



## Planning Directors Forum

Monday, February 24, 2025

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Zoom

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## AGENDA

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### 1. Welcome/Roll Call (10 mins)

### 2. Discussion Items

#### a. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) Update (Heather Adamson, AMBAG) (30 mins)

AMBAG staff will provide an update on the development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS). Planning Directors are asked to provide feedback on the development of the 2050 MTP/SCS.

#### b. 2025 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan Development Process (Regina Valentine, AMBAG) (10 mins)

AMBAG staff will provide an overview of the 2025 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) development process. Planning Directors are asked to provide feedback on the development of the 2025 Coordinated Plan.

### 3. Information Items

#### a. High Quality Transit/Major Transit Stops Maps Update (Heather Adamson, AMBAG) (10 mins)

AMBAG staff will provide an update High Quality Transit/Major Transit Stops mapping.

### 4. Other Items (5 mins)

#### a. CalBuilds Presentation – Monday, March 24, 2025 at 10am

### 5. Next Steps/Adjourn (5 mins)

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** AMBAG Planning Directors Forum

**FROM:** Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

**SUBJECT:** 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Update

**MEETING DATE:** February 24, 2025

### RECOMMENDATION:

AMBAG staff will provide an update on the development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. Planning Directors are asked to provide feedback on the development of the 2050 MTP/SCS.

### BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

AMBAG adopted the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) in June 2022. Federal and state law requires that AMBAG prepare a long-range transportation plan every four years. In accordance with state and federal guidelines, the 2050 MTP/SCS is scheduled for adoption by the Board of Directors in June 2026. Staff developed the 2050 MTP/SCS work program and schedule, which was approved by the AMBAG Board of Directors in April 2023. Completed 2050 MTP/SCS activities and those currently underway are highlighted below.

### ***2050 MTP/SCS, Vision, Goals, and Performance Measures***

With each MTP/SCS update, AMBAG starts the planning process by establishing a framework of a vision and goals to guide the development of the Plan. This is a key first step, as it is the policy foundation for the MTP/SCS and identifies the “big picture” of what we aim to achieve. The 2050 MTP/SCS vision and goals were approved by the AMBAG Board of Directors in November 2023. The 2050 MTP/SCS performance measures are used to evaluate each of the policy goals and were approved by the AMBAG Board of Directors in April 2024. Performance measures allow us to quantify regional goals, estimate the impacts of proposed investments, and evaluate progress over time.

### ***Transportation Project List***

AMBAG is working with the RTPAs, transit operators, Caltrans, and local jurisdictions to the transportation project list for the 2050 MTP/SCS. Project list updates include revising existing 2045 MTP/SCS projects, such as changes to cost estimates and project phasing, adding new projects or identifying projects that have been completed since the last MTP/SCS cycle. RTPA staff is working with the local jurisdictions and other project sponsors to obtain updates to local and regional projects to be entered into the MTP/SCS project database. AMBAG is finalizing the draft project list for inclusion in the 2050 MTP/SCS.

### ***Land Use Inputs and Mapping Updates***

AMBAG staff is finalizing the land use inputs for the updated PlaceTypes and Opportunity Area maps for the SCS. The PlaceTypes maps will be updated for 2022, 2035, and 2050 which are key modeling years for the 2050 MTP/SCS. To better analyze land use patterns, AMBAG, in conjunction with the local jurisdictions, created a set of place types which identified land use designations and characteristics common in the General Plans of all 21 jurisdictions in the AMBAG region. These categories are meant to act as a common “language” so that the diverse general and specific plans across the Monterey Bay area can be compared in a consistent and standard manner.

AMBAG staff is also in the final stages of working with local jurisdiction planning staff to update the Opportunity Area (OA) maps for the SCS. Opportunity Areas are places the in the region with the highest chance for successful sustainable growth. They are generally located where transit supportive areas and economic development overlap within the AMBAG region.

These land use inputs will feed into AMBAG land use and transportation models for development of the 2050 MTP/SCS. The PlaceTypes and Opportunity Areas maps from the currently adopted 2045 MTP/SCS can be found at: [https://ambag.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/Appendix%20I %20SCSMaps Updated.pdf](https://ambag.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/Appendix%20I%20SCSMaps_Updated.pdf).

### ***Revenue Assumptions***

AMBAG worked with our transportation partners to develop future financial assumptions for the MTP/SCS through 2050. The financial assumptions guide how much local, state and federal funding will be reasonably available for the transportation investments included in the 2050 MTP/SCS. Draft revenues have been refined and are shown below. The breakdown of draft revenues accounts for 17% federal funds, 37% state funds and 46% local funds.

