

# Planning Directors Forum

September 19, 2022



# Item #1: Welcome/Roll Call



# **Item #2a: Draft Monterey Bay Area Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan)**



# **Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan**



**ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY  
AREA GOVERNMENTS**

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# Background

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- Federally requires an update every 4 years
- Establishes a unified regional strategy for providing transportation to:
  - Individuals with Disabilities
  - Seniors
  - Low Income Individuals
- Facilitates applications for the FTA Section 5310 grant program
- Funds capital and operating expenses through a competitive process

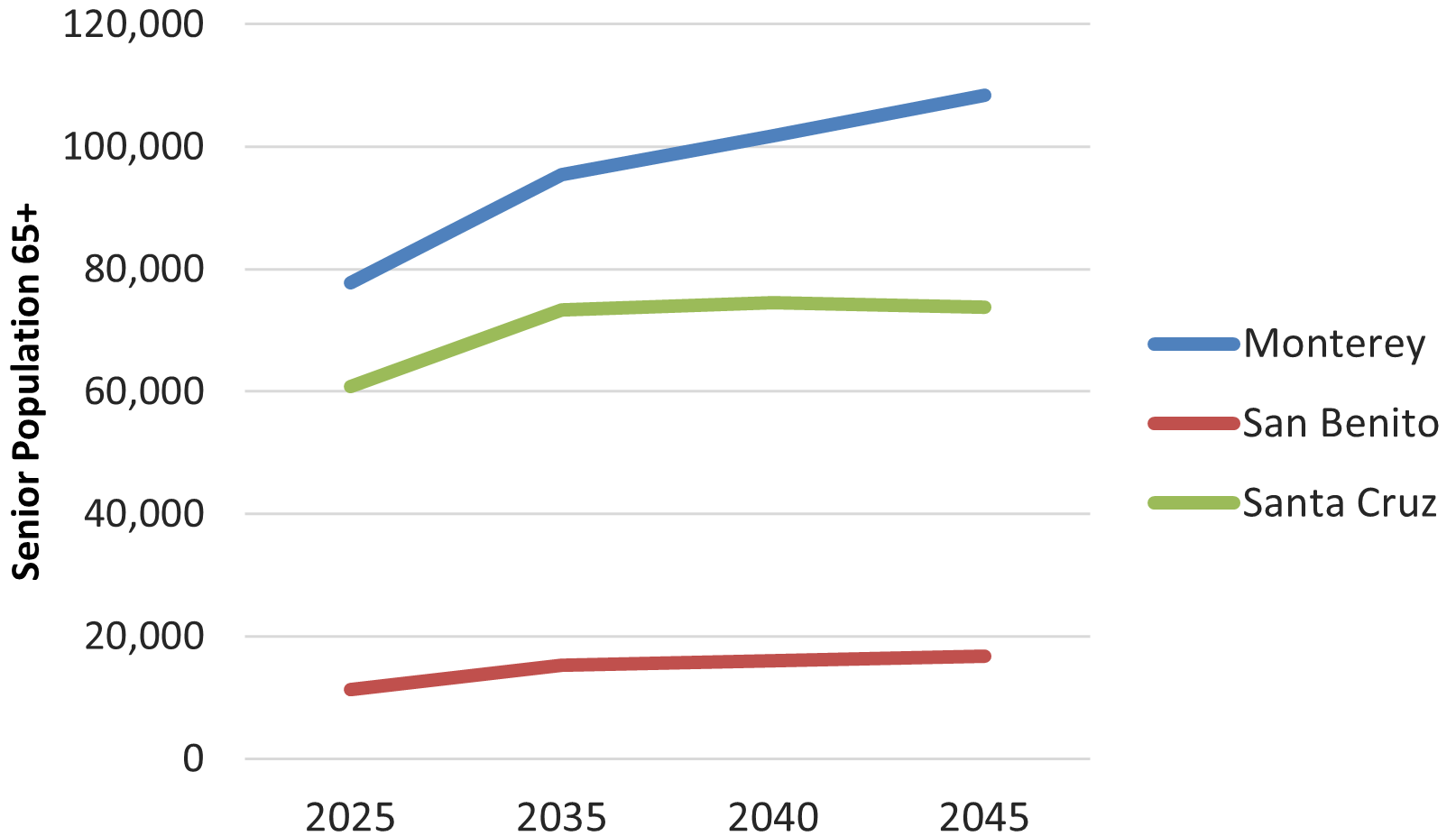
# Requirements Of The Plan

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1. Assessment of available services and providers
2. Assessment of transportation needs for seniors and persons with disabilities
3. Projects, activities and strategies to address identified gaps between current and needed services
4. Priorities for implementation based on resources, time and feasibility

