

Appendix A

Notice of Preparation and NOP Response Letters

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH #

Project Title: 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Regional Transportation Plans

Lead Agency: Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments Contact Person: Heather Adamson, Director of Planning
Mailing Address: 445 Reservation Road, Suite G Phone: 831-883-3750
City: Marina Zip: 93933 County: Monterey

Project Location: County: Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito City/Nearest Community:

Cross Streets: Project encompasses entire tri-county area Zip Code: Multiple

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): ° ' " N / ° ' " W Total Acres:

Assessor's Parcel No.: Section: Twp.: Range: Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Multiple state highways Waterways: Multiple throughout region

Airports: Multiple Railways: Multiple Schools: Multiple

Document Type:

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| CEQA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec | (Prior SCH No.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mit Neg Dec | Other: | <input type="checkbox"/> FONSI | |

Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: MTP/SCS/RTP |

Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ | |

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Multiple

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The proposed 2040 MTP/SCS will guide the development of the Regional and Federal Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIP and FTIP) as well as other transportation programming documents and plans throughout Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties. Specifically the project is intended to implement Regional Transportation Planning Agency goals regarding future mobility needs and identify programs, actions and a plan of projects intended to address these needs consistent with adopted goals and policies. The 2040 MTP/SCS includes the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) pursuant to the requirements of SB 375. Accordingly, the 2040 MTP/SCS identifies transportation improvement projects and a land use scenario that would effectively meet SB 375 greenhouse gas emission requirements.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District #5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB #3 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region #3, 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | Other: _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | Other: _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date December 21, 2015 Ending Date January 29, 2016

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>Rincon Consultants, Inc.</u>	Applicant: _____
Address: <u>437 Figueroa Street, Suite 203</u>	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: <u>Monterey, CA 93940</u>	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: <u>Megan Jones</u>	Phone: _____
Phone: <u>831-333-0310</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 12.21.15

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation



Previously acknowledged as
The San Carlos Band of
Mission Indians
The Monterey Band
And also known as
O.C.E.N. or Esselen Nation
P.O. Box 1301
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January 17, 2016

re: AMBAG, 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

Saleki Atsa,

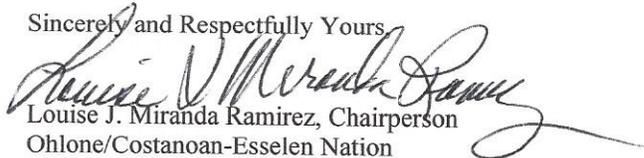
Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation is an historically documented previously recognized tribe. OCEN is the legal tribal government representative for over 600 enrolled members of Esselen, Carmeleno, Monterey Band, Rumsen, Chalon, Soledad Mission, San Carlos Mission and/or Costanoan Mission Indian descent. Though other indigenous people may have lived in the area, the area is the indigenous homeland of our people. Included with this letter please find a territorial map by Taylor 1856; Levy 1973; and Milliken 1990, indentifying Tribal areas.

Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation objects to all excavation in known cultural lands, even when they are described as previously disturbed, and of no significant archaeological value. Please be advised that it is our first priority that our ancestor's remains be protected and undisturbed. We desire that all sacred burial items be left with our ancestors on site or where they are discovered. All cultural items returned to Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation. We ask for the respect that is afforded all of our current day deceased, by no other word these burial sites are cemeteries, respect for our ancestors as you would expect respect for your deceased family members in today's cemeteries. **Our definition of respect is no disturbance.**

OCEN's Tribal leadership desires to be provided with archaeological reports/surveys, including subsurface testing, and presence/absence testing. OCEN request to be included in mitigation and recovery programs, reburial of any of our ancestral remains, placement of all cultural items, and that a Native American Monitor of Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation, approved by the OCEN Tribal Council be used within our aboriginal territory.

We request consultation on projects affecting our aboriginal homelands. We look forward to hearing more information about this project; please feel free to contact me at (408) 629-5189. Nimasianexelpasaleki. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely and Respectfully Yours,


Louise J. Miranda Ramirez, Chairperson
Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation
(408) 629-5189

Cc: OCEN Tribal Council

Note: attached map has been excluded from the EIR appendix to maintain confidentiality

January 29, 2016

Heather Adamson
AMBAG
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Marina, California 93933

Email: hadamson@ambag.org

Re: Notice of Preparation for EIR on Proposed 2040 MTP/SCS

Dear Ms. Adamson:

Thank you for providing the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (Air District) with the opportunity to provide scoping level input on the above EIR.

The Air District suggests that the following policies and measures be considered in the EIR:

1. Roundabouts – Encourage construction of roundabouts to reduce congestion as well as criteria and GHG emissions whenever feasible. Funding is available through the District’s AB 2766 program.
2. Adaptive Signal Control - Encourage signal coordination systems that respond to real-time traffic conditions and thereby reduce congestion as well as criteria pollutants and GHGs. Funding is available through the District’s AB 2766 program.
3. Plug-In Electric/Fuel Cell Vehicles - Encourage the replacement of fossil fueled vehicles with either plug-in electric (PEV) or fuel cell vehicles to support the Governor’s Executive Order B-16-2012 to put 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles in the fleet by 2025.
4. PEV Charging Infrastructure - Encourage municipalities and project developers to support the implementation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The Monterey Bay PEV Readiness Plan should be consulted as a guide to the installation and permitting processes for EV charging infrastructure.
5. Climate Action Plans - If not already included, encourage Cities and Counties to adopt CAPs that help achieve the 2035 (5%) regional target established for our area under SB 375. Also, develop a model CAP for jurisdictions. Consistency with the applicable CAP alleviates the need for lead agencies to adopt quantitative GHG thresholds for their areas of jurisdiction.
6. Jobs/Housing Balance - Support land use polices that improves jobs/housing balance so people work in the community where they live rather than traveling great distances.
7. Development Along Highways - Prioritize reducing congestion and toxic emissions along congested highway corridors which are bordered by high density residential developments. Discourage development adjacent to congested highways.

8. AMBAG's Commute Alternatives Program - Highlight AMBAG's Commute Alternatives Program. This program serves to reduce VMT, congestion and GHG emissions from motor vehicles thereby helping to achieve the goals of SB 375 and the SCS.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at (831) 647-9418 ext. 226 or bnunes@mbuapcd.org.

Best Regards,



Bob Nunes
Air Quality Planner

cc: David Frisbey, Air Quality Planner
Alan Romero, Air Quality Planner
Mike Gilroy, Deputy APCO
Amy Clymo, Supervising Air Quality Planner

Heather Adamson

From: dana bagshaw <cdbagshaw@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2016 8:26 AM
To: Heather Adamson
Subject: Environmental Review suggestion

Not only do we need to look at the impact of projects upon the environment, top priority to reduce carbon emissions, but we need to look at the impact of the environment upon a project. I'm thinking specifically of the impact of rising sea levels in the rail corridor.

Fixed-rail trains in the flood zones are not a good long-term investment.

Dana Bagshaw
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