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
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SCH #

Project Title: 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Regional Transportation Plans
Lead Agency: Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
Mailing Address: 445 Reservation Road, Suite G
City: Marina
Zip: 93933
County: Monterey

Project Location: County: Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito City/Nearest Community: Monterey
Cross Streets: Project encompasses entire tri-county area
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
Airports: Multiple
Waterways: Multiple throughout region
Railways: Multiple
Schools: Multiple

Document Type:
- CEQA: [X] NOP
- Draft EIR
- Supplement/Subsequent EIR
- NEPA: [ ] NOI
- [ ] EA
- [ ] Draft EIS
- [ ] FONS1
- [ ] Joint Document
- [ ] Final Document
- [ ] Other:

Local Action Type:
- General Plan Update
- General Plan Amendment
- General Plan Element
- Community Plan
- Specific Plan
- Master Plan
- Planned Unit Development
- Site Plan
- Rezone
- Prezone
- Use Permit
- Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)
- Annexation
- Redevelopment
- Coastal Permit
- Other:MTP/SCS/RTP

Development Type:
- Residential: Units ______ Acres ______
- Office: Sq.ft. ______ Acres ______ Employees ______
- Commercial: Sq.ft. ______ Acres ______ Employees ______
- Industrial: Sq.ft. ______ Acres ______ Employees ______
- Educational:
- Recreational:
- Water Facilities: Type ______ MGD ______
- Transportation: Type ______
- Mining: Mineral ______
- Power: Type ______ MW ______
- Waste Treatment: Type ______ MGD ______
- Hazardous Waste: Type ______
- Other:

Project Issues Discussed in Document:
- [X] Aesthetic/Visual
- [X] Agricultural Land
- [X] Air Quality
- [X] Archeological/Historical
- [X] Biological Resources
- [X] Coastal Zone
- [X] Drainage/Absorption
- [X] Economic/Jobs
- [X] Fiscal
- [X] Flood Plain/Flooding
- [X] Forest Land/Fire Hazard
- [X] Geologic/Seismic
- [X] Minerals
- [X] Noise
- [X] Population/Housing Balance
- [X] Public Services/Facilities
- [X] Recreation/Parks
- [X] Schools/Universities
- [X] Septic Systems
- [X] Sewer Capacity
- [X] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading
- [X] Solid Waste
- [X] Toxic/Hazardous
- [X] Traffic/Circulation
- [X] Vegetation
- [X] Water Quality
- [X] Water Supply/Groundwater
- [X] Wetland/Riparian
- [X] Growth Inducement
- [X] Land Use
- [X] Cumulative Effects
- [X] 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) and 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.

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Air Resources Board
Boating & Waterways, Department of
California Emergency Management Agency
California Highway Patrol
Caltrans District #5
Caltrans Division of Aeronautics
Caltrans Planning
Central Valley Flood Protection Board
Coachella Valley Mts. Conservancy
Colorado Commission
Conservation, Department of
Corrections, Department of
Delta Protection Commission
Education, Department of
Energy Commission
Fish & Game Region #
Food & Agriculture, Department of
Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of
General Services, Department of
Health Services, Department of
Housing & Community Development
Native American Heritage Commission

Office of Historic Preservation
Office of Public School Construction
Parks & Recreation, Department of
Pesticide Regulation, Department of
Public Utilities Commission
Regional WQCB #_3
Resources Agency
Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mts. Conservancy
San Joaquin River Conservancy
Santa Monica Mts. Conservancy
State Lands Commission
SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
SWRCB: Water Quality
SWRCB: Water Rights
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Toxic Substances Control, Department of
Water Resources, Department of

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

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City/State/Zip: Monterey, CA 93940
Contact: Megan Jones
Phone: 831-333-0310

Applicant:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Phone:

January 17, 2016

re: 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, Carrneleno, Monterey Band, Rumsen, Cbalon, 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.

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.

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,

Louise J. Mir, 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  
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Marina, California 93933

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
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.

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