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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY and NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Plan Bay Area 2050
Draft Environmental Impact Report

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Date: June 3, 2021
To: Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals
From: Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
Comment Period: June 3, 2021 to July 20, 2021 (48 days)

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) (SCH# 2020090519) for Plan Bay Area 2050 (proposed Plan), a long-range plan for the San Francisco Bay Area, is now available for public review. Plan Bay Area 2050 will serve as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for the nine-county region. Public comment on the Draft EIR is invited during the public comment period extending from June 3, 2021 to July 20, 2021. Additional information and public hearing dates are provided below.

The proposed Plan is a long-range regional plan that outlines 35 integrated strategies across four key issues—housing, the economy, transportation, and the environment—to make the Bay Area more equitable for all residents and more resilient in the face of unexpected challenges. The proposed Plan's strategies chart a course to make the Bay Area more affordable, connected, diverse, healthy, and vibrant for all residents, while also achieving regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets established by the California Air Resources Board pursuant to the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (Senate Bill (SB) 375, Statutes of 2008). MTC and ABAG are required under State and Federal law to prepare an RTP/SCS every four years.

The Draft EIR for Plan Bay Area 2050 programmatically assesses and discloses the potential environmental impacts of implementing the proposed Plan, including: housing and economic strategies to accommodate forecasted regional growth; transportation strategies to invest expected forecasted transportation revenues; and environmental strategies to protect the region from future sea level rise inundation. The Draft EIR also recommends measures to mitigate any significant adverse impacts and analyzes a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed Plan.

The region includes nine counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma) totaling approximately 4.4 million acres (7,000 square miles). In 2015 the region had 4.0 million jobs, 2.8 million households, and 7.6 million people. The proposed Plan would accommodate projected growth for an additional 1.4 million jobs, 1.4 million households, and 2.7 million people by 2050.

The Draft EIR has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to analyze and disclose the potentially adverse significant impacts associated with

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implementation of the proposed Plan. The Draft EIR identifies the potential for significant effects in the following areas: aesthetics and visual resources; agriculture and forestry resources; air quality; biological resources; climate change, greenhouse gases, and energy; cultural resources and tribal cultural resources; geology, seismicity, and mineral resources; hazards and wildfire; hydrology and water quality; land use, population, and housing; noise; public services and recreation; public utilities and facilities; and transportation.

A Final EIR will be prepared following public review and comment on the Draft EIR. The Final EIR will consist of changes to the Draft EIR and written responses to significant environmental points raised during the public comment period on the Draft EIR. MTC and ABAG will consider this information during their deliberations on certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the proposed Plan in fall 2021. The *Draft Plan Bay Area 2050* is subject to public review pursuant to a separate notice.

Beginning June 3, 2021, the Draft EIR will be available for public review online at the web link provided below. Copies of the Draft EIR are on file with the Secretary of the Board of MTC and open to public inspection at:

planbayarea.org/2050-plan/environmental-impact-report

Should you require a hard copy of the draft EIR, please submit your request to info@bayareametro.gov or call 415-778-6757 and one will be mailed to you. Note that the comment period remains the same regardless of when the printed copy is received. Furthermore, the document will be available for public review in at least one library in each of the nine member counties. A list of locations will be available beginning June 3 at planbayarea.org/2050-plan/environmental-impact-report.

MTC will be conducting three online public hearings to receive comments on the Draft EIR during the review period. All interested agencies, organizations and individuals are welcome to submit comments and/or participate in the public hearings for the Draft EIR. Oral and/or written comments will be accepted during these meetings.

The first public hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee on:

Friday, June 11, 2021 at 9:40 a.m. **(Remotely)**
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Webinar ID: 874 2787 4017
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Board Room, 1st Floor
375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

In light of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency declaration regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020 and the Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health, the meeting will be conducted via webcast, teleconference, and Zoom for all participants. Detailed instructions on participating via Zoom are available at: mtc.ca.gov/how-provide-public-comment-board-meeting-zoom. The meeting accessibility instructions also will be posted to: mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/events/public-hearings no less than 72 hours prior to the hearing.

Two additional online public hearings have been scheduled for:

Hearing 2
Tuesday, June 22, 6:30 p.m. or upon the conclusion of the *Draft Plan Bay Area 2050* public hearing, whichever is later
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Hearing 3
Wednesday, July 7, 2:30 p.m. or upon the conclusion of the *Draft Plan Bay Area 2050* public hearing, whichever is later
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Webinar ID: 854 5833 8822

You may submit comments on the Draft EIR during the public comment and review period, which begins June 3, 2021 to July 20, 2021. Please refer to Plan Bay Area 2050 EIR in your comments and direct them to:

MTC Public Information
Attn: Draft EIR Comments
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA, 94105
(415) 778-6757 office
(415) 536-9800 fax
eircomments@bayareametro.gov

All written comments must be received no later than Tuesday, July 20, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. All comments postmarked by July 20, 2021 will be accepted as timely.

The following statement is required to be included in this notice: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15087(c)(6), the nine county Bay Area region contains hazardous waste sites as enumerated under California Government Code Section 65962.5.

Do you need an interpreter or any other assistance to participate? Please call 415-778-6757. We require at least three working days' notice to accommodate assistance requests. For TDD or hearing impaired, call 711, California Relay Service, or 1-800-735-2929 (TTY), 1-800-735-2922 (voice) and ask to be relayed to 415-778-6700.

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¿Necesita un intérprete o algún otro tipo de ayuda para participar? Por favor llame al 415-778-6757. Requerimos de un aviso con al menos tres días laborables de anticipación para admitir solicitudes de ayuda. Personas con problemas de audición o usuarios de TDD, pueden llamar al 711, California Relay Service, o al 1-800-735-2929 (TTY), 1-800-735-2922 (voz) y pedir que le pasen al 415-778-6700.

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