
Planning Committee **STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: June 01, 2023

Subject	Update on Plan Bay Area (PBA) 2050 Plus (+)
Summary of Issues	The current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the nine-county Bay Area region, known as PBA 2050, was adopted by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in October 2021. MTC is planning a "minor" update of the RTP to be completed in 2025. Staff will provide an overview of the update, known as PBA 2050+.
Recommendations	Staff will provide periodic updates on the PBA 2050+ development process. This is an informational item only; no staff recommendation at this time.
Staff Contact	Matt Kelly
Financial Implications	None
Options	The Authority Board may provide feedback to staff.
Attachments	None
Changes from Committee	<i>None</i>

Background

State and federal law requires MTC, as the Metropolitan Transportation Organization for the Bay Area, to prepare an RTP and update it every four years. MTC adopted its current RTP, PBA 2050, in 2021 following a major update from the previous RTP (PBA 2040). MTC is currently planning for a minor, focused update of PBA 2050, to be known as PBA 2050+.

MTC staff has been engaging the Bay Area County Transportation Agencies (CTAs) over the past few months regarding the scope and schedule of the proposed update, and for input on various new strategic efforts that are proposed to be incorporated into PBA 2050+. The

transportation component of the update will make select refinements to non-transit Blueprint transportation strategies and identify new implementation actions, and will include updating the PBA 2050 project costs and descriptions by the CTAs. The update includes a parallel effort focused on updating and re-imagining PBA 2050's transit strategies into a service-oriented, hub-oriented, financially-constrained transit network vision.

Theme	Strategy
Maintain and Optimize Existing Infrastructure	T1*. Restore, operate, and maintain the existing system.
	T2. Support community-led transportation enhancements in Equity Priority Communities.
	T3*. Enable a seamless mobility experience.
	T4*. Reform regional transit fare policy.
	T5. Implement per-mile tolling on congested freeways with transit alternatives.
	T6. Improve interchanges and address highway bottlenecks.
	T7. Advance other regional programs and local priorities.
Create Healthy and Safe Streets	T8. Build a Complete Streets network.
	T9. Advance regional Vision Zero policy through street design and reduced speeds.
Enhance Regional and Local Transit	T10*. Enhance local transit frequency, capacity, and reliability.
	T11*. Expand and modernize the regional rail network.
	T12*. Build an integrated regional express lanes and express bus network.

*PBA 2050 Transit+ Strategies

MTC has identified several tasks requiring CTA involvement over the next year as part of the update of the PBA 2050 transportation component:

- Task 1A: PBA 2050 Project Updates. Authority staff will coordinate with project sponsors to update the costs, descriptions, and other details of projects included in PBA 2050. This is due June 30, 2023.
- Task 1B: Local Transportation Revenue Updates. Authority staff will work with MTC staff to update the revenue forecasts, including county sales tax measures and other local funding sources. This is due March 2024.
- Task 2: New Project Proposals. Authority staff will coordinate the identification of any new regionally significant projects in Contra Costa County that are not currently included in PBA 2050. Projects may include resilience-focused transportation projects, with an emphasis on sea-level rise adaptation. Authority staff will consider reaching out to local jurisdictions and/or regional transportation planning committees as part of the process. This is due September 30, 2023.
- Task 3: Final Blueprint Transportation Project List. Authority staff will review and comment on the proposed final project list. This is due April 2024.

MTC will finalize the project list in June 2024, and adopt the revised strategies along with the projects, as part of the Final Blueprint for PBA 2050+.

MTC is also currently accepting nominations for new Priority Development Areas as part of the PBA 2050+ Housing Element update. Nominations come from local jurisdictions, and the application window is open through July 31, 2023.

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