



## Planning Directors Forum

Monday, November 30, 2020

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

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## AGENDA

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**1. Welcome/Roll Call**

**2. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) Update (Heather Adamson, AMBAG)**

AMBAG staff will provide an update on the development of the 2045 MTP/SCS including the process to update the land use inputs and mapping for the SCS.

**3. Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ) Disaggregation (Gina Schmidt, AMBAG)**

AMBAG staff will provide an update on the upcoming TAZ disaggregation process.

**4. PlaceType Mapping Update (Heather Adamson, AMBAG)**

AMBAG staff will provide an update on the PlaceType mapping.

**5. Other Items (All)**

- **REAP Follow-up (Paul Hierling)**

**6. Next Steps/Adjourn**

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** AMBAG Planning Directors Forum

**FROM:** Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

**SUBJECT:** 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Update

**MEETING DATE:** November 30, 2020

**RECOMMENDATION:** INFORMATION

Receive an update on the development of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS).

### **BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:**

AMBAG adopted the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) in June 2018. Federal and state law requires that AMBAG prepare a long-range transportation plan every four years. In accordance with state and federal guidelines, the 2045 MTP/SCS is scheduled for adoption by the Board of Directors in June 2022. The 2045 MTP/SCS activities underway are highlighted below.

### ***2022 Regional Growth Forecast***

The 2022 Regional Growth Forecast was accepted for planning purposes by the AMBAG Board of Directors on November 18, 2020. Staff will use this information to update the Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZs) in the regional transportation demand model. The regional transportation demand model is used to forecast future transportation patterns in the AMBAG region.

### ***Land Use Inputs and Mapping Updates***

AMBAG staff is working with local jurisdictions to update land use inputs for the PlaceTypes and Opportunity Area maps for the SCS. Accurate identification of land uses and opportunity areas is important to forecasting and planning for future transportation improvements. The PlaceTypes maps will be updated for 2020 and 2045 using an online

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tool. AMBAG staff held online training sessions in October 2020 for all local jurisdictions staff to attend to update land uses in their respective jurisdictions. The revisions to the PlaceType maps are due in December 2020.

Beginning in early 2021, AMBAG will also work with local jurisdiction planning staff to update the Opportunity Area (OA) maps for the SCS. Similar to the PlaceType map update process, AMBAG is expecting to use an online tool to update the maps and will hold training sessions in 2021.

### ***Transportation Project List***

AMBAG is working with our transportation partners to update the unconstrained transportation project list that will be included in the 2045 MTP/SCS. The Council of San Benito County of Governments (SBtCOG), Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) and Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), are working with local jurisdiction staff and transit operators to update the local and regional transportation project and program information. This information will be used for scenario planning and to determine which transportation projects are expected to be fully funded and in operation by 2045. This transportation project data will enable AMBAG to ensure accurate, complete and timely information regarding the transportation projects and programs included in the MTP/SCS.

### ***Revenue Assumptions***

AMBAG has been working with our transportation partners to develop financial assumptions for the MTP/SCS through 2045. The financial assumptions will guide how much local, state and federal funding will be reasonably available for the transportation investments included in the 2045 MTP/SCS.

### ***Scenario Planning***

AMBAG will begin to develop transportation/land use scenarios for evaluation in the MTP/SCS and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in early 2021. The various planning scenarios to be evaluated will be framed by MTP/SCS goals and policies and will cover a range of alternatives and themes such as no improvements, livable communities and maintaining mobility and making the best use of our resources, including the following:

- Supportive land uses around transit investments
- Provide alternative travel options (transit, bicycle, pedestrian, etc.) to driving alone

- Make transportation investments to improve congestion and safety around the region

Over the next few months, scenarios will be refined and evaluated and will include various land use assumptions and various types of new transportation system improvements and investments. The Board of Directors will be asked to select a preferred land use and transportation scenario, also known as the Preferred Revenue Constrained Scenario in spring 2021 that will become the basis of the 2045 MTP/SCS and its EIR.

### ***2045 MTP/SCS Public Involvement Program***

AMBAG staff will continue to implement the outreach strategies included in the Public Involvement Plan and we expect to have public workshops in spring 2021 on the development of the MTP/SCS.

### ***Next Steps***

Staff will continue to develop the various components of the 2045 MTP/SCS working with the Planning Directors Forum, Technical Advisory Committees, partner agencies and key stakeholders.