

# MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS AGENDA

Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
6:00pm

Co-Hosted by the City of Belvedere and Town of Tiburon  
Corinthian Yacht Club  
43 Main Street, Tiburon CA 94920

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6:00 PM to 6:15 PM: Business Meeting  
6:15 PM to 8:00 PM: Program and Networking

## Agenda

1. Call to Order: MCCMC President Eli Hill

2. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes per person)

### 3. Committee Reports

- 3.a. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)  
*3a. Written reports provided by Pat Eklund, Novato*
- 3.b. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District \*  
*3b. Written report provided by Holli Thier, Tiburon*
- 3.c. Transportation Authority of Marin  
*3c. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon*

\* Indicates report not received by time of agenda publication. Packet will be republished once available.

### 4. Business Items

- 4.a. Announcement of Appointment of MCCMC Representative and Alternate Representative to the Marin County Local Agency Formation Commission (Marin LAFCo).  
Incumbents: Steve Burdo, San Anselmo (Primary), Stephen Burke, Mill Valley (Alternate)

One Primary Representative seat with expired term: MCCMC Representative to Marin LAFCo, with a four-year term which expired May 1, 2024. Current incumbent, Steve Burdo, San Anselmo, has indicated interest in re-appointment and will provide a letter of interest.

One Alternate Representative seat with expired term: MCCMC Alternate Representative to Marin LAFCo, with a four-year term which expired May 1, 2024. Current incumbent, Stephen Burke, Mill Valley, is not seeking reappointment to the Alternate seat.

Expiration of current terms will be announced and letters of interest will be solicited at the October 25, 2024 meeting. Consideration and Action to Make Appointments to Represent MCCMC on Marin LAFCo for new four-year terms for one Primary Representative and one Alternate Representative, commencing upon appointment and expiring May 1, 2028, will be made by the City Selection Committee at its next meeting to be scheduled for January 22, 2025, or potentially scheduled to take place in November or December if necessary.

- 4.b. Consideration and Possible Action to Make Appointments to Boards and Committees

Expiration of current terms for all appointments were announced and Letters of Interest solicited at the September 25, 2024 meeting. Additional nominations may be accepted from the floor, and appointments will be voted on at the October 23, 2024 Meeting.

4.b.1. MCCMC Representatives to League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Board for Calendar Year 2025.

Three seats have expiring terms:

1<sup>st</sup> Representative, 2<sup>nd</sup> Representative and Alternate Representative.

MCCMC Representatives are appointed annually for the upcoming calendar year.

Incumbents are:

- 1st: Eli Beckman, Corte Madera
- 2nd: Jill Hoffman, Sausalito;
- Alternate: Mark Milberg, Novato

A call for letters of interest was announced at the September 25<sup>th</sup> MCCMC meeting, and a vote on appointments will take place at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Incumbents Eli Beckman (Primary) and Mark Milberg (Alternate) have submitted letters of interest for reappointment.

*Attachment 4.b.1.: Letters of Interest*

4.b.2. Marin Transit Board of Directors: Representatives to the Marin Transit Board:

Primary Representative 1; Primary Representative 2; Alternate Representative

- Primary Representative 1, Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael: Seat expires January 1, 2025
- Primary Representative 2, Brian Colbert, San Anselmo (leaving office): Seat expires January 1, 2026 – one year remaining on term.  
Incumbent Brian Colbert, San Anselmo will be leaving office in December, with one year remaining on his current two-year term as a Primary Representative to the Marin Transit Board of Directors.
- Alternate Representative: Fred Casissa, Corte Madera, Seat expires January 1, 2026

Alternate Seat Incumbent Fred Casissa, Corte Madera, has indicated interest in submitting a letter of interest to be considered for appointment to the remaining year of the seat that will be vacated by Councilmember Colbert. Should he ultimately be appointed, there will be one year remaining on his current two-year term as Alternate Representative to the Marin Transit Board of Directors.

A call for letters of interest was announced at the September 25<sup>th</sup> MCCMC meeting, and a vote on appointment will take place at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

*Attachment 4.b.2.: Letters of Interest*

4.c. Review of Draft Agenda for January 22, 2025 MCCMC Meeting To Be Held Virtually Via Zoom

*Attachment 4c: Draft agenda for January 22, 2025 MCCMC Meeting*

4.d. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the September 25, 2024 MCCMC Meeting

*Attachment 4.e: Draft minutes of the September 25, 2024 MCCMC meeting*

ADJOURN: To the January 22, 2025 meeting, to be held virtually via Zoom

Deadline for consideration of potential agenda items – January 15, 2025. Please send to:

[MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com)

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## 6:15 PM to 8:00 PM: Program & Networking

### Co-Hosted by: Town of Tiburon and City of Belvedere

1. Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

President Eli Hill

Host Mayors: Alice Fredericks (Tiburon) and Peter Mark (Belvedere)

2. Special Guest Speakers:

- Update On Countywide Efforts To Support And Address Homelessness In Marin

*Update provided by:*

*Gary Naja-Riese, Director, Homelessness & Coordinated Care for County of Marin*

- Presentation on Building in Marin and Efforts Undertaken By Marin Builders Association to Work with Municipalities to Support Permit Improvement for Community Members

