AMBAG
Board of Directors Meeting

September 14, 2022

PLANNING EXCELLENCE
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Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

Item #1: Call To Order

Item #2: Roll Call

Item #3: Resolution in Accordance with AB 361 regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act and Finding of Imminent Risk to Health and Safety of In-Person Meetings as a Result of the Continuing COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency Declared by Governor Newsom

Recommended Action: Adopt

Item #4: Oral Communications from the Public on Items Not on the Agenda

(A maximum of three minutes on any subject not on the agenda)

Item #5: Oral Communications from the Board on Items Not on the Agenda

(A maximum of three minutes on any subject not on the agenda)

Item #6A: Executive/Finance Committee

Recommended Action: Information

Item #6B: Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Committee Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Recommended Action: Direct

Item #7: Executive Director's Report

Recommended Action: Information

Item #8: Consent Agenda (Items #8A – 8F)

Recommended Action: Approve

Item #9: Items Removed from Consent Calendar for Discussion and Possible Action

Item #10A: Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2022-23 to 2025-26

Recommended Action: Approve

Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2022-23 to FFY 2025-26

Presented at:
September 14, 2022 AMBAG Board Meeting

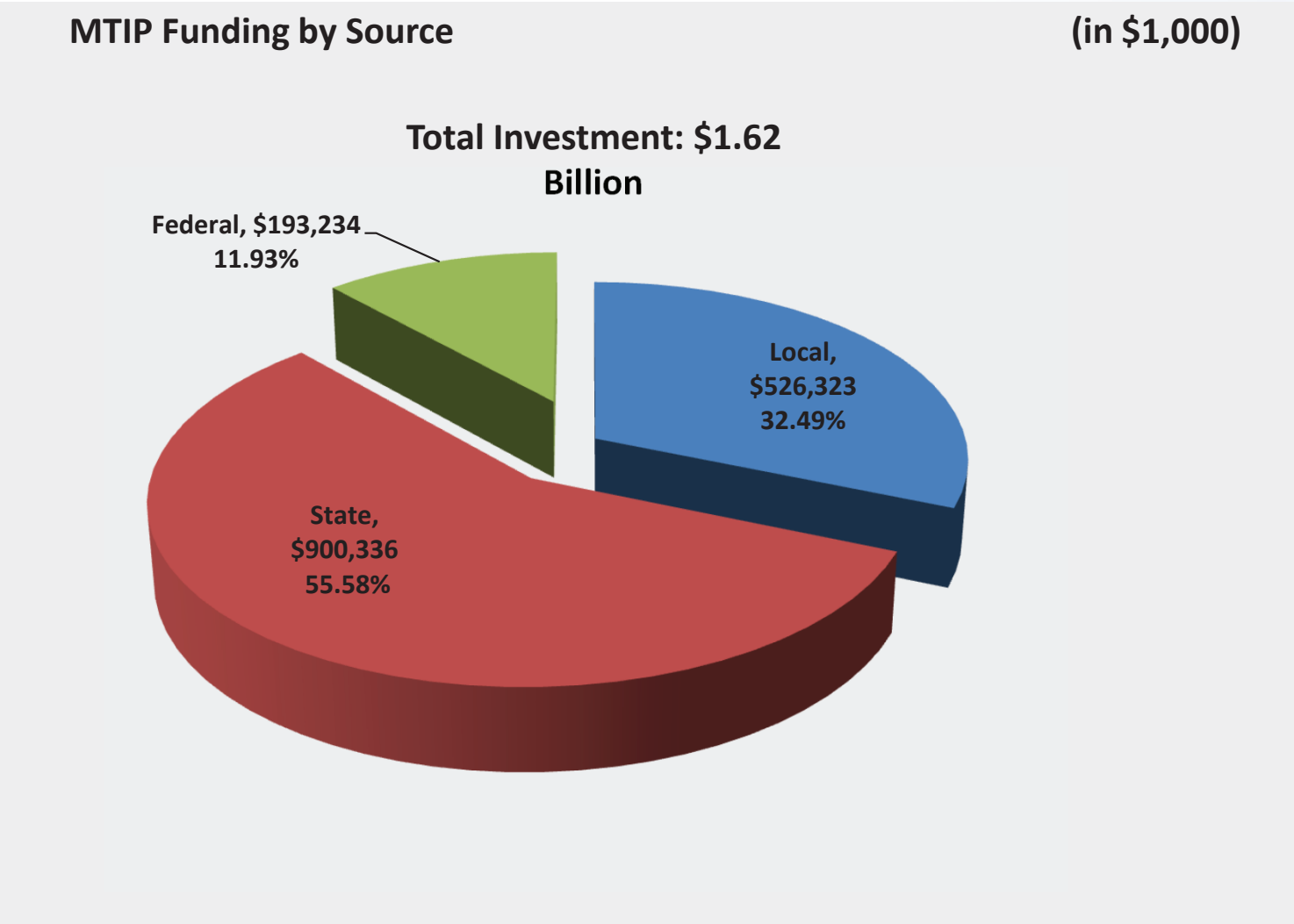
What is the MTIP?

- Short Range Transportation Improvement Program
- Implements AMBAG's 2045 MTP/SCS projects
- Required by federal and state law to receive Federal and State funds
- Covers four years, updated every 2 years and amended as needed

MTIP Process

- Developed by MPO (AMBAG) in consultation and coordination with:
  - RTPAs (TAMC, SCCRTC and SBtCOG) and transit agencies (MST and METRO)
  - Caltrans, FHWA and FTA
  - Local agencies/project sponsors
  - Transportation stakeholders and general public

