



## Planning Directors Forum

Monday, March 30, 2026

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Zoom

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## AGENDA

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

### 2. Information Items

#### a. Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Update (Heather Adamson, AMBAG) (10 mins)

AMBAG staff will provide an update on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

#### b. Central California Rural Regional Energy Network Update (Amaury Berteaud, AMBAG) (20 mins)

AMBAG staff will provide an update on the Central California Rural Regional Energy Network.

#### c. Regional Early Action Program (REAP) 2.0 Update (Paul Hierling, AMBAG) (10 mins)

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

#### d. CalBuilds Update (Gina Schmidt, AMBAG) (15 mins)

AMBAG staff will provide an update on CalBuilds development monitoring and tracking tool hosted and provided by AMBAG to local jurisdictions. CalBuilds is a dedicated GIS tool available for use by local jurisdictions to enter in residential, commercial and mixed-use projects. Input from jurisdictions will be used in our Regional Growth Forecast and Transportation Analysis Zone disaggregation process when modeling the long-range plan for the next cycle.

**e. 2030 Census Update (Gina Schmidt, AMBAG) (15 mins)**

AMBAG staff will provide an update on 2030 Census process, participation needed, and relevance of programs to local jurisdictions.

**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:** March 30, 2026

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

### BACKGROUND:

The 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (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 to meet the diverse needs of our changing region through 2050.

On November 17, 2025, the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and its Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) were released for public review and comment. Six public workshops/public hearings were held in January 2026 to facilitate public comment on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR. The public comment period ended on January 30, 2026.

### DISCUSSION:

#### *Draft 2050 MTP/SCS Public Comments*

The close of the public comment period for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR was January 30, 2026. AMBAG received 97 comments on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS from nine different commentors. These comments were submitted at the public workshops/hearings as well as via e-mail and letters. Comments were also received on the Draft EIR. Responses to the Draft EIR comments will be provided and presented with the Final EIR to the Board of Directors at its June 10, 2026 meeting per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) statutes.

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Generally, the comments received on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS covered the following broad issues:

- Support for/opposition to transportation modes and specific projects
- Formatting on the MTP/SCS document and figures
- Comments on the project list
- Comments on sustainability, climate change, and housing issues

Staff presented the comments received and preliminary draft responses to the AMBAG Board of Directors at its meeting on March 11, 2026. Based on the comments received, staff will make edits to the various tables and figures to clarify or expand explanations of the projects, programs, services, and actions in the Final 2050 MTP/SCS. Additional text and discussion will also be added to the Plan's chapters and appendices to address the feedback. Based on input received on the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plans for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Council of San Benito County Governments, and the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, staff will also make minor edits to the project list costs and revenue estimates for the Final 2050 MTP/SCS.

#### *Next Steps*

Anticipated major milestones include:

- **April – May 2026:** Finalize response to comments and prepare the Final 2050 MTP/SCS and Final EIR
- **June 10, 2026:** - AMBAG Board of Directors considers certifying the Final EIR and adopting the Final 2050 MTP/SCS