*Presentation provided by:*

*Rick Wells, CEO Marin Builders Association; Casey Mazzoni, Legislative Analyst Marin Builders Association; Brad Hubbell, Local Architect & Marin Builders Association Board President; and Don Jeppson, Chief Building Official, City of San Rafael*

ABAG Report to MCCMC<sup>1</sup>

October 2024

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** This report includes a synopsis of status of an evaluation conducted by ‘Informing Change’ on the success and challenges of the assistance provided to Cities and Counties by ABAG on the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle of the Region’s Housing Elements; ABAG and BayREN approved a contract for \$22M to support a Single-Family Energy Savings Program; MTC/ABAG approved an amendment to Plan Bay Area 2050 that includes the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) passenger rail service extension to Healdsburg; and report on the additional blueprint refinements proposed for Plan Bay Area 2050+.

**SUCCESSSES AND CHALLENGES ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PROVIDED TO CITIES AND COUNTIES**

**IN DEVELOPING THEIR HOUSING ELEMENTS:** In 2020, ABAG established the Regional Housing Technical Assistance (RHTA) Program with \$23.9 million from the REAP 1.0 grant from the CA Department of Housing and Community Development. The program was developed to support the 109 Bay Area jurisdictions with the development of their **6th Cycle Housing Elements** and has continued to provide housing policy guidance through technical assistance tools, trainings, and opportunities to convene local planners. REAP 1.0-funded activities ended in December 2023 with final administrative wrap-up occurring from January 2024 through June 2024. This report was provided at the ABAG Housing Committee on October 9<sup>th</sup> and at the ABAG Executive Board meeting on October 17, 2024.

In January 2024, ABAG selected a consultant, ‘Informing Change’, to conduct an impartial evaluation of the RHTA program’s activities. Informing Change reviewed background documentation, including staff reports and program design materials; conducted 21 interviews with local planning staff in all nine counties; held three focus groups with ABAG/MTC staff involved with various aspects of program design and delivery; held two focus groups with consultant teams leading the seven County Planning Collaboratives; and administered a regionwide survey that was completed by 72 unique individuals representing 62 total jurisdictions.

Their findings included the following successes:

## Technical Assistance Use & Usefulness

- **Data packets and County Planning Collaboratives** were ranked as the most useful TA products.
- **Tools and templates that were pre-approved by HCD** were highly appreciated by local planning staff.
- Local staff reported that RHTA tools **helped them complete their work (87%), were easy to use (84%)** and helped them **develop their Housing Elements (79%)**.
- **Wide-reaching audiences** for technical assistance products throughout the state and country.
- The first 25 webinars had an **average of 123 registrants** per session and **1,700+ views**.
- As of September 1, 2024, **88 jurisdictions in substantial compliance** with state law.

<sup>1</sup> Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC). For questions, please contact Councilmember Pat Eklund at: 415-336-9913 (cell).

Their findings highlighted the following challenges with the program that will be addressed in the future:

## Technical Assistance Challenges

- The **timing of technical assistance tools** could have been improved to benefit local staff timelines.
- **RHTA communication on technical assistance tool availability** could have been clearer to local staff.
- The **Housing Element Site Selection (HESS) tool** was difficult to use.
- The **RHTA website is difficult to navigate**.
- **Grant administration** could be more straightforward for both local and MTC/ABAG staff.

### **ABAG AND BayREN APPROVED \$22M CONTRACT TO SUPPORT SINGLE-FAMILY ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM:**

ABAG and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) approved the final contract with Franklin Energy for \$22,100,000, of which over \$18,000,000 **will be earmarked for customer incentives** to support the Single-Family Energy Savings Program that includes special consideration for moderate-income residents through December 31, 2027.

BayREN is a coalition of the [Bay Area's nine counties](#) — a network of local governments partnering to promote resource efficiency at the regional level, focusing on energy, water and greenhouse gas reduction. BayREN offers rebates, funding and technical assistance to help residents, property owners, business owners and local governments improve the resource-efficiency and carbon footprint of their buildings.

Since 2013, BayREN has implemented a portfolio of energy efficiency programs across the region. ABAG serves as the program administrator and lead agency for a 10-member unincorporated association of local government entities. The California Public Utilities Commission, first authorized funding for BayREN and on July 3, 2023 issued a decision (D.23-06-055) which, among other things, approved BayREN's strategic business plan for eight years (2024-2031) and four-year program portfolio for 2024-2027, with an accompanying budget of approximately \$157 million.

