

# Report on ABAG to MCCMC

February 22, 2017

**ABAG General Assembly:** On January 30, 2017, ABAG held a special General Assembly entitled “Help shape the future of ABAG” by identifying programs, projects and specific areas for collaboration that should continue and/or enhanced. This input is being used to inform the ABAG Executive Board in their deliberations on the ‘merger’ of ABAG/MTC and for the 2017-2018 budget and workplan. I will distribute the summary of the General Assembly to the Marin ABAG delegates/alternates upon receipt.

**Our next General Assembly is scheduled for May 11, 2017 – Please mark your calendars. PURPOSE: To vote on ABAG’s workplan and budget for 2017-2018. This vote is critical. More to come.**

**PLAN BAY AREA 2040:** In a couple of months, the Draft EIR and Plan Bay Area will be released for public comment. In Marin County, we will have a joint public workshop and open house in May 2017 sponsored by the Marin ABAG delegates/alternates and the Transportation Authority of Marin. We will be working together to develop an outreach plan and draft agenda for the public workshop. In addition, there will be:

- Two public hearings, one of which will be in the evening, on the Draft Plan and the DEIR.
- MTC has contracted with five community-based organizations in low-income areas and communities of color to assist in engaging their residents and/or clients in development of the Plan. The groups will host focus groups or conduct surveys, at times and locations convenient to their residents, to discuss the Draft Plan.
- An online survey about the Draft Plan will be promoted on social and traditional media outlets, in order to reach out to residents who do not attend the public workshop and open houses.

**ABAG MTC MERGER IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN:** On February 13, 2017, ABAG/MTC staff released the draft contract for services which was distributed to the Marin ABAG delegates/alternates. This will be the subject of our next ad hoc committee meeting in March. I will be sending out the date this weekend. This draft was briefly discussed at the ABAG Executive Board on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> where the Board members identified areas that needed more work and/or were missing – I will provide a brief summary of the comments at MCCMC. The joint ABAG Administrative/MTC Planning Committees will meet on February 24, 2017 to discuss areas that need more work and/or are missing.

Originally, it was anticipated that the Contract for Services and MOU will be acted upon by the ABAG Executive Board and MTC Commission in March/April 2017. However, more work is needed on the contract for services and there are several other outstanding documents (e.g. MOU which talks about the governance, staff transition plan, organizational chart, classification study, workplan/budget, etc..) that need to be developed prior to finalizing the contract for services. It is anticipated that the ABAG Executive Board and the MTC Commissioners will take action sometime in June 2017.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- **February 22, 2017** – MTC Commission meeting
- **February 24, 2017** - Joint ABAG Administrative/MTC Planning meeting re: Contract for Services
- **March 16, 2017** – ABAG Executive Board
- **March 22, 2017** – MTC Commission meeting
- **March 24, 2017** - Joint ABAG Administrative/MTC Planning meeting re: Contract for Services
- **April 5, 2017** – ABAG Regional Planning Committee meeting
- **May 11, 2017** – ABAG General Assembly vote on ABAG workplan and budget for 2017/2018

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