

# **AMBAG**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 14, 2026**



# Item #1: Call To Order



# Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

# **Item #3: “Just” Cause Attendance**

## **Recommended Action: Information**

# Item #4: Roll Call



# **Item #5: Election of 2026 AMBAG Officers**

## **Recommended Action: Approve**

# **Item #6: Oral Communications from the Public on Items Not on the Agenda**

**(A maximum of two minutes on any  
subject not on the agenda)**

# **Item #7: Oral Communications from the Board on Items Not on the Agenda**



# **Item #8A: Executive/Finance Committee**

## **Recommended Action: Information**

# **Item #8B: Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting**

**Recommended Action: Direct**

# **Item #9: Executive Director's Report**

**Recommended Action: Approve**

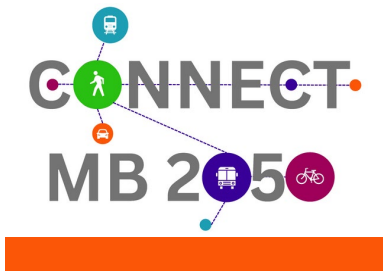
# **Item #10: Consent Agenda (Items #10A – 10E)**

**Recommended Action: Approve**

# **Item #11: Items Removed from Consent Calendar for Discussion and Possible Action**

**Item #12A: Draft 2050  
Metropolitan Transportation  
Plan/Sustainable Communities  
Strategy and Draft Environmental  
Impact Report**

**Recommended Action: Public Hearing**

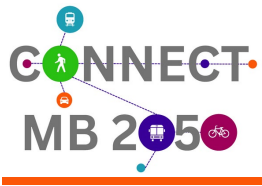


# Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR Public Workshop/Hearing

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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

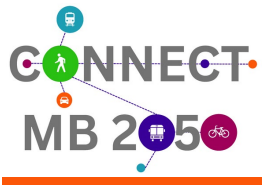




## What is AMBAG?



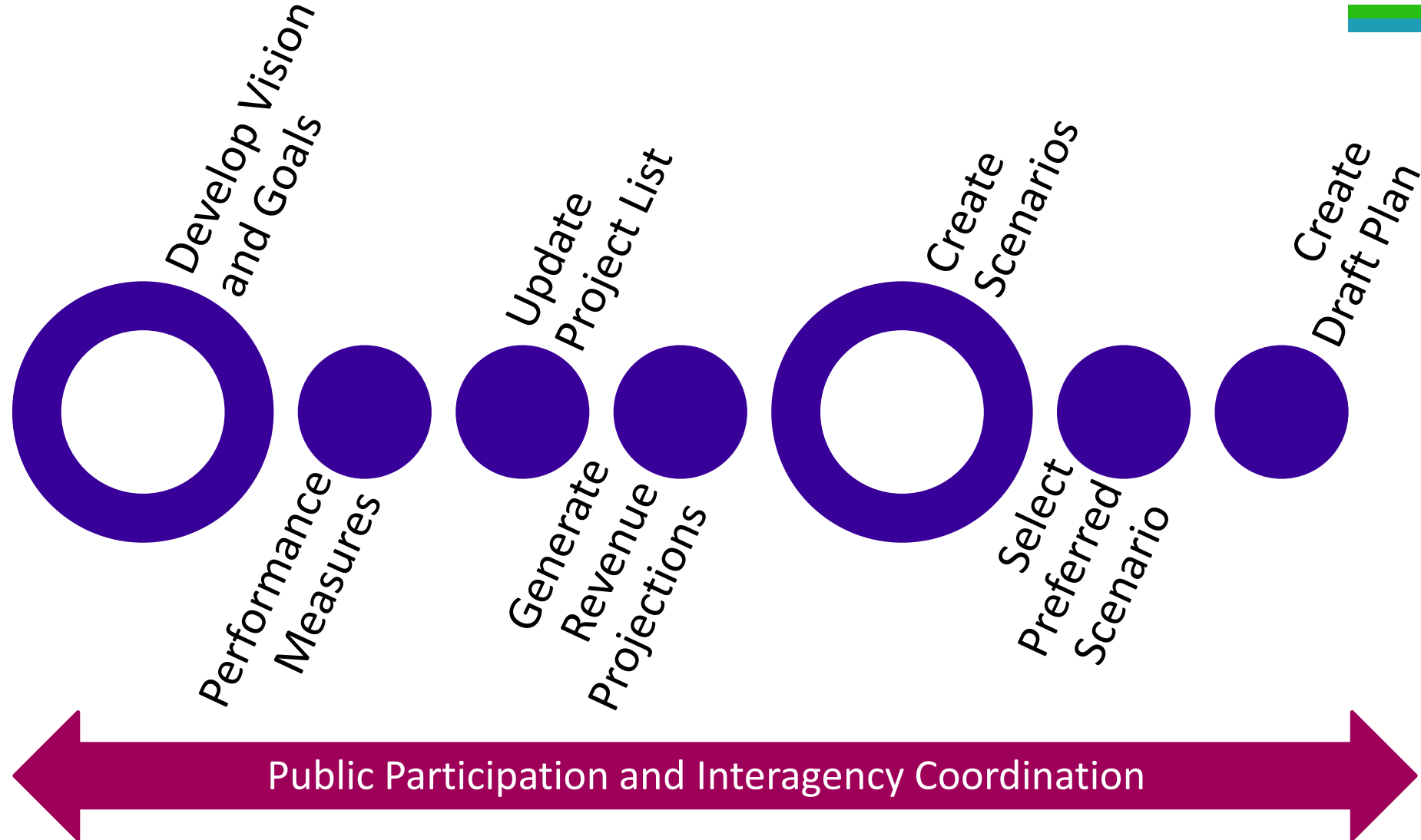
- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Founded in 1968
- AMBAG provides a wide range of services to member agencies
- Three counties and 18 cities
- Regional collaboration and coordination on a number of issues: transportation, sustainability, housing, etc.