# Senior Population By County

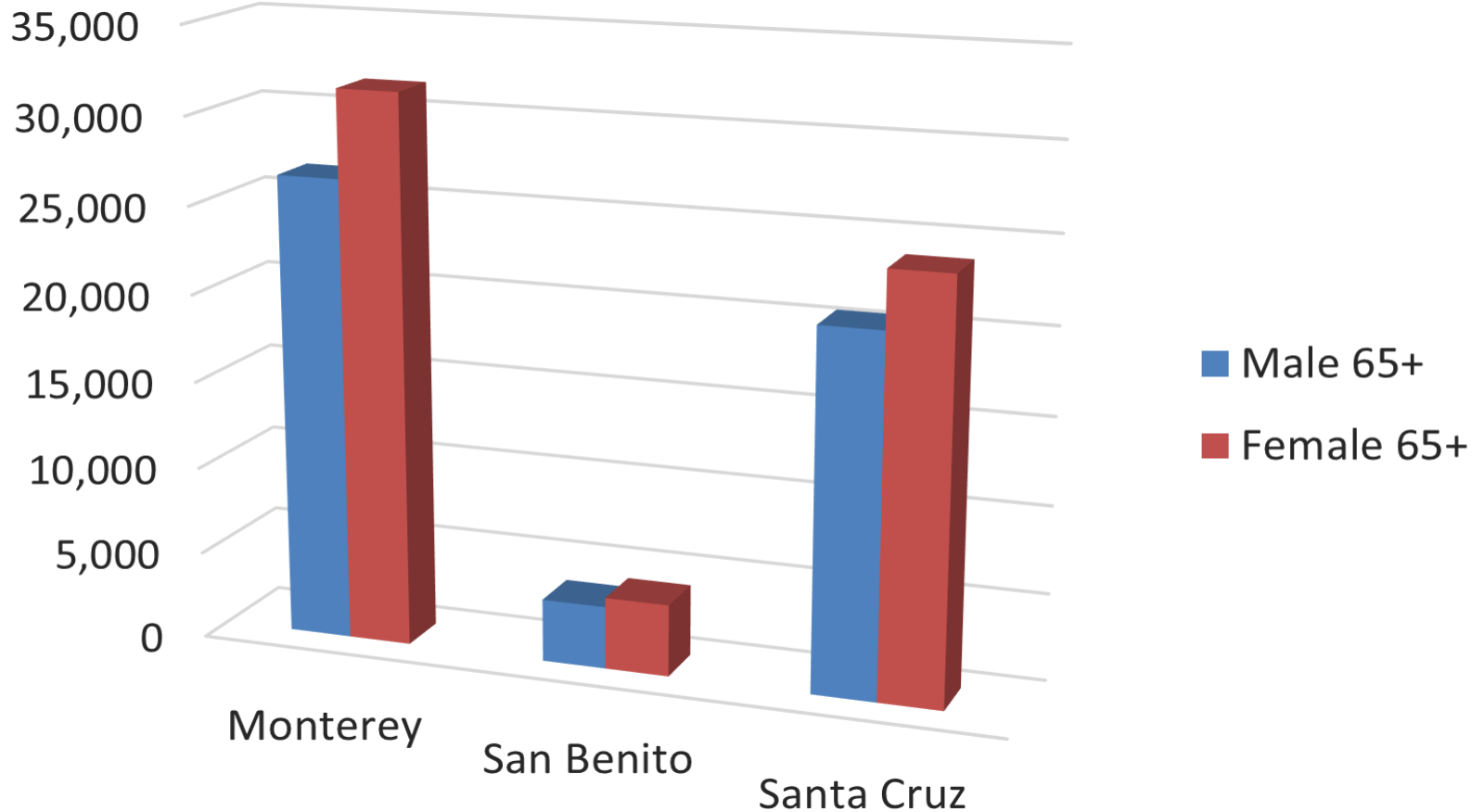
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Data: CA Dept. of Finance P-2 (2010-2060), July 2021