MTIP Summary



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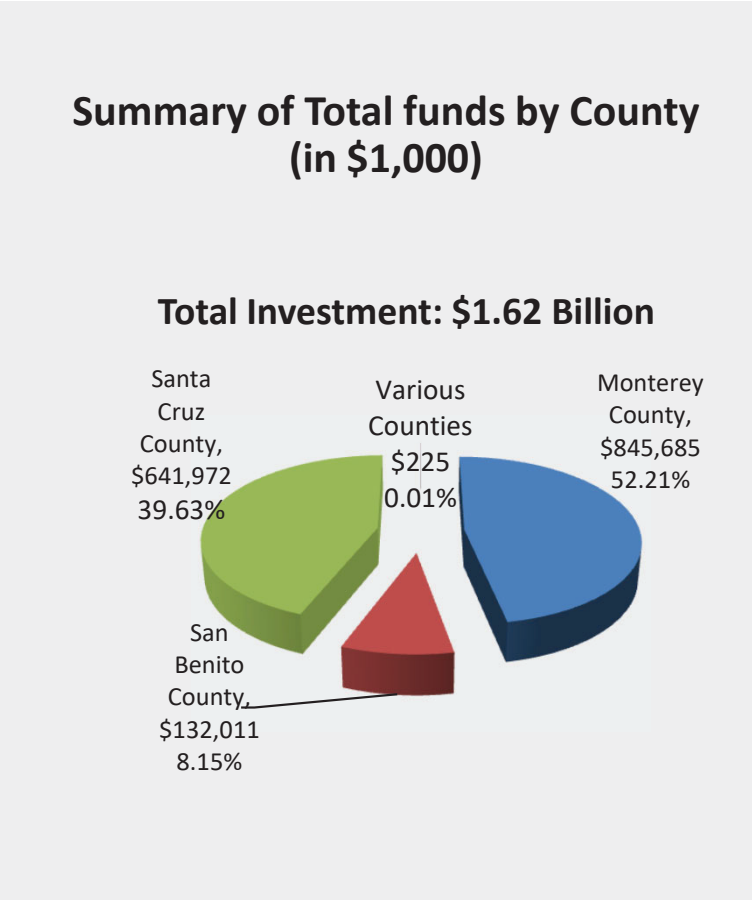
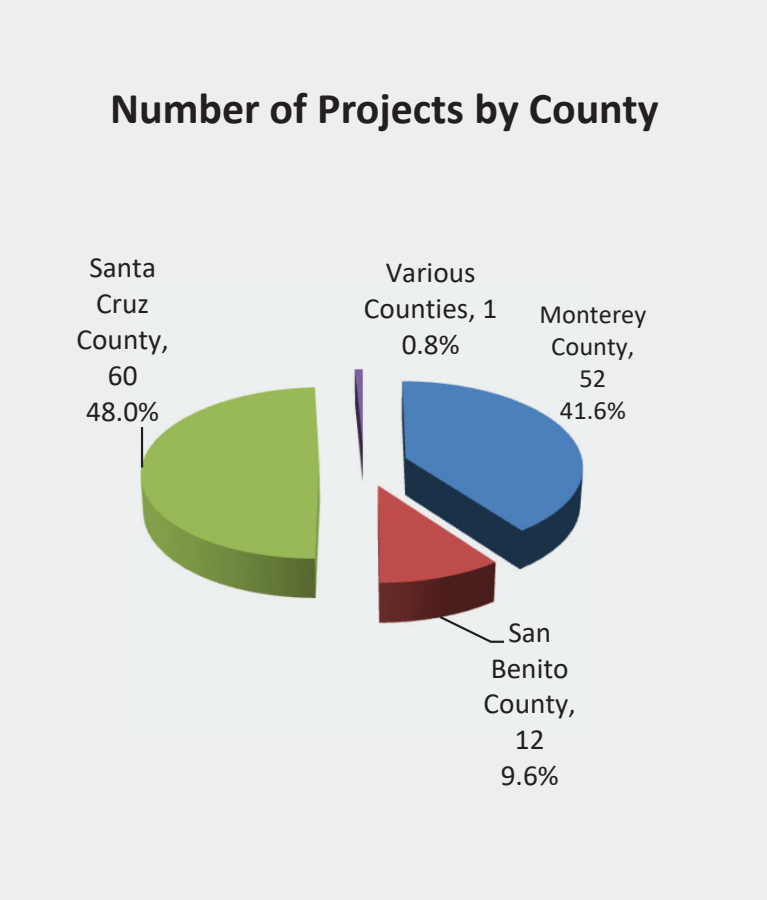




MTIP Public Participation Process

- **30-day public review and comment period:** August 1 to August 30, 2022
- **Public hearing:** August 10, 2022 at Board meeting
- **Website posting:** AMBAG, RTPAs and transit agency websites
- **Public notices in local newspapers:** August 1, 2022

Next Steps

- Forward AMBAG MTIP to State and Federal agencies for their approval
  - State approval: November 16, 2022
  - Federal approval: December 16, 2022

Required Action Today

- Staff recommends that the Board of Directors **approve** the Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2022-23 to 2025-26 by adopting the enclosed Resolution No. 2022-22

Questions ?

