

## Report on ABAG to MCCMC

February 2019

**LEGISLATION:** On February 8, 2019, the ABAG and MTC Legislative Committees held a joint meeting to discuss proposed legislation and positions that will be brought before our respective bodies. Following are the proposed bills:

**ACA 1** (Aguiar-Curry): Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval. Respective ABAG/MTC Legislative Committees recommended support. I abstained since our Marin ABAG delegates/alternates nor have MCCMC Legislative Committee discussed this Constitutional Amendment. This measure would:

(1) *create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, or city and county to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure or affordable housing, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements.*

(2) *authorize a local government to impose, extend, or increase a sales and use tax or transactions and use tax imposed in accordance with specified law or a parcel tax, as defined, for the purposes of funding the construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure or affordable housing, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of its voters voting on the proposition and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements. This measure would also make conforming changes to related provisions.*

(3) *similarly lower to 55% the voter-approval threshold for a city, county, or city and county to incur bonded indebtedness, exceeding in any year the income and revenue provided in that year, that is in the form of general obligation bonds issued to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure or affordable housing projects, if the proposition proposing that bond includes specified accountability requirements.*

**AB 252** (Daly). Department of Transportation: environmental review process: federal program. Respective ABAG/MTC Legislative Committees recommended support. The proposed legislation proposes the following changes.

Existing law gives the Department of Transportation full possession and control of the state highway system. Existing federal law requires the United States Secretary of Transportation to carry out a surface transportation project delivery program, under which the participating states may assume certain responsibilities for environmental review and clearance of transportation projects that would otherwise be the responsibility of the federal government. Existing law, until January 1, 2020, provides that the State of California consents to the jurisdiction of the federal courts with regard to the compliance, discharge, or enforcement of the responsibilities it assumed as a participant in the program. *This bill would extend the operation of these provisions indefinitely.*

**SB 137** (Dodd): Federal transportation funds: state exchange programs. Respective ABAG/MTC Legislative Committees recommended support. The proposed legislation proposes the following changes.

Existing federal law apportions transportation funds to the states under various programs, including the Surface Transportation Program and the Highway Safety Improvement Program, subject to certain conditions on the use of those funds. Existing law provides for the allocation of certain of those funds to local entities. Existing law provides for the exchange of federal and state transportation funds between local entities and the state under certain circumstances. Existing law establishes the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system, and funds that program from fuel taxes and an annual transportation improvement fee imposed on vehicles.

*This bill would authorize the Department of Transportation to allow the above-described federal transportation funds that are allocated as local assistance to be exchanged for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program funds appropriated to the department.*

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OUTREACH ON CASA:** Following direction from the MTC and the ABAG Executive Board, staff is presenting the CASA Compact to local elected officials and staff. Some key messages staff have heard to date include:

- Concerns about the potential redirection of local funds (e.g. sales tax, local parcel tax) and associated impacts to local services;

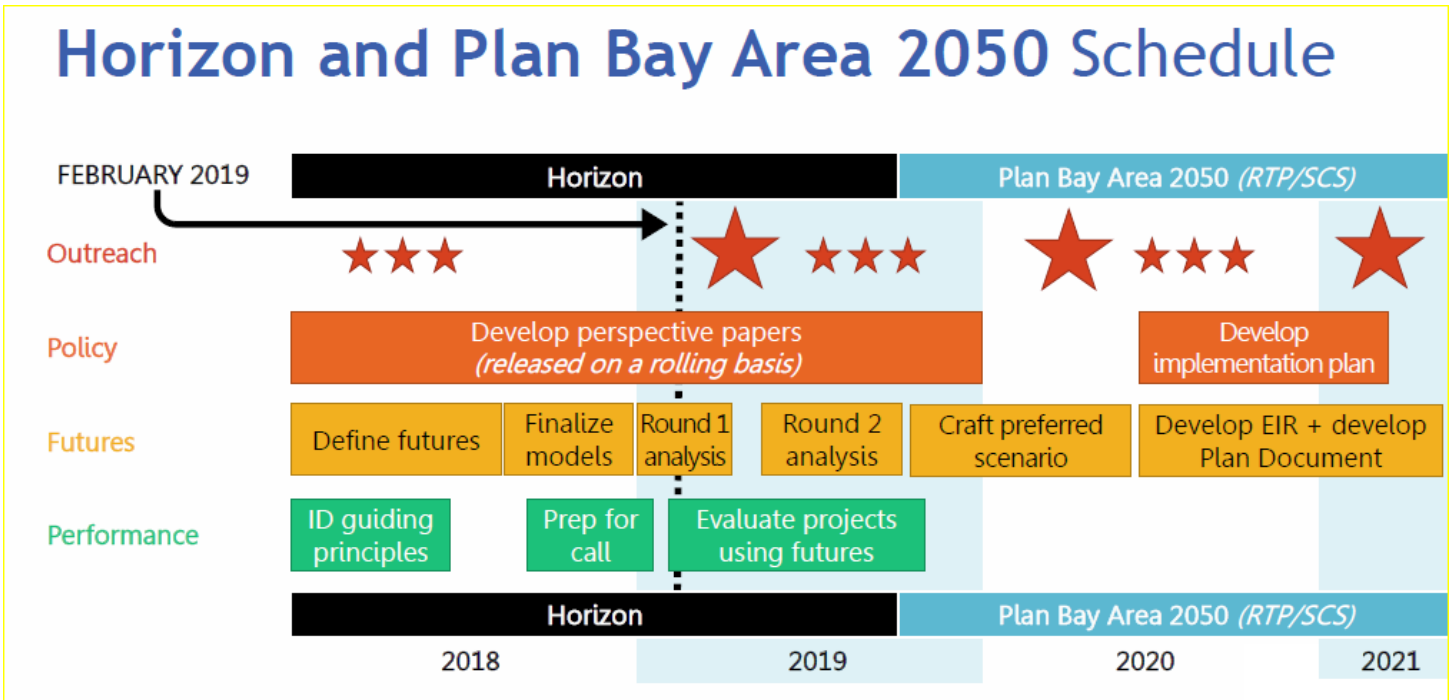
- Concern over loss of local control over zoning decisions;
- Concern about a “one-size-fits-all” approach to up zoning (CASA Compact Item 5);
- Concern that creating a new regional agency to help address the housing crisis is duplicative and a waste of resources (CASA Compact Item 10);
- Concern about loss of local control over fee rates due to the various local infrastructure and services that are paid for by fees (schools, parks, etc.) and potential legal implications associated with nexus studies (CASA Compact Item 7);
- Concern the CASA Compact only addresses the “supply side” of the jobs/housing balance equation; we need to also think about limiting the “demand side,” i.e. job growth;
- With respect to the 75 percent of funds that the CASA Compact states will be returned to the county where funds are generated, how will funds be distributed within the county;
- Need to do a better job bringing transportation to where the affordable housing is already located, (Central Valley), not just building housing where the jobs are; and,
- Need to address concentration of new jobs in S.F./West Bay and more affordable housing in East Bay by creating new policies and incentives to encourage job growth in East Bay to decrease commuting and greenhouse gas emissions.