# Senior Population By Gender

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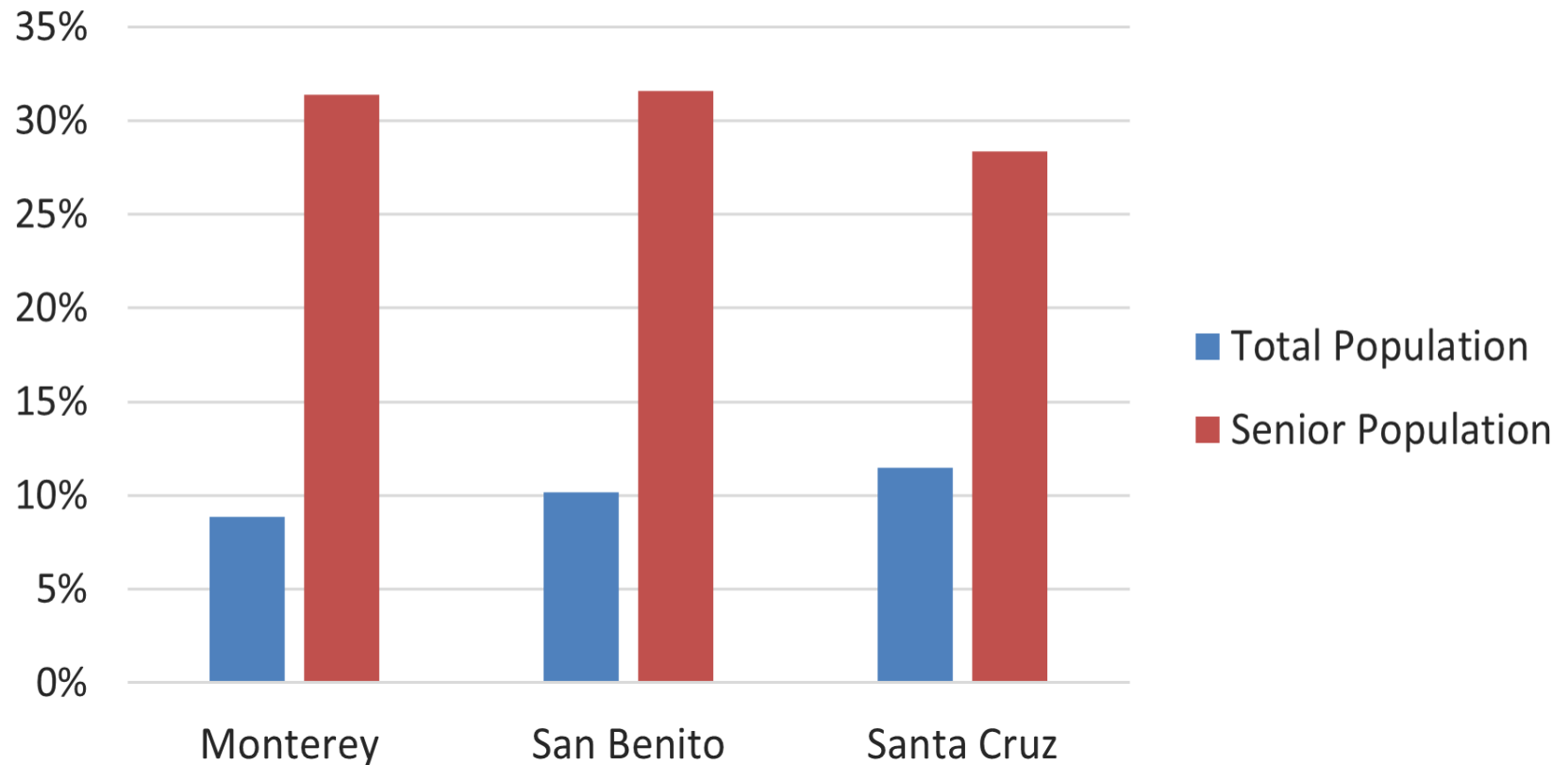
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# Disabled Population

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## Population With One or More Disabilities

