



NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Board Agenda Memo

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SUBJECT: Plan Bay Area 2050+ Update

RECOMMENDATION

Information only

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the planning organization and the regional transportation planning agency for the nine-county Bay Area. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is a council of the governments representing all the cities in the Bay Area and providing planning and government services to member agencies. MTC and ABAG are required to jointly develop a long-range regional plan every four years. The current long-range plan, Plan Bay Area 2050+ is now available for public review in its final draft form. As part of this review MTC-ABAG is presenting to all nine Bay Area county transportation agencies.

FISCAL IMPACT

No

BACKGROUND

Plan Bay Area 2050+ is the long-range plan for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, focusing on four key issues – transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment. By identifying 35 strategies designed to make the region more

affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant. Bay Area 2050+ outlines a path forward over the coming decades. This includes critical infrastructure to improve our transportation system and to protect communities from rising sea levels — as well as the types of public policies necessary to realize a future growth pattern for housing and jobs. Plan Bay Area 2050+ also meets and exceeds federal and state planning requirements, allowing it to serve as the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

In June 2025 and July 2025, MTC and ABAG respectively voted to advance the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Final Blueprint into the environmental process for the long-range plan, as required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On Monday, October 20, 2025 (Draft Plan link: [Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+](#)), MTC and ABAG released the Draft Plan Document and associated technical reports, Draft EIR, and Draft Implementation Plan for public comment, with informational webinars and hybrid public hearings slated for late October, November and December. The Final Plan Bay Area 2050+ is anticipated to be brought forward for adoption by MTC and ABAG in early 2026.

Throughout development of Plan Bay Area 2050+, MTC and ABAG have engaged NVTa and other stakeholders via ongoing updates to relevant Bay Area County Transportation Authority (BACTA) bodies, one-on-one staff meetings, and a variety of public and partner outreach and engagement events. As this is a key milestone in the long-range planning process that commenced in 2023, MTC and ABAG are conducting briefings on Plan Bay Area 2050+ with elected officials on the county and city levels, consistent with the requirements of Senate Bill 375.

COUNTYWIDE PLAN GOALS MET BY THIS PROPOSAL

Goal 1 – Serve the transportation needs of the entire community regardless of age, income, or ability.

NVTa long range transportation plans, such as the Countywide Transportation Plan, the Community Based Transportation Plan and the Active Transportation Plan all inform and align with the Regional Transportation Plan to support serving the transportation needs of the local community.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- 1) Napa County Plan Bay Area 2050+ Fact Sheet



Photo: Karl Nielsen

Plan Bay Area 2050+ is a long-range plan charting the course for the future of the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. The plan integrates **35 equitable and resilient strategies** to tackle the region’s transportation, housing, economic and environmental challenges to advance the vision of a more affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant Bay Area for all.

This document spotlights strategies and investments within the plan and related outcomes for Napa County.

How to Use The Plan

Planning Tools

Plan Bay Area 2050+ provides regional forecasts for population, jobs and housing, along with equity mapping and growth geographies to guide local planning. It also offers planning guidelines and access to an Open Data portal.

Funding and Grant Support

The plan supports transportation projects from concept to construction, offering grant eligibility checklists, advocacy tools and financial forecasts for housing, transportation and environmental investments.

