



Planning Directors Forum

Monday, January 26, 2026

10:00 – 11:00 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 and Draft 2050 Environmental Impact Report (Heather Adamson, AMBAG) (20 mins)

AMBAG staff will provide an overview on the Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Both documents were released for public review and comment on November 17, 2025 with the comment period ending on January 30, 2026.

b. Regional Early Action Program (REAP) 2.0 Update (Heather Adamson and Paul Hierling, AMBAG) (15 mins)

AMBAG staff will provide an update on the REAP 2.0 including invoicing and closeout reporting. Subrecipients are asked to complete all REAP 2.0 activities as this program ends on March 31, 2026.

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 and Draft Environmental Impact Report

MEETING DATE: January 26, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

AMBAG staff will provide an overview on the Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Both documents were released for public review and comment on November 17, 2025 with the comment period ending on January 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The 2050 MTP/SCS is the blueprint for a regional transportation system that further enhances our quality of life, promotes sustainability, and offers more mobility options for people and goods. The MTP/SCS is built on an integrated set of public policies, strategies, and investments to maintain, manage, and improve the transportation system so it meets the diverse needs of our changing region through 2050.

The 2050 MTP/SCS contains a robust transportation network, with a diversity of projects that will provide residents and visitors with a variety of travel choices. The transportation network, in conjunction with how local jurisdictions develop land, will provide additional opportunities for walking, biking, getting to work, going to school, shopping and playing.

Passed in 2008, Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) encourages planning practices that create sustainable communities. SB 375 also charged the California Air Resources Board (CARB) with setting regional targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2035. AMBAG must prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the MTP. The SCS must demonstrate how the region will meet its target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks. The 2050 MTP/SCS demonstrates that our region meets the

regional GHG target.

The following sections present a brief overview of the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS. The 2050 MTP/SCS adoption process section describes the process to obtain public input on the 2050 MTP/SCS and major milestones leading to the Board considering adoption of the 2050 MTP/SCS in June 2026.

Vision

AMBAG adopted a framework of goals and policy objectives to guide the development of the MTP/SCS. The five goal areas are:

- *Mobility – Build and maintain a safe and robust multimodal transportation network.*
- *Environment – Create a sustainable and healthy region for all.*
- *Communities – Develop, engage, connect, and sustain communities that are livable and thriving.*
- *Economic – Support a sustainable, efficient, and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all.*
- *Equitable – Plan for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.*

Transportation Investments

The Draft 2050 MTP/SCS contains a number of improvements to our multimodal transportation system. The MTP sets forth an integrated approach to transportation investments that maximizes the benefits of the existing transportation system by investing in system preservation and maintenance, along with strategic system expansion and management strategies. The transportation investments will provide more travel choices for our region's residents and visitors.

Sustainable Communities Strategy

The SCS demonstrates the region's ability to meet the GHG emission reduction target set forth by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The SCS outlines the region's plan for integrating the transportation network within an overall land use pattern that responds to projected growth, housing needs, changing demographics, and transportation demands while reducing GHG emissions. The overall SCS land use development pattern complements the proposed transportation network which emphasizes multimodal system enhancements, system preservation, and improved access to high quality transit.

Financial Plan

The Financial Plan includes a revenue forecast of local, state and federal sources that are

reasonably expected to be available through 2050. Total revenues estimated for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS are approximately \$16 billion.

Performance Measures

In support of the goals and policies established through public participation efforts and stakeholder involvement, more than a dozen performance measures were established to measure how well the MTP/SCS performs. The performance measures quantify the transportation, environmental, economic and equity benefits of the MTP/SCS. Detailed information regarding the performance measures can be found in Chapter 5 and Appendix G of the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS.

Public Participation

AMBAG engaged a wide range of stakeholder groups, elected officials, community groups, and the general public through a series of meetings and workshops. The input received through this process has shaped the 2050 MTP/SCS in a meaningful way. AMBAG will continue to involve and engage the stakeholders and the public in the process of refining and finalizing the 2050 MTP/SCS.