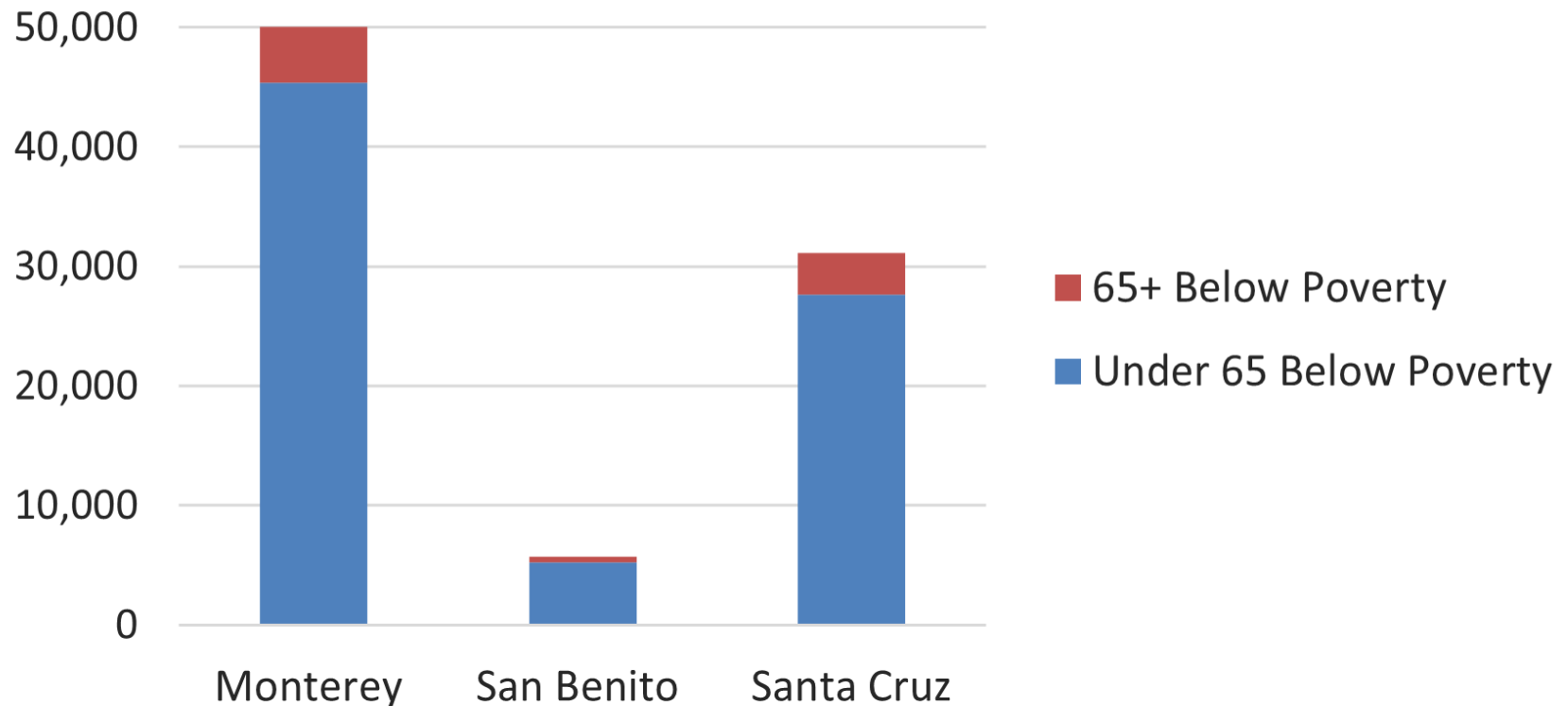


Data: American Community Survey 2016-2020

# Population Under Poverty Line

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## Population Below Poverty Line By County



Data: American Community Survey 2016-2020

# Next Steps

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- 30-day public comment period:
  - September 15 – October 17, 2022
- Presentations to Committees and Working Groups:
  - SCCRTC's ITAC – 9/22
  - MST's MAC – 9/28
  - TAMC's TAC – 10/6
  - San Benito COG's TAC – 10/6
  - SCCRTC's E&D TAC – 10/11
- AMBAG Board of Directors scheduled to approve the Final 2022 Plan at its November 9, 2022

# Comments/Questions?

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# Item #2b: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Program



# Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Program

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# REAP 2.0 Program Objectives

- REAP 2.0 provides funds to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance with the 6th Cycle of the housing element, including RHNA allocations
- In addition, REAP 2.0 provides MPOs with tools and resources to help implement and advance the SCS
- The REAP 2.0 objectives are:
  - Accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice and affordability
  - Affirmatively furthering fair housing
  - VMT reduction



# REAP 2.0 Funding & Guidelines

- Funded with \$600 million from the State General Fund
- The REAP 2.0 Program will be administered by HCD in collaboration with OPR, SGC and CARB
- Most of the funds (85%) will be allocated directly to the MPOs; AMBAG's allocation of the MPO funding is \$10,133,742
- Focus is transformative implementation and planning
- Two Part MPO application: (1) Advance Application for 10% and (2) Final application for 90%

# REAP 2.0 Eligible Uses

- Outlined in REAP 2.0 Final Guidelines (pages 10-13)
- Eligible uses should meet one or more of the following categories of allowable uses:
  - Accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability through various planning programs, services, or capital expenditures
  - Realizing multimodal communities through programs, plans, and implementation actions
  - Shifting travel behavior by reducing driving through programs, ordinances, funds, and other mechanisms, and ;
  - Increasing transit ridership through funding, implementation actions, and planning