## 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

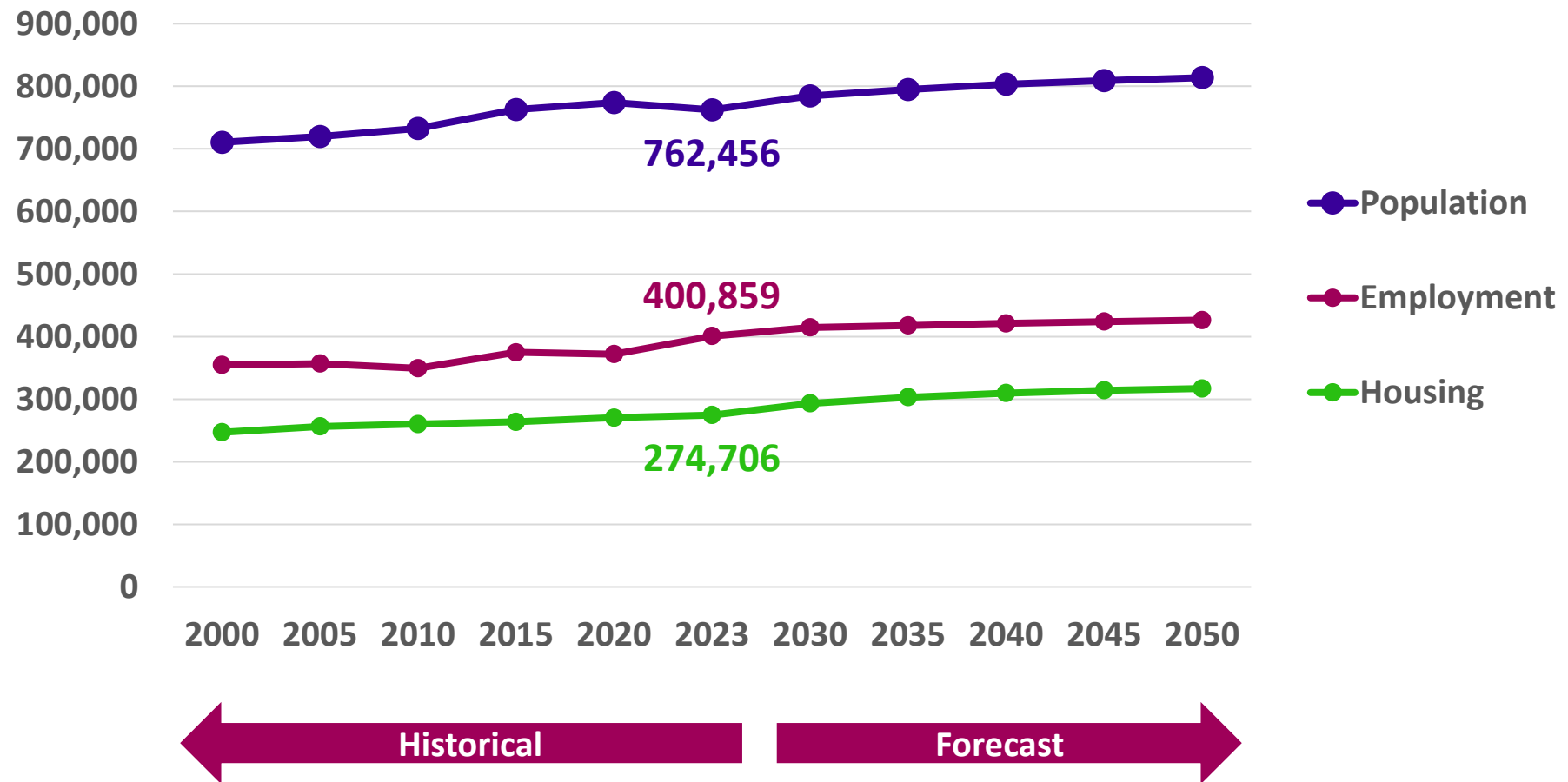


**Vision:** An accessible and connected region for a safe, resilient, and equitable future



## Regional Growth

### Number in AMBAG Region

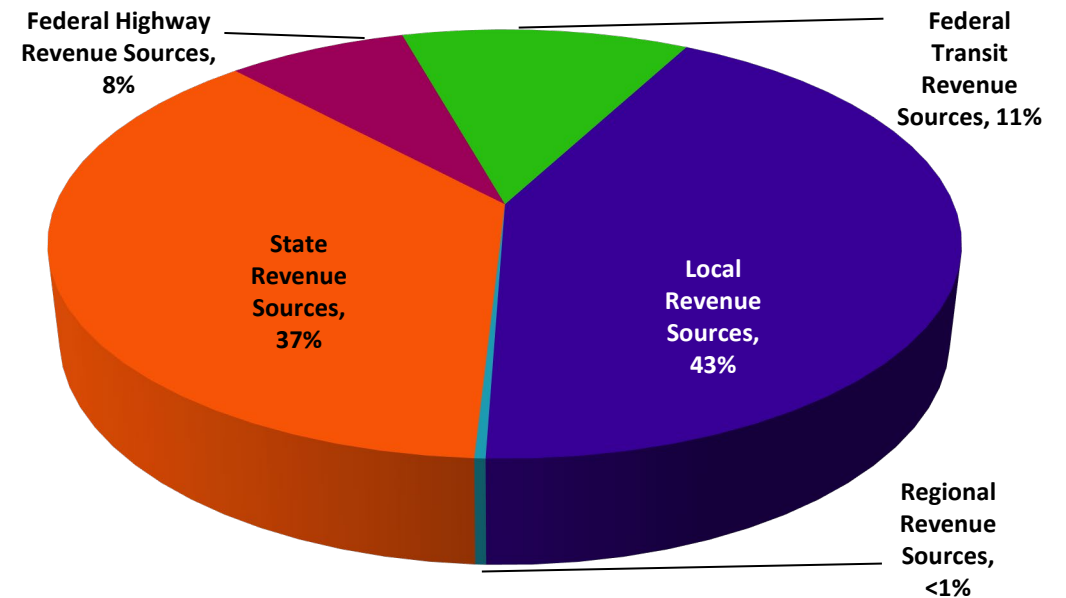


Sources: California Department of Finance; AMBAG and PRB

- 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

- 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



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



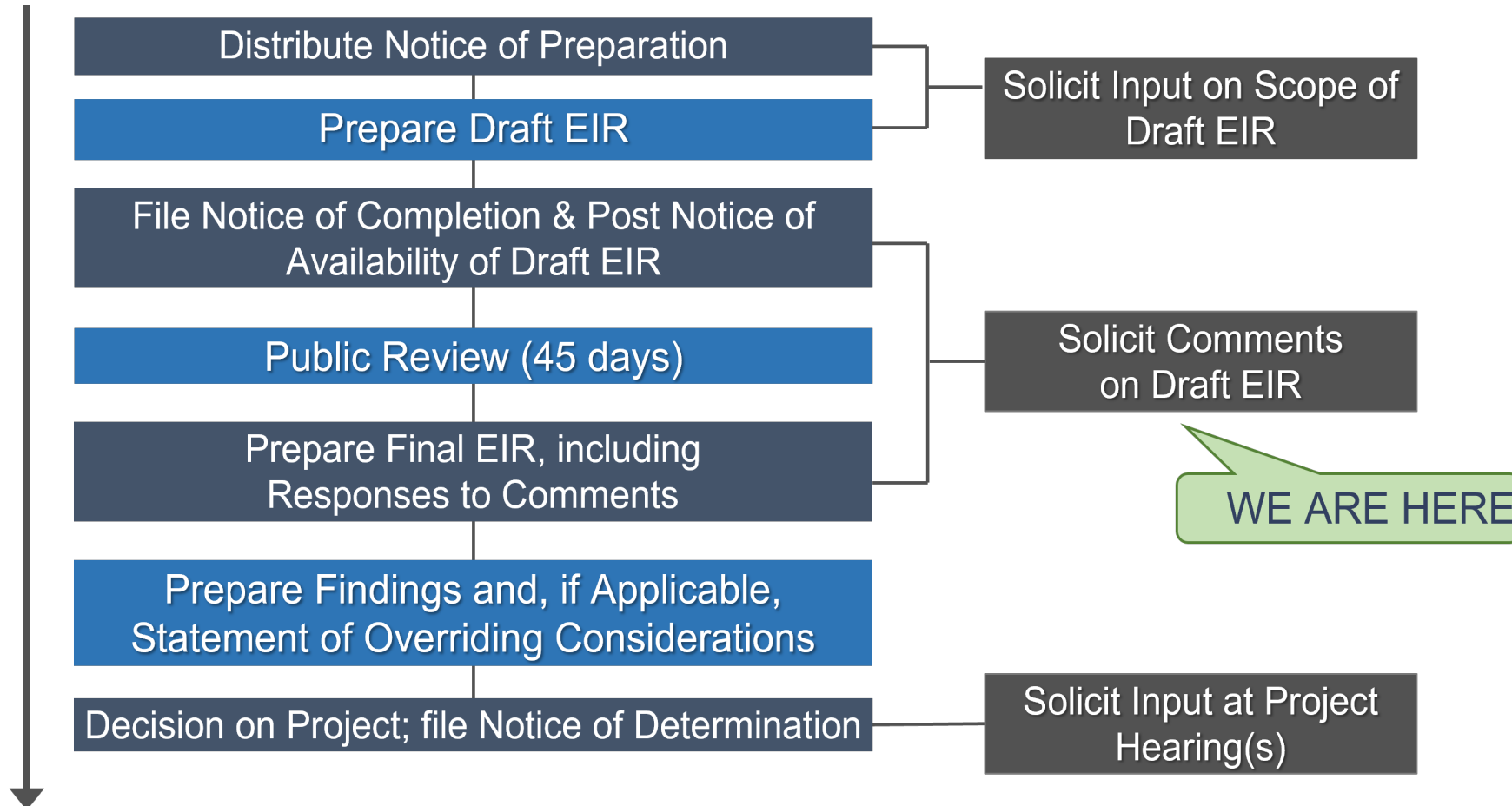
- SR 25
- Local streets and roads
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Transit



- 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



