



AMBAG Board of Directors Agenda

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

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DATE: September 9, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Monterey Bay Air Resources District, Board Room, 3rd Floor

24580 Silver Cloud Court

Monterey, CA 93940

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AMBAG Board Member(s) Meeting Remotely:

Manu Koenig: 5200 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

831-234-3922

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. JUST CAUSE ATTENDANCE

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Receive oral report.

4. ROLL CALL

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
(A maximum of two minutes on any subject not on the agenda)**

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- President McCarthy

Receive oral report.

B. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

Recommended Action: DIRECT

- President McCarthy

Receive a report from Director McCarthy on the August 21, 2026 MBNMS advisory council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled on September 18, 2026.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Receive a report from Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Recommended Action: APPROVE

Note: Actions listed for each item represents staff recommendation. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, take any action on the items listed in the consent agenda.

A. Draft Minutes of the August 12, 2026 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

- Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board

Approve the draft minutes of the August 12, 2026 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting. (Page 7)

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

- Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

Accept the clearinghouse monthly newsletter. (Page 11)

C. AMBAG Sustainability Programs Update

- Amaury Berteaud, Director of Sustainability Programs

Accept the AMBAG Sustainability Program update. (Page 19)

D. Information Technology Support Services Contract

- Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator

Approve a five-year agreement for Information Technology Support Services with Jaso Technology and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the agreement for an amount not to exceed \$335,000. (Page 23)

E. Draft FY 2026-27 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget Amendment No. 2

- Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling

Approve the Draft FY 2026-27 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget Amendment No. 2. (Page 67)

F. Revised Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies

- Jessica Agee, Director of Finance & Administration

Adopt the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies. (Page 69)

G. Financial Update Report

- Jessica Agee, Director of Finance & Administration

Accept the financial update report which provides an update on AMBAG's current financial position and accompanying financial statements. (Page 71)

10. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

11. PLANNING

A. Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2026-27 to 2029-30

- Will Condon, Associate Planner

Recommended Action: APPROVE

Approve the Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2026-27 to 2029-30 by adopting the enclosed Resolution No. 2026-8. (Page 77)

12. CLOSED SESSION

As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq. of the State of California, the Board of Directors may adjourn to Closed Session to consider specific matters.

A. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE

Government Code Section 54957

1. Title: Executive Director

13. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

Recommended Action: REPORT

- President McCarthy

Receive a report from President McCarthy.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Reference Items:

- A. 2026 Calendar of Meetings (Page 83)
- B. Acronym Guide (Page 85)

Next Meeting:

Date: October 14, 2026

Location: MBARD Board Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting: 5:15 PM

Board of Directors Meeting: 6:00 PM

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**

August 12, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President McCarthy presiding, convened at 6:03 p.m. August 12, 2026 at the MBARD Board Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. JUST CAUSE ATTENDANCE

None.

4. ROLL CALL

<u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u>			
PRESENT:			
Agency	Representative	Agency	Representative
Capitola	Susan Westman	County of Monterey	Glenn Church
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Hans Buder	County of Monterey	Kate Daniels
Del Rey Oaks	John Uy	County of San Benito	Mindy Sotelo
Gonzales	Scott Funk	County of San Benito	Angela Curro
Greenfield	Rachel Ortiz	County of Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig
Marina	Brian McCarthy	County of Santa Cruz	Felipe Hernandez
Monterey	Jean Rasch		
Pacific Grove	Lori McDonnell	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Santa Cruz	Scott Newsome	3CE	Inaara Muhammad
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	Caltrans, District 5	Jason Wilkinson
Seaside	Alex Miller	MST	Lisa Rheinheimer
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino - remote (6:12)	TAMC	Mike Zeller
ABSENT:			
Hollister	Rudy Picha	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
King City	Oscar Avalos	MBARD	Richard Stedman
Salinas	Margaret D'Arrigo	MPAD	Mary Ann Leffel
San Juan Bautista	Jose Aranda	SBtCOG	Binu Abraham
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	SCCRTC	Sarah Christensen
Soledad	Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez	SC Metro	Corey Aldridge

Others Present: Ingrid McRoberts, Caltrans; Yezi Yang; Michael Miller; Emiko White, County of Santa Cruz; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Paul Hierling, Principal Planner; Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling; Regina Valentine, Senior Planner; Will Condon, Associate Planner; Chris Duymich, Senior Planner; Elizabeth Lippa, Administrative Assistant; Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board; and Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

President McCarthy reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) Minutes of the June 10, 2026 meeting 2) list of warrants as of April 30, 2026; and 3) accounts receivable as of May 31, 2026. The Executive/Finance Committee also received a report on the financials from Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

B. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

President McCarthy reported that the next MBNMS SAC meeting is scheduled on August 21, 2026. The agenda has not been posted as this meeting.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning reported the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) certified at AMBAG's June 10, 2026 Board of Directors meeting did not receive any challenges during the 30-day statute of limitations period. Staff will focus on implementation of the MTP/SCS and development of a work program and schedule for the next update.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft Minutes of the June 10, 2026 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

The draft minutes of the June 10, 2026 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting were approved.

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

The AMBAG Clearinghouse monthly newsletter was accepted.

C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

The Sustainability Program update was accepted.

D. Regional Climate Project Working Group – Management Consultant Agreement

The RCPWG Management Consultant Agreement was approved and the Board authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the agreement with Farallon Strategies in an amount no to exceed \$315,690.

E. Financial Update Report

The financial update report was accepted.

**Motion made by Director Rasch, seconded by Director Curro to approve the consent agenda.
Motion passed unanimously.**

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

None.

11. PLANNING

A. Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2026-27 to 2029-30

Will Condon, Associate Planner gave a presentation on the Draft MTIP FFY 2026-27 to 2029-30. The MTIP is a short range transportation improvement program that covers four years, is updated every two years, and amended as needed. The MTIP is a requirement by federal and state law to receive federal and state funds. The MTIP is developed by AMBAG in consultation with the RTPAs, transit agencies, Caltrans, FHWA and FTA, local agencies/project sponsors, and transportation stakeholders and the public. The total investment to the region is \$1.52 billion for a total of 103 projects. It breaks down by county to the following: 1) \$641,663 for Santa Cruz County, \$662,186 for Monterey County, and \$219,877 for San Benito County. The MTIP funding by source is 1) Federal funding \$227,038; 2) Local funding is \$590,095; and 3) State funding is \$706,593. The MTIP public participation process included 1) 30 day-public review and comment period from July 31, 2026 to August 31, 2026; 2) a public hearing was held on August 12, 2026 at the AMBAG Board of Directors meeting; 3) website posting to the AMBAG, RTPAs and transit agency websites; and 4) public notices were published in the local newspapers on July 31, 2026. The next steps include 1) AMBAG Board approval at the September 9, 2026 meeting; 2) State approval on November 13, 2026; and 3) Federal approval on December 16, 2026. Brief discussion followed.

President McCarthy opened the public hearing. There were no comments.

President McCarthy closed the public hearing.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Brian McCarthy, President

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

DRAFT AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD
BOARD MEETING DATE: August 12, 2026

	Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)		
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item 9
Capitola	Susan Westman	X	Y
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Hans Buder	X	Y
Del Rey Oaks	Kim Shirley	X	Y
Gonzales	Scott Funk	X	Y
Greenfield	Rachel Ortiz	X	Y
Hollister	Rudy Picha	AB	N/A
King City	Oscar Avalos	AB	N/A
Marina	Brian McCarthy	X	Y
Monterey	Jean Rasch	X	Y
Pacific Grove	Lori McDonnell	X	Y
Salinas	Margaret D'Arrigo	AB	N/A
San Juan Bautista	Jose Aranda	AB	N/A
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	AB	N/A
Santa Cruz	Scott Newsome	X	Y
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	X	Y
Seaside	Alex Miller	X	Y
Soledad	Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez	AB	N/A
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino	X (6:12)	*
County Monterey	Kate Daniels	X	Y
County Monterey	Glenn Church	X	Y
County Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	X	Y
County Santa Cruz	Felipe Hernandez	X	Y
County San Benito	Mindy Sotelo	X	Y
County San Benito	Angela Curro	X	Y

(* = Board Member(s) arrived late or left early, therefore, did not vote on the item. Please refer the minutes)



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors accept the August 2026 Clearinghouse monthly newsletter.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Since March 12, 1984, under adopted State Clearinghouse Procedures, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) was designated the regional agency responsible for clearinghouse operations in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties. These procedures implement Presidential Executive Order 12372 as interpreted by the "State of California Procedures for Intergovernmental Review of Federal Financial Assistance and Direct Development Activities." They also implement the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 as interpreted by CEQA Guidelines.

The purpose of the Clearinghouse is to provide all interested parties within the Counties of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz notification of projects for federal financial assistance, direct federal development activities, local plans and development projects, and state plans that are proposed within the region. These areawide procedures are intended to be coordinated with procedures adopted by the State of California.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

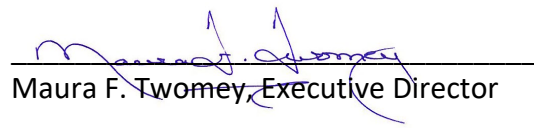
There is no direct financial impact. Staff time for monitoring clearinghouse activities is incorporated into the current AMBAG Overall Work Program and budget.

COORDINATION:

Notices for the Clearinghouse are sent by lead agencies to AMBAG. Interested parties are sent email notifications twice a month with the newsletter attached.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Monthly Newsletter - Clearinghouse items August 1 – 31, 2026.

APPROVED BY:

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

AMBAG REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE

The AMBAG Board of Directors will review these items on 9/9/2026

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments PO Box 2453 Seaside CA 93955 | 831.883.3750

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Capitola Municipal Code Title 17 Zoning

City of Capitola
Community and Economic
(831) 475-7300
Other

The City is currently processing multiple amendments to CMC Title 17 Zoning Code related to the Capitola Mall, the Cliff Drive Resiliency Project, Multi-family Zoning, and Accessory Dwelling Units.

Permit #26-0259: Amendments to Capitola Municipal Code pertaining to repeal and replace Chapter 17.88 (Incentives for Community Benefits), relocate existing village hotel incentives to a new Chapter 17.90 (Incentives for a Village Hotel with Community Benefits); amend Chapter 17.74 (Accessory Dwelling Units), 17.20 (Mixed Use Zoning Districts), Chapter 17.24 (Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts), and Chapter 17.160 (Glossary); and Repeal of Municipal Code Chapter 9.08 (Tattoo Establishments) . The proposed amendments would apply to properties citywide. The Zoning Code is part of the City's Local Coastal Program (LCP), and amendments require certification by the California Coastal Commission before taking effect in the Coastal Zone.

