

Planning Directors Forum

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Item #1: Welcome/Roll Call



Item #2a: 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) Update



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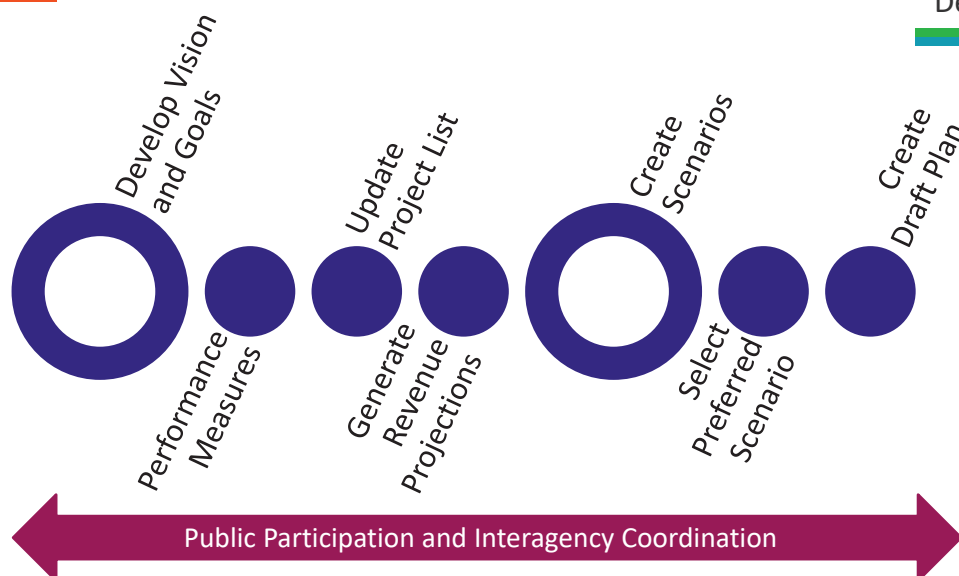
2050 MTP/SCS Update

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AREA GOVERNMENTS

- Long range plan for transportation investments
- Federal and state law requires that an MTP/SCS be prepared every four years
- Must provide a 20+ year horizon planning period
- Detailed work program and schedule approved in April 2023
- 2050 MTP/SCS scheduled for adoption in June 2026
- Highlight a number of key components under development

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- AMBAG Board accepted the tri-county forecast for population, housing, and employment in January 2024
- Begin subregional disaggregation to the jurisdiction level in 2024
- Draft subregional growth forecast available in spring 2024
- Growth forecast is scheduled to be approved for planning purposes in fall 2024
- AMBAG staff will then reach out to each local jurisdiction to verify and update the traffic analysis zones (TAZs) using the new forecast

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Vision: An accessible and connected region for a safe, resilient, and equitable future

MOBILITY	ENVIRONMENT	COMMUNITIES	ECONOMIC	EQUITABLE
Build and maintain a safe and robust transportation network	Create a healthy region for all	Develop, engage, connect, and sustain communities that are livable and thriving	Support a sustainable, efficient, and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all	Plan for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds

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Performance Measures

- Allows us to quantify regional goals, estimate the impacts of proposed investments, and evaluate progress over time.
- Proposed performance measures including new metrics are included in Attachment 1
- Once performance measures have been approved, staff will finalize the methodologies to calculate the new measures

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Project List & Financial Assumptions

- Later this year, AMBAG will begin work with the RTPAs, transit operators, Caltrans, and local jurisdictions to update the project list for the 2050 MTP/SCS
- “Call for Projects” will allow for changes to existing 2045 MTP/SCS projects, adding new projects or delete those that have been completed
- Projects will be included in MTP/SCS scenarios and evaluated using MTP/SCS performance measures
- In addition, financial assumptions for the MTP/SCS through 2050 will be developed.

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EIR

- AMBAG is the lead agency for a joint program level EIR for the 2050 MTP/SCS and the county level Regional Transportation Plans
- Notice of Preparation for joint EIR released for public review; comments due by March 1, 2024 to hadamson@ambag.org
- More information at www.ambag.org

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Next Steps

- Continue to develop the 2026 Regional Growth Forecast
- Finalize the MTP/SCS performance measures
- Continue to implement the 2050 MTP/SCS work plan components, including updating the project list, revenue forecasts, and scenario development

