Looking Ahead to 2023: Plan Bay Area 2050+ and Transit 2050+

December 2022
One Year After Plan Adoption
Where We Are Today - and What’s to Come in the 2020s
Refresher: Past Iterations of Plan Bay Area

Plan Bay Area (2013)
First regional plan developed under SB 375 with statutory GHG target [3.5 year process; RHNA Cycle 5]

Plan Bay Area 2040
“Limited and focused update” of the original Plan Bay Area, with a heavy emphasis on the housing crisis [2.5 year process; no RHNA]

Plan Bay Area 2050
More comprehensive regional plan integrating economic development & environmental resilience, with a focus on planning for uncertainty & equity [4.0 year process; RHNA Cycle 6]
Under federal and state law, Plan Bay Area must be:

**Updated every four years**
- Next statutory deadline: Fall 2025

**Fiscally-constrained**
- "Fiscal cliff" could require postponing select transportation projects

**Aligned with 2035 GHG target**
- CARB might change course and propose a more ambitious target

**Developed through a robust public process**
- Opportunity to deploy hybrid engagement approach

**Approved by CARB**
- Failure to advance existing implementation actions could trigger rejection of future Plan(s)
In November 2022, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) issued a final determination on Plan Bay Area 2050, indicating that it satisfies State requirements. This is the final milestone in the Plan Bay Area 2050 process, concluding the current regional planning cycle that commenced in early 2018.

In its approval action, CARB stated that it “commends ABAG/MTC and its member jurisdictions for demonstrating innovative thinking and leadership” and that it “applauds ABAG/MTC for the breadth of strategies included in the plan, the focus on land use and housing, and the inclusion of an implementation plan.”
Core Question Going Forward:
How can MTC/ABAG best continue to advance implementation of critical initiatives that turn Plan Bay Area 2050 from vision to reality - all while making targeted updates to Plan Bay Area to reflect the evolving planning landscape?

Future Updates to Plan Bay Area (2025 or 2029, depending on timeline)
### Looking Ahead: Next Two Planning Cycles

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**Plan Bay Area (2013)**
- 3.5 year process; RHNA Cycle 5
- Plan Bay Area (2013) 2010-2013:
  - Scenario Planning
  - Preferred Scenario
  - Final Phase

**Plan Bay Area 2040**
- 2.5 year process; no RHNA
- Plan Bay Area 2040 2014-2017:
  - Scenario Planning
  - Preferred Scenario
  - Final Phase

**Plan Bay Area 2050**
- 4.0 year process; RHNA Cycle 6
- Plan Bay Area 2050 2018-2021:
  - Horizon
  - Blueprint
  - Final Phase

**Plan Bay Area 2050+**
- Goal: to make high-impact refinements to select Blueprint strategies & identify next set of implementation actions
- 2.5 year process; no RHNA
- Plan Bay Area 2050+ 2022-2025:
  - Blueprint Update
  - Final Phase

**Plan Bay Area 2060**
- Goal: to conduct deep-dive planning under uncertainty to re-envision strategies for the next COVID-like event
- 4.0 year process; RHNA Cycle 7
- Plan Bay Area 2060 2026-2029:
  - Horizon 2.0
  - Blueprint 2.0
  - Final Phase

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**Time periods with greatest capacity to implement regional planning initiatives sparked by Plan Bay Area**

Plan Bay Area 2050+ & Transit 2050+
Making Targeted Updates to Specific Strategies
Context-Setting: Two Divergent Visions for Transit?

**Connected Network Plan**
- Identified in Transit Transformation Action Plan & Plan Bay Area 2050 Implementation Plan
- Fiscally-unconstrained modal plan defined by service levels and travel times between regional hubs

*If developed in isolation:* CNP could be a primarily aspirational transit vision that exceeds the region’s fiscal capacity to advance, out of sync with the financial constraints posed by the “fiscal cliff” era.