In 2022, BayREN initiated a redesign process for the single-family program to better achieve the goals of health, comfort, safety, and savings through energy upgrades for moderate-income residents. BayREN's Home+ program will sunset to introduce the new Efficiency and Sustainable Energy (EASE) Home program, which will offer moderate-income customers low-cost upgrades and expert guidance to simplify the process of improving home performance. The program will issue over \$18 million in energy efficiency and electrification incentives over the course of the contract. ABAG, on behalf of BayREN, has contracts with member agencies and with third-party consultants to assist in the implementation of the programs. ABAG issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to 5,444 firms on August 1, 2024 for the new single-family program design and implementation. The RFP was downloaded 59 times, and ABAG received three proposals by the deadline. After an evaluation and interviews, Franklin Energy was selected and the contract approved by ABAG for this work will be awarded \$22,100,000, of which over \$18,000,000 will be earmarked for customer incentives.

### **MTC/ABAG APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO PLAN BAY AREA 2050 THAT INCLUDES THE SONOMA-MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT (SMART) PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE EXTENSION TO HEALDSBURG**

In July 2024, MTC/ABAG staff presented a proposal to amend Plan Bay Area 2050 to include the next phase of the SMART rail extension, which would extend service from Windsor to Healdsburg in Sonoma County on the

condition that SMART would offset the costs of the extension by removing other Sonoma County projects of equivalent costs; and, that they provide the technical analyses to assess the amendment's impacts on regional traffic volumes, greenhouse gas emissions, and other mobile source emissions.

MTC/ABAG staff, in consultation with the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) recommended offsetting the costs of the SMART extension by removing the planned improvements to US101/Railroad Avenue and the Farmers Lane Extension in Santa Rosa and submitted the analyses that confirms the amendment will have minimal impact on regional traffic and will not affect the region's ability to meet greenhouse gas reduction targets or achieve a positive air quality conformity determination.

In October 2024, MTC and ABAG approved staff recommendation to approve the extension of the service with above mitigations since the Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis and an EIR Addendum demonstrated that the proposed changes complied with the applicable federal and state requirements. On November 14, 2024, the ABAG Executive Board will take action on a proposed resolution that certifies:

- completion of an Addendum to the EIR with technical revisions to the FEIR and findings;
- that the Addendum satisfies all the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- that ABAG, as a decision-making body, certifies that the Addendum (Attachment A) was presented to them, and that they have reviewed and considered the ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTION NO. 09-2024 -4- information contained within the Addendum prior to approving the Amendment to the Plan.

**ADDITIONAL BLUEPRINT REFINEMENTS PROPOSED TO PLAN BAY AREA 2050+:** In October 2024, staff presented changes to the 35 blueprint strategies for the Plan Bay Area 2050+ that reflected the post-pandemic changes; and, the insights gathered from recent public engagement and findings from the draft blueprint analysis which includes the following:

- Transportation strategy refinements focused on integrating Transit 2050+ recommendations; refining non-transit strategies to align with fiscal and climate realities; and further optimizing the plan's pricing approach;
- Housing strategy refinements focused on scaling up innovative approaches to affordable housing design, construction, and project financing to reduce projected affordable housing development costs, as well as expanding housing opportunities;
- Economy strategy refinements focused on better aligning the location of future jobs with the region's existing and planned transit network; and
- Environment strategy refinements focusing on supporting accessibility enhancements to homes and parks, as well as greater investments in urban parks and sea level rise adaptation.

Staff will return to the ABAG Executive Board in November 2024 to provide a more detailed update on the outreach efforts, as well as proposed refinements to the Final Blueprint strategies and assumptions. It is anticipated that the Board may be considering approval of the Final Blueprint strategies in December 2024.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS<sup>2</sup>**

- **November 8, 2024 – ABAG Administrative Committee, 9:40am; ABAG Legislative Committee 9:45am**
- **November 14, 2024 – ABAG Housing Committee, 12:00pm**
- **November 14, 2024 – ABAG Finance Comm., 5:00pm; ACFA Governing Bd 5:05pm; ABAG Executive Bd, 5:10pm**
- **November 14, 2024 – Bay Area Regional Collaborative, 10:00am**
- **November 21, 2024 – SF Bay Trail Steering Committee, 1:00pm**

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<sup>2</sup> All meetings are 'hybrid' which means that some Board/Committee members will be in person at 375 Beale Street, SF; and, others will be participating via Zoom, webcast and/or teleconference, as noted otherwise. <https://mtc.legistar.com/> If you have questions, contact Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato at 415-336-9913 or via email at: [pateklund@comcast.net](mailto:pateklund@comcast.net).

Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) Report to MCCMC<sup>1</sup>

October 2024

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** This report includes a synopsis of status of the preliminary draft Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan and guidelines for the preparation of sea level rise plans; and

**1. ADOPTION OF A REGIONAL SHORELINE ADAPTATION PLAN (RSAP) AND GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF SEA LEVEL RISE PLANS:**

On October 17, 2024, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) conducted a public hearing on the Draft Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP) that includes guidelines for local governments to use in preparing the rising sea level plans by January 1, 2034 pursuant to Senate Bill 272 (Laird, 2023). Written and oral comments were provided by many environmental organizations, cities and counties, and others. The Commission is scheduled to finalize the RSAP and Guidelines on November 21, 2024.