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Input/Questions

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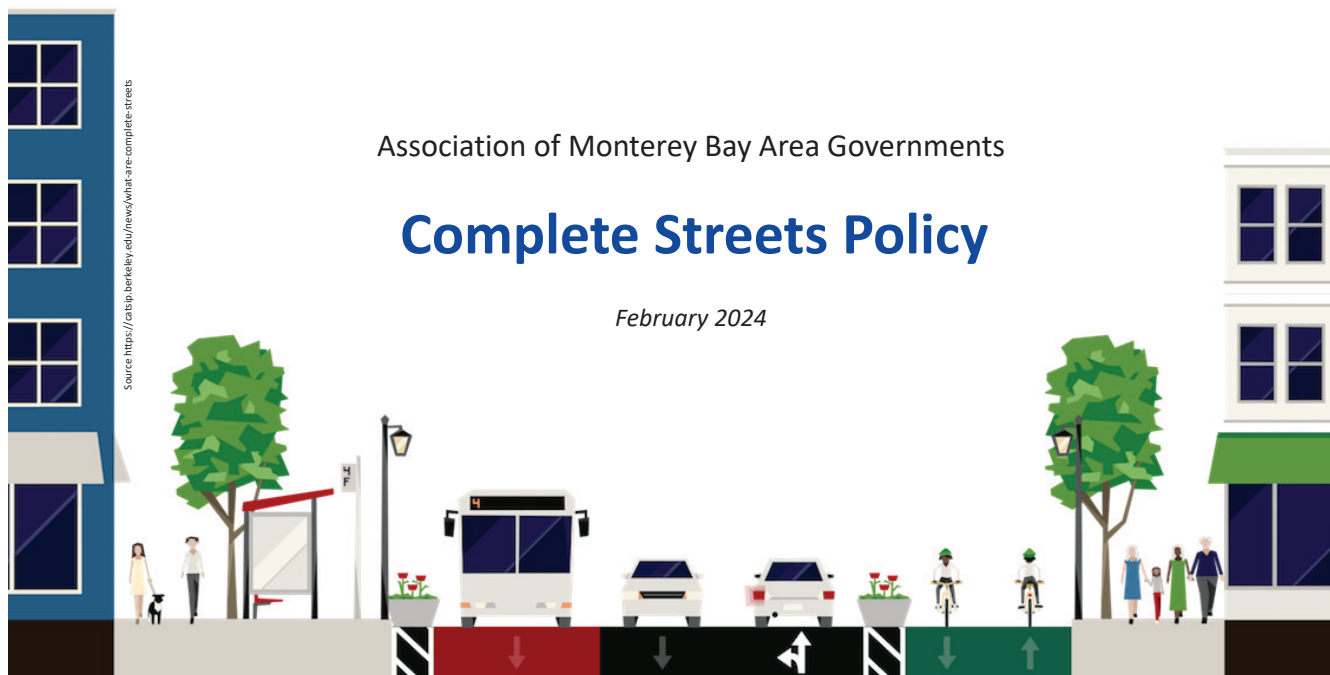
Item #2b: AMBAG Draft Complete Streets Policy

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Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

Complete Streets Policy

February 2024



Background



IJA/BIL of 2021: Requires MPOs to use FHWA Planning Funds (PL) set aside for complete streets planning

Complete streets prioritize safe and adequate accommodation of all users

Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook, August 2013

Incorporate RTPA and local jurisdictions policies and guidelines



Key Sections

Introduction
Purpose and Need
Complete Streets Definition
Complete Streets Vision
Complete Streets Goals
Principles of Complete Streets
Complete Streets Policies
Consistency with Regulations
Scope of Complete Streets Policies
Exceptions
Design Guidance
Context Sensitivity
Evaluation and Performance Measures
Implementation and Reporting
References

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Adoption Timeline

- **February 2024:** Draft to Committees and Board
- **February 1 – March 15, 2024:** Public Comment
- **March 2024:** Prepare Final
- **April 2024:** Final to Committees
- **May 8, 2024:** Board Adoption

