



# **AMBAG Board of Directors Agenda**

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## **Meeting via Zoom**

**DATE: November 9, 2022**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**  
(A maximum of three minutes on any subject not on the agenda)
4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
5. **ELECTION OF 2023 AMBAG OFFICERS**  
**Recommended Action: APPROVE**
  - President Brown
  - A. **Report from Nomination Committee Chair**  
**Recommended Action: INFORMATION**
  - B. **President**  
**Recommended Action: APPROVE**
  - C. **1st Vice President**  
**Recommended Action: APPROVE**
  - D. **2nd Vice President**  
**Recommended Action: APPROVE**
6. **PRESENTATION**
  - A. **Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy Update**  
**Recommended Action: INFORMATION**
    - Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

Receive a presentation from David Tokarski, Senior Transportation Planner at DKS Associates, on the Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy. (Page 7)
7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **Executive/Finance Committee**  
**Recommended Action: INFORMATION**
    - President Brown

Receive oral report.
  - B. **Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting**  
**Recommended Action: DIRECT**
    - Director McAdams

Receive a report on the October 21, 2022. The next meeting is scheduled on December 9, 2022.

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**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. 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**

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Adopt a Resolution 2022-25 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. (Page 11)

**B. Draft Minutes of the October 12, 2022 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting**

- Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board

Approve the draft minutes of the October 12, 2022 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting. (Page 13)

**C. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter**

- Miranda Taylor, Planner

Accept the clearinghouse monthly newsletter. (Page 19)

**D. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update**

- Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

Accept the AMBAG Sustainability Program update. (Page 25)

**E. 2023 Calendar of Meetings**

- Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board

Approve the draft 2023 calendar of meetings. (Page 29)

**F. Financial Update Report**

- Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance & Administration

Accept the financial update report which provides an update on AMBAG's current financial position and accompanying financial statements. (Page 31)

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

**11. PLANNING**

**A. 2022 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan**

**Recommended Action: APPROVE**

- Miranda Taylor, Planner

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the Final 2022 Coordinated Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. (Page 37)

**B. Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program: Full Application**

**Recommended Action: APPROVE**

- Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

The Board of Directors is asked to approve Resolution 2022-26 authorizing AMBAG to prepare and submit AMBAG's REAP 2.0 full application for funding up to \$10,133,42 to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the state partners based on the AMBAG REAP 2.0 Program Framework and delegating authority to the Executive Director to execute a State Standard Agreement, and any other documentation including amendments to secure the full REAP 2.0 allocation. (Page 41)

**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: ACCEPT**

- President Brown

Accept the report.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**REFERENCE ITEMS:**

- A. Acronym Guide (Page 49)

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**Date: January 11, 2023**

**Location: Zoom Webinar**

**Executive/Finance Committee Meeting: 5:00 PM**

**Board of Directors Meeting: 6:00 PM**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** AMBAG Board of Directors

**FROM:** Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

**SUBJECT:** Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy Update

**MEETING DATE:** November 9, 2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive a presentation from David Tokarski, Senior Transportation Planner at DKS Associates, on the Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy.

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:**

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), and San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) received a Caltrans sustainable transportation planning grant in Fiscal Year 20/21 to develop a Central Coast Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy (CCZEVS). The goal of the strategy is to identify zero emissions vehicle charging infrastructure needs in the Central Coast Counties (Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Ventura). This effort seeks to identify charging infrastructure siting and technology needs to accommodate future travel demand specifically for interregional motorists, regional transit services and freight. A key emphasis is on addressing the region's electromobility needs for accommodating intercity travel within the less developed unincorporated areas of the Central Coast and underserved populations such as disadvantaged communities and residents of multi-family dwelling units.

Through development of this plan, all Central Coast agencies will be better positioned to apply and/or compete for state and federal funding for electric vehicle infrastructure implementation. This includes establishing a nexus with the federal National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program and Caltrans deployment plan to support/implement NEVI in California. At this time Caltrans is refining its process for distributing NEVI formula funds. In addition, there is NEVI competitive grant funding that will be administered at the federal level through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Although there are other local/regional/state funding sources for electric

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charging infrastructure, the IJIA and NEVI funding are the most significant and therefore attractive to the Central Coast CCZEVS participating agencies.

An important aspect of the CCZEVS is receiving public and stakeholder input. A project website: [www.centralcoastzevstrategy.com](http://www.centralcoastzevstrategy.com) provides a portal for the public and stakeholders to learn more about the study, how to get involved, and how to provide input. To facilitate outreach efforts, an interactive mapping tool has also been developed and is available for anyone to provide their thoughts or ideas on locations in each County, community, or the Central Coast in general, that would benefit from electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. The tool works with a Google Map like platform and allows the user to zoom in as close as desired to place a “pin” at a location of interest and provide a comment. This type of geo-reference feedback is essential for the development of the study, and we encourage all to click the link and provide input here: <https://dks.mysocialpinpoint.com/central-coast-zev-strategy-plan#/>

Development of the CCZEVS has been underway since February 2022. Key completed milestones include:

- Development of a dedicated project webpage
- Creation of a public feedback social pinpoint interface, for communities to provide insight into their EV charging needs.
- Outreach campaign to promote the social pinpoint interface and raise public awareness of the CCZEVS.
- Diverse outreach activities for public agency staff including focus groups, workshops, and advisory group meetings.
- Completion of the draft Existing Conditions Report
- Completion of the draft Regional Transit Assessment

Next Steps include:

- Finalizing the Existing Conditions Report and Regional Transit Assessment.
- Creating an Evaluation of Opportunities Report (Siting Suitable Future Locations for ZEV Infrastructure).
- Drafting and finalizing the Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy.

