vision for the Future”, Draft EIR and Draft Implementation Plan after over three years of public discussion and technical work. The public comment period closes on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

This Plan takes a comprehensive look at the region’s challenges and identifies actions to be advanced by all levels of government in the coming years. It focuses on four key issues: the economy, the environment, housing and transportation; outlines 70 specific implementation actions for ABAG/MTC to tackle over the next five years to advance each of the 35 bold strategies for growth and investment through 2050; and identifies a path to make the Bay Area more equitable for all residents and more resilient in the face of unexpected challenges. The Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 and supporting documents (DEIR, Implementation Plan, etc..) are available for review at [planbayarea.org](http://planbayarea.org).

The Draft EIR analyzes and discloses the potential range of environmental effects from the implementation of the Preferred Alternative which is the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050. It identifies the range of environmental impacts, recommends mitigation measures for significant adverse impacts, and analyzes reasonable alternatives to the Preferred Alternative (Final Blueprint/Draft Plan). The Draft EIR explored 14 environmental areas and identified 36 significant and unavoidable impacts of the Draft Plan, prior to mitigation measures identified in Draft EIR. The environmental analysis has disclosed that Alternative 1 is the environmentally superior alternative – NOT the Draft PBA. The EIR analysis shows that a more concentrated growth pattern in Transit-Rich Areas would yield the most beneficial environmental outcomes. Alternative 1 demonstrates that focusing a greater share of growth near highquality transit, while scaling back investments in highways and express lanes, would yield the smallest growth footprint, least environmental impacts, and most balanced growth pattern, while enabling the most low-income residents in Equity Priority Communities to remain in place (i.e., lowest displacement risk). As stated in previous reports, the Draft Plan Bay Area alternative focuses more growth in the ‘high opportunity areas’ and along transit corridors.

The ABAG Executive Board and MTC will decide whether the Draft PBA 2050 (preferred alternative) should be modified after the close of the public comment period. Staff anticipates a final decision on the Plan Bay Area in October 2021.

			For Households with Low Incomes		
	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Target		Housing + Transportation Affordability	Household Share in High-Resource Areas	Displacement Risk in Equity Priority Communities (Tracts Losing Low-Income HHs)
<b>Draft Plan</b> (Final Blueprint)	 -22% in 2035		<b>57%</b> of income	<b>24%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>No Project Alternative</b>	 +1% in 2035		<b>88%</b> of income	<b>21%</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Alternative 1</b> (Environmentally Superior Alternative) 	 -22% in 2035		<b>57%</b> of income	<b>25%</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Alternative 2</b>	 -23% in 2035		<b>57%</b> of income	<b>27%</b>	<b>44%</b>

Cities and Counties are encouraged to review and comment on the various documents – Draft EIR, Draft Implementation Plan and the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050. The Draft Implementation Plan (assuming the preferred alternative is selected) is one of the most important documents since it identifies the specific actions that will be implemented. Also, your input on which alternative should be selected as the final alternative would be helpful.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS<sup>2</sup>**

- **June 23, 2021 --**      **Metropolitan Transportation Commission, 9:35 am**  
                                 **Service Authority for Freeways & Expressways, 9:40 am**  
                                 **MTC Bay Area HQ Authority, 9:45 am**  
                                 **MTC Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority, 9:50 am**
- **June 25, 2021 --**      **ABAG General Assembly, 9:00 to 12:00 noon**
- **July 26, 2021 --**      **Metropolitan Transportation Commission, 9:35 am**  
                                 **MTC Bay Area Toll Authority, 9:40 am**  
                                 **MTC Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, 9:55 am**
- **June 28, 2021 --**      **MTC Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force, 1:05 pm**
- **June 30, 2021 --**      **Plan Bay Area 2050: North Bay Workshop (Marin, Napa, Solano & Sonoma), noon**  
**LINK:      [Launch Meeting - Zoom](#)**
- **July 6, 2021 --**      **MTC Regional Advisory Working Group, 9:35 am**
- **July 8, 2021 --**      **ABAG Regional Planning Committee, 10:00 am**  
                                 **ABAG Housing Committee, 1:00 pm**  
                                 **MTC Bay Area Housing Finance Authority Oversight Committee, 1:00 pm**
- **July 9, 2021 --**      **MTC Operations Committee, 9:35 am**  
                                 **Joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committees, 9:40 am**  
                                 **Joint ABAG MTC Legislation Committee, 9:45 am**  
                                 **MTC Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee, 2:00 pm**
- **July 14, 2021 --**      **MTC Bay Area Toll Authority Oversight Committee, 9:35 am**  
                                 **MTC Administration Committee, 9:40 am**  
                                 **MTC Programming & Allocations Committee, 9:45 am**  
                                 **MTC Policy Advisory Council, 11:30 am**
- **July 16, 2021 --**      **Bay Area Regional Collaborative, 10:05 am**
- **July 19, 2021 --**      **MTC Fare Integration Task Force, 1:05 pm**  
                                 **MTC Clipper Executive Board, 1:30 pm**
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<sup>2</sup> All meetings are conducted via Zoom, webcast, teleconference, unless noted otherwise.