Item #10B: Draft 2022 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

Recommended Action: Approve

Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan

ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

MIRANDA TAYLOR, PLANNER

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

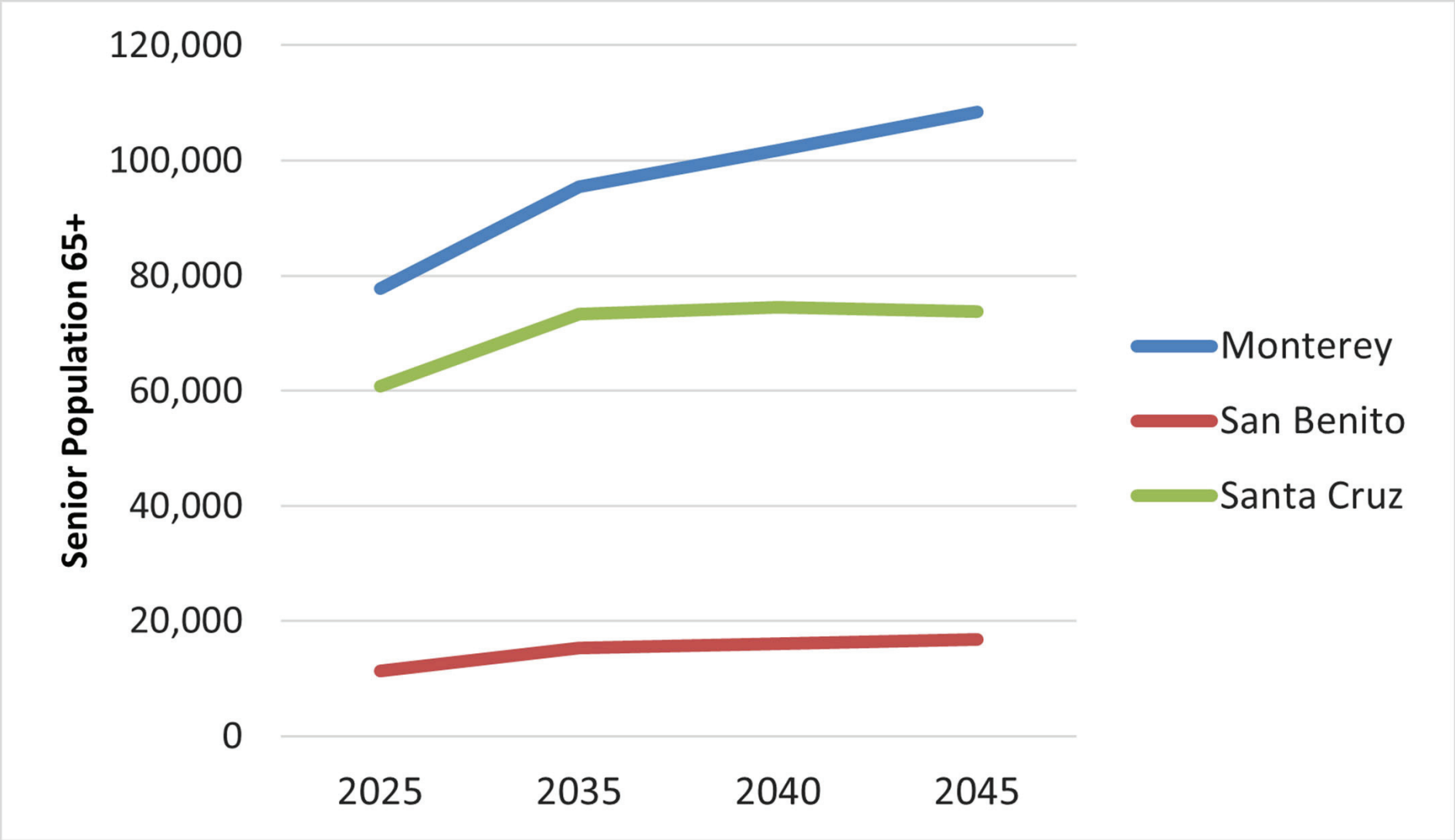
Background

- Federally requires an update every 4 years
- Establishes a unified regional strategy for providing transportation to:
    - Individuals with Disabilities
    - Seniors
    - Low Income Individuals
- Facilitates applications for the FTA Section 5310 grant program
- Funds capital and operating expenses through a competitive process

Requirements Of The Plan

1. Assessment of available services and providers
2. Assessment of transportation needs for seniors and persons with disabilities
3. Projects, activities and strategies to address identified gaps between current and needed services
4. Priorities for implementation based on resources, time and feasibility

Senior Population By County



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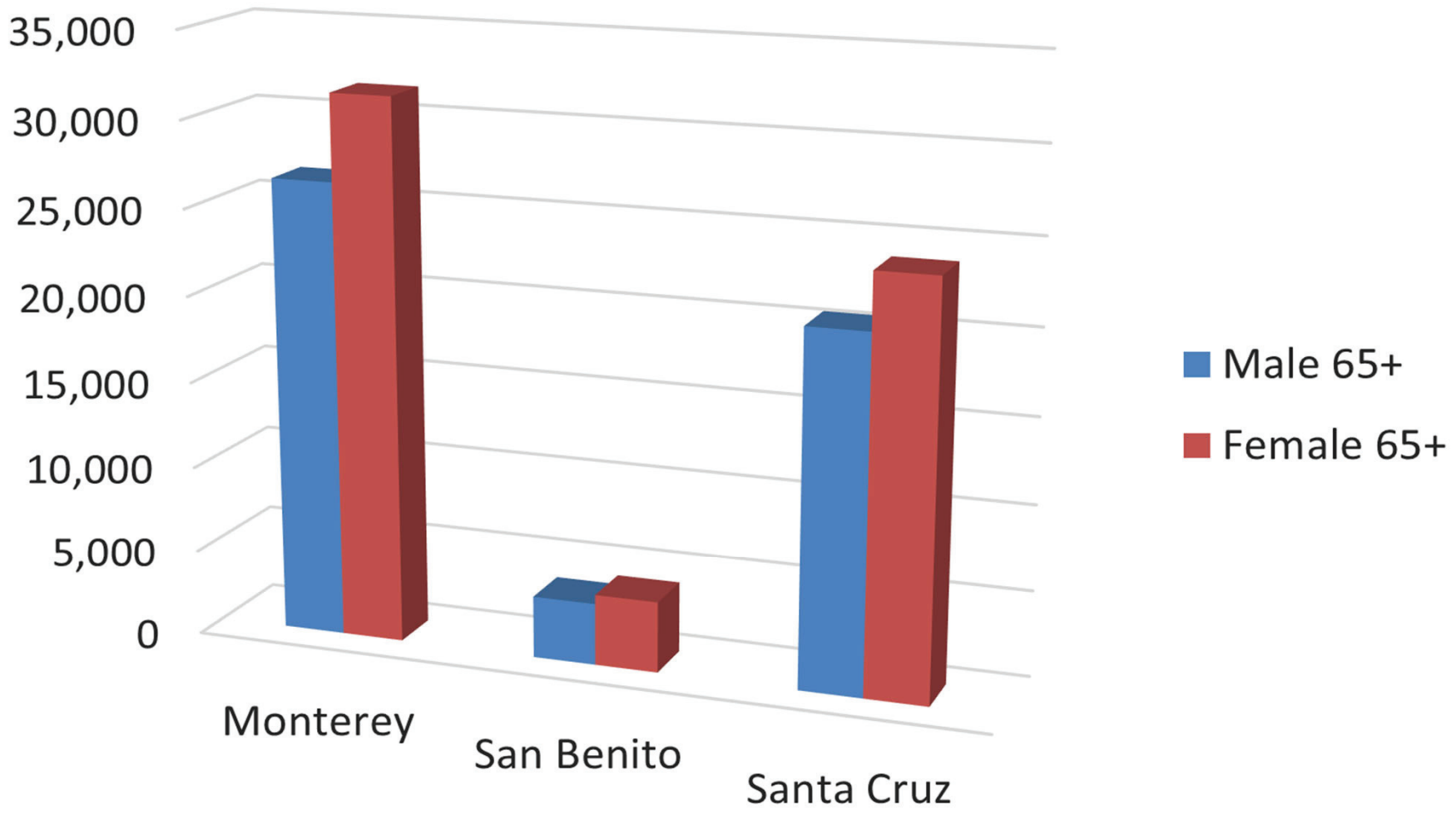
Population Under Poverty Line