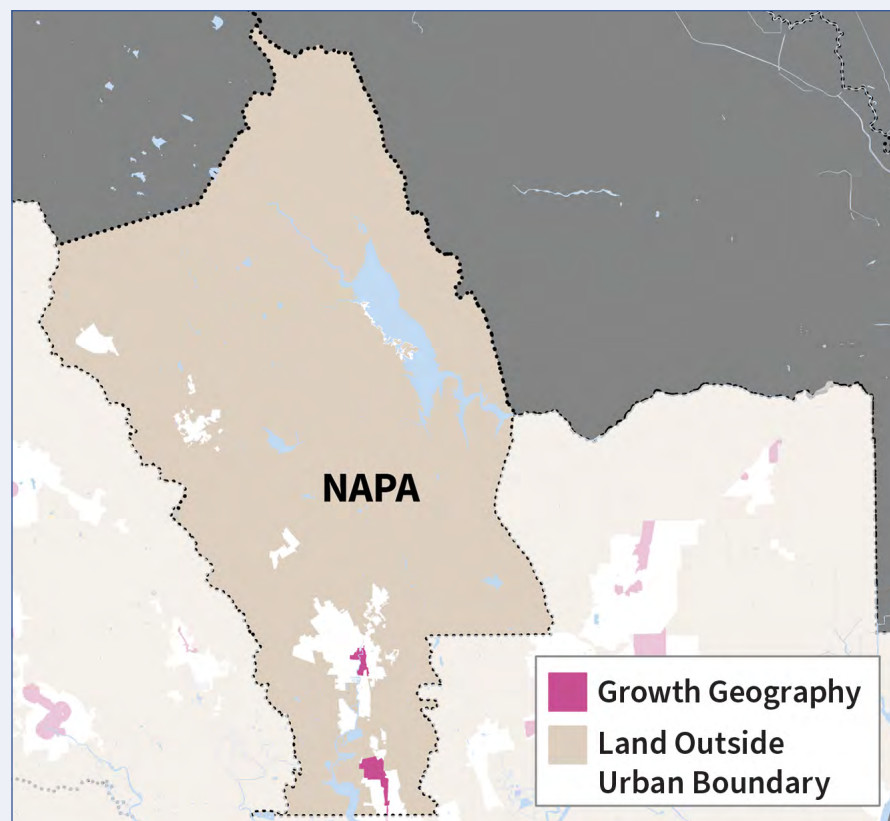
Implementation Support

MTC-ABAG provides technical assistance to help local jurisdictions implement strategies from Plan Bay Area 2050+. This includes resources like playbooks for redevelopment, mobility hubs and parking strategies, along with support for advancing transportation and housing initiatives.

For more information on tools and resources for partners, please visit planbayarea.org.

Napa County Growth Geographies

Growth Geographies are areas identified in Plan Bay Area 2050+ to guide long-term housing and job growth. As shown on the map, these areas are designated either by local jurisdictions or based on their proximity to transit and access to opportunity.



In Napa County, twelve transportation strategies work together to make it easier, safer and more reliable for residents to get where they need to go, whether by transit, car or active modes like walking and biking. Investments maintain and improve today's system, expand safe options for biking and walking, and advance a new vision for transit through Transit 2050+, developed collaboratively by MTC and transit operators like Vine Transit.

Strategy Spotlight

Strategy T8 – Advance Other Regional Programs and Local Priorities

Implements complementary programs and transportation investments at the local and regional levels, including Community Based Transportation Plans, goods movement and priority development areas, guided by county-driven planning efforts, especially for multimodal improvements on local arterial roads.

Strategy T11 – Enhance Transit Frequency, Capacity and Reliability

Invests in targeted service enhancements across the existing transit network to improve regional frequency, reliability and capacity. Improvements to Vine Transit will enhance travel throughout Napa County, focusing on key corridors and connections to major destinations both inside and outside the county.

Project Spotlight

At least \$4.9 billion* in transportation projects are planned for Napa County from 2025-2050.



Photo: Courtesy of Caltrans

SR-29 Improvements

Multiple enhancements to SR-29 will improve traffic flow and enhance the experience for all travelers, especially at Airport Blvd, SR-12, SR-121 and American Canyon Road.

NVTA Vine Transit Local & Express Bus Expansions

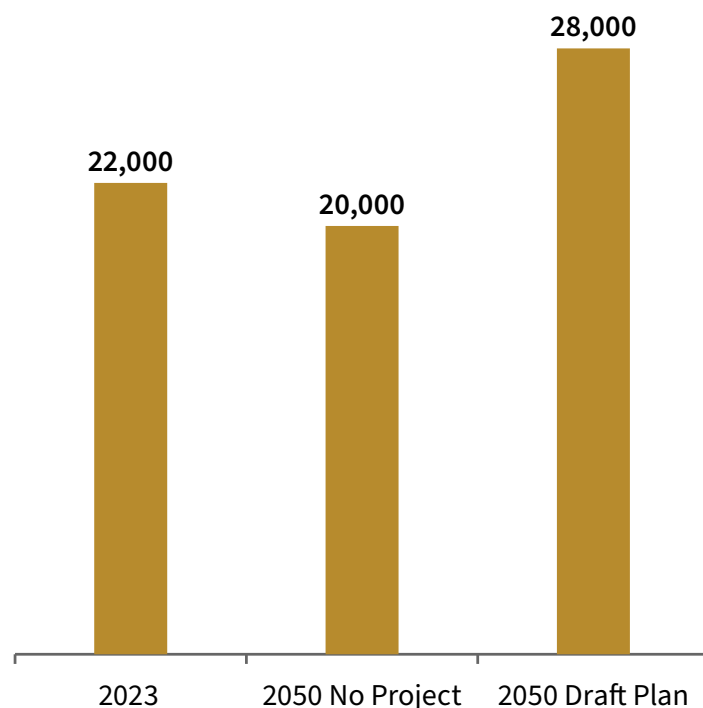
Improvements to existing NVTA services will expand service hours and upgrade frequencies on local routes 10 and 11 and deploy transit priority that keeps express buses running on time.

Soscol Avenue Multimodal Improvements

Improvements to Soscol Avenue in the city of Napa will promote efficient traffic flow and enhance the experience for pedestrians and bicyclists to create a safe street for all travelers.

Forecasted Outcomes

Jobs Accessible by 45-Minute Transit Commute in Napa County



Job access is projected to improve, increasing from 22,000 in 2023 to 28,000 by 2050 by strategically expanding the transit system and promoting housing and employment in key Growth Geographies, allowing many more people to take transit, walk or bike to work. Without key strategies in Plan Bay Area 2050+, job access could decline.

* Amount reflects county-specific projects only. Additional regionwide or programmatic investments may include more in Napa County.