Following is the latest outreach schedule:

Meeting Date	Organization
December 12, 2018	Alameda County Mayors’ Conference
January 9, 5 pm	League of Cities/North Bay Division (includes 4 North Bay Counties) meeting Homeward Bound
January 10, 7 pm	Contra Costa Conference of Mayors
January 10, 7 pm	Santa Clara County Cities Association Meeting, Sunnyvale City Hall, 456 W Olive Ave.
January 17, 8 am	Home for All Steering Committee (San Mateo)
January 24, 7 pm	East Bay League of Cities Meeting, Walnut Creek
January 29, 10 am	East Contra Costa (EC <sup>2</sup> a collaborative of cities, the county, chambers and special districts), Oakley City Hall
January 30, 11:30 am	Peninsula League of Cities Division
January 30, 5:30-7:30 pm	Cities of Fremont/Hayward City/Newark/San Leandro/Union City
January 31, 2 pm	Alameda County Transportation Commission
February 20, 1:30 pm	Napa Valley Transportation Authority
February 21, 12-1:30 pm	City Managers Group of Contra Costa, City of Walnut Creek, City Hall on the 3rd floor
February 22, 6 pm (tentative timing)	San Mateo County Council of Cities
February 25, 5:30 pm	Solano City & County Coordinating Council
February 26 –12:30 pm	East Bay Leadership Council, Housing Committee, Walnut Creek
February 27, 7:00 pm (tentative timing)	Marin County, Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, Sausalito
March 1, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	East Bay Economic Development Alliance,
March 7	Contra Costa Mayors’ Conference Meeting in San Ramon

**PLAN BAY AREA 2050.** As reported last year, ABAG/MTC embarked on a planning effort called “Horizon” that precedes development of Plan Bay Area 2050. This effort includes the following seven perspective papers that will be become part of Plan Bay Area 2050 (<https://mtc.ca.gov/our-work/plans-projects/horizon/perspective-papers>):

- 1) Autonomous Vehicles issued June 2018. For more information: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/video-gallery/expand-your-horizon-event-autonomous-vehicles-perspective-paper>
- 2) Toward a Shared Future issued September 2018. For more information: [https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/TDM\\_Perspective\\_092618.WEB\\_.pdf](https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/TDM_Perspective_092618.WEB_.pdf)
- 3) Regional Growth Strategies issued February 2019.
- 4) The Future of Jobs (to be issued April 2019).
- 5) Bay Area Crossings (to be issued May 2019).
- 6) Regional Governance (to be issued June 2019).
- 7) Sea Level Rise (to be issued September 2019).



**MARIN ABAG DELEGATES/ALTERNATES:** The next Marin ABAG delegate/alternate meeting is in March 2019.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS<sup>1</sup>**

- **February 27, 2019** -- MTC Executive Committee, 12:00 pm; Bay Area Toll Authority, Bay Area HQ Authority, Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority and MTC Commission, 1:30 pm
- **March 8, 2019** -- ABAG Administrative and MTC Planning Committees, 10:00 am  
ABAG and MTC Joint Legislative Committees, 10:30 am
- **March 11, 2019** -- Horizon Stakeholder Workshop: Transform the Future, 9:30 am
- **March 12, 2019** -- Horizon Public Workshop, 6:00 pm Location: 101 8th Street, Oakland, CA
- **March 14, 2019** -- Horizon Public Workshop, 6:00 pm Location 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose
- **March 16, 2019** -- Horizon Public Workshop, 10:00 am Location: 320 North McDowell Blvd., Petaluma
- **March 21, 2019** -- ABAG Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 pm  
ABAG Legislative Committee Meeting, 5:00 pm
- **March 27, 2019** -- MTC Commission, 9:30 am

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<sup>1</sup> All meetings are held at 375 Beale Street in San Francisco, unless noted otherwise.