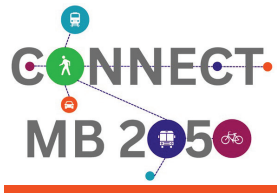




Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR Public Workshop/Hearing

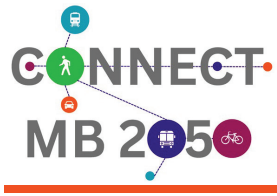
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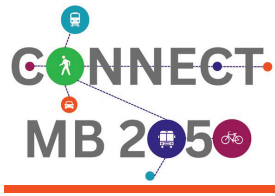
- Background
- Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2050 MTP/SCS)
- Draft Environmental Impact Report
- Public hearings/workshops
- Next steps



What is AMBAG?



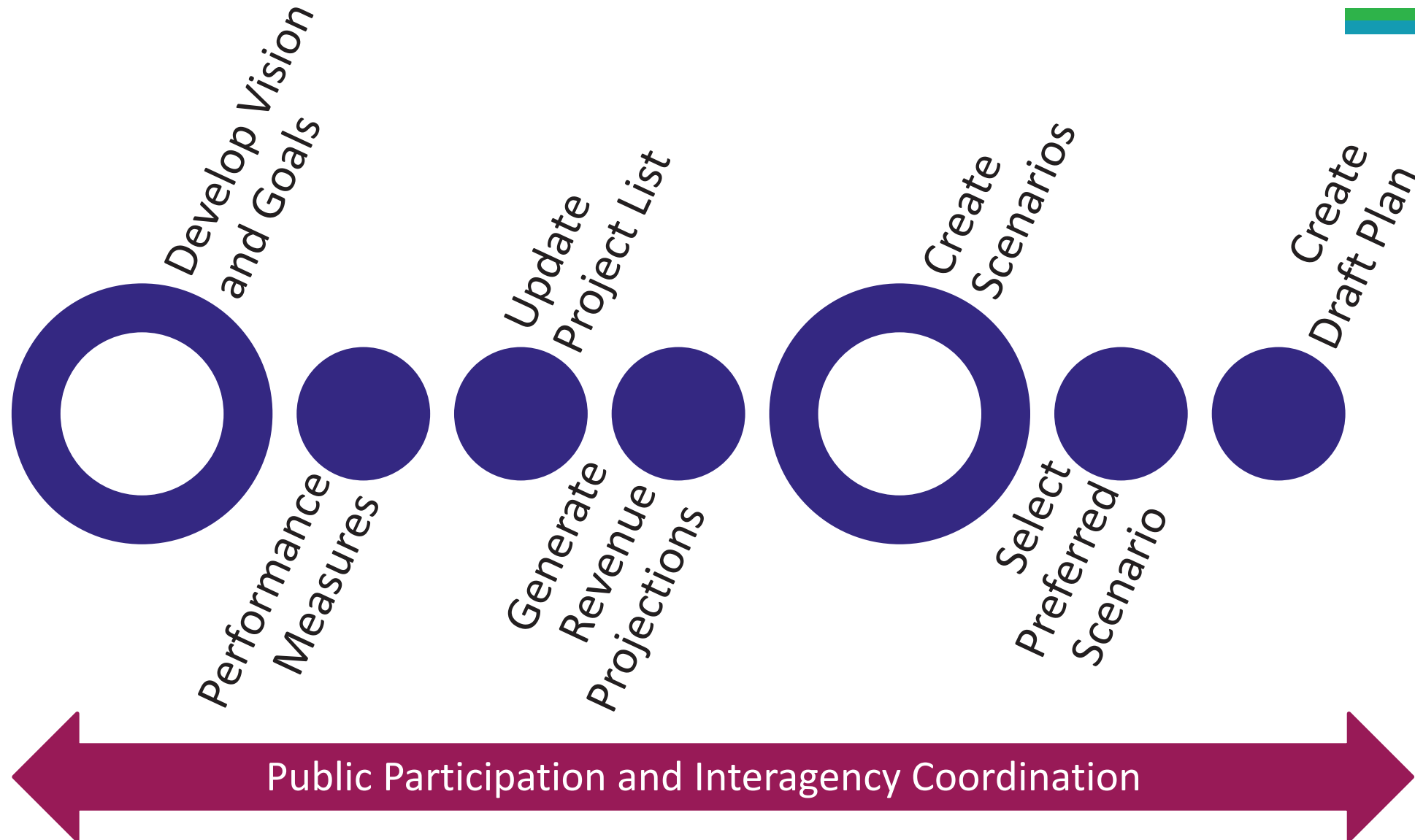
- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Founded in 1968
- AMBAG provides a wide range of services to member agencies
- Three counties and 18 cities
- Regional collaboration and coordination on a number of issues: transportation, sustainability, housing, etc.



