



Planning Directors Forum

Monday, October 27, 2025

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Zoom

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AGENDA

1. Welcome/Roll Call (10 mins)

2. Information Items

a. Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Update (Heather Adamson, AMBAG) (15 mins)

AMBAG staff will provide an update on the Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS).

b. Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group and Resiliency Centers Overview (Amaury Berteaud, AMBAG) (20 mins)

AMBAG staff will provide a presentation on the Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group (RCPWG), a collaborative to develop, prioritize, secure funding for, and implement regionally beneficial climate mitigation and adaptation projects and programs. The presentation will highlight an upcoming project for resiliency centers.

c. Caltrans District 5 Local Development Review Overview (Kelly McClendon and Ingrid McRoberts, Caltrans District 5) (20 mins)

Caltrans staff will provide a presentation on the Caltrans Local Development Review (LDR) process and ongoing coordination efforts with local agencies which intend to reduce impacts on the State Highway System resulting from local developments.

3. Other Items (5 mins)

4. Next Steps/Adjourn (5 mins)

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: AMBAG Planning Directors Forum

FROM: Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

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

MEETING DATE: October 27, 2025

RECOMMENDATION: Information

Staff will provide an update on the Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) which is scheduled to be released for public review and comment in November 2025.

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 for the tri-county region 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. The 2050 MTP/SCS activities underway are highlighted below.

Draft 2050 MTP/SCS

AMBAG staff have evaluated various scenarios for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) using the Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM). Output from the RTDM as well spatial data analysis is used to quantify performance measures, estimate the impacts of proposed investments, and evaluate progress over time. In addition, staff are finalizing the draft Plan chapters, as well as finishing the required mapping per state and federal requirements. The Draft 2050 MTP/SCS is scheduled to be released in November 2025.

Programmatic EIR

Work on the programmatic draft EIR is underway and will serve as the EIR for the 2050

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MTP/SCS, as well as the EIR for each of the RTPAs' county-level Regional Transportation Plan (RTPs). AMBAG is the lead for developing the programmatic EIR working with the RTPAs, an environmental consulting firm, and an environmental legal firm. 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. The draft EIR is also scheduled to be released for public comment in November 2025.

2050 MTP/SCS Public Involvement Program

AMBAG staff continue to implement the outreach strategies included in the Board approved Public Involvement Plan for the 2050 MTP/SCS. AMBAG held in public workshops in April 2025 on the development of the 2050 MTP/SCS and to gather input on SCS priorities and strategies. AMBAG is currently scheduling workshops and public hearings for January 2026 on Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR during the public review period.

Next Steps

Over the next month, staff will finalize the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR. Both documents are scheduled to be released for a minimum 55-day public review period in November 2025. Public workshops and hearings are being planned for January 2026 to receive public comment on the draft documents. The AMBAG Board will be asked to release the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR and schedule the January 2026 public hearings at its November 12, 2025 meeting.



Local Development Review (LDR) Guidance for Partner Agencies



ABOUT CALTRANS LDR

The Caltrans Local Development Review (LDR) program is a legislatively mandated ongoing statewide effort focused on avoiding or reducing significant impacts from proposed land use development projects and community development plans, such as general plans, to the State Highway System (SHS).

Caltrans LDR staff facilitates coordination with local lead agencies regarding proposed developments on or near the SHS and circulates these projects to relevant Caltrans functional units for review and comments.

EARLY COORDINATION

LDR welcomes coordination opportunities with local jurisdictions often as early as the pre-application phase of a development project. If a project applicant/consultant directly reaches out to us, please also include the lead agency contact.

LDR COORDINATION PROCESS OVERVIEW



STEP 1

LDR Coordinator is assigned to a project/plan



STEP 2

Early Coordination / preliminary project review



STEP 3

LDR Coordinator initiates project review with Caltrans functional units



STEP 4

Caltrans comment letter is sent to Lead Agency/Project Team



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TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ROUTED THROUGH LDR:

In addition to CEQA documents, Caltrans also reviews various types of developments that may have direct or indirect impacts to the State Highway System (SHS), such as:

1. Mixed Use or Residential
2. Commercial/Industrial developments
3. Tract Maps/Subdivision application
4. Special Event Venues
5. General Plans & Specific Plans
6. Projects requiring an encroachment permit (utilities, direct access to the SHS, etc.)

COMMON PROJECT MATERIALS REVIEWED:

1. Project description
2. Location map
3. Site plans
4. Transportation Impact Study
5. Environmental documents

Depending on the request, we may also need to review other topic-specific reports (such as hydrology report, geotechnical report, biology report, etc.)



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