More information can be found at <https://www.cityofcapitola.gov/401/Zoning-Code-Updates>

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County
Capitola

Parcel: N/A

Public hearing information:

City Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

8/20/2026 6:00 PM

Public review period ends **Thursday, September 24, 2026**

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity
in a Wetland**

California Housing Finance Ag
Madina Castro
(877) 922-5432
Other

The Anton Solana Apartments project proposes new construction of an affordable multifamily residential community on a vacant 6.26-acre property. The project site is currently undeveloped land, with the exception of a small shed that will be demolished to construct five buildings ranging from three to five stories. The mixed-use project will incorporate approximately 1,800 square feet of neighborhood serving commercial space along with 173 rental housing units.

The proposed project retains an existing onsite stream channel, riparian woodland, oak woodland and wet meadow habitat. A walking path is proposed adjacent to the east edge of the riparian corridor and would provide connections to Winkle Park located to the east of the project site. The path will be open to the public. The area of disturbance adjacent to the riparian area is approximately 3,300 square feet. The project includes demolition, reconstruction and trenching work required to provide utilities to the site and to upgrade any required facilities that may be in the public right-of-way, including curb, gutter and sidewalk as needed.

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County
Live Oak

Parcel: 02535119000

Public hearing information:

More information can be found at <https://www.calhfa.ca.gov/about/press/public-notice/20260825-Early-Notice-Anton-Solana-Apts.pdf>

Public review period ends **Thursday, September 10, 2026**

U. S. Department of Army
U.S. Army Fort Ord Cleanup
(800) 852-9699
Other

The U. S. Department of Army (Army) has begun conducting a formal review of all in-place cleanup remedies for the Fort Ord Superfund Site in Monterey County, California. The results of the basewide review will be documented in a report known as a Five-Year Review. For Fort Ord, this will be the 6th Five-Year Review; previous Five-Year Reviews were conducted in 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017, and 2022.

Five-Year Reviews involve a comprehensive assessment of the performance of an environmental cleanup program and its ongoing protectiveness of human health and the environment. The Review Team will evaluate if environmental standards that affect the site have changed, whether the cleanup continues to be protective of human health and the environment and if it can be expected to remain protective after completion of the project.

In August and September 2026, community members, local officials, and agency representatives complete surveys or interviews to provide information about the site and any concerns. The survey takes about 10 minutes.

The survey can be found at <https://www.fortordcleanup.com/archives/2026/6th-fort-ord-five-year-review/>. To schedule an interview, call 831-393-1284 or send an email to outreach@fortordcleanup.com

The results will provide information about successes and/or problems with implementation of the remedies. These findings will be incorporated into the 6th Five-Year Review which will be completed in September 2027.

Project Location:

Monterey County
Seaside

Parcel: N/A

Public hearing information:

More information can be found at <https://www.fortordcleanup.com/archives/2026/6th-fort-ord-five-year-review/>

Public review period ends **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**

City of Santa Cruz
Community Development
(831) 420-5110
Other

The City is preparing variety of minor updates to the Zoning Ordinance, General Plan, and other policy updates related to topics such as agricultural housing, inclusionary housing regulations, lot consolidation, Planned Development Permits, transitional and supportive housing, short-term rentals on properties with accessory dwelling units; and alignment of General Plan Language with the Current Climate Action Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan - Climate Adaptation Plan. These updates would implement Housing Element policy objectives, clarify existing policies and regulations, and make a minor change to short-term rental regulations.

On August 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. a virtual community meeting was held by Community Development Department staff to describe the proposed updates. For those unable to attend, the community meeting was recorded and the link to the recording is available for viewing at <https://www.santacruzca.gov/Government/City-Departments/Community-Development/Long-Range-Policy-Planning/Ordinance-Policy-Updates/2026-Minor-Zoning-Ordinance-General-Plan-and-Other-Policy-Updates> .

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County
Santa Cruz

Parcel: N/A

Public hearing information:

Virtual, more information found at <https://www.santacruzca.gov/Government/City-Departments/Community-Development>

8/10/2026 6:30 PM

Public review period ends **Monday, August 10, 2026**

More detailed information on these projects is available by calling the contact person for each project or through AMBAG at (831) 883-3750. Comments will be considered by the AMBAG Board of Directors in its review. All comments will be forwarded to the applicants for response and inclusion in the project application. If substantial coordination or conflict issues arise, the Clearinghouse can arrange meetings between concerned agencies and applicants.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Amaury Berteaud, Director of Sustainability Programs

SUBJECT: AMBAG Sustainability Programs Update

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Directors accept this report.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

AMBAG Sustainability Program Elements

Energy Efficiency Program Development

On September 26, 2024, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued decision D.24.09.31, approving the creation of the Central California Rural Regional Energy Network (CCR REN) with a \$36 million budget. The CCR REN is a partnership between AMBAG, the County of San Luis Obispo, County of Ventura, High Sierra Energy Foundation, and San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization, with a vision to support an equitable and affordable clean energy transition for underserved communities. By leveraging regional collaboration, trusted local relationships, and promoting pragmatic responses to community needs, the CCR REN is working to support communities that have historically not participated in energy efficiency programs in 14 central California counties.

In the past month AMBAG staff have continued to implement the CCR REN programs. Key activities included outreach on the Monterey Bay Residential Energy Modeling tool and the CCR REN energy efficiency kit at the Community Food Bank of San Benito County during Aromas Day, outreach to jurisdictions and special districts to discuss CCR REN program offerings, and outreach for small business participating in the CCR REN commercial program. AMBAG staff also continued coordinating with CCR REN partners, community stakeholders, and jurisdictional staff to obtain CPUC approval for the next energy efficiency portfolio cycle, from 2028 to 2031.

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Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework (Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework)

On August 31, 2023, the California Department of Transportation awarded AMBAG and Ecology Action a \$750,000 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STPG) climate adaptation planning grant to fund the creation of a Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework.

The Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework will create a roadmap in the Monterey Bay Area for assessing current charging infrastructure vulnerability to climate change and create strategies that ensure the build-out of EV charging infrastructure increases equity and resiliency in the face of climate change. The framework will include implementation plans for prioritized strategies, in order to provide communities with tangible pathways to implementation. This project will empower the Monterey Bay region to integrate climate and equity considerations as part of long-range EV infrastructure planning, and lead to the implementation of EV infrastructure resiliency strategies throughout Monterey Bay.

In the past month, AMBAG staff worked with the technical consultant to continue drafting the EV CAR Framework. Staff will be hosting a public workshop on September 24th to gather public input on the EV CAR strategies and Framework.

Ride Forward Monterey: Community E-Bike Lending Library

The California Air Resources Board has awarded AMBAG and Ecology Action a \$500,000 Community Planning and Capacity Building Grant to fund the Ride Forward Monterey: Community E-Bike Lending Library Project.

The vision is of the Ride Forward Monterey: Community E-Bike Lending Library Project is to deliver two to four implementation-ready plans for Community E-Bike Lending Libraries that expand affordable, safe mobility in priority communities, and align with previous planning efforts. The project will first screen six to ten candidate sites using equity, transit proximity, and physical feasibility criteria informed by a landscape scan of Active Transportation Plans, SRTS plans, and mobility studies and input gathered from regional partners such as the County of Monterey, TAMC, MST, Greenfield Science Workshop, MILPA, The LEAP Institute, and Monterey County Free Libraries. Multilingual community engagement will then be conducted through advisory meetings and surveys, as well as try and ride events so residents can help define the specific amenities of the E-bike lending libraries. Finally, AMBAG and Ecology Action will prepare two to four site-specific feasibility packages detailing key details such as operations, maintenance cycles, staffing models, and site-level capital and operating budget estimates.

In the past month, AMBAG staff worked with the granting agency to complete the grant agreement process, and with Ecology Action to complete the contracting process.

ALTERNATIVES:

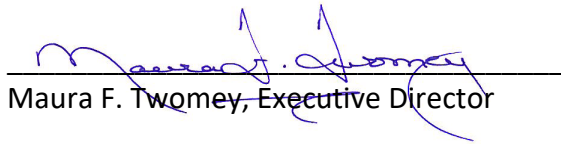
There are no alternatives to discuss as this is an informational report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The budget is fully funded under a Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant, and the CCR REN funding agreement with the County of San Luis Obispo. All funding is programmed in the FY 2026-27 Overall Work Program and Budget.

COORDINATION:

AMBAG staff is coordinating with the Central California Rural REN partners, local jurisdictions, and local community stakeholders.

APPROVED BY:

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator

SUBJECT: Information Technology Support Services Contract

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the Board of Directors approve a five-year agreement for Information Technology Support Services with Jaso Technology and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the agreement for an amount not to exceed \$335,000.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) requires a contractor to provide information technology (IT) support services to ensure all servers, network, computers, and back-up systems are fully functional and secure 24/7 to provide smooth continuance of daily business operations. IT support services are currently provided under a contract set to expire October 31, 2026.

In accordance with procurement compliance requirements, AMBAG staff prepared a competitive selection process and released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on July 1, 2026 for Information Technology Support Services. We received eight (8) timely submitted proposals by the proposal deadline of July 26, 2026 from the following consultants/contractors:

- Apex
- ClearPath
- Consultadd
- Ghosxt LLC
- Jaso Technology
- SoftSages
- Taygeta
- Xobee

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An Evaluation Committee consisting of representatives from AMBAG convened on July 29, 2026 to discuss the firms to short-list as finalists. The Evaluation Committee reviewed and discussed the proposals and identified four (4) companies listed below to invite for oral interviews held on July 30-31, 2026. Short-listed firms were notified on July 29, 2026 and asked to participate in the oral interviews held on July 30-31, 2026 held remotely via Zoom. All bidders were notified by email of a schedule change for final decision making and Board of Directors meeting item being rescheduled to September 9, 2026. Upon completion of reference check information, the Evaluation Committee met again on August 25, 2026, to discuss short-listed bidders.

The AMBAG Evaluation Committee unanimously concluded that Jaso Technology was the most qualified to complete the work and recommended that Jaso Technology be awarded the contract to provide services for November 1, 2026-June 30, 2031.