What Does the MTP/SCS Do?



- Long range vision for our transportation system
- Determines how transportation dollars are spent in the tri-county area
- SCS demonstrates how the region can achieve GHG reduction targets determined by California Air Resources Board



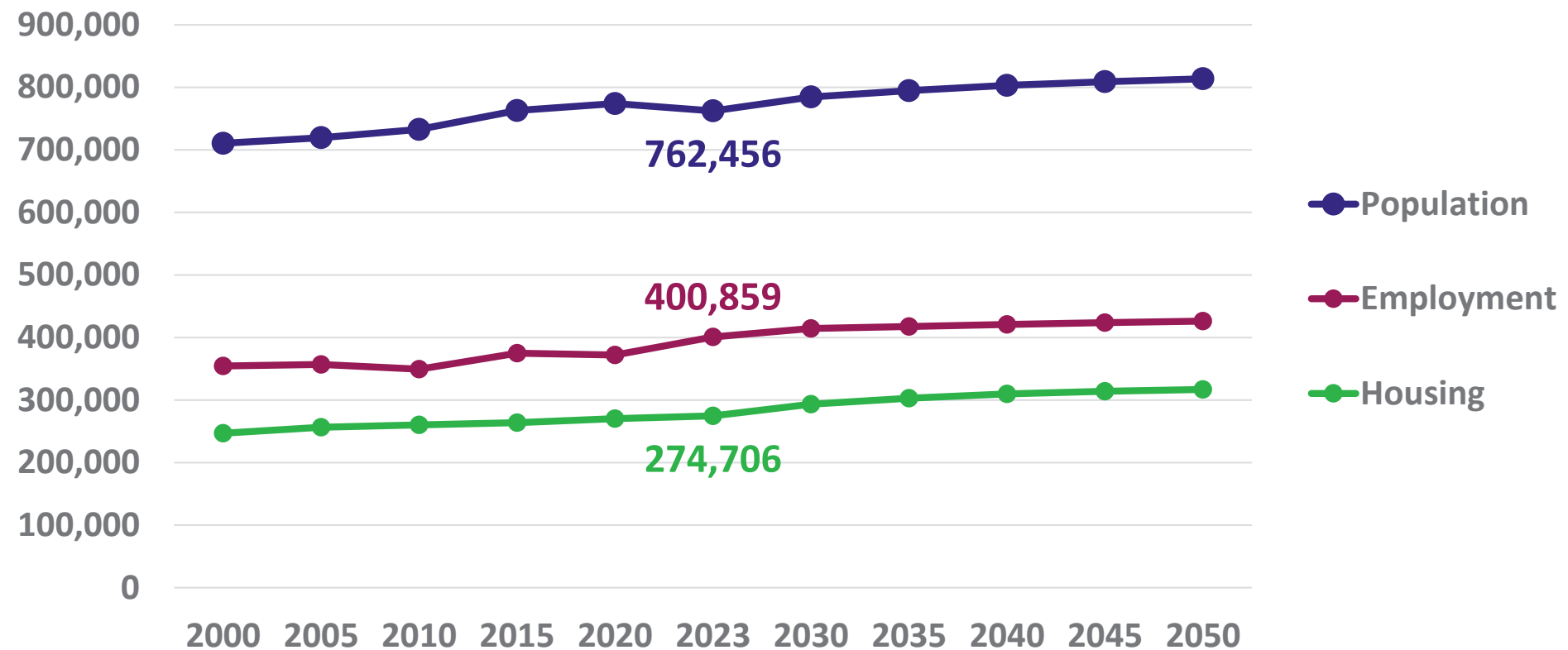
Vision: An accessible and connected region for a safe, resilient, and equitable future