**Background:** In 2023, SB 272, was signed into law October 7, 2023 that requires all local governments along the San Francisco Bay shoreline to address how they will tackle the ramifications of sea level rise through Shoreline Resiliency Subregional Plans. BCDC developed the draft guidelines that will be used by the local governments to prepare these plans in San Francisco Bay and is required to approve or deny plans based on consistency with the guidelines. While SB 272 provides the mandate for these plans, BCDC has been setting the stage for local governments to create coordinated adaptation plans for well over a decade. The San Francisco Bay Plan (Bay Plan) is BCDC's guiding policy document for implementing the laws as outlined in the McAtter Petris Act of 1965.

In September 2024, BCDC issued the draft Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan Guidelines that shapes what Subregional Shoreline Adaptation Plans contain, how they are to be developed, and the standards the plans must meet. They also outline which Bay Area jurisdictions are required to create a plan, what plan submittal, review, and approval process involves, how and when plan updates should be completed, and guidance for how to access support and resources. It can be downloaded by clicking: [Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan: One Bay Vision, Strategic Regional Priorities, and Subregional Shoreline Adaptation Plan Guidelines Draft for public comment.](#)

The Guidelines are organized by required plan elements:

- Element A: Planning Process
- Element B: Existing Conditions
- Element C: Vulnerability Assessment
- Element D: Adaptation Strategies and Pathways
- Element E: Land Use and Policy Plan
- Element F: Project Implementation Plan and Funding Strategy
- Element G: Project List

Over 225 written comments were presented along with hours of verbal testimony from environmental organizations, business and industry, local governments, individuals and many others. I specifically want to thank the **Cities of Concord, Corte Madera, Palo Alto, San Carlos, San Rafael, and Sausalito** for sending in comments and urging the Commission to be more flexible in what is required in the Plans. Also, comments were made that even applying for grants to develop these plans takes resources which most cities and counties would struggle to divert to this effort. In November, the Commission will discuss changes to the guidelines and decide whether to take action on the final guidelines.

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**2. SEDIMENT AND BENEFICIAL REUSE OF DREDGE MATERIAL:** On October 18, 2024, the BCDC Committee for Sediment and Beneficial Reuse of Dredge Material met to discuss the existing and proposed amendments for the Bay Plan on sediment use for wetland adaptation projects.

BCDC staff presented ALL of the policies in the existing **San Francisco Bay Plan** that addresses sediment and beneficial reuse of dredged material. This list is quite extensive. However, I raised a concern as to whether there are other 'special area plans' that include issues related to 'dredged material' is list did not include policies that are in the other **BCDC Special Area Plans** (e.g. Richardson Bay Special Area Plan, San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan, Benicia Special Area Plan, South Richmond Shoreline Special Area Plan, White Slough Special Area Plan, San Francisco Bay Area Seaport Plan, Suisun March Protection Plan).

In looking at just the Richardson Bay Specific Area Plan, it appears that there are adopted policies that may be appropriate to include in this extensive list to ensure that BCDC is consistent and complete.

**EXISTING POLICIES FOR THE RICHARDSON BAY SPECIFIC AREA PLAN: Dated: April 13, 1984**

1. The Corps of Engineers navigation channel and turning basin, currently dredged to -28 feet MLLW, should be maintained at that depth and at current widths. If in the future the channel depth is not necessary to maintain access to the Corps' Operations Base, the channel should be maintained no shallower than -10 feet MLLW to allow navigation by fishing vessels.
2. Marina basins, navigational fairways, the Marinship Launching Basin, and navigational channels designated on Plan Map 6, Navigation Plan, to be dredged should be dredged to a minimum depth of -8 feet MLLW.
3. The Saucelito Canal should be dredged from the Corps of Engineer's turning basin to the Kappas Yacht Harbor area to a minimum depth of -8 feet MLLW.
4. The locally designated navigation channel from the Kappas Yacht Harbor to the Saucelito Canal should be dredged to a minimum depth of -8 feet MLLW.
5. The Salt Works Canal in front of the Strawberry Spit wildlife preserve area should not be dredged.
6. Dredge spoils should be disposed of either: (a) on dry land at an approved fill site; (b) in a Corps of Engineers approved spoiling site in San Francisco Bay outside Richardson Bay; or (c) at sea beyond the 100-fathom line if the dredged materials are contaminated in excess of federal Environmental Protection Agency standards.
7. The Corps of Engineers should continue to evaluate on a case-by-case basis proposals for the disposal of small amounts of dredged materials in Raccoon Strait, which is outside Richardson Bay. If dredge spoils are authorized to be discharged into Raccoon Strait, disposal should not take place during fish migration periods and spoiling should take place on the ebb tide.

**3. BAYLANDS HABITAT MAP:** On October 15, 2024, I participated in a presentation on the SF Baylands Habitat Map which is a good tool. It was co-created by the Wetland Regional Monitoring Program's (WRMP) Geospatial Workgroup and San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI), and funded by the USEPA Water Quality Improvement Fund.



The Baylands Habitat Map 2020 represents the condition of the San Francisco Bay Baylands in the year 2020. It was published in April 2024. It was developed to meet the needs of the San Francisco Estuary Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program's (WRMP) by mapping habitat types for the purpose of monitoring regional change over time using primarily remote sensing data.