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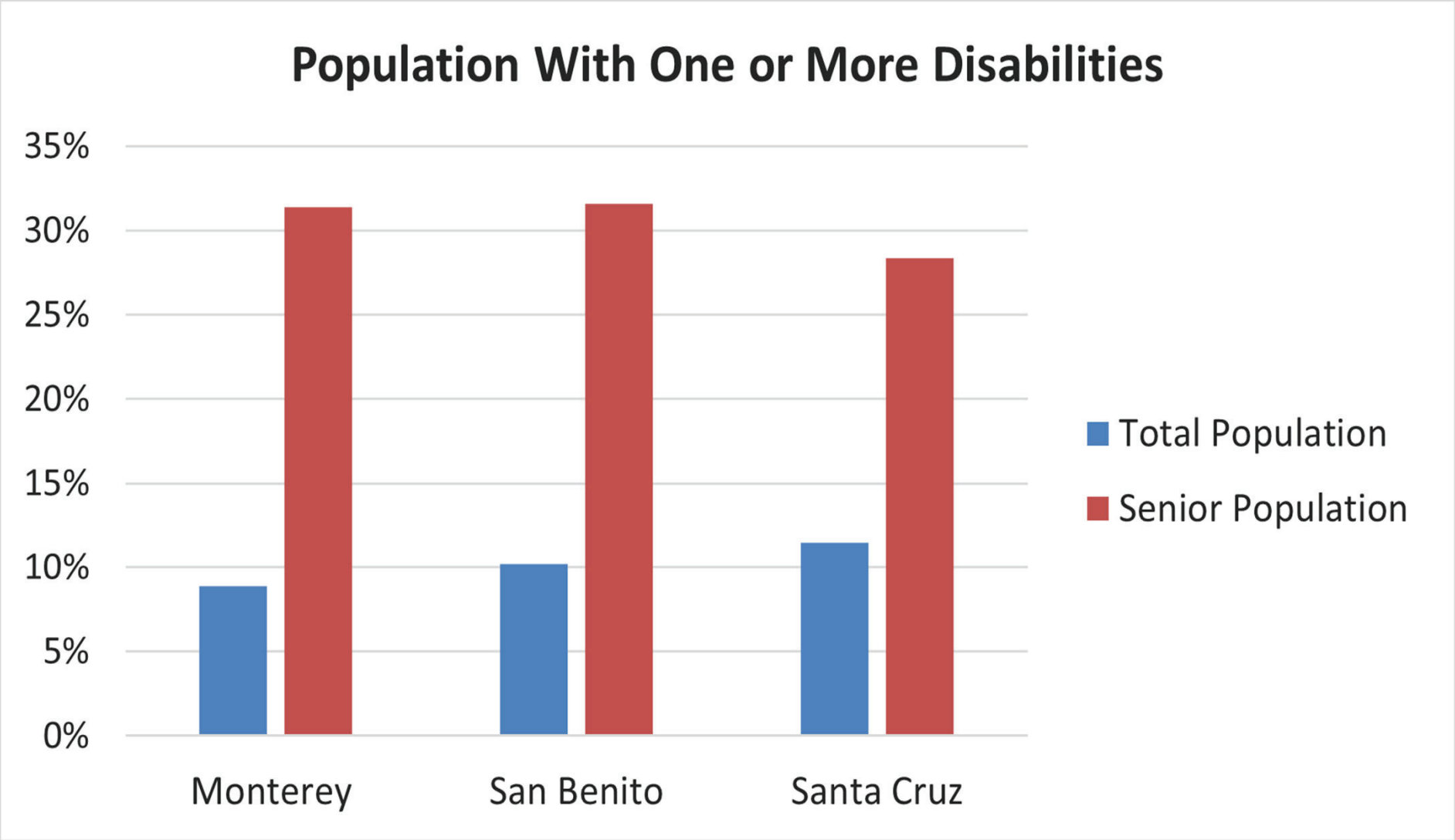
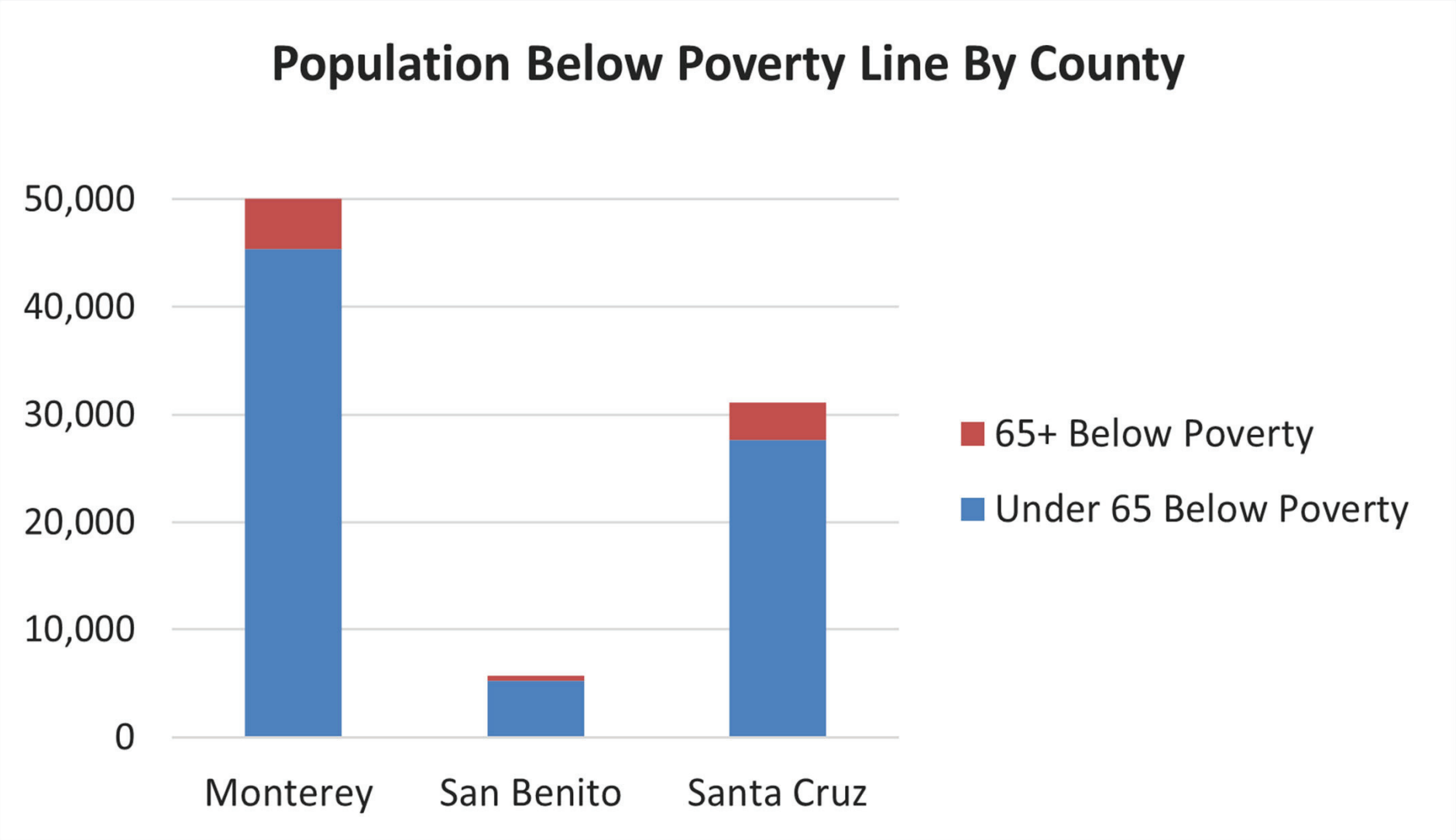
Senior Population By Gender