**Draft 2050 MTP/SCS Transportation Revenues (2025 \$, in billions)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Draft Revenues</b>
Monterey	\$7.3
San Benito	\$1.9
Santa Cruz	\$6.3
<b>Total AMBAG Region</b>	<b>\$15.5</b>

***Revenue Constrained Scenario***

The draft revenue constrained scenario is a requirement of the MTP/SCS and is the basis of the MTP/SCS. The future land use inputs provided to AMBAG from the local jurisdictions and the constrained transportation project lists make up the revenue constrained scenario. Over the next few months, the revenue constrained scenario will be evaluated using the AMBAG Board approved performance measures.

***Programmatic Environmental Impact Report***

Work on the programmatic EIR is underway and will serve as the EIR for the 2050 MTP/SCS as well as the EIR for each of the RTPA’s county-level Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). AMBAG and the RTPAs coordinate on the EIR to reduce duplication of efforts for environmental documentation, for budgetary efficiency and to assure consistency in environmental review between plans. AMBAG is the lead for developing the programmatic EIR, working with the RTPAs, an environmental consultant and an environmental legal firm to develop the joint EIR. The Draft EIR is scheduled to be released for public comment in late 2025.

***2050 MTP/SCS Public Involvement Program***

AMBAG staff will continue to implement the outreach strategies included in the AMBAG Board adopted Public Involvement Plan with an online survey and public workshops scheduled for March – April 2025.

***Next Steps***

Staff will continue to develop the various components of the 2050 MTP/SCS working with the Planning Directors Forum, Technical Advisory Committees, partner agencies, and key stakeholders.



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** AMBAG Planning Directors Forum

**FROM:** Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

**SUBJECT:** 2025 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan Development Process

**MEETING DATE:** February 24, 2025

### RECOMMENDATION:

AMBAG staff will provide an overview of the 2025 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) development process. Committee members are asked to provide feedback on the development of the 2025 Coordinated Plan.

### BACKGROUND:

AMBAG is required to develop a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) for the tri-county region. Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) / Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021, this plan must be completed and used in developing applications for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) grant program. The plan identifies local transportation needs for seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means to facilitate applications for the FTA Section 5310 program.

The FTA Section 5310 program provides funding to assist private non-profit groups and public transportation providers in meeting the transportation needs of seniors and persons with disabilities when the transportation services provided are unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. The funds are apportioned based on each State's share of the population of these demographics and awarded to projects through a statewide competitive process. Funds may be used for capital or operating expenses. The Coordinated Plan, as required by the 2021 BIL/IIJA, must include the following elements:

- An assessment of currently available transportation services (public, private, and non-profit);

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- An assessment of transportation needs for seniors and persons with disabilities. This assessment can be based on the experiences and perceptions of the planning partners or on more sophisticated data collection efforts;
- Strategies, activities, and/or projects to address the identified gaps between current services and needs, as well as opportunities to achieve efficiencies in service delivery; and
- Priorities for implementation based on resources (from multiple program sources), time, and feasibility for implementing specific strategies and/or activities.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of the Coordinated Plan is to improve public transportation for seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means. This is accomplished through identifying where the public transportation system can better meet these needs and describing projects or changes which would help alleviate the shortcomings. The plan also includes a list of public transportation services that serves these populations.

The projects and changes identified in this plan are made eligible for federal funding through the FTA Section 5310 grant program. In the past, this funding source has been used by public transportation agencies to replace or purchase new paratransit vehicles, as well as for operating expenses.

Below are key dates for developing the 2025 Coordinated Plan:

- **January – March 2025:** Present an overview of the 2025 Coordinated Plan development process to regional advisory committees, the Planning Directors Forum, and the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **March – July 2025:** Develop the Draft 2025 Coordinated Plan
- **August – September 2025:** Present the Draft 2025 Coordinated Plan to regional advisory committees, the Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **August 4 – September 26, 2025:** Public comment period
- **October 2025:** Prepare the Final 2025 Coordinated Plan
- **November 11, 2025:** AMBAG Board of Directors will be asked to adopt the Final 2025 Coordinated Plan

## ***Next Steps***

AMBAG staff will incorporate committee feedback and prepare the Draft 2025 Coordinated Plan in coordination with our partner agencies and local jurisdictions.