The Completion of the Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy is scheduled for the Spring of 2023.



**ALTERNATIVES:**

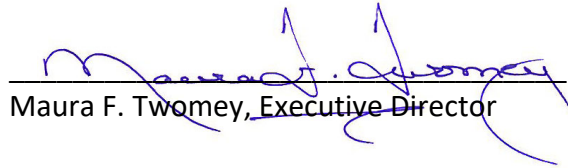
There are no alternatives to discuss as this is an informational report.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None.

**COORDINATION:**

AMBAG staff is coordinating with SBCAG, SLOCOG, local transportation partners, jurisdictions, and local community stakeholders.

**APPROVED BY:**

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Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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**A RESOLUTION**

**OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING A  
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RALPH M BROWN ACT AND FINDING OF IMMINENT RISK TO HEALTH AND  
SAFETY OF IN-PERSON MEETING AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF  
EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proclaimed state of emergency remains in effect; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government code Section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and,

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21 that clarified the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act, and further provided that those provisions would remain suspended through September 30, 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 that provides that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without fully complying with the teleconferencing rules in the Brown Act provided the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every (30) days; and,

**WHEREAS**, California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Delta and Omicron variants of COVID-19, currently the dominant strains of COVID-19 in the country, are more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus (<https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and,

**WHEREAS**, other variants of COVID-19 exist, and it is unknown at this time whether other variants may result in a new surge in COVID-19 cases; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with 4 tiers designated to reflect a community’s COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity; and,

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County, San Benito County, and Santa Cruz County currently have a Community Transmission metric of “low”; and,

**WHEREAS**, due to the current pandemic situation, the CDC recommends that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk. The public may choose to wear a mask or respirator that offers greater protection in certain situations, such as when you are with people at higher risk for severe illness, or if you are at higher risk for severe illness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) is empowered to take actions necessary to protect public, health, welfare and safety within the region; and,

**WHEREAS**, AMBAG has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of those who participate in meetings of AMBAG's various legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of the public health and safety, as affected by the emergency cause by the spread of COVID-19, the AMBAG Board of Directors deems it necessary to find that meeting in person for meetings of all AMBAG related legislative bodies as well as subcommittees of the board of Directors subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, would present imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing as provided in subdivisions (e) of Government Code section 54953; and,

**WHEREAS**, all teleconference meetings of the AMBAG Board of Directors, AMBAG Executive/Finance Committee, as well as all subcommittees of the Board of Directors shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Government Code section 54953;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the AMBAG Board of Directors does hereby approve as follows:

1. The AMBAG Board of Directors finds that meeting in person for meeting of all AMBAG related legislative bodies subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act would present imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees.
2. This finding applies to all AMBAG related legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act, including but not limited to, the AMBAG Board of Directors meeting; the AMBAG Executive/Finance Committee; the RAPS, Inc. Board of Directors meeting, and any other standing committees.
3. Staff is directed to return to the Board of Directors no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution, or by next Board of Directors meeting (whichever comes first), with an item for the Board to consider making the findings required by AB 361 in order to continue meeting under its provisions.
4. The AMBAG Executive Director and AMBAG Counsel are directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

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Kristen Brown, President

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Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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

**October 12, 2022**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President, Kristen Brown presiding, convened at 6:02 p.m. Wednesday, October 12, 2022 via Zoom Webinar.

**2. ROLL CALL**

<b><u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u></b>			
<b>PRESENT:</b>			
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Capitola	Kristen Brown	County of Monterey	Mary Adams
Carmel	Karen Ferlito	County of Monterey	John Phillips
Del Rey Oaks	Kim Shirley	County of San Benito	Betsy Dirks
Gonzales	Scott Funk		
Hollister	Rick Perez	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
King City	Carlos Victoria	MBARD	Richard Stedman
Marina	Lisa Berkley	SBtCOG	Veronica Lezama
Monterey	Ed Smith		
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams		
Salinas	Steve McShane		
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman		
Santa Cruz	Sandy Brown		
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm		
Seaside	Jon Wizard		
Watsonville	Lowell Hurst		
<b>ABSENT:</b>			
Greenfield	Lance Walker	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	Caltrans, District 5	Scott Eades
Soledad	Anna Velazquez	3CE	Catherine Stedman
County of Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	MPAD	LisAnne Swahney
County of Santa Cruz	Greg Caput	MST	Lisa Rheinheimer
County of San Benito	Bea Gonzales	SCCRTC	Guy Preston
		SC Metro	Michael Tree
		TAMC	Todd Muck

**Others Present:** Dawn Hays, MBNMS; Beth Jarosz, PRB; Margaret Sohagi and Milja Miric, Sohagi Law Group; Marjorie Kay; Monica Lal; Peter Le; Erik Lundquist, County of Monterey; Michael Pisano; Annelise Osterberg, HCD; Diane Eidam, Retired Annuitant; Paul Hierling, Senior Planner; Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; William Condon, Associate Planner; Chris Duymich, Senior Planner; Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling; Miranda Taylor, Planner; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Jackie McNett-Funk, Office Assistant; Maura Twomey, Executive Director; and Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board.

### **3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There were no oral communications from the public.

### **4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There were no oral communications from the Board.

### **5. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

President Brown appointed Director McShane, Director Freeman, and Director Koenig to the Nomination Committee.