Pending approval by the AMBAG Board of Directors, staff will enter contract negotiations for final scope of work and terms with Jaso Technology. However, if negotiations with Jaso Technology fail, AMBAG will move on to second highest scoring bidder, Taygeta. The final executed contract will be completed by October 31, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total not to exceed amount for this contract is \$335,000 which includes the IT fixed flat-rate monthly support fees for all five years included in Exhibit A and anything outside the scope of work would be billed at the agreed hourly rates (Exhibit A) per this five-year contract and funded with administrative funds. If the IT support services contract is in place, the agreed upon and reduced hourly rates for work outside the flat-rate support service fees are included in the budget.

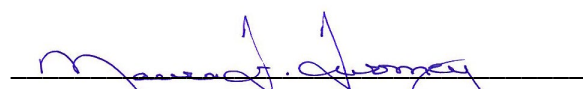
COORDINATION:

AMBAG staff advertised on the AMBAG website, directly emailed all local website firms in the tri-county area, and posted RFP on the Request for Proposal Database (RFPDB).

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft Agreement for Information Technology Support Services

APPROVED BY:


Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1
AMBAG AGREEMENT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of November 2026, by and between the **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments**, hereinafter called "**AMBAG**", and **Jaso Technology**, hereinafter called "**CONTRACTOR**".

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR has the requisite skill, training, qualifications, and experience to render such services called for under this Contract with AMBAG; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is willing to perform the services and work described in this Contract under the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG desires to contract with Contractor to perform the services and work described in this Contract under the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, AMBAG and CONTRACTOR for the considerations hereinafter set forth, mutually agree as follows:

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. SCOPE OF WORK

Consultant shall perform those services as specified in detail in Exhibit "A", entitled "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline and Budget," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2. TERM

- A. The term of this Contract shall be from the date of its execution until the completion of the work contemplated by this Contract and its final acceptance by AMBAG unless terminated earlier as provided herein. CONTRACTOR shall complete all tasks **on or before June 30, 2031** unless otherwise extended by written authorization.
- B. Services performed under this Contract shall commence only upon written Notice to Proceed by AMBAG to CONTRACTOR.

This Contract includes the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A. Project Tasks/Services, Timeline and Budget

Exhibit B. Debarment and Suspension Certification

**Exhibit C. Federal Tax Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification
Number and Certification**

Exhibit D: Certifications

3. SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE

The services of Consultant are to be completed according to the schedule set out in Exhibit "A", entitled "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Consultant will diligently proceed with the agreed Scope of Services and will provide such services in a timely manner in accordance with the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget."

4. CHANGE IN TERMS

- A. This contract may be amended or modified only by mutual written agreement of the parties.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall only commerce work covered by amendment after the amendment is executed and written notification to proceed has been provided by AMBAG.

5. COORDINATION/STAFFING

- A. CONTRACTOR shall assign Edward Agubiya, as Project Manager to personally participate in said project. AMBAG also retains the right to approve any substitution of the Project Manager. No portion of the work included in this Contract shall be subcontracted, except as provided herein, without the prior, written authorization of the AMBAG.
- B. Services described in the Scope of Work shall be performed by Contractors staff, Subcontract(s) or other members of the project team, hereinafter referred to as "Subcontractors(s)," listed in the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

6. COMPENSATION

- A. AMBAG shall pay CONTRACTOR for services on a firm fixed price basis as shown in Exhibit A.
- B. CONTRACTOR will be reimbursed, as promptly as fiscal procedures will permit. Invoices shall be submitted no later than 45 calendar days after the performance of the work for which the CONTRACTOR is billing, or upon completion of the Contract. Invoices shall detail the work performed on each task/milestone. Invoices shall follow the format stipulated for the approved Cost Proposal and shall reference this contract number and project title. CONTRACTOR shall not commence performance of work or services until this contract has been approved by AMBAG and written notification to proceed has been issued by AMBAG. No payment will be made prior to approval of any work performed prior to approval of this contract.
- C. In no event shall compensation, including but not limited to any and all expenses, as described in Exhibit A exceed \$335,000 without prior written consent of AMBAG.

It is mutually understood between the parties that funding for this contract is contingent on State Budget passage and federal and state as well as reimbursement from Caltrans.

7. INVOICING

- A. Invoices for services must be presented to AMBAG no later than the fifteenth day of each month for the month prior. CONTRACTOR shall submit an invoice to AMBAG stating the amount due for such services on a monthly basis throughout the duration of the project. Said monthly invoicing shall reflect the task worked on, the percentage of the task completed, and the total dollar amount for the task in comparison to the invoiced amount based upon percentage of the task then completed. AMBAG shall reimburse the CONTRACTOR as promptly as its fiscal procedures permit, upon receipt of itemized invoices submitted in accordance with this Contract. Payment of the invoices will be made to CONTRACTOR after acceptance of work product and approval by AMBAG and upon reimbursement by the State of California. Such reimbursements shall be based upon actual eligible costs incurred by the CONTRACTOR consistent with the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," Exhibit A. No interest or carrying charges shall accrue to CONTRACTOR by reason of delayed payment.
- B. Prompt Payment to Subcontractor(s): A CONTRACTOR shall pay any Subcontractor(s) for satisfactorily completed work no later than ten (10) days of receipt of each payment from AMBAG. The ten (10) day period is applicable unless a longer period is agreed to in writing. Any delay or postponement of payment over thirty (30) days may take place only for good cause and with AMBAG's prior written approval. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative,

or judicial remedies otherwise available to the CONTRSCTOR or Subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the CONTRACTOR, deficient Subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a Subcontractor.

- C. Invoicing Format and Content: All invoice submitted to AMBAG for payment shall be sent directly to:

**Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments ATTN:
Accounts Payable
P.O. 2453
Seaside, CA 93955**

The invoice shall be entitled "Invoice" or otherwise clearly identify that the document is an Invoice, and shall contain the following information:

- i. AMBAG'S "Bill To" information as stated in the above paragraph;
- ii. Invoice number and/or billing number specified by CONTRACTOR. The invoice number must be unique for each invoice submitted;
- iii. Invoice date;
- iv. Billing specified with beginning and ending dates. The beginning date much not be sooner that the Notice of Proceed date of the Contract, or within any previous billing dates;
- v. Percent of Task Completed;
- vi. Total amount due for the billing period;
- vii. Total Contract Value (as identified in 6C. above); and
- viii. AMBAG Project Manager

8. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

It is mutually understood between the parties that this contract may have been written before ascertaining the availability of funds or appropriation of funds, for the mutual benefit of both parties, in order to avoid program and fiscal delays that would occur if the contract were executed after that determination was made.

This contract is valid and enforceable only, if sufficient funds are made available to the AMBAG for the purpose of this contract. In addition, this contract is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, conditions, or any statue enacted by the Congress, State Legislature, or AMBAG governing board that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this contract in any manner.

It is mutually agreed that if the sufficient funds are not appropriated, this contract may be amended to reflect any reduction in funds.

AMBAG has the option to void the contract under the termination clause, or by mutual agreement to amend the contract to reflect any reduction of funds.

9. CONTRACT COMPLETION RETAINER

CONTRACTOR is prohibited from holding retainage from Subcontract(s). Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with AMBAG's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating CONTRACTOR to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code, if applicable. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the CONTRACTOR in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the CONTRACTOR, deficient Subcontractor(s) performance, and/or noncompliance by Subcontractor(s).

Payment for services under this Contract is contingent upon AMBAG's determination that the performance of the CONTRACTOR has been satisfactory and beneficial to AMBAG in the sole discretion of the Executive Director.

10. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The CONTRACTOR warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the CONTRACTOR; to solicit or secure this contract; and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award, or formation of this contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, AMBAG shall have the right to annul this contract without liability, or at its discretion; to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

11. OWNERSHIP CONFIDENTIALITY AND USE OF WORK PRODUCTS

- A. Ownership of any reports, data, studies, surveys, charts, memoranda, and any other documents, which are developed, compiled or produced, as a result of this Contract, whether or not completed, shall vest with AMBAG. AMBAG reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use the data.
- B. AMBAG shall receive copyright and ownership to all data and materials delivered under this contract upon formal acceptance, except for those data and materials that

are subject to ownership or copyright of others prior to the execution of this contract. No distribution of the original or derived works shall be made prior to the acceptance by AMBAG unless specified in the task order or authorized by the contracting officer. The contractor may maintain copyright and ownership of all original or derived works which are not required submittals under this contract.

- C. Methodology and materials developed under this Contract are the property of AMBAG and may be used by AMBAG as it see fit, including the right to revise or publish the same without limitation. CONTRACTOR shall not be liable for use of such methodology, materials, software logic, and systems for purposes other than that for which it is developed.
- D. Subject to the California Public Records Act, all Work Products and Related Work Materials including Intellectual Property shall be held confidential by CONTRACTOR. Nothing furnished to CONTRACTOR, which is otherwise known to CONTRACTOR or is generally known, or has become known, to the related industry shall be deemed confidential.
- E. The CONTRACTOR shall not use, release, reproduce, distribute, publish, adapt for future use or otherwise use Work Products and Related Work Materials for purposes other than the performance of the Scope of Work, nor authorize others to do so, without prior written permission of AMBAG Legal Counsel; nor shall such materials be disclosed to any person or entity not connected with the performance of the work. CONTRACTOR shall also safeguard such confidential materials from unauthorized disclosure, using the same standard of care to avoid disclosure, as the CONTRACTOR treats its confidential information, but in no case less than reasonable care.
- F. All equipment, including, but not limited to, computer hardware, printing and duplication equipment, multimedia equipment, software tools and programs, and upgrade packages to existing equipment, procured in whole or part by funds provided under this Contract, are the property of AMBAG. AMBAG shall determine the disposition of all such property upon completion or termination of this Contract.
- G. AMBAG may utilize any Work Products or Related Work Materials provided by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Contract, in any manner which AMBAG deems appropriate without additional compensation to CONTRACTOR.

12. TERMINATION

A. Termination of Convenience of AMBAG

AMBAG may terminate this Contract at any time by giving notice to the CONTRACTOR of such termination (including the effective termination date) at least thirty (30) calendar days before the effective date of such termination. In such event,

all finished or unfinished documents and other materials as described in this Contract, at the option of AMBAG, become AMBAG's property. If this Contract is terminated by AMBAG, as provided herein, AMBAG's only obligation shall be the payment of fees and expenses incurred prior to the termination date, for work deemed satisfactory and a benefit to AMBAG, in accordance with the cost provisions of this Contract.