The Baylands Habitat Map 2020 (BHM2020) Is a fundamental component of the San Francisco Estuary Regional Wetlands Monitoring Program (WRMP) and serves as a common reference map to help coordinate Baylands protection and restoration for all interests. It is intended to be used commonly by public agencies to visualize and track Baylands projects in EcoAtlas. The creation of the Baylands Habitat Map was funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund. The San Francisco Estuary Institute developed and refined the ruleset to produce the map through regular consultation and collaboration with the WRMP Geospatial Workgroup and WRMP Technical Advisory Committee. The dataset was developed using Object Based Image analysis and a rule-based approach in Trimble eCognition and ESRI ArcGIS Pro software. The dataset was published in April 2024. The fact sheet about the Bayland Habitat Map can be viewed here: [Baylands Habitat Map Factsheet 2024 v6.pdf](#)

During the BHM2020 mapping effort, methods for differentiating one class from another were largely based upon relative tidal elevation, vegetation cover, and feature structure/shape. Tidal influence varies not only across the regions of the bay area, but also between Bayland areas within that are constrained by levees and complex hydrological connections. To account for this variability and uncertainty, some flexibility in regard to modeled relative tidal elevation was required and adjustments based on spectral signature was necessary to accurately capture the habitats and extent of influence in areas with complex and varying tidal connections. More information can be found in the BHM2020 methods document.

The classification system used was developed in close coordination with WRMP staff and advisors and can be found more fully described in the [WRMP Baylands Habitat Map 2020 Classification Key](#). The Baylands Habitat Map can be accessed here: [Layer: Baylands Habitat Map San Francisco Bay 2020 SFEI ds3190 \(ID:0\)](#)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 4 @ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm --	Design Review Board Meeting
November 7 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm --	<b>BCDC Commission Meeting</b>
November 14 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm --	Enforcement Committee Meeting
November 19 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm --	Engineering Criteria Review Board Meeting
November 21 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm --	<b>BCDC Commission Meeting</b>
November 22 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am --	Sand Studies Commissioner Working Group
November 27 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm --	Enforcement Committee Meeting
December 5 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm --	<b>BCDC Commission Meeting</b>
December 9 @ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm --	Design Review Board Meeting
December 10 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm --	Enforcement Committee Meeting
December 10 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm --	Engineering Criteria Review Board Meeting

**Report to MCCMC, 10.23.24.**  
**TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN**  
**Respectfully submitted Alice Fredericks, Mayor, Town of Tiburon**

The Transportation Authority of Marin Executive Committees approved staff recommendations to take several matters to the next full TAM Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday Oct 24 at 6PM. The following is a synopsis of some of the agenda items forwarded:

**Administration Projects And Planning Executive Committee 10.14.24**

**MTC Regional Transportation Measure**

Without increased revenues, AC Transit, BART, Caltrain, and SFMTA, will experience major operating budget shortfalls (in the hundreds of millions of dollars) around 2027. Transit agencies, including the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District's, would need to drastically reduce service. Transit riders would be left with little to no meaningful regional and local commute options.

An initial attempt to address this fiscal cliff, SB1031 was unsuccessful. The bill would have authorized a Bay Area ballot measure to provide transportation funding on the 2026 ballot or later, and require operational reforms and a consolidation assessment beginning in 2025. The potential revenue sources to fund the regional transportation measure included sales tax, payroll tax, parcel tax, and vehicle registration surcharge.

SB1031 was pulled from further consideration due to lack of consensus.

The Golden Gate Bridge transit operation reported in June that was carrying only 42% of passengers compared pre-pandemic levels, with revenues from transit covering less than 20% of expenses. Further, the bridge traffic which generates tolls that support the bridge district operations including transit reported 82% of pre-pandemic levels, with some recovery since June.

In June 2024, MTC formed the Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee (Select Committee) to help Bay Area leaders and stakeholders reach consensus on a potential 2026 transportation revenue ballot measure. Stephanie Moulton-Peters, representing Marin County, is also on the Select Committee.

A Transportation Revenue Measure Executive Group (Executive Group) that is made up of representatives from Bay Area transit agencies and county transportation agencies. Representatives from Marin County include:

- \_Anne Richman, Transportation Authority of Marin
- \_Denis Mulligan, Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District
- \_Eddy Cumins, Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit
- \_Nancy Whelan, Marin Transit

Their goal is to frame state legislation to be introduced in 2025, that would authorize Bay Area voters as early as 2026 to consider a measure to preserve and enhance public transit in the region. The work of the Select Committee is expected to result in options or a recommendation to the MTC Commission this fall for adoption, leading up to the 2025 state legislative session.

Details of current proposals to sustain transit systems can be found here, and continue to morph. <https://www.tam.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/7-MTC-RTM.pdf> Most proposal focus on larger transportation operators, with some providing potential for smaller operators, such as those in Marin to opt in or sponsor their own revenue measures.