**Motion made by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Berkely to appoint Directors McShane, Freeman, and Koenig to the Nomination Committee. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. Executive/Finance Committee**

President Brown reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) Resolution 2022-6 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; 2) the minutes of the September 14, 2022 meeting; 3) list of warrants as of July 31, 2022; and 4) accounts receivable as of July 31, 2022. 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**

Director McAdams reported that the next SAC meeting is scheduled on October 21, 2022.

### **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Maura Twomey, Executive Director reported that AMBAG received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for the Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Ms. Twomey recognized Heather Adamson, Director of Planning and Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator for their 10 years of service.

### **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A. 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**

Resolution 2022-23 was adopted.

**B. Draft Minutes of the September 14, 2022 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting**

The draft minutes of the September 14, 2022 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting were approved.

**C. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter**

The AMBAG Clearinghouse monthly newsletter was accepted.

**D. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update**

The Sustainability Program update was accepted.

**E. Financial Update Report**

The financial update report was accepted.

**Motion made by Director Smith seconded by Director McShane to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

None.

**10. PLANNING**

**A. Final 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan**

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning gave a presentation on the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle RHNA Plan. Ms. Adamson reported that HCD issued the RHND on August 31, 2021 and the AMBAG Board of Directors approved the draft RHNA methodology on January 12, 2022. The AMBAG Board of Directors approved the final RHNA methodology on April 13, 2022. The draft 2023-2031 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Plan was released on April 22, 2022 for 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. The close of the appeal period was June 6, 2022. The RHNA appeal process consisted of 1) AMBAG conducted a public hearing on August 10, 2022 to consider all appeals filed and comments received on the appeals; 2) each appeal was heard individually before the AMBAG Board of Directors; 3) the AMBAG Board of Directors considered all appeals and all comments received on the appeals, discussed and provided direction on each appeal; and 4) the AMBAG Board of Directors voted to reject both appeals at its meeting on August 10, 2022. Ms. Adamson stated that the AMBAG Board of Directors approved the final written determination rejecting both appeals at its September 14, 2022 meeting and authorized staff to issue the Final 2023-2031 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle RHNA Plan. The Final 2023-2031 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle RHNA Plan was released on September 23, 2022. Ms. Adamson stated that following the adoption of the Final 2023-31 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle RHNA Plan with RHNA allocations by the AMBAG Board, staff will submit the Final Plan to HCD for approval. Brief discussion followed.

**Motion made by Director McShane, seconded by Director Freeman to approve Resolution 2022-24 adopting the Final 2023-2031 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan. Motion passed with Director Timm voting No.**

## **B. Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program: Draft Program Framework**

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning gave a presentation on the Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program. Ms. Adamson stated that the REAP 2.0 program provides funds to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance with the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle of the housing element, including RHNA allocations. REAP 2.0 is intended to advance the SCS. The REAP 2.0 objectives are 1) accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability; 2) affirmatively furthering fair housing; and 3) VMT reduction (especially transit/multimodal project elements). REAP 2.0 is 1) funded with \$600 million from the State General Fund; 2) administered by HCD in collaboration with OPR, SGC and CARB; 3) AMBAG's allocation of the MPO funding is \$10,133,742; 4) emphasis on transformative, implementation, and competitive; 5) obligation by June 2024 and spent by June 2026; and 6) there is a two part MPO application a) advance application for 10% and b) final application for 90%. The REAP 2.0 eligible uses are 1) outlined in the REAP 2.0 final guidelines; and 2) eligible uses should meet one or more of the following categories of allowable uses: a) accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability through various planning programs, services, or capital expenditures; b) realizing multimodal communities through programs, plans, and implementation actions; c) shifting travel behavior by reducing driving through programs, ordinances, funds, and other mechanisms; and d) increasing transit ridership through funding, implementation actions, and planning. AMBAG's REAP 2.0 outreach activities include 1) to gather input and feedback on the development of the REAP 2.0 program; 2) public outreach survey in July 2022; 3) agency/stakeholder survey in August 2022; 4) more stakeholder outreach from August 2022 to November 2022; 5) work with the Board, partners, stakeholders and the public to develop the final application: a) priorities and proposed uses; b) funding amounts and the appropriate blend of planning and implementation; and c) various other program components. The REAP 2.0 revised draft framework include 1) the Regional Competitive Grant Program developed and administered by AMBAG that supports all REAP 2.0 objectives (60%); 2) Location Suballocation Grant Program to cities and counties to implement 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Elements with a specific focus on infill development and SCS implementation activities that meets all the REAP 2.0 objectives (25%); and 3) AMBAG SCS implementation, technical assistance, REAP 2.0 program development and administration (15%). Next steps include 1) stakeholder outreach consultation with HCD and other state partners in the Fall 2022; 2) Board review and approval of proposed framework in October and November 2022; 3) AMBAG submits application to HCD with final framework in December 31, 2022; 4) suballocation and competitive grant program development and application period in Spring 2023 and Summer 2023; 5) applications are due to AMBAG in the Summer 2023 and early Fall 2023; 6) AMBAG awards grants in late 2023 and early 2024; 7) the deadline for REAP 2.0 recipients to encumber funds on June 30, 2024; and 8) deadline for REAP 2.0 funds to be expended on June 30, 2026.