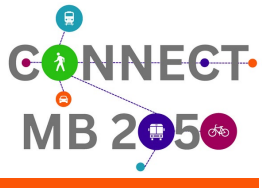


- Aesthetics/Visual Resources
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality and Health Impacts/Risks
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology, Soils, and Mineral Resources
- Greenhouse Gases Emissions/Climate Change
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- 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

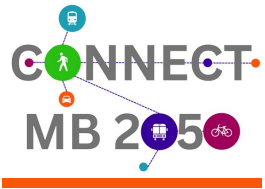


- Proposed Project
- Alternative 1: No Project Alternative
- Alternative 2: Infill and Transit Focus
- Alternative 3: Infill and Operational/Complete Streets

### 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)

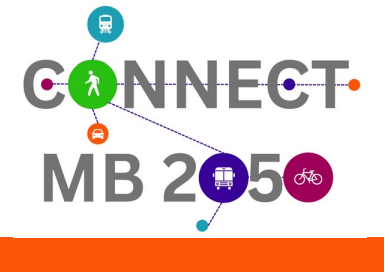
- Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR for public review and comment until January 30, 2026
- Review and respond to comments received and consider proposed changes for the 2050 MTP/SCS
- Prepare Final 2050 MTP/SCS and Final EIR
- AMBAG Board considers certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the Final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



## Public Hearing



- Submit a speaker card or raise your hand if online



# We Welcome Your Comments

**Due by January 30, 2026**

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Thank you for participating!

# **Item #13: Adjournment**

**Next meeting: February 11, 2026**