Data: American Community Survey 2016-2020

Disabled Population



Data: American Community Survey 2016-2020

Next Steps

- 30-day public comment period:
  - September 15 – October 17, 2022
- Presentations to Committees and Working Groups:
  - SCCRTC's ITAC – 9/22
  - MST's MAC – 9/28
  - TAMC's TAC – 10/6
  - San Benito COG's TAC – 10/6
  - SCCRTC's E&D TAC – 10/11
- AMBAG Board of Directors scheduled to approve the Final 2022 Plan at its November 9, 2022

Recommendation

- The Board of Directors is asked to release the *2022 Draft Coordinated Public Transit- Human Services Transportation Plan* for a 30-day public comment period

Questions?

DRAFT COORDINATED PLAN

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Item #10C: Draft 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan Appeals Final Determination

Recommended Action: Public Hearing/Approve

Draft 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan Appeals Final Determination

Heather Adamson, AICP

September 14, 2022

RHNA Schedule

TARGET SCHEDULE	TASK
Spring to Fall 2021	Discussion with PDF on potential RHNA methodology options
Summer to Fall 2021	Potential RHNA methodology options discussed by AMBAG Board
September 8, 2021	HCD presents at AMBAG Board Meeting
January 12, 2022	Approval of draft RHNA methodology by AMBAG Board
January – March 2022	HCD reviews Draft Methodology
April 13, 2022	Approval of final RHNA methodology by AMBAG Board
April 22, 2022	Release draft RHNA plan with RHNA allocations by jurisdictions
April 22 – June 6, 2022	Local jurisdictions may appeal RHNA allocation within 45 days of release of the draft RHNA plan/allocations
May 2022	AMBAG releases final 2045 MTP/SCS accommodating RHNA
June 7 – July 22, 2022	Local jurisdictions and HCD may comment on appeals during this period
August 10, 2022	AMBAG to hold public hearings on appeals and make initial determination to accept, **rejects** or modify appeals
September 14, 2022	AMBAG makes final written determination that rejects appeals and issues final proposed allocation plan
September 23, 2022	Release of Final RHNA Plan with RHNA allocations
October 12, 2022	Adoption of Final 2023-31 RHNA Plan with RHNA allocations by AMBAG Board
December 15, 2023	Jurisdiction's 6th Cycle Housing Elements are due to HCD

RHNA Development Process

- HCD issued RHND on August 31, 2021
- AMBAG approved draft RHNA methodology on January 12, 2022
- AMBAG approved final RHNA methodology on April 13, 2022
- Draft 2023-2031 6th Cycle Plan was released on April 22, 2022
  - Initiated a 45-day appeal period allowing a jurisdiction or HCD to appeal for a revision of the share of the regional housing need proposed to be allocated
  - Close of the appeal period was June 6, 2002

RHNA Appeal Process

- AMBAG conducted a public hearing on August 10, 2022 to consider all appeals filed and comments received on the appeals
- Each appeal was heard individually before the AMBAG Board of Directors
- The AMBAG Board of Directors considered all appeals and all comments received on the appeals, discussed and provided direction on each appeal
- AMBAG Board of Directors voted to reject both appeals at its meeting on August 10th

Final Written Determination

- The AMBAG Board of Directors is statutorily required to make a final written determination on each appeal and issue a proposed final allocation plan "no later than 45 days after the public hearing" pursuant to Gov. Code, § 65584.05(e)
- The 6th Cycle RHNA appeals written final determination for Sand City and Greenfield are included as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively
- AMBAG staff recommends approving the final determination to reject both appeals consistent with the August 10, 2022 vote to reject both appeals

Next Steps

- AMBAG issues final proposed allocation plan, scheduled for September 23, 2022
- Adoption of Final 2023-31 RHNA Plan with RHNA allocations by AMBAG Board on October 12, 2022

Recommendation

- The AMBAG Board of Directors is asked to:

  (1) hold a public hearing;

