PLAN BAY AREA 2050



Highlights of the Long-Range Regional Plan & Next Steps Toward Implementation East Bay Virtual Public Workshop – June 14, 2021

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Downtown Oakland (Photo: Flickr/David Ambercrombie)

Welcome!

We look forward to sharing the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050, which encompasses over three years of meticulous technical work and robust engagement with our partners and residents from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

We want to hear your thoughts on the draft plan!

We Stand in Solidarity

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MTC and ABAG continue to stand with those calling for systemic change. It is past time to break down barriers that reduce opportunity for Black, Indigenous and people of color and undermine our shared prosperity.

www.mtc.ca.gov/equityplatform

Overview of Today's Workshop

Introduction & Welcome (5 minutes)

Plan Bay Area 2050 Overview + Q & A (25 minutes)

Draft Plan Strategies and Local Focus (20 minutes)

Q&A (30 minutes)

How to Comment and What's Next (10 minutes)



Logistics for Today's Event

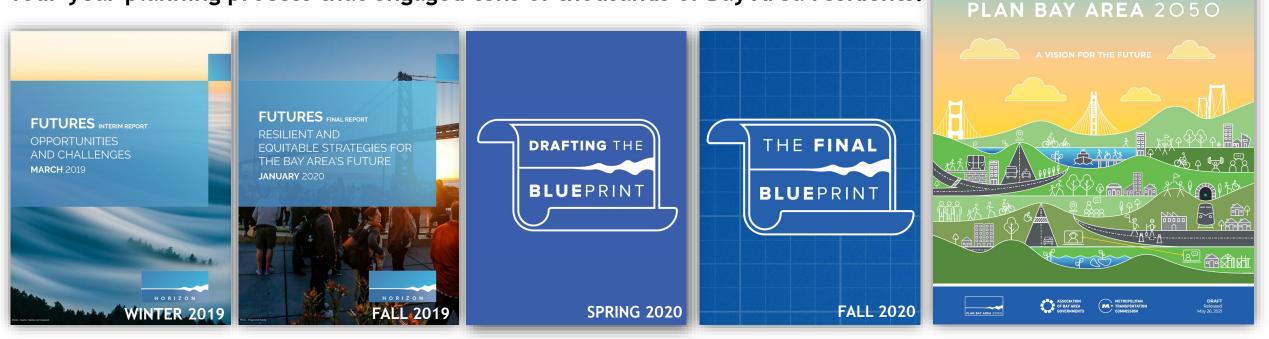
- Everyone will be muted during the workshop.
- Questions and comments can be entered via the Q&A box.
- If you are calling in, we will call on you toward the end of the Q&A period, and you can unmute yourself.
- Profanity and culturally insensitive language will not be tolerated.



Long-Range Planning... From 2018 to Today

Kicked off in early 2018, Horizon and Plan Bay Area 2050 focused on planning for an uncertain future, while advancing more equitable outcomes for all residents.

Adoption of the Final Plan — slated for fall 2021 — will be the final step in a four-year planning process that engaged tens of thousands of Bay Area residents.



HORIZON

Futures Planning Perspective Papers Project Performance

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Draft Blueprint & Final Blueprint Plan Document & Implementation Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR)



SPRING 2021

Long-Range Planning... Driven by Public Input

Greater focus on events in low-income communities of color Targeted youth, unhoused, non-English speakers, low-income populations 19,000+

Engagement to Date by the Numbers

public meetings featuring discussion of 130 +Horizon & Plan Bay Area 2050

100 +

public events including in-person & virtual workshops, pop-up events, and focus groups

60+

stakeholder events including RAWG and REWG meetings, workshops and webinars

public and stakeholder 200,000+ comments received to date

> participants in planning process to date



Long-Range Planning... For a Better Bay Area

WHAT IS THE PLAN? VISION & GUIDING **PRINCIPLES**

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THE PLAN

Plan Bay Area 2050 is the long-range plan charting the course of the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, slated for adoption in fall 2021.

Ensure by the year 2050 that the Bay Area is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant for all.