## **11. CLOSED SESSION**

The AMBAG Board met under 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

Title: Executive Director



**12. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION**

President Brown stated that there was no reportable action taken.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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Kristen Brown, President

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Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**DRAFT AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD**  
**BOARD MEETING DATE: October 12, 2022**

<b>Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent)</b> <b>Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)</b>					
<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>AMBAG REP</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Item #5</b>	<b>Item # 8</b>	<b>Item # 10.A</b>
Capitola	Kristen Brown	X	Y	Y	Y
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Karen Ferlito	X	Y	Y	Y
Del Rey Oaks	Kim Shirley	X	Y	Y	Y
Gonzales	Scott Funk	X	Y	Y	Y
Greenfield	Lance Walker	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hollister	Rick Perez	X	Y	Y	Y
King City	Carlos Victoria	X	Y	Y	Y
Marina	Lisa Berkley	X	Y	Y	Y
Monterey	Ed Smith	X	Y	Y	Y
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams	X	Y	Y	Y
Salinas	Steve McShane	X	Y	Y	Y
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	X	Y	Y	Y
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A
Santa Cruz	Sandy Brown	X	Y	Y	Y
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	X	Y	Y	N
Seaside	Jon Wizard	X	Y	Y	Y
Soledad	Anna Velazquez	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A
Watsonville	Lowell Hurst	X	Y	Y	Y
County-Monterey	Mary Adams	X	Y	Y	Y
County-Monterey	John Phillips	X	Y	Y	Y
County-Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A
County-Santa Cruz	Greg Caput	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A
County-San Benito	Betsy Dirks	X	Y	Y	Y
County-San Benito	Bea Gonzales	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A

(\* = 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:** Miranda Taylor, Planner

**SUBJECT:** AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

**MEETING DATE:** November 9, 2022

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors accept the October 2022 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:

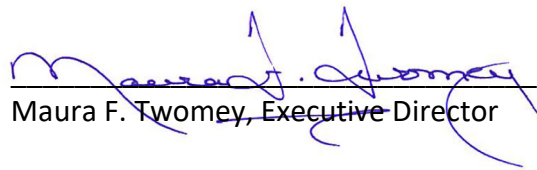
There is no direct financial impact. Staff time for monitoring clearinghouse activities is incorporated into the current AMBAG Overall Work Program and budget.

**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 October 1–October 31, 2022.

**APPROVED BY:**

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Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

## Attachment 1

### AMBAG REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE

The AMBAG Board of Directors will review these items on 11/9/2022

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

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**20221002**

#### Blue Ridge Tank Replacement Project

San Lorenzo Valley Water District  
Carly Blanchard  
(831) 430-4639

Notice of Intent (NOI)

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

The San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD) would be replacing the existing redwood 40,000-gallon Blue Ridge Tank with a new 160,000-gallon tank providing 120,000-gallons of effective storage located in the community of Boulder Creek. The existing tank is currently undersized and leaking. The proposed project would involve demolition and removal of the existing Blue Ridge Tank, electrical panel, and utility connections. Site preparation would involve grading and removal of nineteen mature trees (8 redwoods, 2 oaks, 8 fir and 1 madrone) to accommodate the larger replacement tank. The new 160,000-gallon tank would be craned into location. The utility and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system would be connected to the new tank, after which the tank would be placed into service.

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County

Parcel: 08426113

Public hearing information:

SLVWD Board of Directors- Virtually

12/1/2022 6:30 PM

Public review period ends **Monday, November 14, 2022**

County of Santa Cruz  
Matt Johnston  
(831) 454-5357

Notice of Intent (NOI)

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

The project site is located at 1430 Freedom Boulevard in the City of Watsonville, California. The nearest roadway intersection to the project site is the intersection of Freedom Boulevard and Crestview Drive. The project site consists of Assessor's Parcel Number 019-017-07 and is approximately 9.5 acres in size.

The proposed project consists of adoption of the proposed Freedom Campus Master Plan and redevelopment of the project site using design concepts outlined in the Master Plan. The Master Plan would involve a multi-stage redevelopment of the project site, including demolition of all six existing on-site buildings, construction of up to one or more new health services and other County buildings that would consolidate existing County health services and other County uses, and designate an approximately four-acre portion of the site for residential development consisting of one or more residential buildings with a combined total of up to 160 housing units. The building or buildings would be two stories in height, with an average floor-to-floor height of 15 feet and a total building height of approximately 35 feet. Regardless of the number of buildings, the building(s) would comprise a total of 70,000 to 85,000 square feet. Up to 5,000 square feet of the building(s) would be dedicated to community-serving uses, which may include but would not be limited to a community teaching kitchen and a multi-purpose community room. The project would also involve providing on-site parking for the health service building or buildings. Parking would be either surface parking or a new parking garage, or a combination of both.

**Project Location:**

Santa Cruz County

Parcel: 01901707

**Public hearing information:**

TBD

Public review period ends **Monday, October 31, 2022**

City of Watsonville  
Matt Orbach  
(831) 768-3075

Notice of Intent (NOI)

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for a project that would include the construction of a rectangular two-story industrial warehouse structure totaling 156,961 square feet, including a two-story office within the building containing approximately 15,900 square feet of office space and a 555-square foot receiving office, at 200 Manabe Ow Road.