  (2) adopt staff's written final determinations regarding the appeals on the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), which were heard by the AMBAG Board of Directors at a public hearing on August 10, 2022; and

  (3) authorize staff to issue the proposed Final 2023-2031 6th Cycle RHNA Plan prior to Board consideration and adoption in October 2022

Questions

Item #10D: Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program

Recommended Action: Information

Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Program

Heather Adamson, AICP

September 14, 2022

REAP 2.0 Program Objectives

- REAP 2.0 provides funds to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance with the 6th Cycle of the housing element, including RHNA allocations
- In addition, REAP 2.0 provides MPOs with tools and resources to help implement and advance the SCS
- The REAP 2.0 objectives are:
  - Accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice and affordability
  - Affirmatively furthering fair housing
  - VMT reduction

REAP 2.0 Funding & Guidelines

- Funded with $600 million from the State General Fund
- The REAP 2.0 Program will be administered by HCD in collaboration with OPR, SGC and CARB
- Most of the funds (85%) will be allocated directly to the MPOs; AMBAG's allocation of the MPO funding is $10,133,742
- Focus is transformative implementation and planning
- Two Part MPO application: (1) Advance Application for 10% and (2) Final application for 90%

REAP 2.0 Eligible Uses

- Outlined in REAP 2.0 Final Guidelines (pages 10-13)
- Eligible uses should meet one or more of the following categories of allowable uses:
  - Accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability through various planning programs, services, or capital expenditures
  - Realizing multimodal communities through programs, plans, and implementation actions
  - Shifting travel behavior by reducing driving through programs, ordinances, funds, and other mechanisms, and ;
  - Increasing transit ridership through funding, implementation actions, and planning

REAP 2.0 Eligible Uses (cont.)

- Accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability
  - Affordable housing development programs
  - Rezoning and guiding development by updating planning documents, development standards, and zoning ordinances
  - Revamping local planning processes to accelerate infill development
  - Completing environmental clearance to eliminate the need for project-specific review for infill development
  - Establishing/funding an affordable housing catalyst fund, trust fund, or revolving loan fund for location efficient projects
  - Performing infrastructure planning and investing in upgrading infrastructure

REAP 2.0 Eligible Uses (cont.)

- Realizing multimodal communities
  - Establishing and implementing a vision-zero policy and program, a safety plan, and a slow streets program
  - Developing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure plans and other multimodal plans or policies
  - Investing in infrastructure projects and other programs to expand active transportation and implement bicycle or pedestrian plans
  - Producing multimodal corridor studies associated with developing specific planning documents or implementation actions

REAP 2.0 Eligible Uses (cont.)

- Shifting travel behavior through reducing driving
  - Studying roadway pricing feasibility and implementing road pricing programs
  - Funding the establishment of a local VMT impact fee or catalyzing a regional VMT mitigation bank (not paying into a VMT bank)
  - Funding and implementing parking and transportation demand management programs or ordinances
  - Accelerating infill housing production near jobs, transit, and resources

REAP 2.0 Eligible Uses (cont.)

- Increasing transit ridership
  - Funding and implementing actions to establish more seamless regional transit systems including establishing common fares systems, sync transit routing systems and schedules, service design, and wayfinding to connect residential neighborhoods with employment centers and other key destinations
  - Developing and implementing multimodal access plans to and from transit facilities
  - Planning for additional housing near transit

AMBAG's REAP 2.0 Outreach Activities

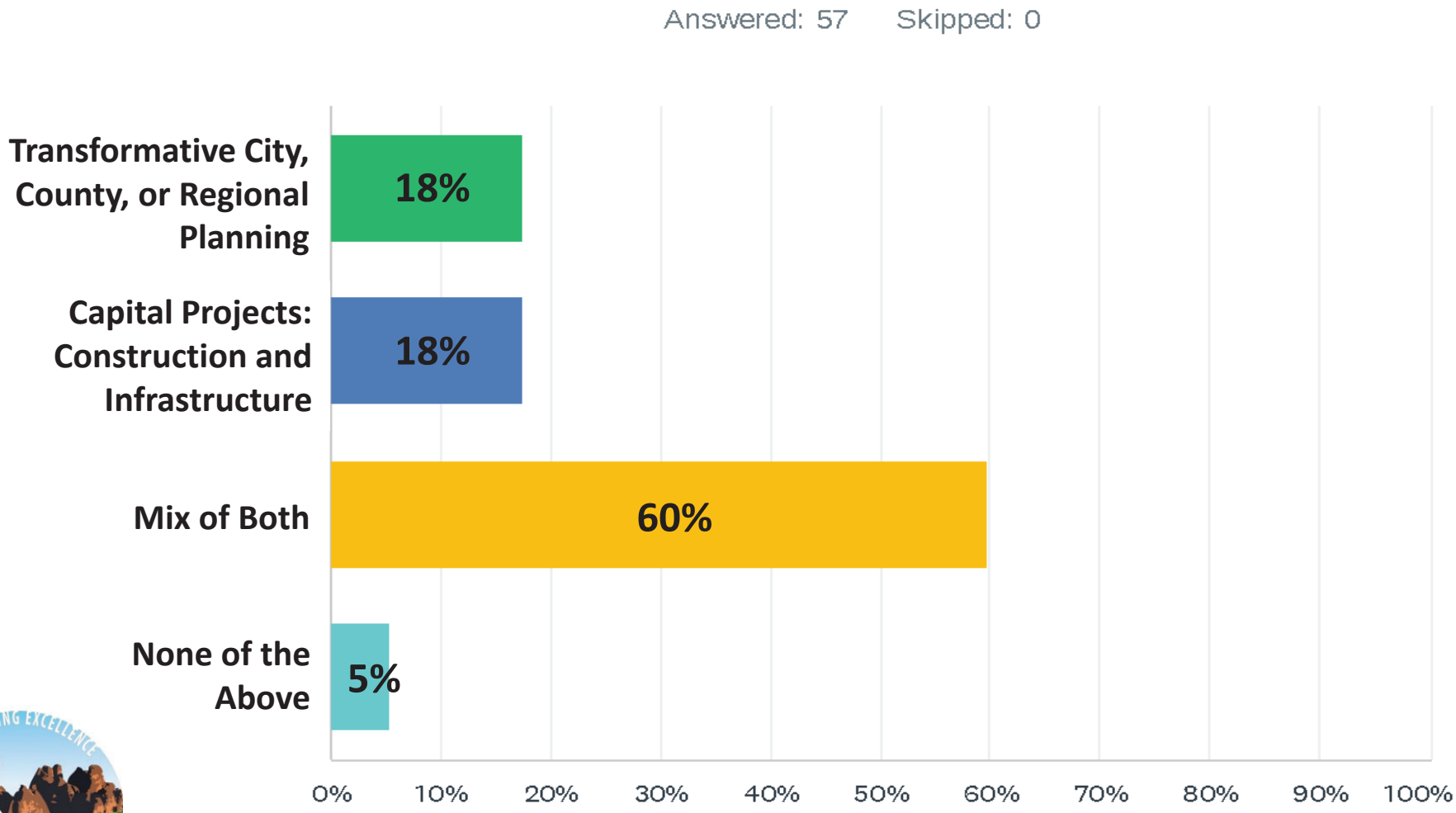
- Gather input and feedback on the development of the REAP 2.0 program
- July 2022 – public outreach survey
- August 2022 – agency/stakeholder survey
- August to November 2022 – more stakeholder outreach
- Work with the Board, partners, stakeholders and the public to develop final application
  - Priorities and proposed uses
  - Funding amounts and the appropriate blend of planning and implementation
  - Various other program components