Affordability is essential to housing stability. In the Bay Area, families with low incomes spend up to 70% of their household income on housing, leaving little room for other basic needs. Plan Bay Area 2050+ prioritizes affordable housing options for residents in Napa County and across the region, especially those with the lowest incomes and greatest needs. Eight housing strategies focus on producing housing at all affordability levels, preserving existing affordable homes and protecting renters from the impacts of high housing costs.

Strategy Spotlight

Strategies H3 and EC4 – Allow a Greater Mix of Housing and Land Use Densities and Types in Growth Geographies

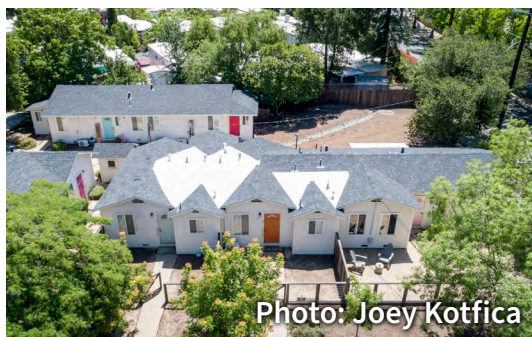


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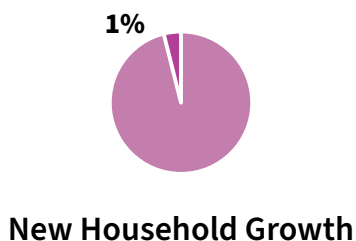
Napa County is home to several Growth Geographies that have the potential to better connect homes and workplaces, reduce housing costs and bring jobs closer to where people live.

Strategy H8 – Accelerate Reuse of Public and Community-Owned Land for Mixed-Income Housing and Essential Services

Public agencies and nonprofits can accelerate the development of 100% affordable and mixed-income housing, supportive services and public spaces. The Priority Sites Pilot is helping the City of Napa create a development strategy for several city-owned parcels close to local services, the Napa riverfront and transit services.

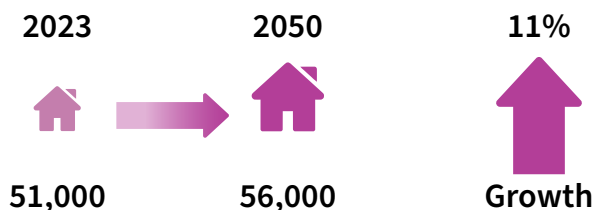
Growth Pattern in Napa County

The Growth Pattern identifies how much Napa County might grow between 2023 and 2050, including population, jobs, households and housing units.



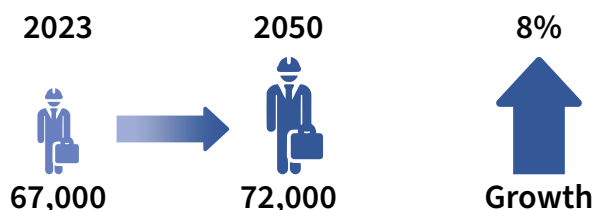
By 2050, the county is projected to maintain a stable share of the Bay Area's households, accounting for **1% of new growth**, while preserving its existing employment base and rural character.

Household Growth



The **number of households** is expected to rise from **51,000 to 56,000** by 2050, an **increase** of about **11%**.

Job Growth



The **number of jobs** is expected to grow from **67,000 to 72,000** by 2050, an **increase** of about **8%**.

Nine environment strategies work not just to protect Napa County's and the Bay Area's land, air, water and people from natural hazards, but also to proactively improve residents' health and enhance their living spaces.

Strategy Spotlight

Strategy EN5 – Protect and Manage High-Value Conservation Lands



Photo: Karl Nielsen

Strengthens biodiversity, improves landscape connectivity and supports a vibrant agricultural sector. In Napa County, Priority Conservation Areas highlight high-value opportunities aligned with other planning efforts. The Napa County Agricultural Land PCA and the Blue Oak Woodlands PCA around Lake Berryessa align with county and state priorities.

Strategy EN8 – Expand Clean Vehicle Initiatives



Photo: Noah Berger

Invests in clean vehicles, including EVs, electric mobility and chargers to accelerate the electric transition. A proposed vehicle buyback program would support the shift, building on Napa County's current 5% EV share and aiming for significant growth by 2035. The plan calls for a total of 535,000 chargers regionwide, including approximately 11,000 in Napa County.

Strategy EN1 - Adapt to Sea Level Rise

For the first time, Plan Bay Area includes a Resilience Project list to address regional sea level rise. In Napa County, the list anticipates a \$4 billion need to manage impacts from the first 4.9 feet of sea level rise.

Projects include the SR-37 Corridor project, combining near-term flood solutions with a long-term adaptation strategy. The plan also promotes nature-based solutions like the American Canyon Wetlands Restoration Plan to restore wetlands along the lower Napa River, improving water quality, habitat and public access, while building resilience to sea-level rise.

Napa County Sea Level Rise Resilience Investments