Regional Growth



Number in AMBAG Region



Sources: California Department of Finance; AMBAG and PRB



Basis for the MTP/SCS



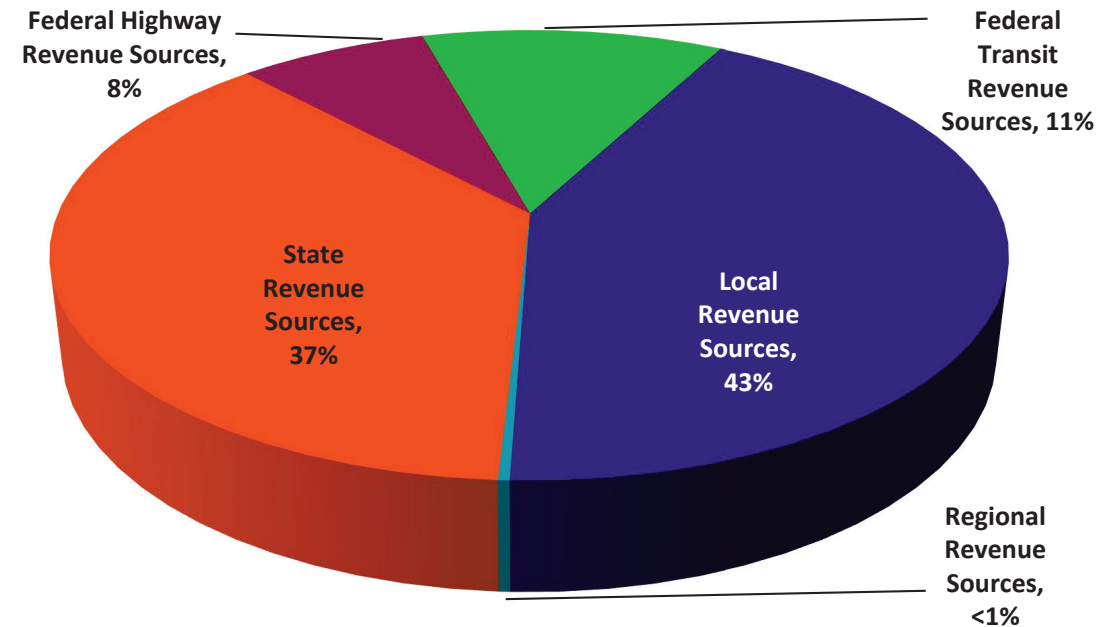
- Land use pattern
 - Population, housing, and employment
- Transportation investments
 - Transit services and rideshare programs
 - Active transportation projects
 - Roadway improvements
 - Other transportation related strategies such as electric vehicles, telecommuting, etc.
- Evaluated using the Regional Travel Demand Model and performance measures



- Includes \$16 billion in transportation improvements, programs, and services
- Meets CARB's GHG reduction target of -6% reduction per capita for 2035
- Implementation strategies

Financial Assumptions

- Developed financial assumptions for the MTP/SCS through 2050
- Reasonably available local, state, and federal funding
- \$16 billion (2025 \$) regionwide
 - \$7.9 billion (M)
 - \$1.9 billion (SB)
 - \$6.2 billion (SC)



- Developed with local and regional partners
- Mix of multimodal and regional/local projects
 - Active transportation
 - Maintenance & rehab
 - Transit
 - Roadway



Project Highlights Monterey County

1. Highway 68 Safety & Traffic Flow
2. State Route 156 / Castroville Blvd
3. State Route 156 / Blackie Road Extension
4. US 101 Safety Improvements – South County
5. Marina – Salinas Multimodal Corridor
6. Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway
7. SURF! Busway and BRT
8. Salinas Rail Extension



Project Highlights San Benito County

- SR 25
- Local streets and roads
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Transit

