

## Report on ABAG to MCCMC

April 26, 2017

Our ABAG General Assembly is scheduled for **June 5, 2017 from 10:00 to 3:00 pm** at 375 Beale Street, SF. The conference “Evolution of ABAG – Planning Our Shared Future” includes the business meeting where the General Assembly will be asked to vote on ABAG’s 2017-2018 workplan and budget as required by ABAG’s Bylaws. This vote is critical since it establishes our priorities and funding for years to come.

**PLAN BAY AREA 2040:** On March 31, 2017, ABAG and MTC released the “Draft Plan” for Plan Bay Area 2040; and, on April 17, 2017 released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) which evaluates the proposed Plan and four alternatives, including a No Project alternative. It is anticipated that both the Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Draft Plan Bay Area 2040 and Amended 2017 Transportation Improvement Program will be released on May 1, 2017. Comments on all of these documents are due to ABAG and MTC by June 1, 2017.

On Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 8:30 to 1:00 pm at the Mill Valley Community Center, the Marin ABAG delegates/alternates and the Transportation Authority of Marin will be conducting a joint public workshop and open house from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. I have been working with ABAG and MTC on the draft agenda which is going to include a presentation and discussion on ‘The Plan’ along with the alternatives being studied in the DEIR). We will be developing a poster/flyer along with a newspaper articles to promote good attendance, like last year.

On Thursday, April 27, 2017 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, there will be a presentation on the ‘Draft Plan’ for Marin elected officials. It will be held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 330, Marin Civic Center.

The Draft Plan can be accessed at: <http://2040.planbayarea.org>. The Draft Plan incorporates the ‘Final Preferred Scenario which included a growth pattern for housing, population and jobs as well as a list of transportation investments through 2040. The Draft Plan also includes an **Action Plan** to ‘identify concrete near- and medium-term action items for MTC, ABAG and other stakeholders to make meaningful progress on the Plan’s performance target and provides strategic direction on three issue areas: housing, economic development and resilience.

To download the Draft Plan, Draft EIR and/or supporting documents **below** to go: <http://2040.planbayarea.org/reports>

Land Use documents: Land Use Modeling Report; Regional Forecast of Jobs, Population and Housing; Scenario Planning Report; Statutorily-Required Plan Maps.

Performance & Public Participation: Glossary; Native American Tribal Outreach Report; Performance Assessment Report; Public Engagement Program Report.

Transportation: Financial Assumptions Report; Freight Emissions Reduction Action Plan; Investment Strategy Report; Project List; Local Streets and Roads, Bridges and State Highway Needs Assessment; Transit Operating and Capital Needs and Revenue Assessment; Travel Modeling Report.

Equity & Environment: Air Quality Conformity Report (available early May); Environmental Impact Report; Environmental Impact Report – Appendices; Equity Analysis Report.

Performance & Public Participation: Glossary; Native American Tribal Outreach Report; Performance Assessment Report; Public Engagement Program Report.

The public is invited to three public hearings on the Draft EIR. The full list of public hearings is as follows:

- **Friday, May 12, 9:40 a.m.:** Public Hearing at Joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committees, Bay Area Metro Center, Board Room, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco
- **Tuesday, May 16, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.:** Public Hearing in San Jose, Martin Luther King Library, Room 225, 150 E. San Fernando Street, San Jose
- **Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.:** Public Hearing in Vallejo, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin Street, Vallejo

Lastly, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) is scheduled to adopt updated SB 375 GHG targets for the third cycle of the Sustainable Communities Strategies/Regional Transportation Plans which is 2021. The ARB is recommending a new GHG reduction target for the Bay Area, conditional on certain state policy actions that would assist the region in meeting the target. For Plan Bay Area 2013, the San Francisco Bay 9-County Region target was 7% per capita reduction from 2005 levels by 2020, and for Plan Bay Area 2017, the regional target is 15% per capita reduction from 2005 by 2035. These targets were exceeded in the 2013 Plan Bay Area achieving a 10% reduction; and, the 2017 Plan Bay Area is projecting a 16% reduction by 2035. MTC is recommending an 18% per capita GHG emission reduction target from 2005 levels for 2035 for the 2021 Plan Bay Area. ABAG will be taking this issue up in May 2017.