# REAP 2.0 Eligible Uses (cont.)

- Accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability
  - Affordable housing development programs
  - Rezoning and guiding development by updating planning documents, development standards, and zoning ordinances
  - Revamping local planning processes to accelerate infill development
  - Completing environmental clearance to eliminate the need for project-specific review for infill development
  - Establishing/funding an affordable housing catalyst fund, trust fund, or revolving loan fund for location efficient projects
  - Performing infrastructure planning and investing in upgrading infrastructure

# REAP 2.0 Eligible Uses (cont.)

- Realizing multimodal communities
  - Establishing and implementing a vision-zero policy and program, a safety plan, and a slow streets program
  - Developing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure plans and other multimodal plans or policies
  - Investing in infrastructure projects and other programs to expand active transportation and implement bicycle or pedestrian plans
  - Producing multimodal corridor studies associated with developing specific planning documents or implementation actions

# REAP 2.0 Eligible Uses (cont.)

- Shifting travel behavior through reducing driving
  - Studying roadway pricing feasibility and implementing road pricing programs
  - Funding the establishment of a local VMT impact fee or catalyzing a regional VMT mitigation bank (not paying into a VMT bank)
  - Funding and implementing parking and transportation demand management programs or ordinances
  - Accelerating infill housing production near jobs, transit, and resources

# REAP 2.0 Eligible Uses (cont.)

- Increasing transit ridership
  - Funding and implementing actions to establish more seamless regional transit systems including establishing common fares systems, sync transit routing systems and schedules, service design, and wayfinding to connect residential neighborhoods with employment centers and other key destinations
  - Developing and implementing multimodal access plans to and from transit facilities
  - Planning for additional housing near transit

# AMBAG's REAP 2.0 Outreach Activities

- Gather input and feedback on the development of the REAP 2.0 program
- July 2022 – public outreach survey
- August 2022 – agency/stakeholder survey
- August to November 2022 – more stakeholder outreach
- Work with the Board, partners, stakeholders and the public to develop final application
  - Priorities and proposed uses
  - Funding amounts and the appropriate blend of planning and implementation
  - Various other program components

# Public Outreach Survey Results

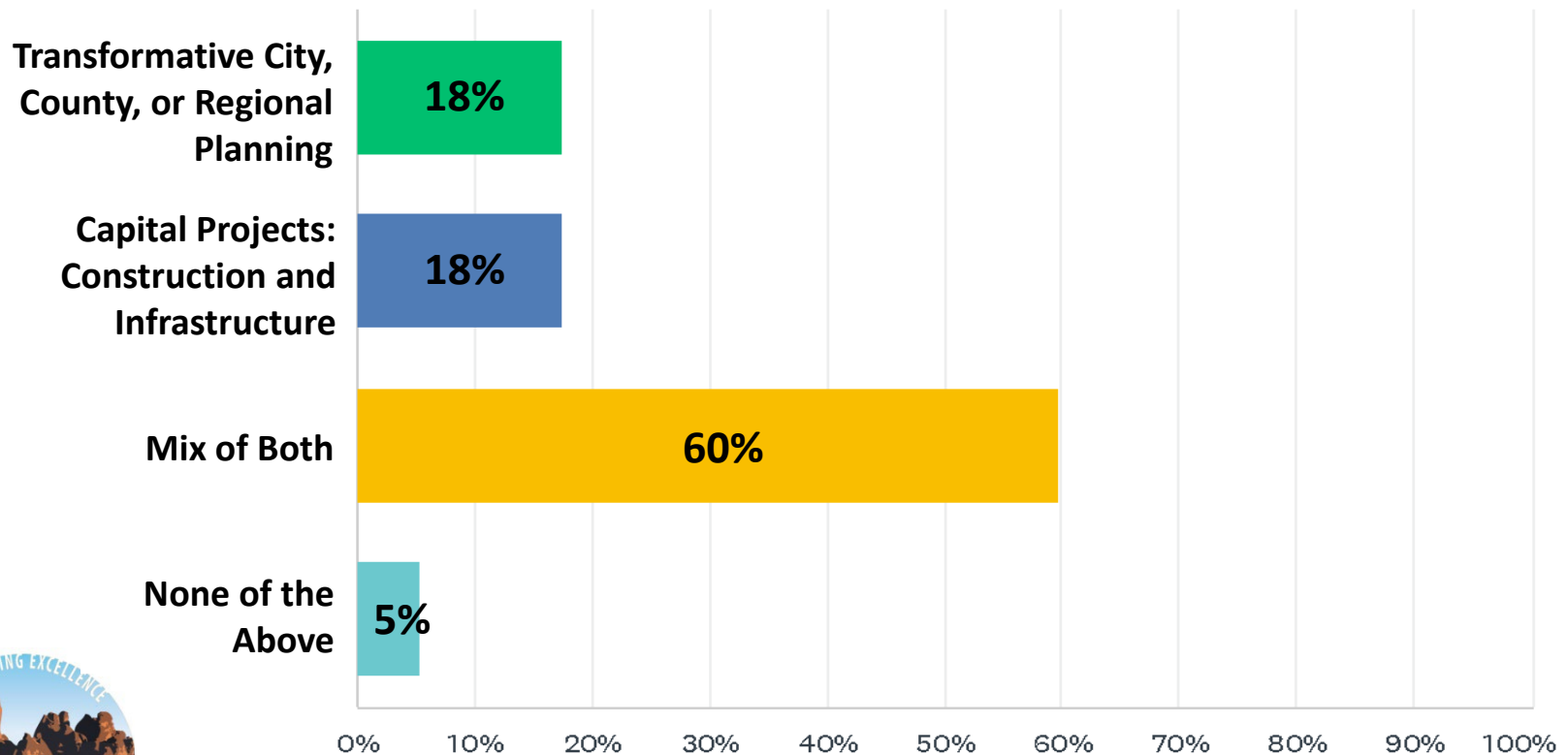
- Developed a simple survey to gather input
- Available throughout July 2022
- Received 57 responses
- Questions to help develop AMBAG's REAP 2.0 program