B. Termination for Cause

If through any cause, the CONTRACTOR shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if the CONTRACTOR violates any of the covenants, terms, or stipulations of this Contract, AMBAG shall thereupon have the right to terminate the Contract by giving not less than ten (10) calendar days written notice to the CONTRACTOR of the intent to terminate and specifying the effective date thereof. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials prepared by the CONTRACTOR under this Contract shall, at the option of CONTRACTOR, become AMBAG's property.

13. DISPUTES

AMBAG and CONTRACTOR are fully committed to working with each other throughout the Term of this Agreement and agree to communicate regularly with each other at all times so as to avoid and minimize disputes. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR agree to act in good faith to prevent and resolve potential sources of conflict before they escalate into a question or controversy. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR each commit to resolving such dispute in an amicable, professional, and expeditious manner and agree to use the following procedure for resolving the dispute: (a) either party may give notice to the other of the dispute and will meet within three (3) business days to attempt to resolve the dispute; (b) a meeting or meetings shall be promptly between the representatives of the parties regarding the dispute to attempt in good faith to negotiate a resolution of the dispute; (c) if within thirty (30) days after a dispute has arisen, the parties have not succeeded in negotiating a resolution of the dispute, they agree to submit the dispute to mediation; (d) the mediator shall be jointly selected by the parties, or failing agreement on the selection of a mediator within thirty (30) days after the parties fail to negotiate an informal resolution of any dispute, the mediator shall be a retired judge or justice selected by the supervising judge of the Civil Division of the Monterey County California Superior Court. In any mediation conducted pursuant to this section, the provision of the California Evidence Code section 1152 shall be applicable to limit the admissibility of evidence disclosed by the parties in the course of the mediation; and if the parties are not successful in resolving the dispute through the mediation, then the parties agree that the dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration to a single arbitrator in

accordance with the existing Rules of Practice of Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS) within thirty (30) days of the close of mediation as declared by the mediator.

14. AMENDMENT OF SCOPE OF WORK

The parties may amend the Scope of Work subject to mutual prior written modification of the Contract.

15. CORRECTION OF WORK

The performance of services or acceptance of information furnished by CONTRACTOR shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from obligation to correct any defective, inaccurate or incomplete work subsequently discovered and all such work shall be remedied by the CONTRACTOR on demand without cost to AMBAG.

16. DELAYS AND EXTENSIONS

Time is of the essence concerning performance of this Contract; however, the CONTRACTOR will be granted time extensions for delays beyond the Contractor's control. Time extensions will be equal to the length of the delay or as otherwise agreed upon in writing between the CONTRACTOR and AMBAG.

17. RETENTION OF RECORDS/AUDITS

For the purpose of determining compliance with Public Contract Code 10115, et seq. and Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 21, Section 25000 et seq., when applicable and other matters connected with the performance of the contract pursuant to Government Code 8546.7; CONTRACTOR, subcontract, and AMBAG shall maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of the contract, including but not limited to, the costs of administering the contract. All parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the contract period and for three years from the date of final payment under the contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the other performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until AMBAG, Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit administration (FTA), or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exception related thereto. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).

The State of California, Office of the State Controller, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal or State Government shall have access to any books, records, and documents of CONTRACTOR and its certified public accountants (CPA) work papers that are pertinent to the contract and indirect cost rates (ICR) for audit, examination, excerpts, and transactions, and copies thereof shall be furnished if requested.

18. SUBCONTRACTING

In accordance with Government Code Section 7550, CONTRACTOR agrees to state in a separate section of any filed report the numbers and dollars amounts of all contracts and subcontracts relating to preparation of the report.

- A. Nothing contained in this contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between AMBAG and any subcontractors(s), and no subcontract shall relieve CONTRACTOR of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. CONTRACTOR agrees to be as fully responsible to AMBAG for the acts and omission of its subcontractor(s) and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR's obligation to pay its subcontractor(s) is an independent obligation from AMBAG's obligation to make payments to the CONTRACTOR
- B. CONTRACTOR shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work pertinent to this contract shall be subcontracted without written authorization by AMBAG, except that, which is expressly identified in the contract.

19. ASSIGNMENT

The Contract shall not be assigned by the CONTRACTOR, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of AMBAG.

20. INDEMNIFICATION

To the full extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, hold harmless, release and defend AMBAG (with legal counsel acceptable to AMBAG), its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, disability, losses, expenses including attorney's fees and other defense costs and liabilities of any nature that may be asserted by any person or entity including CONTRACTOR, in whole or in part, arising out of Contractor's activities hereunder, including the activities of other persons employed or utilized by CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Contract (including design defects and regardless of AMBAG's approval, use or acceptance of the

work or work product hereunder) excepting liabilities due to the admitted or adjudicated sole negligence or willful misconduct of AMBAG. If the adjudicated or admitted sole negligence or willful misconduct of AMBAG has contributed to a loss, CONTRACTOR shall not be obligated to indemnify AMBAG for the proportionate share of such loss caused by sole negligence or willful misconduct. This indemnification obligation is not limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages or compensation payable by or for CONTRACTOR under Worker's Compensation, disability or other employee benefit acts or the terms, applicability or limitations or any insurance held or provided by CONTRACTOR and shall continue to bind the parties after termination/completion of this Contract.

21. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

A. CONTRACTOR's signature affixed herein, and dated, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that CONTRACTOR has, unless exempt, complied with, the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Administrative Code, Section 8103. During the performance of this Contract, CONTRACTOR and its subcontractor(s) shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against, any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability medical condition (e.g., cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of family care leave. CONTRACTOR and subcontractor(s) shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment and free from such discrimination and harassment. CONTRACTOR and subcontractor(s) shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f)m set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulation, are incorporated into this Contract by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.

CONTRACTOR and its subcontractor(s) shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement(s).

CONTRACTOR shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under this contract.

In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with regulations relative to Title VI (nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation – Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21 – Effectuation of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act). Title VI provides that the recipients of federal assistance will implement and maintain a policy of nondiscrimination in which no person in the state of California shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of or subject to discrimination under any program or activity by the recipients of federal assistance or their assignees and successors in interest.

The CONTRACTOR, with regard to the work performed by it during the Contract shall act in accordance with Title VI. Specifically, the CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the bases of color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractor(s), including procurement of material and leases of equipment. The CONTRACTOR shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the U.S. DOT's Regulations, including employment practices when the Contract covers a program whose goal is employment.

- B. Equal employment Opportunity – The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:
1. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex – In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Employment Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. §2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. The CONTRACTOR agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including

apprenticeship. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

2. Age – In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C § 623 and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C § 5332, the CONTRACTOR agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
3. Disabilities – In accordance with section 102 of the American with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, the CONTRACTOR agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, “Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act,” 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
4. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

22. FEDERAL CHANGES

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Contract between Purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor’s failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

23. ENERGY CONSERVATION

The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

24. NO OBLIGATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- A. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solitation or award of

the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to AMBAG, CONTRACTOR, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

- B. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the Subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

25. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

- A. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that it it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the CONTRACTOR to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- B. The CONTRACTOR also acknowledge that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with the Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the CONTRACTOR, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- C. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the Subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

26. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

CONTRACTOR's signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the CONTRACTOR has complied with Title 2 CFR,

Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (nonprocurement)", which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had civil judgement rendered against it by court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the part three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to AMBAG.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be considered in determining CONTRACTOR responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to whom exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of action.

By signing and submitting the contract, the CONTRACTOR shall certify those clauses described in the "Debarment and Suspension Certification," Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by thus reference and shall comply with al relevant conditions as set forth in the CONTRACT.

27. CONTRACTS INVOLVING FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements apply to the Contractor and its employees that administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government under any contract:

- A. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C § 552a. Among other things, the CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before the CONTRACTOR or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. The CONTRACTOR understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to those individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying contract.
- B. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

28. INCURANCE/NOTIFICATION

Prior to the beginning, and throughout the duration, of the work, CONTRACTOR shall maintain insurance in conformance with the requirements set forth below. CONTRACTOR will use existing coverage to comply with these requirements. If that existing coverage does not meet the requirements set forth here, it will be amended to

do so. CONTRACTOR acknowledge that the insurance coverage policy limits set forth in this section constitute the minimum amount of coverage required. Any insurance proceeds in excess of the limits and coverage required in this contract and which is applicable to a given loss, will be available to AMBAG.

CONTRACTOR is covered by, and agrees to maintain, general liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage arising directly from its negligent acts or omissions with limits as specified below. Certificates of insurance shall be provided to AMBAG prior to commencement work by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, protect, defend and name AMBAG, its public officials, officers and employees as additional insured on the Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Insurance and hold harmless from any loss, damage or liability arising directly from any negligent act or omission by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or liability arising from any act or omission by AMBAG, its officials, officers or employees.

CONTRACTOR shall provide the following types and amounts of insurance:

- A. Commercial General Liability Insurance using Insurance Services Office "Commercial General Liability" policy from CG 00 01, with an edition date prior to 2004, or the exact equivalent. Coverage for an additional insured shall not be limited to its vicarious liability. Defense costs must be paid in addition to limits. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for all covered losses and no less than \$2,000,000 general aggregates.
- B. Workers' Compensation on a state -approved policy form providing statutory benefits as required by law with employer's liability limits no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for all covered losses.
- C. Business Auto Coverage on ISO Business Auto Coverage form CA 00 01 including owned, non-owned and hired autos, or the exact equivalent. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000 per accident, combined single limit. If CONTRACTOR owns no vehicles, this requirement may be satisfied by a non-owned auto endorsement to the general liability policy described above. If CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR'S employees use personal autos in any way on this project, CONTRACT shall obtain evidence of personal auto liability coverage for each such person.
- D. Errors and Omissions Liability CONTRACTOR shall provide evidence of professional liability insurance on a policy form appropriate to Contractor's profession. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,00/claim.
- E. Certificate of Insurance CONTRACTOR shall file a certificate of insurance completed and filed with AMBAG within fifteen (15) days of execution of this Contract and prior to engaging any operation or activities set forth in this Contract. The foregoing policies shall provide that no cancellation, major change in coverage, or expiration by insurance company or insured during the term of this contract shall occur without

thirty (30) days written notice to AMBAG prior to the effective date of such cancellation or change in coverage.