- Transportation Strategies
- **Housing** Geographies & Strategies
- Economic Geographies & Strategies
- Environmental Strategies



Plan Bay Area 2050: Growth Geographies



new jobs between 2015 million and 2050

Protect



Urban Growth Boundaries (including PCAs)





Areas Outside

Prioritize



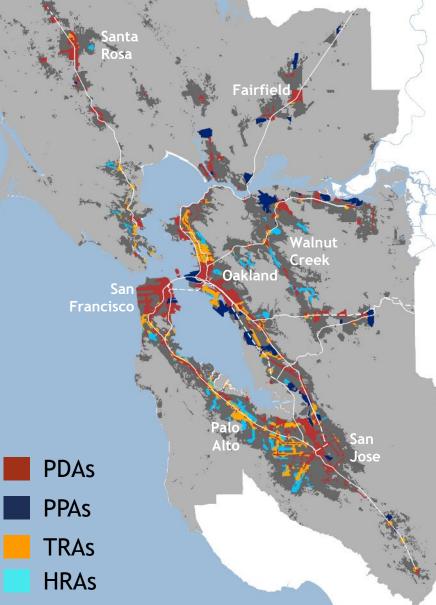
Priority Development Areas (PDAs)



Priority Production Areas (PPAs)







Plan Bay Area 2050: 11 Themes, 35 Bold Strategies



Maintain and Optimize the Existing System

Create Healthy and Safe Streets

Build a Next-Generation Transit Network

Protect and Preserve Affordable Housing

Spur Housing Production at All Income Levels

Create Inclusive Communities





Learn more about each of the 35 adopted strategies at <u>planbayarea.org</u>.



Bold Strategies for a More <u>Affordable</u> Bay Area





Reduce the region's extreme cost of living by enabling over a million new homes near public transit

Strategies include:

- Allow a Greater Mix of Housing Types and Densities in Growth Areas
- Transform Aging Malls and Office Parks into Neighborhoods
- Maintain Urban Growth Boundaries

Produce and preserve muchneeded affordable housing through public, non-profit, and private sector action

Strategies include:

- Preserve Existing Affordable Housing
- Build Adequate Affordable Housing to Ensure Homes for All
- Integrate Affordable Housing into All Major Housing Projects



Provide robust discounts for low-income residents both for tolls and transit fares

- Reform Regional Transit Fare Policy
- Implement Per-Mile Tolling on Congested Freeways with Transit Alternatives

Bold Strategies for a More <u>Connected</u> Bay Area





Create a world-class public transportation system, emphasizing maintenance and ridership as critical twin goals

Strategies include:

- Operate and Maintain the Existing System
- Enhance Local Transit Frequency, Capacity, and Reliability
- Expand and Modernize the Regional Rail Network

Standardize transit fares across the region and advance seamless mobility through schedule coordination

Strategies include:

- Reform Regional Fare Policy
- Enable a Seamless Mobility Experience



Permanently reduce traffic congestion through a proven approach of pricing select corridors

- Implement Per-Mile Tolling on Congested Freeways with Transit Alternatives
- Build an Integrated Regional Express Lane and Express Bus Network

Bold Strategies for a More *Diverse* Bay Area



Protect renters from being displaced to the region's periphery and beyond

Strategies include:

- Further Strengthen Renter Protections Beyond State Legislation
- Preserve Existing Affordable Housing
- Support Community-Led Transportation Enhancements

Tackle racial inequities by enabling more housing in historically-exclusionary places

Strategies include:

- Allow a Greater Mix of Housing Types and Densities in Growth Areas
- Build Adequate Affordable Housing
- Accelerate Reuse of Public and Community-Owned Land

Reduce income inequality through new universal basic income and mortgage assistance programs

- Implement a Statewide Universal Basic Income
- Provide Targeted Mortgage, Rental, and Small Business Assistance to Equity Priority Communities

Bold Strategies for a *Healthier* Bay Area



Strive to eliminate traffic deaths by making streets safer for all roadway users

Strategies include:

- Advance Regional Vision Zero Policy through Street Design and Reduced Speeds
- Build a Complete Streets Network

Protect tens of thousands of Bay Area homes from rising sea levels and from potential earthquake damage

Strategies include:

- Adapt to Sea Level Rise
- Provide Means-Based Financial Support to Retrofit Existing Residential Buildings



Tackle climate change by electrifying vehicles & buildings and reducing auto trips