**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AND MOU BETWEEN ABAG AND MTC:** On April 20, 2017, a majority of the ABAG Executive Board adopted the Draft Contract for Services and MOU to support the merger of the ABAG staff into MTC. I voted no on the Contract for Services and the MOU for a variety of reasons. The agreed upon changes made to the Contract for Services include:

- 1) a contingency that MTC would voluntarily agree that SEIU Local 1021 would represent the ABAG employees who transition to MTC. This would allow immediate negotiations between SEIU Local 2021 and MTC management. See the attached SEIU letter to the Board of Directors which articulates the issues staff has confronted.
- 2) Replacing Section 6.7 (page 10) with a re-write from the MTC Executive Committee. There is one provision that could put ABAG retirees in harm's way.
- 3) Modifying Section 4.1 (page 7) to 'allow' the consolidated staff to create a successor ABAG-affiliated conduit financing authority by October 31, 2017 which would allow ABAG to create a new ABAG Financing Authority.

The agreed upon changes made to the MOU include:

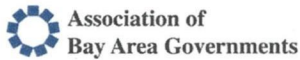
- 1) Adding the following sentence in Section 4 which states: 'Both parties retain the sole individual discretion to decide whether or not to merge the two governing boards.'
- 2) A Plan A and B for the ABAG Executive Board and the MTC to decide who would participate in interviewing candidates to replace the MTC Executive Director (in the event he retires prior to the agreed upon schedule to discuss the governing options). Plan A is: Each Board identifies an ad hoc committee of equal number; and, Plan B is the MTC form an ad hoc committee of MTC Commissioners that sit on ABAG and MTC.

**DRAFT ABAG FY 2017-2018 BUDGET AND WORKPLAN:** On April 20, 2017, a majority of the ABAG Executive Board members agreed to forward the Draft ABAG 2017-2018 Budget and Workplan to the membership for a vote at the General Assembly scheduled for June 5, 2017. I am proposing minor changes to the document which will be incorporated prior to distribution. Meanwhile, there are substantive issues that I believe need to be discussed. The ABAG Executive Board agreed to continue our discussion on May 18, 2017 and consider bringing those changes before the General Assembly. I will be convening the delegates to review our suggested changes. The reason this Budget and Workplan is critical, is that it establishing the foundation going forward on what ABAG is responsible for as the merger continues forward.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- **April 26, 2017** - MTC Commission meeting 9:30 am
- **April 27, 2017** - ABAG/MTC briefing of Marin elected officials on Plan Bay Area; Board of Supervisors Chambers
- **May 3, 2017** - ABAG Regional Planning Committee meeting 12:00 to 3:00 pm
- **May 12, 2017** - ABAG Administrative/MTC Planning meeting 9:30 to 11:30 am – Public Hearing on the Draft EIR and Plan Bay Area 2040
- **May 18, 2017** - ABAG Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm
- **May 20, 2017** - Public Workshop/Open House on Plan Bay Area 8:30 to 1:00 pm; Mill Valley Community Center.
- **May 24, 2017** - MTC Commission meeting 9:30 am
- **June 5, 2017** - ABAG General Assembly 10:00 to 3:00 pm

Please direct questions to Pat Eklund, Council Member, City of Novato (phone: 415-883-9116; email: [peklund@novato.org](mailto:peklund@novato.org) or [pateklund@comcast.net](mailto:pateklund@comcast.net))



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TO: Local Elected Officials, City Managers  
Counties of Napa, Sonoma, and Solano

DATE: October 17, 2017

FR: Executive Director

RE: North Bay Wildfire Response

On behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments, we offer you and your communities our deepest support and empathy as you navigate a very challenging and stressful environment. We, as a region, are watching your response to the fires with hope and best wishes for a swift recovery. You have the support of the region behind you and while we do not pretend to have all the answers, rest assured that we stand ready to offer you our assistance to help rebuild your communities.

As you transition from disaster response to long-term recovery efforts, we want to make you aware of a number of resources to guide you through the process. We have developed a Web site (<http://resilience.abag.ca.gov/north-bay-fire-resources/>) with links to resources to help support recovery and rebuilding management, including re-housing residents, considering land use planning changes, rebuilding your economy, identifying and rebuilding damaged infrastructure, and managing federal assistance. Our staff is available to provide support to you to help utilize these resources most effectively.

Most importantly, we ask - **how can we best support you?** In our new consolidated staffing structure, we are still learning how we can utilize our combined resources to be of greatest use to our jurisdictions. We will continue to reach out to you, but please also reach out to us and tell us what, as cities, counties, and special districts, you need from us to help you navigate this new world. Please direct inquiries to Alix Bockelman, Deputy Executive Director, Policy at [abockelman@bayareametro.gov](mailto:abockelman@bayareametro.gov).

As we watch the news, the weather reports, and the stories coming from your communities, our hearts go out to you and everyone affected by the fires. Please know that you have the strength of the region behind you during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Heminger", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Steve Heminger  
Executive Director

Cc: ABAG Executive Board  
MTC Commission