The project proposes to construct a rectangular two-story industrial warehouse structure totaling 156,961 square feet, including a two-story office within the building containing approximately 15,900 square feet of office space and a 555 square-foot receiving office. An additional area totaling approximately 17,360 square feet would be available on the south side of the building for a possible future expansion, although no expansion is currently proposed or included in the project. Any future expansion of the building would be subject to a separate review by the City. A new 12-foot, six-inch tall screen wall would be constructed along the northwestern boundary of the proposed truck court. A nine-foot tall decorative security fence would be constructed around the western, southern, and eastern boundary of the truck court area and exit driveway. The proposed warehouse would operate as a distribution facility that operates 24 hours per day, Monday through Friday. Proposed operations would include multiple shifts of warehouse, delivery, and office employees. The site would be accessed via two driveways along the northern border of the site.

**Project Location:**

Santa Cruz County

Parcel: 01871133

**Public hearing information:**

TBD, Planning Commission

12/6/2022 6:00 PM

Public review period ends **Monday, November 21, 2022**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

20221003

### Revisions to the Capitola Zoning Code, Maps, and Coastal Program, LCP-IP

City of Capitola  
Katie Herlihy  
(831) 475-7300

#### Notice of Public Hearing

Draft revisions are available to the Capitola Zoning Code, Zoning Map, General Plan Land Use Map, and Subsequent Amendments to the Capitola Local Coastal Program Land Use Map and Implementation Plan. The Zoning Code update will address clean up items to provide clarity to the public related to several standards including setbacks, yards, mini-bar/convenience areas, outdoor kitchens, second story decks and balconies, home day cares, ADUs, carwash, mobile food vendors, large retail use, landscaping, outdoor showers, basements, pergolas, generators, building separation, parking, driveway width, electric vehicle charging stations, underground utilities, design permits, and definitions. The revisions also include modifications to the zoning code Chapter 17.28 Visitor Serving Overlay, the zoning map, and the General Plan Land Use Map relative to the Monarch Cove Inn. The Monarch Cove Inn will be considered for a rezone from Visitor Serving to Single Family Residential with Visitor Serving Overlay.

#### Project Location:

Santa Cruz County

Parcel: NA

#### Public hearing information:

Planning Commission -Virtually

10/20/2022 7:00 PM

Public review period ends **Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

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By: Miranda Taylor, Planner

*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.*





**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** AMBAG Board of Directors

**FROM:** Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

**SUBJECT:** AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

**MEETING DATE:** November 9, 2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Board of Directors accept this report.

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:**

**AMBAG Sustainability Program Elements**

**Energy Efficiency Program Development**

AMBAG is a founding member of the Rural and Hard to Reach (RHTR) working group, which was created in 2015 to promote the deployment of energy efficiency resources to California's rural communities. In the past two years AMBAG staff has been working with RHTR partners to create a Regional Energy Network (REN). REN's are entities which submit business plans to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to obtain ratepayer funds and implement energy efficiency programs.

In June 2021, RHTR partners executed a memorandum of understanding for the development of the RuralREN. RHTR partners submitted a motion for the creation of the RuralREN as well as the RuralREN 2023-2031 strategic business plan to the CPUC in March 2022. In June 2022, Commissioner Shiroma issued a ruling on the schedule and scope of the proceeding which determined that the RuralREN motion should be considered on the same timeline as the 2024-2031 business plans from existing energy efficiency portfolio administrators. A final decision on the RuralREN business plan is now anticipated in late summer 2023. If approved, programs would launch on January 1, 2024. AMBAG staff is continuing to work with RHTR partners to respond to data requests, engage in the regulatory process, and obtain approval for the RuralREN.

**Central California Energy Watch Program implementation in Monterey County**

The AMBAG Sustainability Program is acting as a sub-consultant to the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO) to implement the Central California Energy Watch (CCEW) program in Monterey County. AMBAG staff is conducting outreach to public sector agencies and school districts to inform them about the program, drive program enrollment, and provide energy efficiency technical assistance services. Current efforts are focused on working with jurisdictions as well as school districts to conduct energy benchmarking and energy auditing in order to identify potential energy efficiency and electrification opportunities.

**Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study**

On December 6, 2021, the California Department of Conservation awarded AMBAG a \$250,000 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) program planning grant to fund the creation of a Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study.

The Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study project seeks to create an inventory of natural and working lands carbon stock in the AMBAG region and forecast its evolution based on different climate change and land use scenarios, as well as the implementation of different adaptation and mitigation strategies. This project will empower the Monterey Bay region to consider the health of natural and working lands as a part of long-range planning as well as provide an opportunity for cities and counties to further integrate natural and working land GHG mitigation strategies as part of their climate action planning process.

In the past month AMBAG has been working with the study consultant, Ascent Environmental Inc, to conduct initial data gathering and stakeholder outreach.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

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

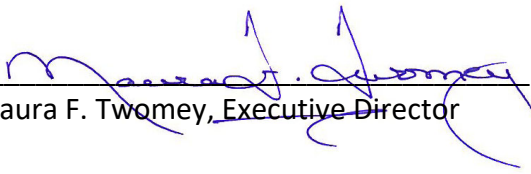
**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The budget is fully funded under the AMBAG-3CE MOU, a sub consultant agreement with the SJVCEO, a SALC planning grant, and SB1 Planning Funds. All funding is programmed in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.

**COORDINATION:**

AMBAG staff is coordinating with 3CE the SJVCEO, as well as local jurisdictions and local community stakeholders.

**APPROVED BY:**

  
Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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The 2023 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting locations are subject to change and may be held remotely in light of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency declaration regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and in accordance with AB 361.