- Expand Clean Vehicle Initiatives
- Fund Energy Upgrades to Enable Carbon Neutrality in Existing Buildings
- Expand Transportation Demand Management Initiatives
- Expand Commute Trip Reduction Programs at Major Employers

Bold Strategies for a More <u>Vibrant</u> Bay Area





Encourage more job growth in housing-rich areas through financial incentives and streamlining

Strategies include:

- Provide Incentives to Employers to Shift Jobs to Housing-Rich Areas Well Served by Transit
- Allow Greater Commercial Densities in Growth Geographies

Preserve critical industrial lands and work to catalyze job growth in these locations

Strategies include:

- Retain Key Industrial Lands through
 Establishment of Priority Production Areas
- Expand Job Training and Incubator
 Programs

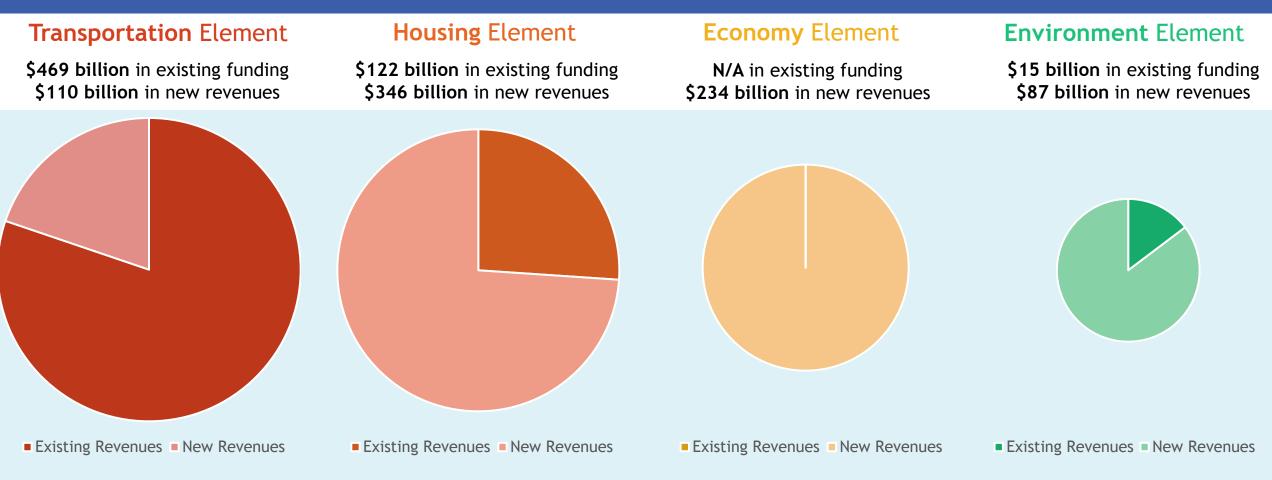


Ensure all communities have access to high-speed internet to fully participate in the digital economy

Strategies include:

 Invest in High-Speed Internet in Underserved Low-Income Communities

Plan Bay Area 2050: Revenues & Expenditures



Note: \$12 billion in existing transportation funding is shown in Environment Element for climate & sea level rise strategies.