Considerations could include the potential extent of local support for a new measure; the impact on current tax rates including local sales tax rates that are already at or near the state caps; impact on other local measures under consideration such as SMART's sales tax renewal, a future housing bond measure, or other; potential for new revenues that can support priority transportation projects and programs; and the impact of details of any proposed regional transportation measure such as percentage shares and distribution of funds.

### **Funding Programs Legislation Executive Committee 10.14,24**

#### **Regional Measure 3 (RM3) North Bay Transit Access Improvement funds**

The Funding Programs Legislation Exec Committee recommended the board fund the following projects from the Regional Measure 3 (RM3) North Bay Transit Access Improvement funds :

Golden Gate Bridge Highway Transportation District -The San Rafael Transit Center Replacement Project,

Marin Transit - Transit bus replacement, fixed route electric vehicle charging and maintenance facilities,

Marin County - Priority bus stop improvements, SMART pathway in Novato and Smart Civic Center station kiss and ride and mobility connector.

Proposed funding will complete the Marin Transit Bus Replacement, Marin Transit Bus Stop Improvements and SMART Pathway in Novato when recommendation to MTC is approved by TAM board and the projects are funded. The remaining projects will receive funding for the final design phase.

#### **Alt Fuels Program**

**Rebates for public agency charging stations and fleet needs** To date, TAM has provided rebates for 354 charge heads installed, with an additional 120 rebates planned for the current fiscal year. TAM's EV Fleet rebate program includes 51 total fleet rebates with 9 in the past fiscal year. Staff will continue to monitor regional, state, and federal rebate programs and make necessary adjustments to TAM's rebate program accordingly.

**Outreach:** The TAM-hosted Clean Fleet Expo held on September 12 at the Marin County Fairgrounds for local jurisdictions and regional partners on ways to electrify local fleets. Nearly 130 people attended.

**Technical Assistance:** TAM staff has worked closely with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) on the ongoing development of its Transportation Electrification Program. This includes the development of the Local Fleet Electrification Plan program which will help local jurisdictions take inventory of their fleet needs and map out a path towards electrification compliance with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) mandates. All local jurisdictions who applied (Corte Madera, Fairfax, Mill Valley, Novato, San Anselmo, San Rafael, Sausalito, Tiburon, and County of Marin) received awards for Local Fleet Electrification Plans through this process.

TAM staff has also closely coordinated with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and MTC-led EV Coordinating Council to help develop a Funding Navigator Tool to help filter through the available grant opportunities. The tool helps navigate eligibility, reporting requirements, and more here: [EV Funding Navigator Tool](#).

**Alternative Fuels Program Future Work:** TAM's Alternative Fuels Program's work plan identifies the following actions to advance transitions to alternative fuels in Marin County:

- Continue to work with local jurisdictions to explore whether a coordinated grant or a single contractor can be retained to design, seek funding, build, operate and maintain EV charging stations in Marin County.
- Continue to coordinate with the local jurisdictions on the implementation of the Local Fleet Transition Plans funded through MTC.
- Coordinate on local jurisdiction implementation of the MCEP Countywide EV Acceleration Strategy.
- Conduct outreach efforts including a live online webinar for CARB compliance and electrification, in person equity focused events, Earth Day electrification event, and online webinars targeted at low income communities.
- Encourage utilization of TAM's rebate programs and continue to coordinate with local jurisdictions to find ways of streamlining the program.
- Continue to monitor outside funding opportunities and develop/support grant applications.

### **Upcoming Funding Opportunities**

There are several funding programs anticipated or in process:

- MTC \$60 million grant program for Climate Program Implementation and Transit Oriented Communities for transportation electrification, in addition to the Local Fleet Electrification Planning support already received by a number of Marin Jurisdictions.
- MCE Charged by Public Power Local Electrification Outreach Plan: Engagement within the City of San Rafael and members of other disadvantaged communities in MCE's service area to plan for electrification within the community.

### **Next Steps**

Staff will continue to implement the Alternative Fuels program, seek and support new funding opportunities, and return to the Board for an update and significant policy or funding changes.



## Marin Local Agency Formation Commission

Regional Service Planning | Subdivision of the State of California

Month Day, 2024

Rebecca Vaughn  
Town Clerk/Assistant to the Town Manager  
Town of Corte Madera  
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**SUBJECT:** Marin County Council of Mayors and Council Members – Member Appointment

Dear Ms. Vaughn,

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 states the composition of the Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCo) shall include seven regular members that include county (two), city (two), special district (two), and public (one) representation. Each represented category also has an alternate.

I was informed on October 3<sup>rd</sup> that Mill Valley Council Member Stephen Burke is resigning from his role as Alternate Commissioner for Marin LAFCo effective immediately. This means that MCCMC will need to find a replacement for the alternate seat. Additionally, Council Member Steve Burdo's term expired in May of this year. Therefore, both a City Alternate and Voting Members need to be elected. When replacing this seat, it would be for the remaining term, which is until May 1, 2028.

Please contact me at (415) 448-5877 or [staff@marinlafco.org](mailto:staff@marinlafco.org) with any questions and once an appointment has been made.