# REAP 2.0 - Funding Focus

**Q:** Should REAP 2.0 funding focus on transformative city/county/regional planning, capital projects such as construction and infrastructure projects, or a mix of both?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 0

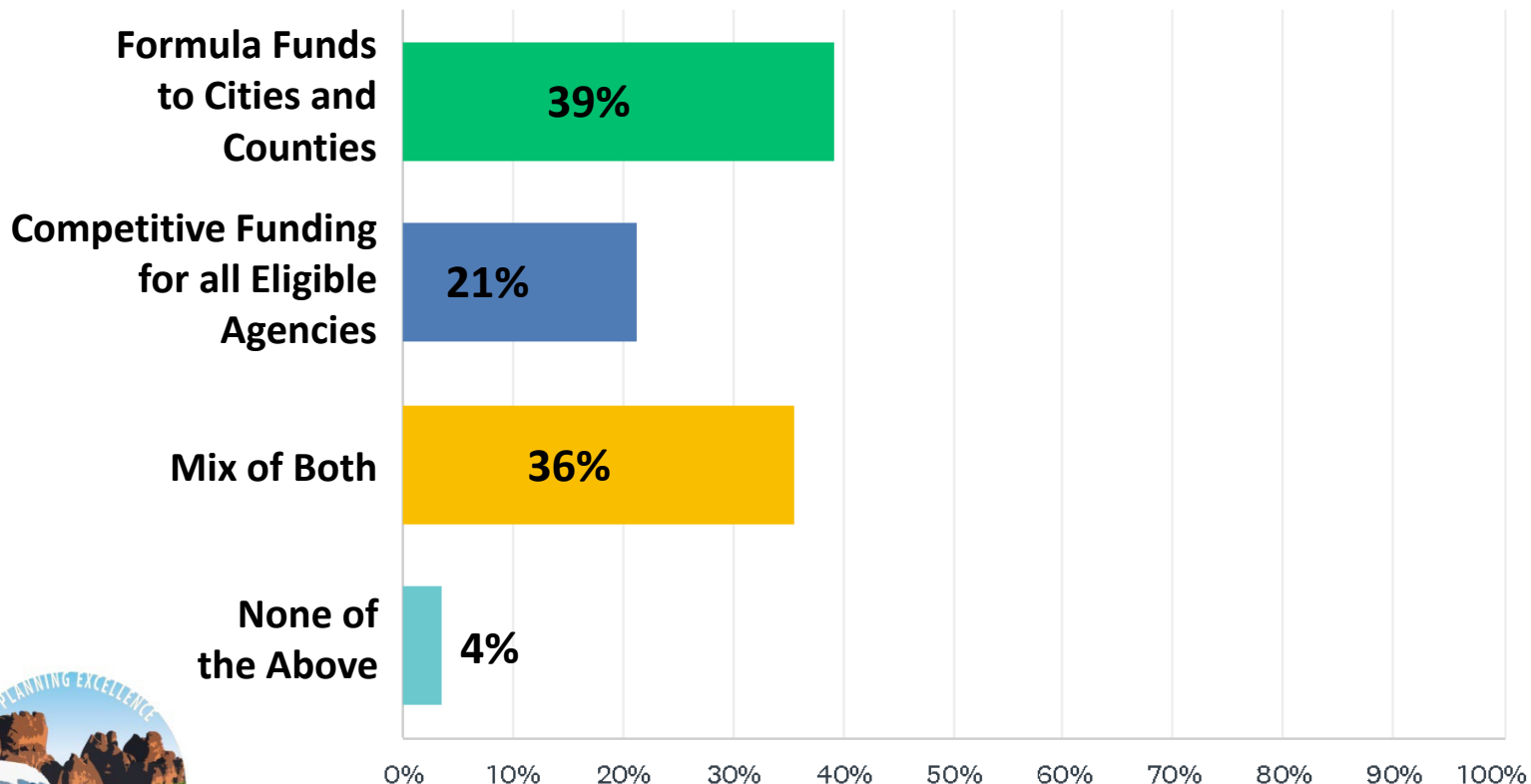