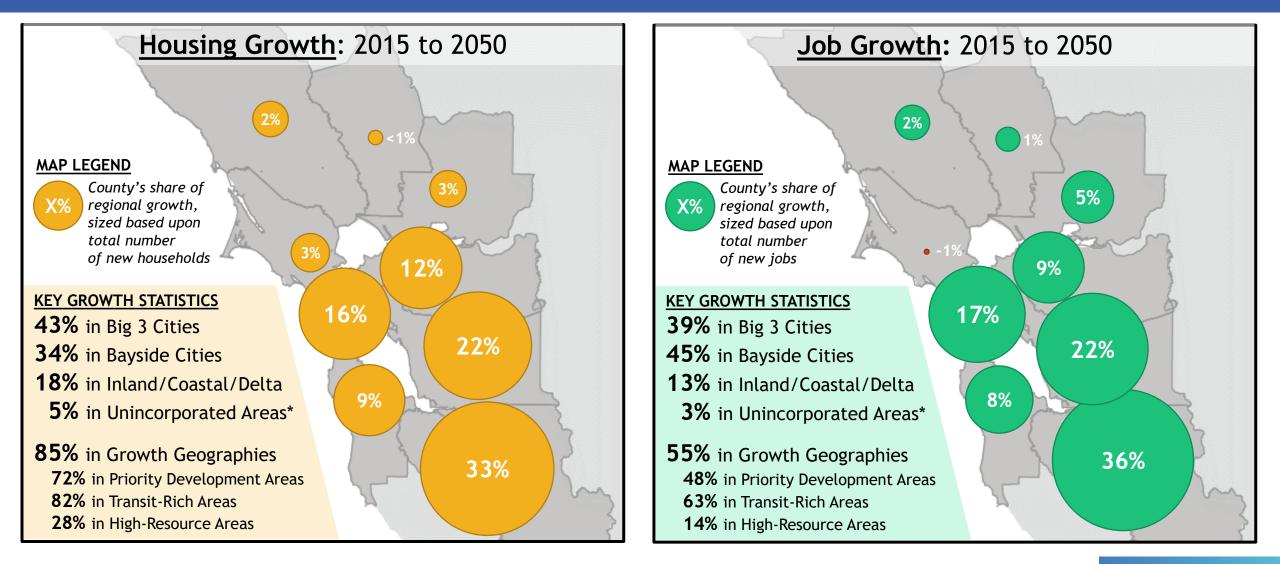
Note: new housing revenues could come from a mix of federal, state, regional, or local sources.

Note: as Needs & Revenue data is unavailable for economic development, existing funding is underrepresented. **Note:** as Needs & Revenue data is unavailable for parks & conservation, existing funding is underrepresented.

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Forecasting the Future: Housing & Jobs Growth



* All urbanized growth in unincorporated areas is focused within existing urban growth boundaries (Strategy EN4). For breakdowns on the subcounty level, please refer to the Final Blueprint Growth Pattern on <u>planbayarea.org</u>. Totals do not always sum to 100% due to rounding. 7 PLAN BAY AREA 2050

Forecasting the Future: Projected Outcomes



Plan would reduce housing & transportation cost burden by 13 percentage points, with even greater improvements for low-income households

Plan would improve access to frequent transit and to safe bicycle & pedestrian facilities, enabling nearly 20 percent of workers to shift away from commuting by auto

Plan would provide more affordable housing in historicallyexclusionary jurisdictions, while helping at least 10 percent of the region's low-income residents to buy their first home

Plan would meet the state-mandated greenhouse gas reduction target, while concurrently protecting nearly all homes from sea level rise impacts through 2050

Plan would improve jobs-housing balance in counties throughout the Bay Area, yielding shorter commutes for all workers



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Questions?

Mt. Diablo (Photo: Flickr/Calmuziclover)



Local Spotlight on Key Strategies

Creating Affordable Housing: What did we hear?

Comments received...

"Actually have "housing-rich communities" by building a lot more housing." "Disincentivize corporate and individual landlords and incentivize first time homebuyers to transition rental housing to home ownership."

"Increase funding for preservation of existing affordable housing." "Build more, denser housing, affordable or not, to increase housing supply and help lower prices."

...shaped the Plan's strategies!

- Preserve Existing Affordable Housing
 Acquire homes currently affordable to low- and
 middle-income residents for preservation as
 permanently deed-restricted affordable housing.
- ✓ Build Adequate Affordable Housing to Ensure Homes for All

Construct enough deed-restricted affordable homes to fill the existing gap in housing for the unhoused community and to meet the needs of low-income households.

 ✓ Integrate Affordable Housing into All Major Housing Projects

Require a baseline of 10-20% of new market-rate housing developments of five units or more to be affordable to low-income households.





Creating Affordable Housing: What's next?

Local Focus on Alameda and Contra Costa Counties



Create new permanently-affordable housing opportunities for lower-income Bay Area residents in communities through the East Bay, with a particular emphasis on High-Resource and Transit-Rich Areas.



Transform public lands, such as BART and Capitol Corridor station parking lots, into mixed-income affordable housing developments.

Near-Term Implementation Actions:

- Seek new revenues for affordable housing preservation and production and explore better coordination of existing funding streams.
- Launch pilot projects through the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, including the Regional Affordable Housing Application Platform and the Affordable Housing Pipeline Database.
- Partner with local jurisdictions and other stakeholders to develop and roll out a regional homelessness prevention system.