Environmental Impact Report

AMBAG, in consultation with the RTPAs and the consulting team, is preparing an EIR for the 2050 MTP/SCS. Prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Draft EIR evaluates the impacts of the 2050 MTP/SCS on the physical environment at the program level. The Program EIR also serves as the EIR for each of the RTPA's 2050 Regional Transportation Plans. The Program EIR analyzes a range of impacts resulting from future development consistent with the regional growth projections and from improvements to the regional transportation network. It also analyzes three alternatives to the proposed 2050 MTP/SCS. The EIR provides the framework for subsequent project level environmental analysis of specific projects, in which individual project impacts will be evaluated separately as project features are defined.

2050 MTP/SCS and EIR Adoption Process

To obtain public input on the development of the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS, a broad range of media and communication avenues have been and will be utilized to provide information, solicit participation and input and allow for ongoing feedback and updates. A major goal of this public involvement effort is to reach out to both nontraditional and traditional audiences, to include them in the transportation planning process.

AMBAG will hold public workings and public hearings, in January 2026, to allow for public

comment on the 2050 MTP/SCS and the EIR. The public workshops/hearings schedule and format will provide opportunities for information to be shared and public comments to be submitted. More information about these public meetings can be found in Attachment 1. The public comment period for the 2050 MTP/SCS and DEIR is from November 17, 2025 to January 30, 2026.

Upcoming major milestones include:

- **January 2026** – Public workshops/hearings on Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR
- **January 30, 2026** – Close of the public comment period for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR
- **February/March 2026** – Review and response to comments and consider proposed changes to the 2050 MTP/SCS
- **June 2026** – AMBAG Board considers certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the Final 2050 MTP/SCS

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR Public Workshops/Hearings Flyer



Attachment 1



PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND HEARING on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR

Attend a virtual workshop and public hearing on AMBAG's Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Plan and EIR will occur during the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Can't attend the workshop? Send comments by email, hadamson@ambag.org, or by mail, 24580 Silver Cloud Ct, Monterey, CA 93940. The public comment period closes on January 30, 2026. Copies of the Draft Plan and EIR are available for download at www.AMBAG.org.

Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 12pm

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6pm (as part of the regularly scheduled AMBAG Board meeting)

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 12pm

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6pm, San Benito County focused

Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 6pm, Monterey County focused

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6pm, Santa Cruz County focused



To register for these virtual meetings, please visit www.AMBAG.org or use the QR code.

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TALLER Y AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

sobre el Borrador del MTP/SCS 2050 y el Borrador del EIR

Asista a un taller y una audiencia pública virtual sobre el Borrador del Plan de Transporte Metropolitano (Metropolitan Transportation Plan, MTP) y su Estrategia de Comunidades Sostenibles (Sustainable Communities Strategy, SCS) de 2050 y el Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental (Environmental Impact Report, EIR). Durante la porción de la audiencia pública de la reunión, tendrá la oportunidad de hacer comentarios sobre el borrador del Plan y del EIR.

¿No puede asistir al taller? Envíe sus comentarios por correo electrónico: hadamson@ambag.org, o por correo postal: 24580 Silver Cloud Ct, Monterey, CA 93940. El período de comentarios públicos finaliza el 30 de enero de 2026. Puede descargar copias del borrador del Plan y del EIR en www.AMBAG.org.

Calendario de Reuniones

Martes, 13 de enero de 2026 a las 12 pm

Miércoles, 14 de enero de 2026 a las 6 pm (como parte de la reunión regular de la junta de AMBAG)

Martes, 20 de enero de 2026 a las 12 pm

Miércoles, 21 de enero de 2026 a las 6 pm, enfocado en el Condado de San Benito

Jueves, 22 de enero de 2026 a las 6 pm, enfocado en el Condado de Monterey

Martes, 27 de enero de 2026 a las 6 pm, enfocado en el Condado de Santa Cruz



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