

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments  
Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee**

**July 14, 2023**

**Agenda Item 9a**

**Long-Range Planning Updates: Plan Bay Area 2050+ and Transit 2050+**

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**Subject:**

Update on scope and schedule for Plan Bay Area 2050+ as it officially kicks off this summer, as well as the draft problem statement, goals, and network definition for the parallel Transit 2050+ modal plan.

**Background on Plan Bay Area 2050+:**

Plan Bay Area is the long-range fiscally constrained regional plan for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment, updated every four years. Developed in compliance with federal and state regulations and guidelines, it satisfies Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) requirements for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

A joint project of MTC and ABAG, Plan Bay Area is adopted by both the Commission and the ABAG Executive Board, first with the original Plan Bay Area (July 2013), Plan Bay Area 2040 (July 2017), and most recently Plan Bay Area 2050 (October 2021). Plan Bay Area 2050+ is a limited and focused update of Plan Bay Area which is kicking off this month, with an anticipated adoption date of fall 2025. Plan Bay Area will be updated in consultation with a wide range of partners, including federal, state, regional, county, local and Tribal governments, as well as community organizations, stakeholders, and the public.

Because it is a limited and focused update that will not require a concurrent Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process, Plan Bay Area 2050+ will leverage the solid foundation of Plan Bay Area 2050, including its adopted vision and guiding principles as well as its overall strategic framework and organization. As such, key priorities for the Plan Bay Area 2050+ process include: (1) education on the purpose, strategies, and real-world impact of the long-range plan, (2) leveraging findings from ongoing high-profile implementation efforts to inform refinements to select plan strategies, and (3) updating planning and technical assumptions to more fully reflect the realities of the post-COVID environment. The expected timeline and key milestones for Plan Bay Area 2050+ are included in Attachment B.

**Integrating Transit 2050+:**

In December 2022, the Committee expressed support for staff's recommendation to advance the connected network planning action item featured in the Transit Transformation Action Plan through Transit 2050+, a comprehensive re-thinking of the six transit-related strategies in Plan Bay Area 2050's Transportation Element. While Plan Bay Area 2050 envisioned a robust connected transit network for the region, the rapid changes in commute patterns brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, significant reductions in anticipated revenue through 2050, and the challenges posed by our region's fragmented transit system identified in the Transit

Transformation Action Plan necessitate a more comprehensive update to the Plan's transit-related strategies. Consequently, Transit 2050+ is envisioned as a parallel planning process that will feed directly into the development of the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Final Blueprint in 2024.

Transit 2050+ is being co-managed by MTC and transit operator staff. The MTC and transit operator co-Project Managers are supported by a Project Management Team (PMT) consisting of staff representatives from seven large and four small transit operators.

To guide the development of subsequent Transit 2050+ deliverables, including the identification of transit service needs, gaps, and opportunities as well as the development and assessment of transit network concepts, the PMT has developed a draft Problem Statement (Attachment C) and draft Goals and Outcomes (Attachment D). Staff is also working with the PMT to develop a transit network definition that will serve as a framework for Transit 2050+ development.

The draft Problem Statement, Goals and Outcomes, and initial draft transit network definition were presented to transit operator General Managers, the Policy Advisory Council, and the Council's Transit Transformation Action Plan Subcommittee in June. Feedback was generally positive in relation to both the draft Problem Statement and draft Goals and Outcomes. Staff will work with the PMT to address additional comments received, which sought greater clarification and specificity on certain elements of both the Problem Statement and Goals and Outcomes.

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**Next Steps:**

A first round of public engagement – including pop-ups, workshops, webinars, and an online survey – will take place this summer for both Plan Bay Area 2050+ and Transit 2050+. Staff will return to committees to provide updates on Plan Bay Area 2050+ regularly over the course of 2023, including an update on the plan’s core planning assumptions slated for September 2023. For Transit 2050+, staff will continue to work with the PMT this summer to refine the draft purpose statement, goals and desired outcomes, and transit network definition before pivoting into project and network performance assessments this summer and fall.

**Issues:**

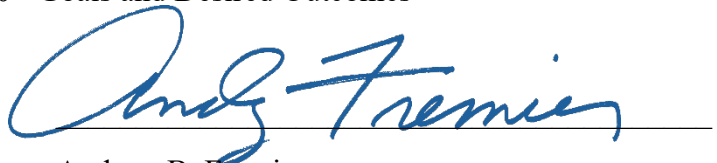
None identified.

**Recommendation:**

Information.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Presentation
- Attachment B: Plan Bay Area 2050+ and Transit 2050+ Key Milestones (Draft)
- Attachment C: Draft Transit 2050+ Problem Statement
- Attachment D: Draft Transit 2050+ Goals and Desired Outcomes



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