- F. All such insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, or, if the policy is not written on an occurrence basis, such policy with the coverage required herein shall continue in effect for a period of two (2) years after completion of the contract.
- G. The Commercial General Liability and Business Auto insurance policies shall provide an endorsement naming AMBAG, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers as Additional Insured, and shall further provide that such insurance is primary insurance of the Additional Insured shall not be called upon to contribute to a loss covered by the insurance AMBAG.

29. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CONTRACTOR shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with AMBAG that may have an impact upon the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing AMBAG project. CONTRACTOR shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing AMBAG project, which will follow.

CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

CONTRACTOR shall at all times avoid conflicts of interest, or the appearance or perceived conflicts of interest, in the performance in this contract. CONTRACTOR shall file statements of financial interest on forms provided by AMBAG to the extent and at the times required by AMBAG's Conflict of Interest Code and applicable law.

CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that it does not now have, nor shall it acquire any financial or business interest or have the appearance of any conflict of interest that would conflict with the performance of service under this contract.

30. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

If AMBAG determines CONTRACTOR comes within the definition of CONTRACTOR under Political Reform Act (Government Code §87100), CONTRACTOR shall complete and file and shall require any person doing work under this Contract to complete and file a "Statement of Economic Interest" with AMBAG disclosing CONTRACTOR and/or such other person's financial interests.

31. MERGER

This Contract shall constitute the entire Contract between the parties and shall supersede any previous contracts, whether verbal or written, concerning the same subject matter. No modification of this Contract shall be effective unless and until evidence by a writing is signed by both parties.

32. DEFAULT

If CONTRACTOR should fail to perform any of his obligations hereunder, within the time and in the manner herein provided or otherwise violate any of the terms of this Contract, AMBAG may terminate this Contract by giving CONTRACTOR written notice of such termination, stating the reason for such termination. In such event, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to receive as full payment for all services satisfactorily hereunder by CONTRACTOR bear to the total services otherwise required to be performed for such total fee; provided, however, that AMBAG may withhold payments not yet made to CONTRACTOR for the purpose of setoff until time as the exact amount of damages due AMBAG from CONTRACTOR is determined.

33. NO WAIVER OF BREACH/TIME

The waiver by AMBAG of any breach of any term or promise contained in this Contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term or provision or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term or promise contained in this Contract. Time is of the essence in carrying out the duties hereunder.

34. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed to create and the parties do not intend to create any rights in third parties.

35. ATTORNEYS' FEES, APPLICABLE LAW AND FORUM

In the event either party brings an action or proceeding for damages arising out of the other's performance under this Contract or to establish the right or remedy of either party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs as part of such action or proceeding, whether or not such action or proceeding is prosecuted to judgement. This Contract shall be construed and interpreted according to

California law, and any action to enforce the terms of this Contract or for the breach thereof shall be brought and tried in the County of Monterey.

36. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The parties intend that CONTRACTOR, in performing the services specified herein, shall act as an independent contractor and shall have control of the work and the manner in which it is performed. CONTRACTOR is not to be considered an agent or employee of AMBAG and is not entitled to participated in any pension plan, insurance, bonus or similar benefits AMBAG provides its employees. In the event AMBAG exercises its right to terminate this Contract, CONTRACTOR, expressly agrees that he/she shall have no recourse nor right of appeal under rules, regulations, ordinances or laws applicable to employees.

37. TAXES

CONTRACTOR agrees to file tax returns and pay applicable taxes on amounts paid pursuant to this Contract and shall be solely liable and responsible to pay such taxes and other obligations, including, but not limited to, state and federal income and FICA taxes. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold AMBAG harmless from any liability which it may incur to the United States or to the State of California as a consequence of CONTRACTOR's failure to pay, when due, all such taxes and obligations.

38. FEDERAL TAX FORMS

Prior to issuing the initial claim under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall submit Federal Tax Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number Certification to the following address:

**Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments ATTN:
Accounts Payable
P.O. 2453
Seaside, CA 93955**

Or by FAX to: (831) 883-3755. Unless AMBAG receives a completed Tax Form W-9, payments for services performed under this CONTRACT shall be subject to federal backup withholding.

39. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. CONTRACTOR shall study and comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations affecting the CONTRACTOR and his/her work hereunder. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants to AMBAG that CONTRACTOR has and will keep in effect during the term of this Contract all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatsoever nature which are legally required for CONTRACTOR to practice Contractor's profession and to do the work hereunder.
- B. CONTRACTOR agrees to abide by the requirements of the Immigration and Control Reform act pertaining to assuring that all employees of CONTRACTOR performing any services under this Contract have a legal right to work in the United States of America, that all required documentation of such right to work is inspected, and that INS Form 1-9 (as it may be amended from time to time) is completed and on file for each employee. CONTRACTOR shall make the required documentation available upon request to AMBAG for inspection.
- C. CONTRACTOR warrants that this contract was not obtained or secured through rebates kickbacks or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any AMBAG employee. For breach or violation of this warrant, AMBAG shall have the right in its discretion; to terminate the contract without liability; to pay only for the value of the work actually performed; or to deduct from the contract price; or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback or other unlawful consideration.

40. FEDERAL AND STATE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES CERTIFICATION (43 CFR PART 18)

By signing this CONTRACT. The CONTRACTOR certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that no State or Federal funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any state or federal agency; a Member of the State Legislature or United States Congress, an officer or employee of the Legislature or Congress; or any employee of a Member of the Legislature or Congress, in connection with the awarding of any state or federal contract; the making of any state or federal grant, the making of any state or federal loan; the entering into of any cooperative agreement; and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any state or federal contract, grant, loan, cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency; a Member of Congress; an officer or employee of Congress, or an employees of

a Member of Congress; in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The CONTRACTOR also agrees by signing this Contract that it will require that the language of this certification be included in all subcontracts funded wholly or in part by any funds provided herein and which exceed \$100,000 and that all such Subcontractor(s) shall certify and disclose accordingly.

41. CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

A. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to the requirements contained in AMBAG's annual Certification and Assurances (FHWA and FTA "Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification") submitted as part of AMBAG's OWP, pursuant to 23 CFR 450.334 and 23 U.S.C. 134. This Certification shall be published annually in AMBAG's OWP. Such requirements shall apply to CONTRACTOR to the same extent as AMBAG and may include, but are not limited to:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VI Assurance executed by California under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;
2. Pub. Law 105-178, 112 Stat. 107 and any successor thereto, regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded projects (Sec. 105(f), Pub. L. 970424, 96 Stat. 2100, 49 CFR part 26); and
3. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 State 327, as amended) and the United State Department of Transportation (US DOT) implementing regulations (49 CFR 27, 37, and 38).

B. CONTRACTOR shall additionally comply with the requirements contained in the annual FTA "Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance," including "Certification and Assurance Required of Each Applicant" and the "Lobbying Certification" in compliance with 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53; published annually in AMBAG's OWP. Such assurances shall apply to CONTRACTOR to the same extent as AMBAG, and include but are not limited, the following areas:

1. Standard Assurances

2. Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters for Primary Covered Transactions
 3. Drug Free Work Place Agreement
 4. Intergovernmental Review Agreement
 5. Nondiscrimination Assurance
 6. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability
 7. Certification and Assurances required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall require its Subcontractor(s) to comply with these Certifications, and agrees to furnish documentation to AMBAG to support this requirement that all of its contracts with Subcontractor(s) contain provisions requiring adherence to this section in its entirety.

42. COST PRINCIPLES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. CONTRACTOR agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the cost allowability of individual items.
- B. CONTRACTOR also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
- C. Any costs for which payment has been made to CONTRACTOR that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 2cfr, Pat 200 and 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by CONTRACTOR to AMBAG.

43. FLOW-DOWN PROVISIONS

Any subcontract entered into that exceeds \$10,000 as a result of this CONTRACT shall contain the following provisions of this Contract:

Section 4 (Coordination/Staffing); Section 6 (Invoicing); Section 8 (Contract Completion Retainer); Section 9 (Satisfactory Performance); Section 11 (Ownership, Confidentiality, and Use of Work Products); Section 12 (Termination); Section 13 (Disputes); Section 17 (Retention of Records/Audits); Section 20 (Indemnification); Section 21 (Statement of Compliance); Section 22 (Federal Changes); Section 23 (Energy Conservation); Section 24 (No Obligation by the Federal Government); Section 25 (Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements and Related Acts); Section 26 (Debarment and Suspension Certification); Section 27 (Contracts Involving Federal Privacy Act Requirements);

Section 28 (Insurance/Notification); Section 29 (Conflict of Interest); Section 36 (Independent Contractor); Section 39 (Compliance with Laws, Rules, and Regulations); Section 40 (Federal and State Lobbying Activities Certification (43 CFR Part 18); Section 41 (Certifications and Assurances); and Section 42 (Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements).

44. INTERPRETATION

Notwithstanding the fact that one or more provisions of this Contract may have been drafted by one of the parties to this Contract, such provisions shall interpreted as though they were a product of a joint drafting effort and no provisions shall be interpreted against a party on the ground that said party was solely or primarily responsible for drafting the language to be interpreted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

AMBAG:

Signature: _____

Name: Maura F. Twomey

Title: Executive Director

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

Signature: _____

Name: Brian McCarthy

Title: Board President

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

CONSULTANT

Signature: _____

Name: Edward Agubiya

Title: Founder & Principal Systems Engineer

Jaso Technology

APPROVED TO AS TO FORM:

By: _____

Alex Lorca, AMBAG Legal Counsel

2801 Monterey-Salinas Highway, Monterey, CA 93940

EXHIBIT A. PROJECT TASKS/SERVICES, TIMELINE, AND COST

Scope of Services, Schedule and Cost:

Task A: AMBAG IT Technical Support Services (November 1, 2026-June 30, 2031)

1. Remote Server:
 - a. Maintenance of offsite backup NAS using AMBAG provided real-time dynamic remote server. Cost of hosting and site fees which includes cost of power, cooling system, secure locked racks or locked room, and hosted offsite location to be paid for by AMBAG directly.
2. Microsoft Office 365:
 - a. Maintain, procure, deploy updates/installs, troubleshoot issues and manage AMBAG's Office 365 licensing portal. Cost of licenses/billing based on the number of licenses in use paid directly by AMBAG via Microsoft Office365.
3. Cyber Security:
 - a. Maintenance, procure, deploy updates/installs, troubleshoot issues and manage AMBAG's cyber security Palo Alto Networks PA-440 (ATP, AURL, AWF, DNS & SDWAN). Cost of license paid directly by AMBAG.
 - b. Maintain, assign training sessions, and monitor cyber security awareness of AMBAG staff using Huntress. Cost of licenses to be paid directly by AMBAG.
4. Infrastructure Support:
 - a. Designated account manager and dedicated technical support team.
 - b. Provide response during normal business hours, 8:00am to 5pm, excluding holidays, within 4 hours if not urgent. If urgent, provide response within 1 hour and provide direct phone line to reach for urgent issues.
 - c. Provide ticketing support system or support email for contacting for IT service.
 - d. Assist AMBAG IT project manager in resolving IT issues by phone and to trouble shoot issues remotely/on-site if required (average engagement of 1-2 IT support calls per day, encompassing various complexities of IT needs per call).
 - e. Pick up and drop off all equipment for service (new/ replacement/ repair/ surplus/ decommission) from the AMBAG office unless arranged in advance with AMBAG contract manager.