Public Outreach Survey Results

- Developed a simple survey to gather input
- Available throughout July 2022
- Received 57 responses
- Questions to help develop AMBAG's REAP 2.0 program

REAP 2.0 - Funding Focus

Q: Should REAP 2.0 funding focus on transformative city/county/regional planning, capital projects such as construction and infrastructure projects, or a mix of both?

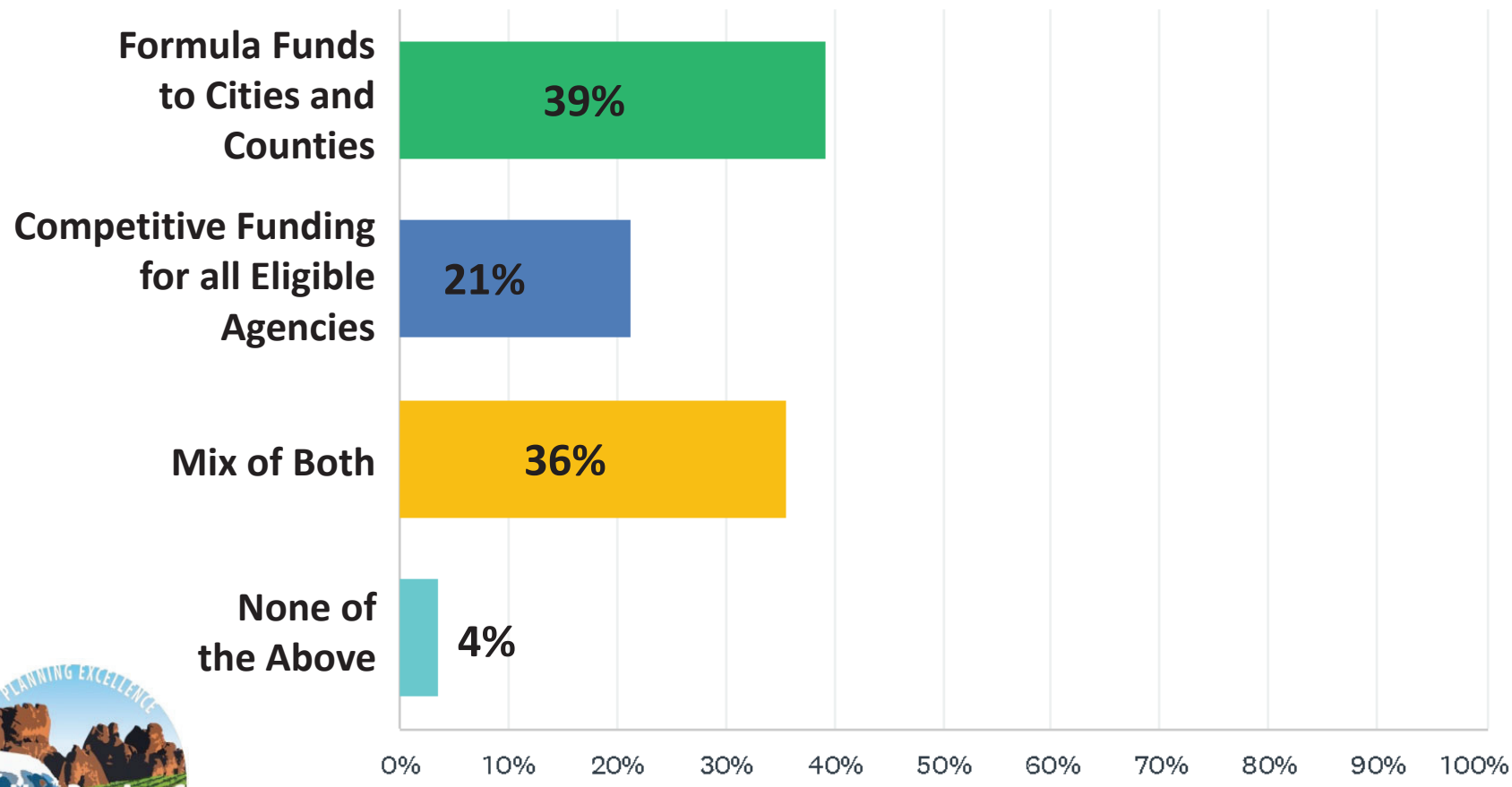


REAP 2.0 - Funding Allocation

Formula vs. Competitive

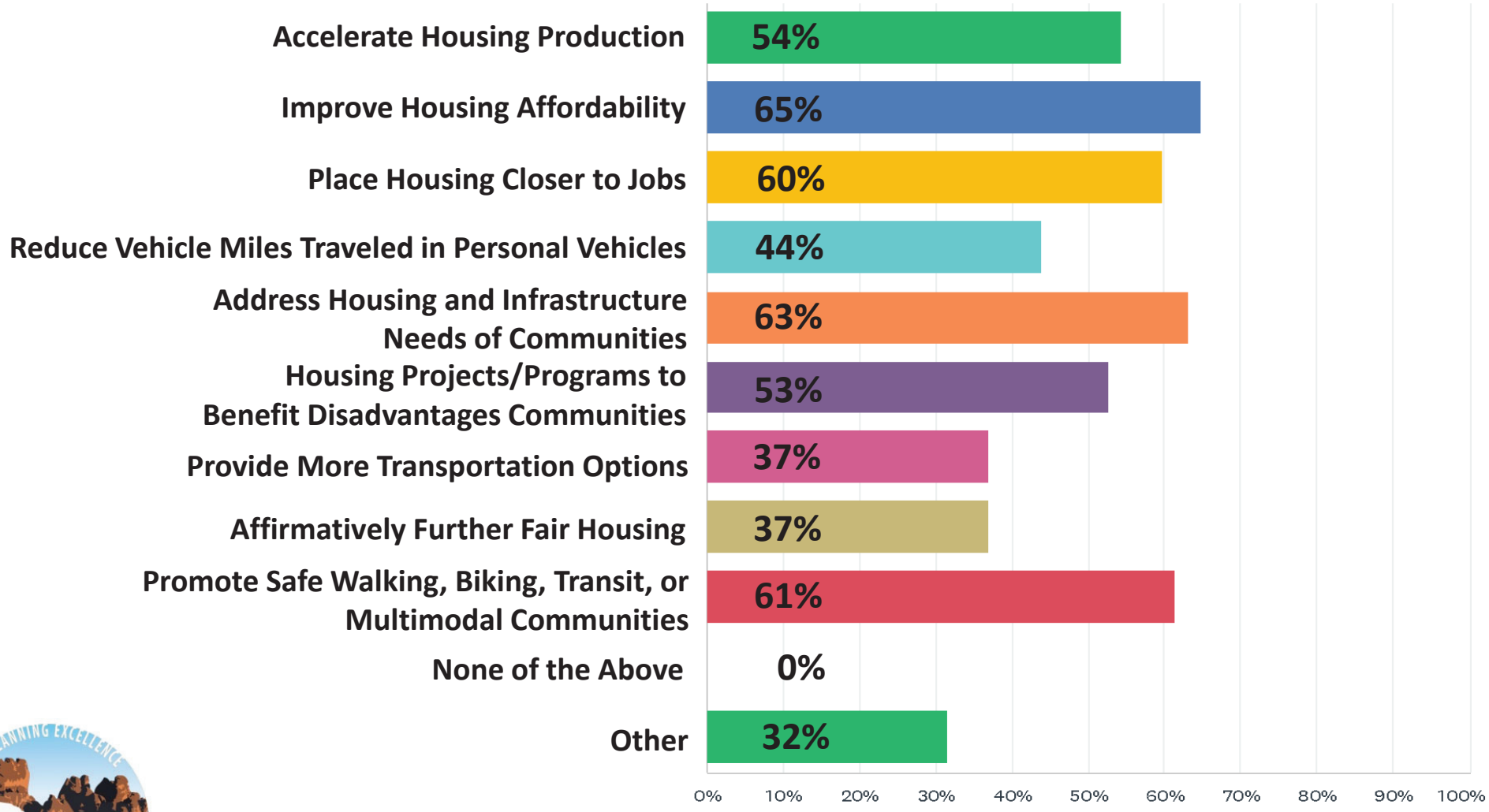
Q: Should funding allocations be guaranteed to cities, counties, and agencies, or should these agencies compete for the funding with project proposals?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 1



REAP 2.0 – Project/Program Preference

Q: What type of projects/programs would you like to see funded with REAP 2.0 funding? (Choose all that apply)



Agency/Stakeholder Survey Results

- Gather input on priorities and potential projects from local jurisdictions and other key stakeholders
- Available throughout August 2022
- Received 18 responses

Priority for Housing Planning/Projects

- Funding needed for assistance with affordable housing and related infrastructure was a common theme
- More than 80% of the respondents list housing related planning/projects as their priority with 17% for transportation related projects
- Three-quarters of respondents have unfunded affordable housing planning needs/housing element implementation

Other REAP 2.0 Priorities

- 86% of survey respondents stated that affordable housing subsidies/programs as a high priority
- Three-quarters of respondents need resources to conduct GHG/VMT planning activities and/or demonstration projects
- More than 90% need resources to expand and promote safe walking, biking, transit or multimodal communities
