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NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TAC Agenda Letter

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SUBJECT: Plan Bay Area 2050+ Update

RECOMMENDATION

Information only

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff will provide an update on Plan Bay Area 2050+, a limited and focused update to the region's long-range vision plan adopted in October 2021. Building on the original Plan Bay Area 2050, which identified 35 strategies across transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment to promote a more equitable and resilient Bay Area, the 2050+ update refines those strategies based on lessons learned over the past three years.

The update maintains continuity while advancing implementation efforts and addressing evolving regional needs. In parallel, the Transit 2050+ process revisited six key transit strategies to respond to post-pandemic travel shifts and strengthen coordination and performance across the regional transit system.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Is there a fiscal impact? Not for this report.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) spent the past few years in public discussion and technical analysis and refinement of the region's long-range transportation plan to develop a limited and focused update to Plan Bay Area 2050 known as Plan Bay Area 2050+ (PBA 2050+). The Draft PBA 2050+ Plan was released on October 20th along with the Draft Plan EIR, which is open for public comment through December 18, 2025.

This regional plan update provides the framework for the future of the Bay Area over the next 25 years and will guide growth and investment across all 9 counties and 101 cities. The plan includes 35 strategies for public policies and investments to help the region build more homes, reduce commute times, create economically viable and vibrant downtowns and natural areas. These strategies aim to support resilience from natural hazards and support a strong economy and stable housing.

A new addition in this plan cycle was a parallel planning effort, Transit 2050+ conducted by MTC and ABAG in partnership with the region's Transit Agencies to re-envision the future of transit in the Bay Area.

Key Priorities in PBA 2050+

1. Enhanced public information on the purpose, strategies and real-world impact of the plan
2. Leveraging findings from implementation efforts to inform refinements to select plan strategies
3. Updating assumptions to more fully reflect the realities of the post-COVID environment

Similar to the previous plans, this update connects key elements of transportation, housing, economic development and environmental resilience to guide the next phase of development for the future of all nine counties in the region while meeting or exceeding federal and state planning requirements.

While this limited and focused update lays the foundation for Bay Area policies and investments necessary to advance the shared vision and goals for the region, this plan does not fund specific infrastructure projects or change local policies. Cities and counties retain all local land use authority. However, the plan does identify a path towards future investments along with policy guidance to support future growth patterns for housing and jobs.

Key Connections between the Countywide Transportation Plan and PBA 2050+

- The CTP provides Napa County's long-term vision for transportation: how people get around, how safe and reliable the system is, and how it supports housing, land use, environment and mobility.
- Plan Bay Area 2050+ serves as the broader regional framework for the Bay Area, setting direction for transportation, housing, economy and environment across the region through 2050.
- Because Napa County is part of the Bay Area region, the local CTP and the regional plan need to align. The CTP acts as the "local chapter" of the regional playbook: the local priorities, projects and policies should reflect, support, and help implement the regional goals.

Specifically:

- Plan Bay Area 2050+ refines regional strategies learning from recent years; its transportation strategies (including through the parallel Transit 2050+ process) will influence what the CTP emphasis locally (e.g., transit-new service types, active transportation, climate resilience).
- The CTP update (which looks toward 2050) uses the regional context to help set investment priorities, funding strategies, project selection and performance metrics.
- By aligning with Plan Bay Area 2050+, Napa County strengthens its ability to secure regional, state and federal funding and ensures that local projects will “fit” the region-wide transportation system.

What this means for local decisions:

- When the CTP is adopted, local jurisdiction projects will be highlighted and show local mobility and safety needs are served, but also contribute to the region-wide goals identified in Plan Bay Area 2050+ (for example: improving safety, reducing greenhouse-gas emissions, increasing transit use, and supporting housing near transit).
- The CTP will reflect “gaps, opportunities, strategies and near-term actions” consistent with the regional plan. For example: more active transportation (walking & biking), better transit service, improved road maintenance, resilience to climate change and natural hazards.
- Implementation-wise: Projects listed in Napa’s CTP (including those yet unfunded) will be evaluated in light of the regional plan’s criteria and performance metrics. This ensures that local transportation improvements help meet the region’s broader sustainability, mobility and safety targets and improves competitiveness for discretionary funding opportunities.
- For the public: It means that when you hear about a new local trail, bus service improvement, safety project or road repair in Napa County, it’s not only serving local needs — it’s part of a coordinated effort with the rest of the Bay Area to build a more connected, resilient and equitable region.

MTC hosted a series of Webinars in October/November throughout the region and is holding the first public hearing at the MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee on Friday November 14th, with two additional public hearings on December 3 and 4th.

To Submit Written Comments on Draft PBA 2050+:

- Online comment form: <https://www.planbayarea.org/draftplan>
- Email comments: info@planbayarea.org (subject line: “Draft Plan”)

- Mail comments to:
MTC Public Information Office
Attn: Plan Bay Area
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105

To submit comments on PBA 2050+ Draft EIR:

- Online comment form: <https://planbayarea.org/2050/environmental-impact-report-eir>
- Email: eircomments@bayareametro.gov (subject line: "Draft EIR")
- Mail comments to: Same address as above with Attn: Draft EIR Comments

ATTACHMENTS

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