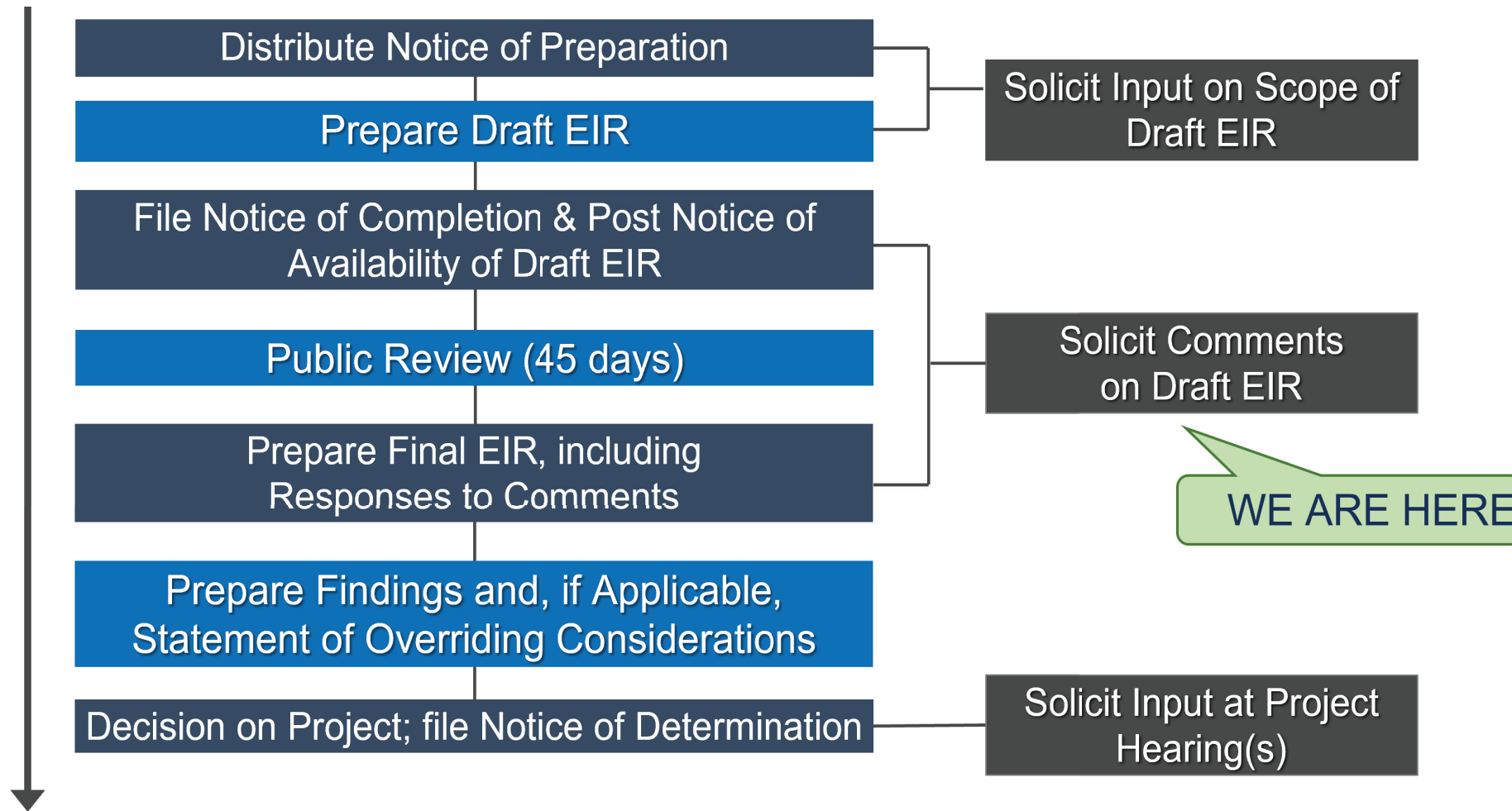


Project Highlights Santa Cruz County

- Highway 1 Auxiliary & Bus on Shoulder lanes
- Transit & paratransit operations
- Reimagine METRO
- Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8-9, 10-11 & 12 projects
- State highways safety projects
- State highways preservation projects
- County road maintenance



- AMBAG is the lead for developing the programmatic EIR, working with the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), and environmental consultants to develop the joint EIR
- Draft EIR evaluates the impacts of the 2050 MTP/SCS on the physical environment at the program level
- The EIR also serves as the EIR for each of the RTPAs' 2050 Regional Transportation Plans
- The EIR analyzes a range of impacts resulting from future development and improvements to the regional transportation network



- Aesthetics/Visual Resources
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality and Health Impacts/Risks
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology, Soils, and Mineral Resources
- Greenhouse Gases Emissions/Climate Change
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services and Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire

DEIR identified significant and unavoidable impacts within these resource categories

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2050 MTP/SCS DEIR Alternatives



- Proposed Project
- Alternative 1: No Project Alternative
- Alternative 2: Infill and Transit Focus
- Alternative 3: Infill and Operational/Complete Streets

Public hearings/workshops on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR

- Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 12pm (general)
- Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6pm (general – as part of the AMBAG Board meeting)
- Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 12pm (general)
- Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6pm (San Benito County focus)
- Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 6pm (Monterey County focus)
- Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6pm (Santa Cruz County focus)



Next Steps

- Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR for public review and comment until January 30, 2026
- Review and respond to comments received and consider proposed changes for the 2050 MTP/SCS
- Prepare Final 2050 MTP/SCS and Final EIR
- AMBAG Board considers certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the Final 2050 MTP/SCS in June 2026



Public Hearing



- Raise hand if you wish to provide public comment
- Submit comment using the chat



We Welcome Your Comments

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Thank you for participating!