### **2023 AMBAG Calendar of Meetings**

<b>January 11, 2023</b>	<b>Zoom Webinar</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>February 8, 2023</b>	<b>Zoom Webinar</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>March 8, 2023</b>	<b>TBD</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>April 12, 2023</b>	<b>TBD</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>May 10, 2023</b>	<b>TBD</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>June 14, 2023</b>	<b>TBD</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>July 2023</b>	<b>No Meeting Scheduled</b>
<b>August 9, 2023</b>	<b>TBD</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm
<b>September 13, 2023</b>	<b>TBD</b> Meeting Time: 6 pm

## **2023 AMBAG Calendar of Meetings (continued)**

**October 11, 2023**

**TBD**

Meeting Time: 6 pm

**November 8, 2023**

**TBD**

Meeting Time: 6 pm

**December 2023**

**No Meeting Scheduled**



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** AMBAG Board of Directors

**FROM:** Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration

**SUBJECT:** Financial Update Report

**MEETING DATE:** November 9, 2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:**

The enclosed financial reports are for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year (FY) and are presented as a consent item. The attached reports contain the cumulative effect of operations through August 31, 2022, as well as a budget-to-actual comparison. Amounts in the Financial Update Report are unaudited.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Balance Sheet for August 31, 2022, reflects a cash balance of \$4,953,787.83. The accounts receivable balance is \$706,528.81, while the current liabilities balance is \$167,267.64. AMBAG has sufficient current assets on hand to pay all known current obligations.

AMBAG's Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2022, reflects a positive Net Position in the amount of \$211,469.63. This is due to the Profit and Loss Statement reflecting an excess of revenue over expense of \$218,337.82. Changes in Net Position are to be expected throughout the fiscal year (FY), particularly at the beginning due to 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, 2022 through August 31, 2022**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Through August 2022</b>	<b>Actual Through August 2022</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 552,563.00	\$ 400,972.85	\$ 151,590.15
Professional Services	\$ 2,659,732.00	\$ 44,404.04	\$ 2,615,327.96
Lease/Rentals	\$ 13,333.00	\$ 13,144.55	\$ 188.45
Communications	\$ 4,133.00	\$ 2,831.92	\$ 1,301.08
Supplies	\$ 21,733.00	\$ 10,023.33	\$ 11,709.67
Printing	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -	\$ 1,450.00
Travel	\$ 11,283.00	\$ 532.14	\$ 10,750.86
Other Charges	\$ 66,368.00	\$ 71,697.13	\$ (5,329.13)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,330,597.00</b>	<b>\$ 543,605.96</b>	<b>\$ 2,786,989.04</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Federal/State/Local Revenue	\$ 3,345,507.00	\$ 761,943.78	\$ 2,583,563.22
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. Work is progressing on the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS). This work is not performed in a linear fashion while the budget reflects linear programming. In addition, the Regional Early Action Planning Housing Program (REAP) provides \$7,931,311 in funding of which a large portion will pass through to partner agencies. It is in its early stages. Additional projects early in their implementation are Integrated Land Use Model and Development Monitoring Framework Tool and Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study.

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.



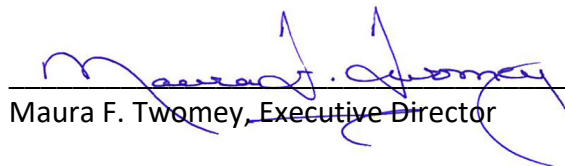
**COORDINATION:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2022
2. Profit and Loss: July 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022
3. Cash Activity for September 2022

**APPROVED BY:**



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

AMBAG

Balance Sheet - Attachment 1

As of August 31, 2022

August 31, 2022		August 31, 2022
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Mechanics Bank - Special Reserve	300,699.78	11,389.00
Mechanics Bank - Checking	453,186.67	155,878.64
Mechanics Bank - REAP Checking	4,195,704.47	0.00
Petty Cash	500.00	167,267.64
LAIF Account	3,696.91	
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>4,953,787.83</b>	
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
Accounts Receivable	706,528.81	258,986.95
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>706,528.81</b>	<b>1,888,153.69</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
Due from PRWFPA/RAPS	491.44	3,732.74
Prepaid Items	35,271.10	4,245,695.33
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>35,762.54</b>	<b>6,396,568.71</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>5,696,079.18</b>	
<b>Long-Term Assets</b>		
Net OPEB Asset	96,473.00	6,563,836.35
<b>FY 2002-2003 Housing Mandate Receivable</b>	<b>82,186.00</b>	
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(16,437.20)	
Deferred Outflows - Actuarial	533,833.49	
Deferred Outflows - PERS Contribution	272,963.59	
<b>Total Long-Term Assets</b>	<b>969,018.88</b>	
<b>Capital Assets</b>		
Capital Assets	319,089.93	(6,868.19)
Accumulated Depreciation	(208,882.01)	218,337.82
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<b>110,207.92</b>	<b>211,469.63</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>6,775,305.98</b>	<b>6,775,305.98</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Position</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable		11,389.00
Employee Benefits		155,878.64
Mechanics Bank - Line of Credit		0.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>167,267.64</b>
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>		
Deferred Inflows - Actuarial		258,986.95
Net Pension Liability (GASB 68)		1,888,153.69
OPEB Liability		3,732.74
Deferred Revenue		4,245,695.33
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>		<b>6,396,568.71</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>6,563,836.35</b>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Beginning Net Position		(6,868.19)
Net Income/(Loss)		218,337.82
<b>Total Ending Net Position</b>		<b>211,469.63</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Position</b>		<b>6,775,305.98</b>