Optimizing Transit: What did we hear?

Comments received...

"We need to implement the 'Seamless Bay Area' strategy getting a true Metropolitan Transit Authority that can control routes through the whole region."

"Regional fare coordination with one regional tariff & branding. Having two dozen agencies with differing policies, fares, schedules is nuts. Europe urban areas have all done this decades ago!" "Provide high frequency, clean transit in all dense areas — so people don't see a need to drive."

"Increase the reliability and convenience of public transit."

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 ✓ Enable a Seamless Mobility Experience

Eliminate barriers to multioperator transit trips by streamlining fare payment and trip planning while requiring schedule coordination at timed transfer hubs.

Reform Regional Fare Policy
 Streamline fare payment and
 replace existing operator-specific
 discounted fare programs with an
 integrated fare structure across
 all transit operators.





Optimizing Transit: What's next?

Local Focus on Alameda and Contra Costa Counties



Transform key stations — such as Dublin/Pleasanton BART, El Cerrito del Norte BART, and Union City BART into timed-transfer hubs with easy connections between local and regional transit lines.



Make first- and last-mile services more viable by pivoting away from operatorspecific transit fares while boosting ridership on new trunk rail lines like Link21 and Valley Link.

Near-Term Implementation Actions:

- Implement the transit coordination, mapping/wayfinding, and fare coordination recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force.
- Implement the customer-centric fare payment and integration recommendations of the Fare Integration Task Force.
- Deploy the Clipper Mobile app, nextgeneration Clipper and regional transit mapping/wayfinding to improve seamless integration of the network.



Managing Traffic Congestion: What did we hear?

Comments received...

"Implement tolling or road tax or congestion charge and use the funds to build transit and pedestrian-friendly streets, not just for commuting but for everyday life."

"Road use charges are highly cost effective. Should be piloted ASAP and scaled up as a "contingency" if GHG goals are not being met."

> "More express bus routes to more destinations. Enable people to live where they work."

...shaped the Plan's strategies!

 ✓ Implement Per-Mile Tolling on Congested Freeways with Transit Alternatives

Apply a per-mile charge on auto travel on select congested freeway corridors where transit alternatives exist.

 ✓ Build an Integrated Regional Express Lane and Express Bus Network

Complete the buildout of the Express Lanes network, providing an uncongested freeway lane for buses, carpoolers, and toll-paying single- or zero-occupant vehicles.



"Add express lanes but don't widen highways."

Managing Traffic Congestion: What's next?



Local Focus on Alameda and Contra Costa Counties



Complete Express Lanes projects on corridors such as I-580, I-80, and SR-4 as a near-term implementation action to provide users an alternative to congestion.



Implement all-lane tolling in the medium-to-long term on freeways paralleling BART, while also investing in high-frequency express bus lines along I-80 and I-880 to provide faster alternatives to driving.

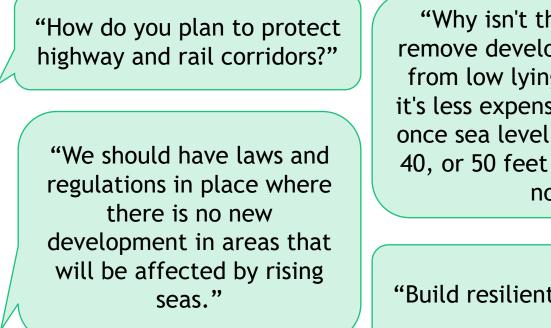
Near-Term Implementation Actions:

- Identify strategies to equitably advance roadway pricing through deep engagement with key partners, stakeholders and the public.
- Identify additional high-performing Express Bus corridors in partnership with counties and transit operators.
- Advocate for changes to state law and federal regulations to allow pilot conversions to priced facilities.



Improving Climate Resilience: What did we hear?

Comments received...



"Why isn't the approach to remove development buildings from low lying areas...so that it's less expensive in the future once sea level rises 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50 feet higher than it is now?"

"Build resilient infrastructure."

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 Adapt to Sea Level Rise
 Protect shoreline communities and key transportation infrastructure affected by sea level rise, prioritizing low-cost, high-benefit solutions and providing additional support to vulnerable populations.





Improving Climate Resilience: What's next?