# REAP 2.0 - Funding Allocation

## Formula vs. Competitive

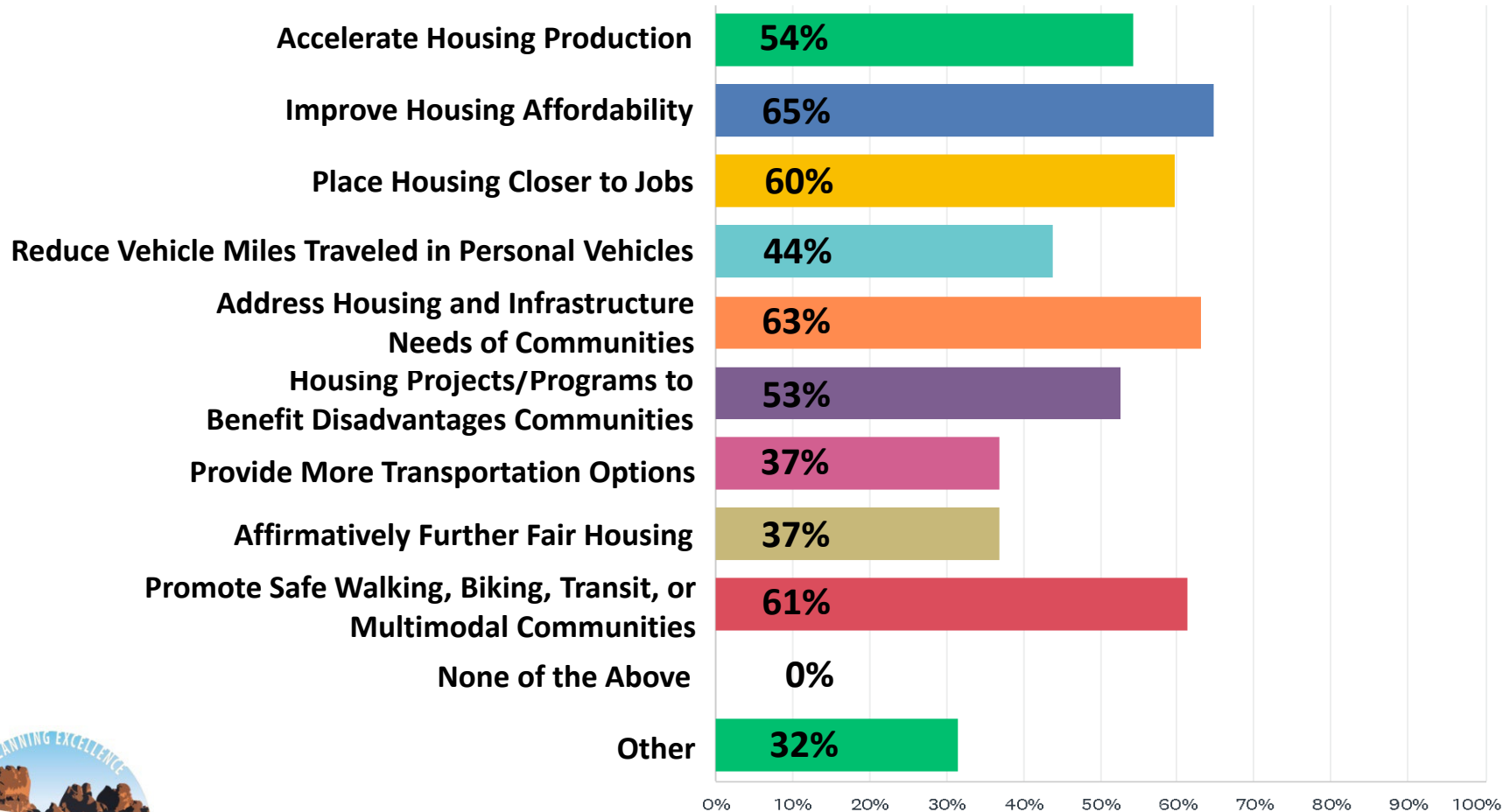
**Q:** Should funding allocations be guaranteed to cities, counties, and agencies, or should these agencies compete for the funding with project proposals?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 1