**AMBAG**  
**Profit & Loss - Attachment 2**  
 July - August 2022

	July - August 2022	July - August 2022
<b>Income</b>		
AMBAG Revenue		174,229.07
Cash Contributions		39,236.26
Grant Revenue		509,402.52
Non-Federal Local Match		39,075.93
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>761,943.78</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Salaries		254,332.37
Fringe Benefits		146,640.48
Professional Services		44,404.04
Lease/Rentals		13,144.55
Communications		2,831.92
Supplies		10,023.33
Travel		532.14
Other Charges:		
BOD Allowances	1,000.00	
GIS Licensing/CCJDC Support	7,700.00	
REAP Travel/Classes/Events	1,567.63	
SB1/MTIP/MTP/SCS/OWP/Public Participation Expenses	5,059.91	
Recruiting	175.32	
Dues & Subscriptions	5,783.34	
Depreciation Expense	6,125.16	
Maintenance/Utilities	128.18	
Insurance	5,070.88	
Interest/Fees/Tax Expense	10.78	
<b>Total Other Charges</b>		<b>32,621.20</b>
Non-Federal Local Match		39,075.93
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>543,605.96</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>		<b>218,337.82</b>

**AMBAG**  
**Cash Activity - Attachment 3**  
**For September 2022**

Monthly Cash Activity	July-22	August-22	September-22	October-22	November-22	December-22	January-23	February-23	March-23	April-23	May-23	June-23	TOTAL
<b>1. CASH ON HAND</b>													
[Beginning of month]	2,409,296.43	2,471,572.68	4,953,787.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>2. CASH RECEIPTS</b>													
(a) AMBAG Revenue	172,481.12	93,435.89	948.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	266,865.56
(b) Grant Revenue	164,090.73	77,495.95	154,469.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	396,056.22
(c) REAP Advance Payme	0.00	3,155,353.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,155,353.00
(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
<b>3. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</b>	336,571.85	3,326,284.84	155,418.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,818,274.78
<b>AVAILABLE</b>													
	2,745,868.28	5,797,857.52	5,109,205.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>5. CASH PAID OUT</b>													
(a) Payroll & Related	231,207.37	198,041.52	200,424.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	629,673.25
(b) Professional Service	14,916.25	612,156.43	55,011.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	682,084.10
(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/Rental	11,936.00	7,242.09	6,318.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,496.76
(e) Communications	159.80	2,672.13	1,299.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,131.08
(f) Supplies	776.02	5,262.54	1,051.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,089.93
(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	0.00	927.43	1,247.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,175.42
(i) Other Charge:	15,300.16	17,767.55	3,566.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,633.88
(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
<b>6. TOTAL CASH PAID OUT</b>	274,295.60	844,069.69	268,919.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,387,284.42
<b>7. CASH POSITION</b>													
	2,471,572.68	4,953,787.83	4,840,286.79	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 Twomey, Executive Director

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Miranda Taylor, Planner

**SUBJECT:** 2022 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services  
Transportation Plan

**MEETING DATE:** November 9, 2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the Final 2022 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.

**BACKGROUND:**

AMBAG is required to develop a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Service Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) for the tri-county region. Under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) legislation, this plan must be completed and used in developing grant applications for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities (Section 5310) grant program. The plan identifies local transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and persons with low incomes, and facilitates applications for the FTA Section 5310 grant program.

The Section 5310 program provides formula funding to assist private, non-profit groups and transit operators in meeting the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. The funds are apportioned based on each State's share of population for these groups of people and are awarded to projects through a statewide competitive selection process. Funds may be used for capital or operating expenses. The Coordinated Plan, as required by the 2015 FAST Act, must include the following elements:

- An assessment of available services and current transportation providers (public, private, and non-profit);
- An assessment of transportation needs for seniors and persons with disabilities. This assessment can be based on the experiences and perceptions of the planning partners or on more sophisticated data collection efforts, and gaps in service;
- Strategies, activities, and/or projects to address the identified gaps between current services and needs, as well as opportunities to achieve efficiencies in service delivery; and
- Priorities for implementation based on resources (from multiple program sources), time, and feasibility for implementing specific strategies and/or activities.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of the Coordinated Plan is to create a plan to improve regional transit for individuals that are elderly, disabled, and/or low-income. This is accomplished through identifying where the transit system can better meet these individual's needs, and then identifying projects and strategies which will help alleviate these shortcomings. The plan also includes a current list of transit services that serve the elderly, disabled, and low-income populations.

The projects and strategies identified in this plan are made eligible for federal funding through the FTA Section 5310 grant program. In the past, this funding source has been used by transit agencies to replace or purchase new paratransit vehicles, as well as for operating expenses.

The 2022 Coordinated Plan is composed of four main chapters, each of which are summarized briefly below.

### **Chapter 1: Introduction**

The introduction provides background on the purpose of the plan, an overview of the federal legislation regarding the requirements of the plan and associated funding sources.

### **Chapter 2: Transportation Service Providers**

This section provides a summary of available public, private and non-profit transportation services throughout the region and within each county.

### **Chapter 3: Transportation Needs**

This section defines transportation disadvantaged people and special needs transportation. This section also examines and lists demographic and economic factors relating to transportation in the region.

## **Chapter 4: Unmet Needs Assessment**

This chapter lists the identified unmet needs for the elderly, disabled, and low income in the tri-county area. Identification of these needs came largely from outreach with stakeholders throughout the region gathered by AMBAG and Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) staff.