- f. Transfer all licenses from old device to new replacement device, and install software associated to the transferred licenses for all AMBAG devices (laptop/ /Workstation/ Server/Networked Printer).
- g. Setup new device (laptop /Workstation/Server/Network Printer) for AMBAG network. Install Windows OS 11 Pro (or other current), Office 365, QuickBooks, and other software products to new or replacement device as applicable.
- h. Add all additional newly purchased device(s) (laptop/ Workstation/ Server/Network Printer) to AMBAG domain (included in and under ongoing monthly contracted pricing). Includes setting/configuring/applying agency standard image of new device.
- i. Remove device (laptop/Workstation/Server/Network Printer) from AMBAG domain for surplus/decommission of device. Transfer all licenses and software to new replacement device. Erase all drivers, profiles, any remaining residual staff or agency files, and reset Windows OS 11 Pro (or other current) to defaults. Provide password of new default login and return device to AMBAG office as applicable.
- j. Install, setup, and testing of device (Workstation/Server/Networked Printer/OS updates) on-site at AMBAG office. Occurs for all new, repaired, and/or replacement devices except small devices(iPad/laptops). Small devices not required for onsite testing or setup and drop off and/or pick up acceptable.
- k. Set up new AMBAG staff profiles on devices (laptop/Workstation/ Server/ Networked Printer). Provide password to the Executive Director per the password protocol.
- l. Assist with iPad support for existing/new/replacement devices as needed or provide troubleshooting for staff connections to RDP/Workstation using iOS devices.
- m. Install, troubleshoot, and diagnose all virus/spam/malware/eradication services. Ensure allocated license number for devices is accurate and maintained. Provide recommendation of both hardware and/or software required to maintain excellent level of service for virus/spam/malware/eradication services. Cost of hardware/software for task of virus/spam/malware/eradication services have been (or will be) procured separately.
- n. Spam and virus filtering of incoming and all outgoing email, including monthly subscription fees must be included in IT Contract under ongoing monthly IT support.
- o. Troubleshoot, diagnose, and resolve technical support issues for software and networking issues for all AMBAG owned devices (laptop/Workstation/Server/Network Printer).

- p. Provide software/application support via phone, troubleshoot, repair and/or reinstall software and applications as needed on AMBAG devices.
Software/application includes but not limited to: Adobe, QuickBooks, Office 365, ESRI, TransCAD, Publisher, Web browsers (Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Internet Explorer, Microsoft Edge, etc).
- q. Troubleshoot hardware issues, repair if applicable or replace. Labor for determining issue and/or repair including installation of replacement parts included and covered in IT contract under ongoing monthly support. (Cost of replacement hardware /parts item not included.)
- r. Replication backup hosting service where consultant hosts onsite backup system and maintaining of client replication NAS units at consultant office in secure locked and video monitored server room. Consultant must use existing AMBAG NAS units and backup software. (Cost paid separately by AMBAG for offsite hosting).
- s. Automated backups of all servers and networked drives to backup onsite to AMBAG NAS units and offsite NAS (at consultant office) units. Backups are differential, backed up morning, noon, and evening each calendar day at a minimum. Cost to be included in IT contract under ongoing monthly IT support.
- t. On-call support for IT infrastructure support, maintenance and updates for AMBAG devices (laptop/Workstation/Servers/networked printers).
- u. Install, repair, update and/or troubleshoot drivers for network printers regardless of new, existing, repaired, or replacement printers.
- v. Provide printer repair for AMBAG network printers as needed.
Repair/replacement parts not included. Labor for determining issues and/or repairs is included.
- w. Provide DNS support for AMBAG host provider (current provider GoDaddy) which entails phone calls, provider transition, updating DNS on new provider location and troubleshooting. Includes the following items: update www. record, MX record, A record, cPanel management, authoritative DNS service.
- x. Technical software support and monthly server check on all AMBAG servers.
Includes server check to ensure problems addressed during proactive checks before failure and monitor server performance. Check application logs and system logs on the server and check errors found in logs. If errors found, resolve issue found in log. During server proactive monitoring, ensure system backup and storage repositories are evaluated and verified for proper operation.
- y. Preventative maintenance including physical inspection, service, and bi-annual cleaning (June and December) of all AMBAG and all backend infrastructure.

Servicing/cleaning to include dust removal from inside/outside housing box on workstations, checking cabling for issues/failure/wear and tear, and visual hardware failure inside workstation/servers.

- z. Resolve any Windows boot errors due to Microsoft updates or failure; resolve remotely if possible, or on site if required. May include pickup/removal of items for repair.
- aa. Assist in recommendations in procurement of devices (laptop/Workstation/Server/Networked Printer) and software to best meet the needs of AMBAG.
- bb. Installation, setup, test, and troubleshoot SSL certificates for all servers deployed on-site at AMBAG for various online tools. All SSL to be purchased or paid separately as needed.
- cc. Replace batteries in APC UPS 500, 1000 or 1500 models as needed. Labor included in IT contract under ongoing monthly IT support. (Replacement batteries to be purchased or paid for separately as needed.)
- dd. Provide an inventory list of all equipment owned by AMBAG with make, model, serial number, and date made.
- ee. Assist in development of business continuity and disaster recovery plan.
- ff. IT support due to an Act of God to roll out offsite/cloud backup for business continuity.
- gg. After hours and weekend support.

Task B: Remote Server / Off-Site Secure Backup (November 1, 2026-June 30, 2031)

- 1. One-time installation cost to implement and deploy solution (includes consultant time and travel)
- 2. Monthly cost of NAS secure storage facility (paid directly to vendor by AMBAG).

Task C: Additional Tasks Outside Scope (November 1, 2026-June 30, 2031)

The flat hourly rate applies to additional tasks and deliverables outside the contracted Task A Scope of Work, and only when pre-authorized by AMBAG. Larger discrete projects will be scoped and quoted separately as a fixed-price proposal rather than billed hourly.

Cost

Task A — Monthly Fixed-Rate IT Support Services*^{1, 2}

Contract Year	All-Inclusive Monthly Fixed Rate (Task A)
FY 2026–2027	\$4,500.00 / month
FY 2027–2028	\$4,500.00 / month
FY 2028–2029	\$4,725.00 / month
FY 2029–2030	\$4,961.25 / month
FY 2030–2031	\$4,961.25 / month

*¹ Includes Mobile Device Management (MDM) for AMBAG-owned devices at no additional cost, as well as labor for installing and configuring new or replacement workstations supplied by AMBAG (Windows and Microsoft 365 setup, domain/Entra ID enrollment, profile and printer configuration, data migration, and endpoint security deployment).

*² The following are not included in the Task A monthly investment and will be purchased directly by AMBAG or quoted separately for approval prior to procurement: desktop/laptop computers, servers, network switches, firewalls, wireless access points, monitors, docking stations, printers, UPS units and replacement batteries, software and Microsoft licensing, third-party subscriptions not expressly identified as included under Task A, Internet services, commercial data center hosting fees, shipping, and sales tax.

Task B — Remote Server / Off-Site Secure Backup

Task B Component	Amount
(i) One-time installation cost to implement and deploy solution (includes consultant time)	\$3,200.00
(ii) Monthly cost of NAS secure storage facility (paid directly to vendor by AMBAG)	N/A — contracted directly between AMBAG and the data center provider

Task C- Additional Tasks Outside Scope

The following flat hourly rate applies to additional tasks and deliverables outside the contracted Task A Scope of Work, and only when pre-authorized by AMBAG. Larger discrete projects will be scoped and quoted separately as a fixed-price proposal rather than billed hourly.

Service	Rate / Hr
Additional/out-of-scope IT support, all staff classifications	\$150.00 /hr

EXHIBIT B. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

**TITLE 49, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PART 29 DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION
CERTIFICATION**

1. All persons or firms, including Subcontractor(s), must complete this certification and certify, under penalty of perjury, that, except as noted below, he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager:
 - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
 - b. Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes, or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in subparagraphs (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - d. Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, had one or more public transactions (Federal, state, and local) terminated for cause or default.
2. If such persons or firms later become aware of any information contradicting the statements of paragraph (1), they will promptly provide that information to AMBAG.

If there are any exceptions to this certification, insert the exceptions in the following.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining bidder responsibility. For any exception noted above, indicate below to whom it applies, initiating agency, and dates of actions.

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by AMBAG. If it is later determined that the CONTRACTOR knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to AMBAG, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from

this offer. The CONTRACTOR further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

Name of Firm

Signature (original signature required)

Date

**EXHIBIT C. FEDERAL TAX FORM W-9, REQUEST FOR
TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND
CERTIFICATION**

EXHIBIT D. CERTIFICATONS

CALIFORNIA LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

California Government Code § 84308, commonly referred to as the “Levine Act”, precludes an Officer of a local government agency from participating in the award of a contract if he or she receives any political contributions totaling more than \$250 in the 12 months preceding the pendency of the contract award, and for three months following the final decisions, from the person or company awarded the contract. This prohibition applies to contributions to the Officer, or received by the Officer on behalf of any Officer, or on behalf of any candidate for office or on behalf of any committee. The Levine Act also requires disclosure of such contributions by party to be awarded a specified contract. Please refer to the attached code for the complete statutory language.

Current members of the AMBAG Board of Directors are attached.

1. Have you or your company, or any agent on behalf of you or your company, made any political contributions of more than \$250 to any AMBAG Director(s) in the 12 months preceding the date of the issuance of this request for proposal or request for qualifications?

YES

NO

If yes, please identify the Directors(s): _____

2. Do you or your company, or any agency on behalf of you or your company, anticipate or plan to make any political contributions of more than \$250 to any AMBAG Director(s) in the three months following the award of the contract?