# REAP 2.0 – Project/Program Preference

Q: What type of projects/programs would you like to see funded with REAP 2.0 funding? (Choose all that apply)



# Agency/Stakeholder Survey Results

- Gather input on priorities and potential projects from local jurisdictions and other key stakeholders
- Available throughout August 2022
- Received 18 responses

# Priority for Housing Planning/Projects

- Funding needed for assistance with affordable housing and related infrastructure was a common theme
- More than 80% of the respondents list housing related planning/projects as their priority with 17% for transportation related projects
- Three-quarters of respondents have unfunded affordable housing planning needs/housing element implementation

# Other REAP 2.0 Priorities

- 86% of survey respondents stated that affordable housing subsidies/programs as a high priority
- Three-quarters of respondents need resources to conduct GHG/VMT planning activities and/or demonstration projects
- More than 90% need resources to expand and promote safe walking, biking, transit or multimodal communities
- Technical assistance in a variety of areas was supported

# REAP 2.0 Draft Framework

1. Suballocation to local jurisdictions to implement 6th Cycle Housing Elements with a specific focus on infill development for both planning and implementation (20%)
  - Rezoning and guiding development by updating planning documents, development standards, and zoning ordinances
  - Revamping local planning processes to accelerate infill development
  - Completing environmental clearance to eliminate the need for project specific review for infill development
  - Performing infrastructure planning to support infill development

# REAP 2.0 Draft Framework (cont.)

2. Competitive grant program that supports REAP 2.0 objectives (65%)
  - Could be awarded to local jurisdictions, transit agencies, regional transportation planning agencies, universities, etc.
  - Priority focus on implementation projects
3. AMBAG regional planning, technical assistance, REAP 2.0 program development and administration (15%)
  - Regional planning activities that support infill development and implement the SCS
  - Technical assistance
  - Development of REAP 2.0 Program, including outreach activities
  - REAP 2.0 administration



# REAP 2.0 Program Timeline

- March 24, 2022 – HCD released draft guidelines
- May 31, 2022 – Submitted Advance Application for 10% of funds for outreach & program development
- July 27, 2022 – HCD releases final guidelines and NOFA
- August 2022 – December 2022 – AMBAG develops regional approach and prepares MPO REAP 2.0 application
- December 31, 2022 – Deadline for AMBAG to submit MPO application for REAP 2.0 Program

# REAP 2.0 Program Timeline (cont.)

- Spring/Summer 2023 – Develop AMBAG’s regional competitive grant program including criteria, application, etc.
- Summer/early Fall 2023 – Applications due for AMBAG’s competitive grant program
- Late 2023/early 2024 – AMBAG awards regional competitive grants and enters into funding agreements with grant applicants
- June 30, 2024 – Deadline for REAP 2.0 recipients to encumber funds
- June 30, 2026 – Deadline for REAP 2.0 funds to be expended

# Next Steps

- Staff continues to develop the AMBAG regional REAP 2.0 Program framework to include in final application
- Fall 2022– More stakeholder outreach and consultation with HCD and other state partners
  - REAP 2.0 Information/Listening Sessions on 9/26 and 10/13
- October/November 2022 – Board review and approval of proposed REAP 2.0 program framework to include in final application
- December 31, 2022 – AMBAG submits final application to implement program framework

# Discussion Questions

- *What are your thoughts on the draft REAP 2.0 framework?*
- *Additional suggestions for regional transformative projects?*

# Feedback/Questions?

# Item #3a: 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation Update



# Item #4: Other Items



# Item #5: Next Steps/Adjourn