Sincerely,

*Claire Devereux*

Claire Devereux  
Clerk/Jr. Policy Analyst



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## Interest in new one year term as MCCMC Rep to League of CA Cities North Bay Div

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**Eli Beckman** <ebeckman@cortemadera.gov>  
To: Rebecca Vaughn <mccmcsecretary@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 11:32 AM

Dear friends and colleagues,

It's been a pleasure and honor to represent our communities on the board of the CalCities North Bay Division.

Through my service, including as Division President from 2020-2021, I've built relationships with state legislators and policymakers that have allowed me to advocate effectively on Marin cities' behalf. As a member of the executive committee since 2018, I've earned the trust and partnership of fellow council members from across the North Bay, which has served as a force multiplier when we ask the State for assistance for our communities, or seek a seat at the table as legislation is developed on issues that affect us.

I am writing to request the honor of your re-nomination and support to continue serving the communities of Marin in this role.

I am always available if you have any questions about my work on your behalf at CalCities, or what we've accomplished for Marin cities over the last 6 years—the list of helpful bills supported and potential threats defeated is quite impressive.

Most of all, I welcome any feedback you may wish to share on priority legislation or other state issues you see affecting your communities.

Sincerely,

Eli Beckman  
Mayor  
Town of Corte Madera  
**Eli Beckman**  
Mayor  
Town of Corte Madera

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October 18, 2024

Dear President Hill and MCCMC Members,

I am writing to express my interest in continuing to serve as the Alternate MCCMC Representative to the League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Board for Calendar Year 2025.

It has been an honor serving in this role this past year. I have joined the Executive Board members to trips to Sacramento and have attended every single monthly meeting by Zoom. I am always trying to learn more about how we can be more effective as a governing body and how I can add value in this role.

I am the current Mayor of Novato, and I am running for re-election to the Novato City Council next month, for a four-year term.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmest regards,

Mark Milberg  
[mmilberg@novato.org](mailto:mmilberg@novato.org)  
707-481-8074



Business Item 4.b.2 Letter of Interest  
Fred Casissa

Rebecca Vaughn  
<mccmcsecretary@gmail.com>

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## Letter of Interest - Marin Transit Board

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**Fred Casissa** <fcasissa@cortemadera.gov>  
To: Rebecca Vaughn <mccmcsecretary@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 11:21 AM

Dear President Hill and MCCMC Members:

I am writing to express my interest in serving as the MCCMC representative to the Marin Transit Board (“Board”) for the term being vacated by Brian Colbert.

I have served as the MCCMC alternate to the Board since 2022 and have attended all the Board meetings. This has allowed me the opportunity to gain knowledge and insight into the operations, inner workings of Marin Transit, and become familiar with the Marin Transit staff. I have also learned the importance and impact of providing local transit service to all within Marin County. As such, I am the ideal candidate for the position.

I currently serve as a member of the Corte Madera Town Council (former mayor) and serve on several other boards (i.e. MWPA, Age Friendly Corte Madera, MCCMC Homelessness Committee, etc.). This has allowed me to work collaboratively and in partnership with others on a variety of issues that have an impact on a regional level. Further, as the MCCMC representative to the Board, I will be representing the needs of all the local municipalities, as well as that of the county.

I would be honored to serve as the MCCMC representative to the Marin Transit District Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Fred Casissa  
Corte Madera Town Council Member



**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS  
DRAFT AGENDA**

Wednesday, January 22, 2025  
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

**Guest Speakers:**

**Tentative Committee Reports**

Association of Bay Area Governments  
Homeless Committee  
Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps  
Marin Transit  
Sonoma/Marin Area Rail Transit Commission  
Golden Gate Bridge & Highway Transportation District  
Transportation Authority of Marin  
MCCMC Legislative Committee  
Local Agency Formation Commission

**Business Meeting**

Review Of Draft Agenda For The February 26, 2025 MCCMC Meeting Via Zoom

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the October 25, 2024  
MCCMC Meeting

**ADJOURN: to the February 26, 2025 meeting – to be held via Zoom *Deadline for consideration of potential agenda items – February 19, 2025 Please send to:***  
[MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com)

**NOTE:**

**A MARIN COUNTY CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MAY BE CONVENED ON JANUARY 22, 2025 TO VOTE ON APPOINTMENTS TO SERVE ON MARIN LAFCO (AS INTRODUCED AT THE OCTOBER 25, 2024 MCCMC MEETING.**

**IF NEED FOR APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ARISES PRIOR TO THE JANUARY MEETING, A MEETING OF THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE MAY BE CONVENED IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER, DATE TO BE DETERMINED BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF A QUARUM OF MEMBERS.**