**Plan Bay Area 2050+**
- Federal and state requirement to develop a cross-cutting regional plan for transportation & land use
- Fiscally-constrained plan defined by prioritization
- Often critiqued for overemphasis on capital projects

*If developed in isolation:* PBA50+ could continue to emphasize legacy capital investments in Transportation Element, rather than re-considering tradeoffs between service augmentation & system expansion post-COVID.

**Question Explored by MTC/ABAG Staff:** is there a way to blend the best of both frameworks into an integrated approach that leverages staff synergies to overcome resource constraints?
Integrating Connected Network Planning

- Developing a standalone Connected Network Plan alongside Plan Bay Area 2050+ would be a riskier path that could lead to two inconsistent visions of how our transit network should evolve post-COVID.

- Moreover, limited staffing and financial resources would require a longer timeline to deliver, despite the urgent need to re-imagine priorities and implement them.

- Instead, staff recommend a harmonized approach where connected network planning directly informs the official regional plan process, through the Transit 2050+ initiative.

- Transit 2050+ would develop a service-oriented, hub-oriented, fiscally-constrained transit network vision by updating the six transit-related strategies in Plan Bay Area 2050 using a data-driven approach to identifying investment priorities.

Plan Bay Area 2050+:
Responsible for targeted refinements to all 29 strategies unrelated to transit (led by MTC/ABAG)

Transit 2050+:
Responsible for a comprehensive re-imagining of transit-oriented strategies (co-led by MTC and transit operator team)
Plan Bay Area 2050+: Focusing Our Efforts

**Step 1:**
Update Planning Assumptions

**Step 2:**
Update Select Blueprint Strategies

**Step 3:**
Identify New Implementation Priorities

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**Project Timeline**

- **Summer 2023**
  - Kickoff

- **Fall 2023 & Winter 2024**
  - Draft Blueprint*

- **Spring & Summer 2024**
  - Final Blueprint*

- **Fall 2024**
  - Adopt Final Blueprint

- **Throughout 2025**
  - EIR/IP/Plan Document*

- **Fall 2025**
  - Adopt Plan Bay Area 2050+

* = key public engagement milestones
# Plan Bay Area 2050+: Potential Emphasis Areas

## Overarching Tasks for Regional Plan

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Transit 2050+: Envisioned Six-Step Process

Step 1: Explore Needs and Gaps

Step 2: Define Hubs and Corridors

Step 3: Generate Project Concepts by Corridor

Step 4: Evaluate Project Concepts & Networks

Step 5: Design Final Blueprint Transit Network

Step 6: Explore Implementation Challenges (Fall 2024 through Spring 2025)
Process Timelines: 18-Month Transit Sprint Ahead

While Plan Bay Area 2050+ would not begin in earnest until mid-2023, staff recommend moving forward with consultant procurement and initial analyses for Transit 2050+ in early 2023. This will enable robust network planning work to be conducted throughout fiscal year 2024, enabling the project team to recommend a fiscally-constrained network vision in time for the Plan Bay Area 2050+ summer 2024 Final Blueprint deadline.

Transit 2050+
Goal: to comprehensively re-imagine six transit-related PBA50 strategies using a service-oriented, fiscally-constrained planning process [kickoff in winter 2023]

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- **Summer 2023** Assign majority of Transportation Element revenues to Transit 2050+
- **Summer 2024** Integrate fiscally-constrained transit network vision into Final Blueprint
- **Spring 2025** Integrate near-term transit actions into Draft Implementation Plan

Plan Bay Area 2050+
Goal: to make high-impact refinements to select Blueprint strategies & identify next set of implementation actions [kickoff in summer 2023]

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[Diagram showing timelines and milestones for Transit 2050+ and Plan Bay Area 2050+ projects]
Questions?

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Next Steps

• **Late 2022:** Finalize Consultant Scope and Issue RFQ for Transit 2050+ Technical Assistance
• **Winter 2023:** Kick Off Transit 2050+ Analyses with Transit Operators via Project Management Team
• **Spring 2023:** Adopt Updates to Public Participation Plan Prior to First Round of Public Engagement