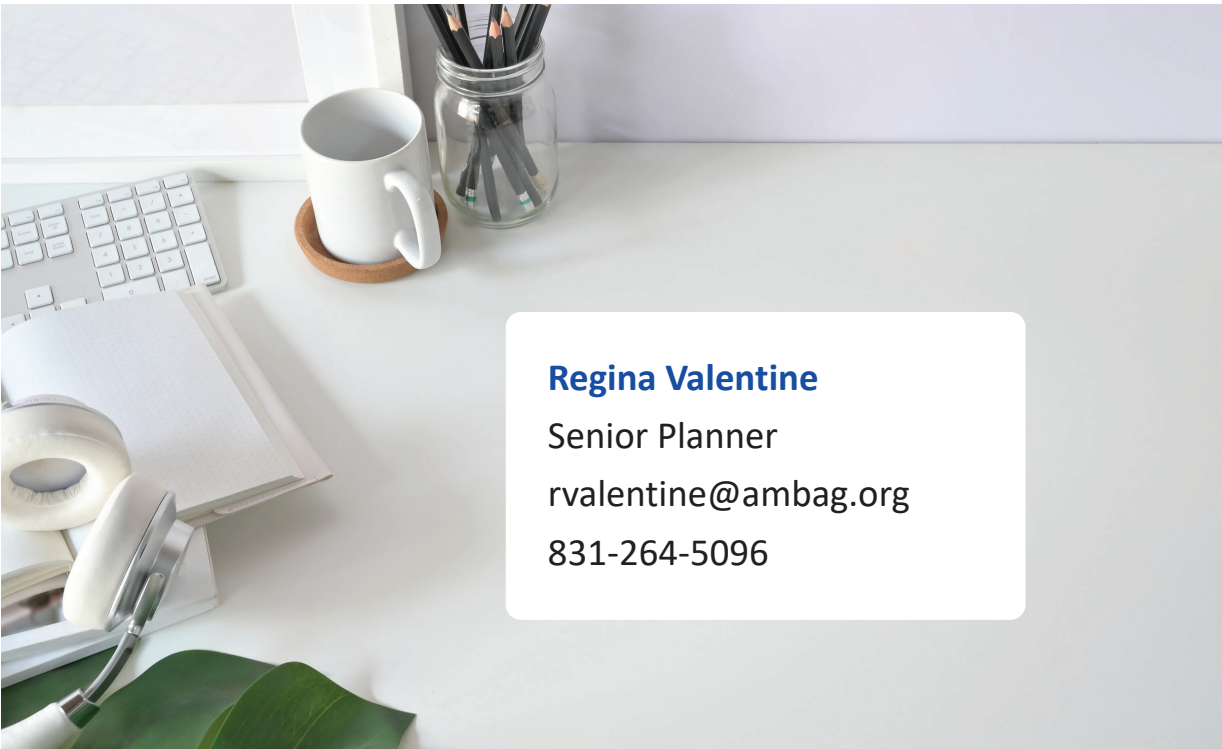


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Public Comment Requested

- Draft Complete Streets Policy attached
- Public comment closes March 15, 2024
- Send comments to rvalentine@ambag.org

Source <https://www.walksacramento.org/2343/>



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Item #2c: Carbon Reduction Program



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Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Overview

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Outline

- Overview of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
- Funding and process for CRP
- Carbon Reduction Strategy
- Project Selection Criteria
- Schedule and Next Steps
- Input/Questions



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Overview of Carbon Reduction Program

- What is CRP?
- Main objectives of CRP is to reduce GHG emissions from transportation
- Five-year funding program
- State is expected to receive total of \$550 million over 5 years
- Split between 65% Local and 35% State



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Funding and Process for CRP

AMBAG Region Total 5-Year Funding Apportionment: \$6,831,111

Federal Fiscal Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Annual Apportionment	\$1,344,707	\$1,371,601	\$1,371,601*	\$1,371,601*	\$1,371,601*
Obligation (E76) Deadline	9/30/2025	9/30/2026	9/30/2027	9/30/2028	9/30/2029
Expenditure Deadline	9/30/2030	9/30/2031	9/30/2032	9/30/2033	9/30/2034

- Develop project selection process and criteria
- Regional coordination and consultation
- Priority for Disadvantaged Communities



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Carbon Reduction Strategy

- What is the Carbon Reduction Strategy?
- Local CRP project consistency with Carbon Reduction Strategy goals
- Carbon Reduction Strategy focuses on 3 pillars:



**Zero-Emission
Infrastructure**



**Active
Transportation**



**Rail and
Transit**



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Project Selection Criteria

Section A – Carbon Reduction Program Goal Alignment (55 points total)

1. Project aligns with State’s Carbon Reduction Strategy - 10 points
2. The project is expected to reduce transportation emissions - 10 points
3. The project incorporates one of the following elements – 15 points
 - a. The project incorporates complete streets treatments
 - b. This project supports Zero Emissions Vehicles and/or ZEV infrastructure
 - c. The project improves bicycle, pedestrian or transit design features
4. The project improves access and/or closes a gap for transportation disadvantaged communities - 20 points



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Project Selection Criteria (cont.)

Section B - Project Readiness & Cost Effectiveness (25 points total)

1. Project is ready to bid within two years - 5 points
2. The request for funding (including local match) will fully fund the project - 5 points
3. Project has completed the environmental phase - 5 points
4. Project status for the design/right-of-way phases (Project readiness) - 5 points
5. The project has a positive benefit/cost ratio - 5 points



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Project Selection Criteria (cont.)

Section C - Project Information & Regional Significance (20 points total)

1. Project is projected to reduce AADT in corridor or project area - 5 points
2. The project will mitigate safety hazards for road users or transit riders - 5 points
3. The project serves regional travel (regionally significant)- 5 points
4. The project benefits people with disabilities - 5 points



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Schedule and Next Steps

CRP Project Selection Criteria approved by AMBAG Board	February 14, 2024
Call for projects	Feb - March 2024
Project review and selection by AMBAG staff	February-April 2024
Recommended project list for AMBAG Board adoption	May/June 2024
Complete CRP Project Alignment form for selected projects	June 2024
Program CRP projects in the MTIP	September 2024

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Input/Questions

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Item #3b: REAP Update



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Item #4: Next Steps/Adjourn



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