- Technical assistance in a variety of areas was supported

REAP 2.0 Framework Components
Initial Thoughts

1. Suballocation to local jurisdictions to implement 6th Cycle Housing Elements with a specific focus on infill development for both planning and implementation
2. Competitive grant program that supports REAP 2.0 objectives
3. AMBAG regional planning, technical assistance, REAP 2.0 program development and administration

REAP 2.0 Program Timeline

- March 24, 2022 – HCD released draft guidelines
- May 31, 2022 – Submitted Advance Application for 10% of funds for outreach & program development
- July 27, 2022 – HCD releases final guidelines and NOFA
- August 2022 – December 2022 – AMBAG develops regional approach and prepares MPO REAP 2.0 application
- December 31, 2022 – Deadline for AMBAG to submit MPO application for REAP 2.0 Program

REAP 2.0 Program Timeline (cont.)

- Spring/Summer 2023 – Develop AMBAG's regional competitive grant program including criteria, application, etc.
- Summer/early Fall 2023 – Applications due for AMBAG's competitive grant program
- Late 2023/early 2024 – AMBAG awards regional competitive grants and enters into funding agreements with grant applicants
- June 30, 2024 – Deadline for REAP 2.0 recipients to encumber funds
- June 30, 2026 – Deadline for REAP 2.0 funds to be expended

Next Steps

- Staff continues to develop the AMBAG regional REAP 2.0 Program framework to include in final application
- Fall 2022– More stakeholder outreach and consultation with HCD and other state partners
- October/November 2022 – Board review and approval of proposed REAP 2.0 program framework to include in final application
- December 31, 2022 – AMBAG submits final application to implement program framework

Feedback/Questions?

Item #11: Adjournment

Next meeting: October 12, 2022