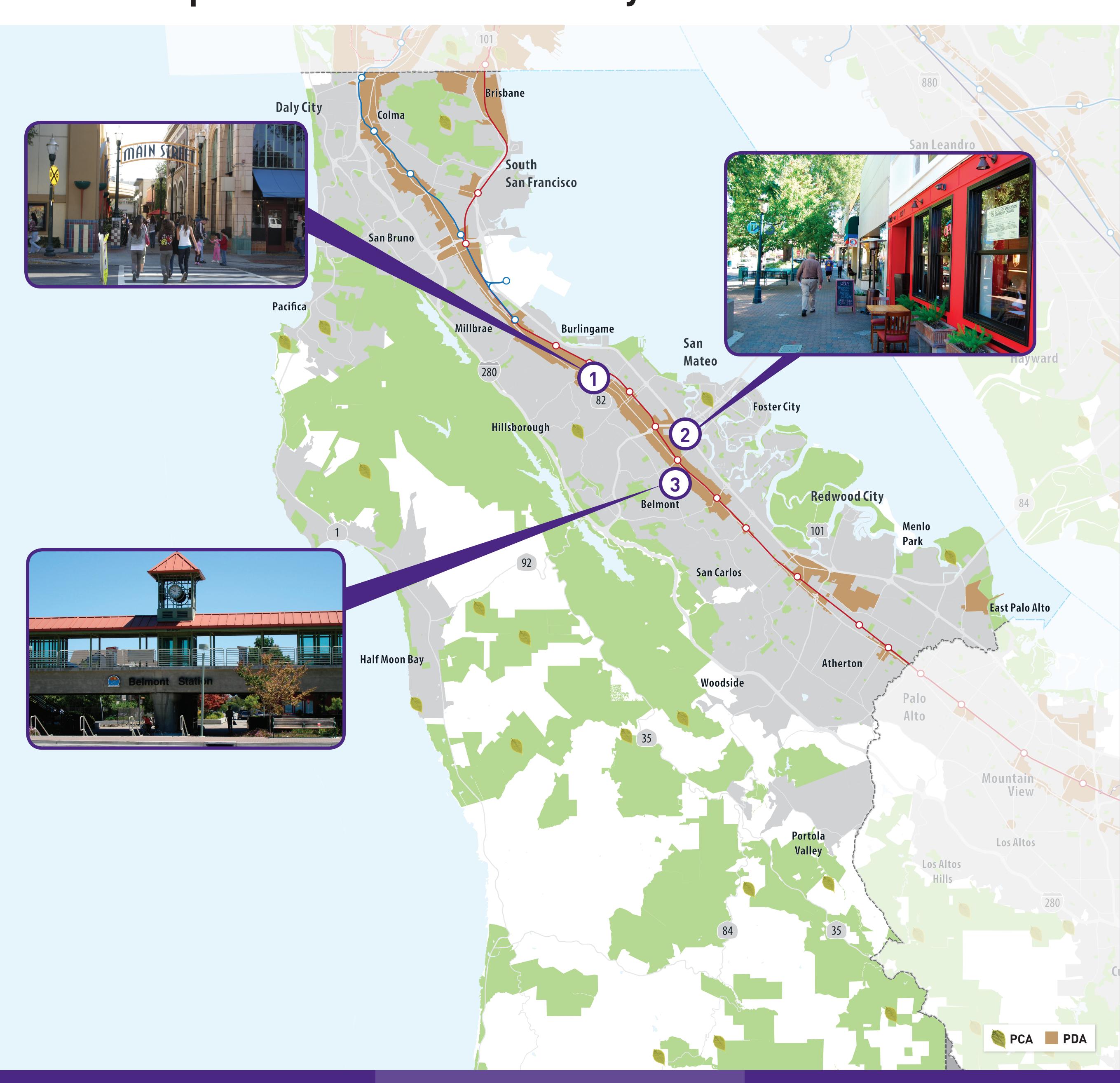
About Plan Bay Area

PDAs and PCAs in San Mateo County

Locally Adopted Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)

San Mateo County is strategically located between San Francisco and Silicon Valley. The Coast Range divides the county into two distinct parts: the bayside and coast. Ninety percent of development in the county is located on the bayside. The communities along the bayside of the Peninsula are home to Fortune 500 headquarters, globally significant firms and research entities as well as many charming town centers and residential neighborhoods. Jobs and housing growth is expected to concentrate in bayside communities, which will reduce growth pressures on the coast and allow the county to retain its agricultural, scenic and natural resource areas in the hills and coastside. Below are three examples of the 22 locally adopted PDAs in San Mateo County.

A Map of San Mateo County PDAs and PCAs



1 Downtown San Mateo

New development in this PDA will focus on high intensity commercial projects and transit-oriented development near the renovated train station, incorporating multi-family housing into mixed-use developments. Served by both SamTrans and Caltrain, the area is a prime location for adding housing given its proximity to the train station, commercial uses, services, and a growing employment center.

2 Downtown Redwood City

This vibrant urban PDA has a mix of activity centers and building styles from different decades. It will become an entertainment capital, a dense residential neighborhood, a destination for shopping and dining, a cultural center, a major transit hub, and a dynamic workplace district. The downtown supports small, independent businesses and encourages both civic interaction and entertainment.

3 Villages of Belmont

This PDA is located near the Belmont Caltrain station along the El Camino Real corridor. New development will expand transportation choices and revitalize Downtown Belmont to stimulate economic development and enhance livability for residents, workers, and visitors.