- 1 3c. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon  
2 3.d. Transportation Authority of Marin  
3 3d. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon  
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5 **4. Business Items:**  
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- 7 4.a. Consideration And Possible Appointment of MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer for 2024-25  
8 and Adoption Of MCCMC Operating Budget For FY 2024-2025, With Annual Dues Set  
9 At \$850 For 2024-25 Only  
10 Attachment 4a: Staff Report and attachments  
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12 A discussion was held regarding the request for the appointment of MCCMC Secretary/  
13 Treasurer. It was noted that the MCCMC Bylaws contain a clause requiring the President to  
14 annually appoint a Secretary/Treasurer. He requested that Rebecca Vaughn be appointed to  
15 serve as MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer for 2024-25. The proposed budget for 2024-25 was  
16 presented and it was also discussed that annual dues for the 11 member cities/towns be set  
17 at \$850 for the year, the same rate as the past two years.  
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19 There was no public comment in person or via email. President Hill called for a vote.  
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- 21 (1) There was a motion and second (Hill/Eklund) to appoint Rebecca Vaughn to serve  
22 as MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer for Business Year 2024-25. The motion was  
23 approved by acclamation.  
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25 (2) There was a motion and second (Eklund/Hellman) to adopt the MCCMC Operating  
26 Budget For FY 2024-2025, with annual dues set at \$850 for 2024-25 Only. The  
27 motion was approved by acclamation.  
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- 31 4.b. Announcement Of Upcoming Vacancies And Call For Letters Of Interest For The  
32 Following Committee Appointments:  
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34 The expiration of current terms were announced and Letters of Interest were solicited.  
35 Appointments will be made at the October 23, 2024 MCCMC Meeting, or by the City  
36 Selection Committee, as noted below.  
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38 4.b.1. MCCMC Representatives to League of California Cities, North Bay Division  
39 Executive Board for Calendar Year 2025.

40 Three seats have expiring terms:

41 Representative, 2nd Representative and Alternate Representative.

42 MCCMC Representatives are appointed annually for the upcoming calendar  
43 year.

44 Incumbents are:

- 45 • 1st: Eli Beckman, Corte Madera
  - 46 • 2nd: Jill Hoffman, Sausalito;
  - 47 • Alternate: Mark Milberg, Novato
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1 A call for letters of interest was made at the September 25th MCCMC meeting, and a  
2 vote on appointment was scheduled for the October 23rd meeting.

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4 Incumbent Eli Beckman (Primary), Jill Hoffman (Primary) and Mark Milberg  
5 (Alternate) have expressed interest in reappointment.

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7 No public comment was received in person or via email. President Hill asked those  
8 interested in appointment to submit a letter of interest to Secretary Vaughn and then  
9 proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

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12 Attachment 4.b.1.: Letters of Interest

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14 4.b.2. Marin Transit Board of Directors

15 Representatives to the Marin Transit Board:

16 Primary Representative 1; Primary Representative 2; Alternate Representative  
17 • Primary Representative 1, Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael: Seat expires  
18 January 1, 2025

19 Incumbent Maribeth Bushey (San Rafael) has expressed interest in reappointment.

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21 • Primary Representative 2, Brian Colbert, San Anselmo (leaving office):  
22 Seat expires January 1, 2026 – one year remaining on term.

23 Incumbent Brian Colbert, San Anselmo will be leaving office in December, with one  
24 year remaining on his current two-year term as a Primary Representative to the Marin  
25 Transit Board of Directors.

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27 • Alternate Representative: Fred Casissa, Corte Madera, Seat expires  
28 January 1, 2026

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30 It was noted that Fred Casissa, Corte Madera, the Alternate Seat Incumbent, has  
31 indicated interest in submitting a letter of interest to be considered for appointment to  
32 the remaining year of the seat that will be vacated by Councilmember Colbert.

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34 Should Casissa ultimately be appointed to serve as Primary, there will be one year  
35 remaining on his current two-year term as Alternate Representative to the Marin  
36 Transit Board of Directors.

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38 No public comment was received in person or via email. President Hill asked those  
39 interested in appointment to submit a letter of interest to Secretary Vaughn and then  
40 proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

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43 4.c. Review of Draft Agenda for October 23, 2024 MCCMC Meeting To Be Held In Person,  
44 Co-hosted by the Town of Tiburon and City of Belvedere  
45 Attachment 4c: Draft agenda for October 23, 2024 MCCMC Meeting

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47 There were no comments on the draft agenda. No public comment was received in  
48 person or via email. President Hill then proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

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- 4.d. Review of Draft Minutes of the City Selection Committee Meeting Held on June 26, 2024 (Informational item only. The draft minutes will be formally reviewed and approved by the City Selection Committee at its next available meeting)  
Attachment 4d: Draft minutes for June 26, 2024 City Selection Committee Meeting

This was an informational item only. There were no public comments received in person or via email regarding the draft minutes, which will be on the agenda for acceptance at the next available City Selection Committee meeting.

- 4.e. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the June 26, 2024 MCCMC Meeting  
Attachment 4.e: Draft minutes of the June 26, 2024 MCCMC meeting

There were minor corrections to spellings of names. No additional public comment was received in person or via email. President Hill called for a vote to approve the draft minutes of the June 26, 2024 meeting. There was a motion and second (Cutrano/Coler) to approve the minutes for June 26, 2024. The motion was approved by acclamation.

**5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for October 23, 2024 to be held in person, co-hosted by the Town of Tiburon and City of Belvedere at the Corinthian Yacht Club.