YES

NO

If yes, please identify the Director(s): _____

Answering yes to either of the two questions above does not preclude RAPS from awarding a contract to your firm. It does, however, preclude the identified Director(s) from participating in the contract award process for this contract.

DATE

(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL)

California Government Code Section 84308

- (a) The definitions set forth in this subdivision shall govern the interpretation of this section.
 - (1) "Party" means any person who files an application for, or is the subject of, a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use.
 - (2) "Participant" means any person who is not a party but who actively supports or opposes a particular decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use and who has a financial interest in the decision, as described in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. A person actively supports or opposes a particular decision in a proceeding if he or she lobbies in person the officers or employees of the agency, testifies in person before the agency, or otherwise acts to influence officers or the agency.
 - (3) "Agency" means an agency as defined in Section 82003 except that it does not include the courts or any agency judicial branch of government, local government agencies whose members are directly elected by the votes, the Legislature, the Board of Equalization, or constitutional officers. However, this section applies to any person who is a member of an exempted agency but is acting as a voting member of another agency.
 - (4) "Officer" means any elected or appointed officer of an agency, any alternate to a elected or appointed officer of an agency, and any candidate for elective office in an agency.
 - (5) "License, permit, or other entitlement for use" means all business, professional, trade and land use licenses and permits and all other entitlements for use, including all entitlements for land use, all contracts (other than competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts), and all franchises.
 - (6) "Contribution" includes contributions to candidates and committees in federal, state, or local elections.
- (b) No officer of an agency shall accept, solicit, or direct a contribution of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) from any party, or his or her agent, or from any participant, or his or her agency, while a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use is pending before the agency and for three months following the date a final decision is rendered in the proceeding if the officer knows or has reason to know that the participant has a financial interest, as that term is used in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. This prohibition shall apply regardless of whether the officer accepts, solicits, or directs the contribution for himself or herself, or on behalf of any other officer, or on behalf of any candidate for office or on behalf of any committee.
- (c) Prior to rendering any decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit or other entitlement for use pending before an agency, each officer of the agency who received a contribution within the preceding 12 months in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) from a party or from any participant shall disclose that fact on the record of the proceeding. No officer of an agency shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to

use his or her official position to influence the decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before the agency if the officer has willfully or knowingly received a contribution in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) within the preceding 12 months from a party or his or her agent, or from any participant, or his or her agent if the officer knows or has reason to know that the participant has a financial interest in the decision, as that term is described with respect to public officials in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. If an officer receives a contribution which would otherwise require disqualification under this section, returns a contribution within 30 days from the time he or she knows, or should have known, about the contribution and the proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use, he or she shall be permitted to participate in the proceeding.

- (d) A party to a proceeding before an agency involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use shall disclose on the record of the proceeding any contribution in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) made within the preceding 12 months by the party, or his or her agent, to any officer of the agency. No party, or his or her agent, to a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before any agency and no participant, or his or her agent, in the proceeding shall make a contribution of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to any officer of that agency during the proceeding and for three months following the date a final decision is rendered by the agency in the proceeding. When a closed corporation is a party to, or a participant in, a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before an agency, the subdivisions (b), (c), and this subdivision.
- (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to imply that any contribution subject to being reported under this title shall not be so reported.

For more information, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission,
428 J Street, Suite 800,
Sacramento, CA 95814,
(916) 322-5660

AMBAG Board of Directors (2026)			
Agency	Representative	Agency	Representative
Capitola	Susan Westman	Soledad	Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez
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Hollister	Rudy Picha	County of Santa Cruz	Felipe Hernandez
King City	Oscar Avalos	County of Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig
Marina	Brian McCarthy	County of San Benito	Angela Curro
Monterey	Jean Rasch	County of San Benito	Mindy Sotelo
Pacific Grove	Lori McDonnell		
Salinas	Margaret D'Arrigo		
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CERTIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

Approved by OMB

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Bhupendra Patel, Ph.D., Director of Modeling

SUBJECT: Draft FY 2026-27 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget Amendment No. 2

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve amendment No. 2 to the Draft FY 2026-27 Monterey Bay Region OWP and Budget and authorize AMBAG staff to execute OWP Agreements and submit them to Caltrans for their approval.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) calls for the development of the Overall Work Program (OWP) by the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), as the federally designated MPO for the tri-county (Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties) Monterey Bay Region, annually develops and maintains the OWP and Budget. Generally, the Overall Work Program (OWP) and the AMBAG Budget are linked documents.

The FY 2026-27 OWP was developed in consultation and coordination with the region's Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA), transit operators, Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The FY 2026-27 OWP includes transportation and air quality related planning activities proposed for the Monterey Bay Region for the state fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. The FY 2026-27 OWP and Budget was approved by AMBAG Board of Directors on May 13, 2026 and was jointly approved by FHWA and FTA on June 9, 2026.

The AMBAG OWP and Budget is subject to periodic adjustments resulting from changes in activities as well as revisions in revenues and expenditures during the fiscal year. The proposed Draft Amendment 2 to FY 2026-27 OWP and Budget accounts for the following changes:

- Applying FY 2026-27 Indirect Cost Rate 95.0% to all work elements in the OWP and updating Budget accordingly.
- Updating carryover funds from FY 2025-26 as per the final close of the year statement.
- Removal of local funded work element WE 122 due to discontinuation of the funding.
- Adding new grant funded work element, No 127.
- Line-item adjustments to expenditures, text changes in task and deliverable sections, and/or technical corrections to WE 251, 336, 338, 345, 346, 347, 348, 511, and 622.

Amendment No. 2 to the Draft FY 2026-27 OWP and Budget document is separately enclosed with the agenda packet and available to view or download from the AMBAG website at <https://ambag.org>.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The staff time to carry out draft Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2026-27 OWP and Budget activities is funded through FHWA PL, FTA 5303, and other State and local funds as programmed in the approved FY 2026-27 OWP.

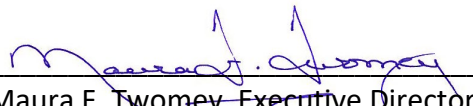
COORDINATION:

Preparation of the FY 2026-27 OWP has been coordinated with Council of San Benito County Governments (SBtCOG), Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD), Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2026-27 OWP and Budget (separately enclosed)

APPROVED BY:


Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Revised Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the revised Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The draft Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies are attached for Board action at this meeting. The draft Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies were updated to reflect changes in required state and federal regulations and to clarify credit card and travel documentation policies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

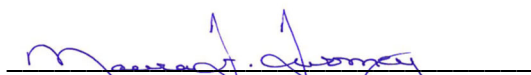
COORDINATION:

None.

ATTACHMENT:

1. AMBAG's Draft Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies (separately enclosed)

APPROVED BY:


Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Jessica Agee, Director of Finance and Administration

SUBJECT: Financial Update Report

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors accept the Financial Update Report.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The enclosed financial reports are for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year (FY) and are presented as a consent item. The attached reports contain the cumulative effect of operations through June 30, 2026, as well as a budget-to-actual comparison. Amounts in the Financial Update Report are unaudited.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Balance Sheet for June 30, 2026, reflects a cash balance of \$2,077,982.83. The accounts receivable balance is \$771,186.04, while the current liabilities balance is \$1,055,439.75. AMBAG has sufficient current assets on hand to pay all known current obligations.

AMBAG's Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2026, reflects a positive Net Position in the amount of \$387,183.30. This is due in part to the Profit and Loss Statement reflecting an excess of revenue over expense of \$188,174.74. Changes in Net Position are to be expected throughout the fiscal year (FY), particularly at the beginning due to the collection of member dues which are received in July and the timing of various year-end adjustments required after our financial audit.

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The following table highlights key Budget to Actual financial data:

Budget to Actual Financial Highlights
For Period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

Expenditures	Budget Through June 2026	Actual Through June 2026	Difference
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 3,707,244.00	\$ 3,048,825.39	\$ 658,418.61
Professional Services	\$ 8,879,357.00	\$ 6,662,261.33	\$ 2,217,095.67
Lease/Rentals	\$ 79,500.00	\$ 79,354.32	\$ 145.68
Communications	\$ 24,800.00	\$ 22,847.09	\$ 1,952.91
Supplies	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 50,252.81	\$ 74,747.19
Printing	\$ 10,757.00	\$ 273.48	\$ 10,483.52
Travel	\$ 88,704.00	\$ 48,580.76	\$ 40,123.24
Other Charges	\$ 154,100.00	\$ 156,495.40	\$ (2,395.40)
Non-Federal Local Match	\$ 365,636.45	\$ 365,636.45	\$ -
Total	\$ 13,069,462.00	\$ 10,434,527.03	\$ 3,000,571.42
Revenue			
Federal/State/Local Revenue	\$ 13,439,469.00	\$ 10,622,701.77	\$ 2,816,767.23
Note: AMBAG is projecting a surplus, therefore budgeted revenues do not equal expenses.			

Revenues/Expenses (Budget to Actual Comparison):

The budget reflects a linear programming of funds while actual work is contingent on various factors. Therefore, during the fiscal year there will be fluctuations from budget-to-actual.

Professional Services are under budget primarily due to the timing of work on projects performed by contractors. Projects early in their implementation are Pajaro Bridge Infrastructure Resilient Design Study (Pajaro BIRDS) and Central Coast Rural Regional Energy Network (Rural REN). This work is not performed in a linear fashion while the budget reflects linear programming. In addition, the Regional Early Action Planning Housing Program 2.0 (REAP) provides \$9,537,639.42 in funding of which a large portion will pass through to partner agencies.

Since AMBAG funding is primarily on a reimbursement basis, any deviation in expenditure also results in a corresponding deviation in revenue. Budget-to-actual revenue and expenditures are monitored regularly to analyze fiscal operations and propose amendments to the budget if needed.

COORDINATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2026
2. Profit and Loss: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
3. Cash Activity for July 2026

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Balance Sheet - Attachment 1

As of June 30, 2026

	June 30, 2026	Liabilities & Net Position	June 30, 2026
Assets		Liabilities	
Current Assets		Current Liabilities	
Cash and Cash Equivalents		Accounts Payable	899,037.11
Mechanics Bank - Special Reserve	1,029,431.98	Employee Benefits	156,402.64
Mechanics Bank - Checking	140,636.37	Mechanics Bank - Line of Credit	0.00
Mechanics Bank - REAP 2.0 Checking	903,119.18	Total Current Liabilities	1,055,439.75
Petty Cash	500.00		
LAIF Account	4,295.30		
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,077,982.83	Long-Term Liabilities	
Accounts Receivable		Deferred Inflows - Actuarial	258,986.95
Accounts Receivable	771,186.04	Net Pension Liability (GASB 68)	1,888,153.69
Total Accounts Receivable	771,186.04	OPEB Liability	0.00
Other Current Assets		Deferred Revenue	251,911.29
Due from PRWFPA/RAPS	50.00	Total Long-Term Liabilities	2,399,051.93
Prepaid Items	0.00		
Total Other Current Assets	50.00	Total Liabilities	3,454,491.68
Total Current Assets	2,849,218.87		
Long-Term Assets			
Net OPEB Asset	96,473.00	Net Position	
Deferred Outflows - Actuarial	533,833.49	Beginning Net Position	199,008.56
Deferred Outflows - PERS Contribution	272,963.59	Net Income/(Loss)	188,174.74
Total Long-Term Assets	903,270.08	Total Ending Net Position	387,183.30
Capital Assets		Total Liabilities & Net Position	3,841,674.98
Capital Assets	439,462.41		
Accumulated Depreciation	(350,276.38)		
Total Capital Assets	89,186.03		
Total Assets	3,841,674.98		

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Profit & Loss - Attachment 2
June 2026

	June-26	June-26
Income		
AMBAG Revenue		210,169.24
Cash Contributions		144,499.56
Grant Revenue		9,902,396.52
Non-Federal Local Match		365,636.45
Total Income		10,622,701.77
Expense		
Salaries		1,900,351.21
Fringe Benefits		1,148,474.18
Professional Services		6,662,261.33
Lease/Rentals		79,354.32
Communications		22,847.09
Supplies		50,252.81
Printing		273.48
Travel		48,580.76
Other Charges:		
BOD Allowances	5,350.00	
BOD Refreshments/Travel/Nameplates/Dinner/Other	5,393.06	
Workshops/Training	6,842.35	
CCR REN Travel/Classes/Events/Recruitment/Other	1,020.00	
SB1/MTIP/MTP/SCS/OWP/Public Participation Expenses	17,906.85	
Dues & Subscriptions	30,551.20	
Depreciation Expense	48,589.00	
Insurance	40,160.46	
Interest/Fees/Tax Expense	257.48	
Total Other Charges		156,495.40
Non-Federal Local Match		365,636.45
Total Expense		10,434,527.03
Net Income/(Loss)		188,174.74

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Cash Activity - Attachment 3
For July 2026

Monthly Cash Activity	July-26	August-26	September-26	October-26	November-26	December-26	January-27	February-27	March-27	April-27	May-27	June-27	TOTAL
1. CASH ON HAND													
[Beginning of month]	2,077,982.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2. CASH RECEIPTS													
(a) AMBAG Revenue	193,066.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	193,066.29
(b) Grant Revenue	444,103.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	444,103.96
(c) REAP Advance Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(d) Borrowing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	637,170.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	637,170.25
4. TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	2,715,153.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5. CASH PAID OUT													
(a) Payroll & Related	328,439.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	328,439.20
(b) Professional Services	757,310.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	757,310.02
(c) Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(d) Lease/Rentals	12,483.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,483.74
(e) Communications	1,986.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,986.58
(f) Supplies	3,830.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,830.92
(g) Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(h) Travel	10,091.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,091.16
(i) Other Charges	23,258.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,258.80
(j) Loan Repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6. TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	1,137,400.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,137,400.42
7. CASH POSITION	1,577,752.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: William Condon, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for FFY 2026-27 to FFY 2029-30

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2026-27 to 2029-30 by adopting the enclosed Resolution No. 2026-8 (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

In response to requirements pursuant to its designation as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) prepares transportation plans and programs for the tri-county, Monterey Bay region consisting of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties.

The Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for FFY 2026-27 to 2029-30 is the region's short range transportation programming document that contains transportation improvement projects including public mass transit, highway, bridge, local road, bicycle and pedestrian projects proposed for funding based on anticipated available federal, state and local funds over the next four federal fiscal years (October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2030).

The Draft MTIP implements the *2050 Monterey Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (MTP), the 20 plus-year metropolitan transportation plan adopted by the AMBAG Board on June 10, 2026. In addition, projects in the programming document are consistent with the recent Short Range Transit Plans (SRTPs) of the public transit operators, Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIPs) of the three regional transportation planning agencies, Caltrans' 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and 2026 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

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The Draft MTIP represents a total of \$1.52 billion transportation project investments (104 projects) within the tri-county Monterey Bay Area over the four-year period. Staff provided a detailed presentation on the MTIP program and process at the August 12, 2026 Board meeting. A copy of the Draft MTIP for FFY 2026-27 to FFY 2029-30 is separately enclosed with the agenda (Attachment 2) and available for download at www.ambag.org.

AMBAG released the Draft MTIP for FFY 2026-27 to 2029-30 for public review and comments from July 31, 2026 to August 31, 2026. The Notice of Public Review, Comments and Hearing was published in local newspapers. A copy of the Draft MTIP was also made available for viewing and download at the websites listed below:

1. Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments: www.ambag.org
2. Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission: www.sccrtc.org
3. Transportation Agency for Monterey County: www.tamcmonterey.org
4. Council of San Benito County Governments: www.sanbenitocog.org
5. Monterey-Salinas Transit: www.mst.org
6. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District: www.scmttd.com

A public hearing to receive public testimony on this document was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 during the AMBAG Board of Directors meeting.

The deadline for AMBAG to submit the adopted MTIP: FFY 2026-27 to FFY 2029-30 to Caltrans for their approval is September 30, 2026. If adopted, the document is expected to receive state approval on November 13, 2026 and joint approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on December 16, 2026. Upon receiving federal approval, it will be included in the 2026 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

All projects included in the MTIP meet the following three general federal requirements for approval as part of the MTIP:

1. Consistency with AMBAG's *2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS)*;
2. Financial constraint document, and;
3. Opportunity for public review, comments, and hearing.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the Board does not adopt the MTIP, AMBAG cannot submit it for State approval by the September 30, 2026 deadline and later for Federal approval. In this case, the projects included in the Draft MTIP would not be eligible to receive federal and/or state funding and the project implementation would be delayed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Staff time for the Draft MTIP preparation and its maintenance is funded through federal funds and is programmed in the approved FY 2026-27 OWP.

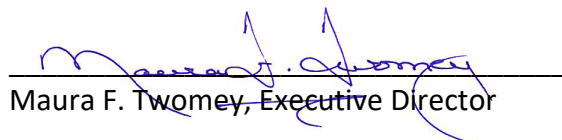
COORDINATION:

The proposed Draft MTIP is developed in coordination and consultation with the following partner agencies:

- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- Council of San Benito County Governments
- Monterey-Salinas Transit
- Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
- Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
- Transportation Agency for Monterey County

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2026-8
2. Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for FFY 2026-27 to FFY 2029-30 (separately enclosed)

APPROVED BY:

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1
A RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA
GOVERNMENTS ADOPTING THE MONTEREY BAY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) FFY 2026-27 to FFY 2029-30

WHEREAS, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments has been designated by the Governor of the State of California as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Monterey Bay area; and

WHEREAS, Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 450, and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 613, require that in each urbanized area, as a condition to the receipt of Federal capital or operating assistance, the MPO carries out, in cooperation with State, local agencies and publicly owned operators of mass transportation services, a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) calls for the development of at least a four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), under direction of the MPO in cooperation with State and local officials, regional and local transit operators, and other affected transportation and regional planning and implementing agencies; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG has developed a four-year program of projects, consistent with AMBAG's *2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy*, the *2026 State Transportation Improvement Program*, the *2026 State Highway Operation and Protection Program*, and the area's Regional Transportation Improvement Programs and Short Range Transit Plans; and

WHEREAS, this document does not interfere with the timely implementation of the Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) contained in the State Implementation Plan (SIP); and

WHEREAS, this document complies with the public participation process in accordance with AMBAG's 2023 Public Participation Plan (PPP); and

WHEREAS, this document is financially constrained and prioritized by funding year, adding only those projects for which funding has been identified and committed in accordance with 23 CFR 450; and

WHEREAS, projects in the document satisfy the transportation conformity provisions of 40 CFR 93.122(g) and all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450 and are expected to support the establishment and achievement of performance management targets; and

WHEREAS, consultation with cognizant agencies was undertaken and the MTIP was considered with adequate opportunity for public review and comment, in accordance with 23 CFR 450:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments does hereby approve and authorize the submission of the *Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program FFY 2026-27 to FFY 2029-30* to the appropriate Federal and State agencies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2026.

Brian McCarthy, President

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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2026 AMBAG Calendar of Meetings

October 14, 2026	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
*November 18, 2026	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
December 2026	No Meeting Scheduled

*** The AMBAG November Board of Directors meeting has been moved to the third Wednesday of the month due to Veteran's Day Holiday.**

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AMBAG Acronym Guide	
ABM	Activity Based Model
ACFR	Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
ADA	Americans Disabilities Act
ALUC	Airport Land Use Commission
AMBAG	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
ARRA	American Reinvestment and Recovery Act
3CE	Central Coast Community Energy
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (Federal Legislation)
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CalVans	California Vanpool Authority
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CCJDC	Central Coast Joint Data Committee
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CHTS	California Households Travel Survey
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CTC	California Transportation Commission
DEIR	Draft Environmental Impact Report
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
DOF	Department of Finance (State of California)
EAC	Energy Advisory Committee
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
FAST Act	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
GHG	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
GIS	Geographic Information System
ICAP	Indirect Cost Allocation Plan
IIJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems

JPA	Joint Powers Authority
LTA	San Benito County Local Transportation Authority
LTC	Local Transportation Commission
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century Act
MBARD	Monterey Bay Air Resources District
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPAD	Monterey Peninsula Airport District
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MST	Monterey-Salinas Transit
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
MTIP	Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
OWP	Overall Work Program
PG&E	Pacific Gas & Electric Company
PPP	Public Participation Plan
RAPS, Inc.	Regional Analysis & Planning Services, Inc.
RFP	Request for Proposal
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Allocation
RTDM	Regional Travel Demand Model
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
SB 375	Senate Bill 375
SBtCOG	Council of San Benito County Governments
SCCRTC	Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
SCMTD	Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
SCS	Sustainable Communities Strategy
S RTP	Short-Range Transit Plan
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TAMC	Transportation Agency for Monterey County
TAZ	Traffic Analysis Zone
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VT	Vehicle Miles Trips