Local Focus on Alameda and Contra Costa Counties



Protect frontline communities needing critical protections from sea level rise by 2050, including the shorelines of Pittsburg, Richmond, Alameda, Oakland, and more.

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Fund marshland restoration projects near Concord NWS and Eden Landing/Coyote Hills to expand natural habitat while supporting climate resilience goals.

Near-Term Implementation Actions:

- Seek new revenues for full range of resilience needs.
- Advocate for legislative reforms to clarify roles and responsibilities for sea level rise adaptation planning, funding, and implementation.
- Develop a sea level rise funding plan to support the implementation of projects that reduce risks to communities, infrastructure, and ecology.



Reducing Emissions: What did we hear?

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Comments received...

"Electrify everything. Make sure low-income families have access to electric vehicles. All self-driving cars must be electric." "Encourage and leverage the direction for emerging modes and technologies to be shared and clean."

"Increasing availability of electric charging stations, including a workable business model for chargers in apartments and condo buildings."

"Telecommuting may eliminate traffic congestion, especially if we can get people back on transit."



...shaped the Plan's strategies!

 ✓ Expand Commute Trip Reduction Programs at Major Employers

Set a sustainable commute target for major employers as part of an expanded Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program, with employers responsible for funding incentives and disincentives to shift auto commuters to any combination of telecommuting, transit, walking and/or bicycling.

✓ Expand Clean Vehicle Initiatives

Expand investments in clean vehicles, including more fuel-efficient vehicles and electric vehicle subsidies and chargers.

✓ Expand Transportation Demand Management Initiatives

Expand investments in programs like vanpools, bikeshare, carshare and parking fees to discourage solo driving.



Reducing Emissions: What's next?

Local Focus on Alameda and Contra Costa Counties



Require the East Bay's major employers to transform auto-oriented office parks by offering employees free transit passes, free bikeshare memberships, robust telecommuting opportunities, and more.



Expand availability of electric vehicle infrastructure, prioritized in Equity Priority Communities.

Near-Term Implementation Actions:

- Seek legislative authority to expand existing Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program in partnership with Air District.
- Seek new revenues for climate, travel demand management, and electrification needs.
- Restructure MTC Climate Initiatives Program and operational TDM programs to ensure they can effectively scale over the next five years.



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Downtown Berkeley BART Station (Photo: Flickr/Daniel Ramirez)

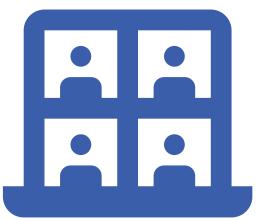
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What's Next?

What's Next: June & July 2021 Public Engagement



Upcoming Virtual Public Workshops

- June 17 at 12 PM South Bay Focus (Santa Clara County)
- June 28 at 5 PM West Bay Focus (San Francisco & San Mateo Counties)
- June 30 at 12 PM North Bay Focus (Marin, Napa, Solano & Sonoma Counties)



Virtual Public Hearings on Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 & Draft EIR

- June 11 at 9:30 AM (at Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee Meeting)
- June 22 at 5:30 PM
- July 7 at 1:30 PM

Overview Videos & Web Resources



Youth Workshop & Video Challenge



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What's Next: Additional Opportunities to Comment

• Online:

- planbayarea.org/learnmore
- By email:
 - Draft Plan Bay Area 2050, Implementation Plan and Supplemental Reports — <u>info@planbayarea.org</u>
 - Draft EIR: <u>eircomments@bayareametro.gov</u>
- By phone:
 - (415) 778-2292
- By mail:
 - MTC Public Information Attn: Draft Plan/Draft EIR Comments 375 Beale Street, Suite 800 San Francisco, CA, 94105
- By fax:
 - (415) 536-9800

Comments must be received by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 20, 2021



What's Next: Path to Fall 2021 Adoption

June & July 2021

Conduct Final Round of Public Engagement
End of Public Comment Period on July 20

August & September 2021

• Report to Joint MTC Planning/ABAG Administrative Committee

• Integrate Feedback & Revisions into Final Plan Bay Area 2050

October 2021 (tentative)

- Release Final Plan Bay Area 2050, Implementation Plan and EIR
- Request Adoption at Joint MTC/ABAG Board Meeting







Send additional questions and comments to info@planbayarea.org.

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