### **NEXT STEPS**

The Draft 2022 Coordinated Plan was released for a 30-day public comment period that concluded on October 17, 2022. Comments received are incorporated in Appendix D of the Final Plan. The Final 2022 Coordinated Plan is included as Attachment 1 of the staff report.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Preparation of the 2022 Coordinated Plan is included in the AMBAG FY 22-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.

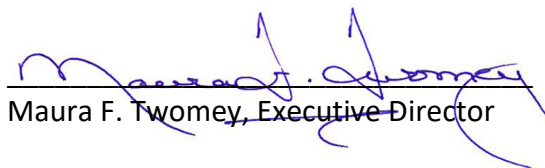
### **COORDINATION:**

The development of the 2022 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan has been coordinated with Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), the Council of San Benito County Governments (SBtCOG), the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO), the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), local non-profits and elderly and disability advocates, as well as the Planning Directors Forum which includes the local jurisdictions and other transportation partners.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. Final 2022 Coordinated Plan (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:** Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

**SUBJECT:** Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program:  
Full Application

**MEETING DATE:** November 9, 2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve Resolution 2022-26 authorizing AMBAG to prepare and submit AMBAG's REAP 2.0 full application for funding up to \$10,133,42 to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the state partners based on the AMBAG REAP 2.0 Program Framework and delegating authority to the Executive Director to execute a State Standard Agreement, and any other documentation including amendments to secure the full REAP 2.0 allocation.

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:**

Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) builds on the success of 2019's REAP program but expands the focus by integrating housing and climate goals, and allowing for broader planning and implementation investments, including infrastructure investments that support future housing development. REAP 2.0 is explicitly intended to meet multiple objectives – infill development, housing for all incomes, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction, and affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) in ways that lead to transformative outcomes and accelerate the implementation of regional and local plans to achieve these goals.

The REAP 2.0 Program provides funds to regional governments to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance with the 6th Cycle of the housing element,

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including regional housing need allocations. In addition, REAP 2.0 is specifically designed to provide Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and other Eligible Entities with tools and resources to help implement and advance plans, primarily including Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) as part of Regional Transportation Plans to pursue greenhouse gas emission reduction targets through land use and transportation changes. The REAP 2.0 objectives are:

- Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled

The REAP 2.0 Program is funded with \$600 million from the State General Fund. The REAP 2.0 Program will be administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) (Department), in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

Most of the funds will be allocated directly to the MPOs. The remaining funds are split into a set aside for non-MPO regions for smaller counties and Tribal Entities, as well as a Higher Impact Transformative Allocation for all Eligible Entities. AMBAG's formula share of the MPO funding is \$10,133,742.41.

In early June 2022, AMBAG submitted an advanced application to HCD for funding to deploy an outreach and engagement strategy and develop programs to disperse these funds throughout the region in support of transformative planning that promotes the core program objectives of REAP 2.0: (1) implementation of AMBAG's Sustainable Communities Strategy and VMT reduction; (2) infill housing development; and (3) AFFH. AMBAG's advanced application was approved in August 2022.

As AMBAG develops a REAP 2.0 program framework, our full funding application will be driven by the State's final program guidelines and a stakeholder engagement process. Throughout 2022, AMBAG conducted outreach to a broad array of stakeholders to identify programs and partners and develop the full REAP 2.0 application, due to the State by December 2022.

### ***Outreach Activities***

AMBAG engaged extensive outreach activities to gather input and feedback on the development of the regional REAP 2.0 Program. In early July 2022, AMBAG released a

public opinion survey asking for feedback on how AMBAG should structure its regional REAP 2.0 program. A more extensive survey targeting potential eligible applications was released in August to provide additional input on what the priorities should be and what the needs are for AMBAG's REAP 2.0 program.

Virtual information/listening sessions were held on September 26, 2022, and October 13, 2022. The purpose of these information/listening sessions was to gather additional feedback from priorities identified through the surveys and from framework options developed. More information on REAP 2.0 outreach activities can be found at: <https://ambag.org/plans/regional-early-action-planning-grants-program>.

In addition, AMBAG worked with the local jurisdictions and local/regional transportation partners through the Planning Directors Forum (PDF) and Technical Advisory Committees (TAC) meetings to gather input and to help develop framework options for REAP 2.0 funding. Finally, AMBAG has been attending various community and business group meetings to gather additional input on REAP 2.0.

Below is a summary of the feedback received from the two surveys conducted this summer and the initial input received from the Planning Directors Forum and TAC meetings.

- AMBAG's REAP 2.0 Program should focus on both transformative planning and capital investments with a larger emphasis on transformative planning efforts to implement both AMBAG's SCS and the local jurisdiction's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Elements.
- A mix of REAP 2.0 funding suballocated to local jurisdictions and a competitive grant program is supported.
- Priorities identified for REAP 2.0 funding include:
  - Improve housing affordability and increase housing production
  - Put housing close to jobs
  - Reducing VMT
  - Addressing housing & infrastructure needs in communities
  - Promote multimodal communities

Given AMBAG's discussions with HCD and the other state partners, REAP 2.0 needs to focus on transformative planning and implementation efforts and should not be simply suballocated to all local jurisdiction as was done with REAP 1.0. Additional outreach has continued throughout fall 2022 and included attendance at jurisdictional housing

element meetings, transportation/technical advisory committees and other community meetings. Based on the input and feedback received throughout all the outreach activities, AMBAG has developed a revised draft program framework for inclusion in the AMBAG REAP 2.0 full application.

### ***Revised Draft REAP 2.0 Program Framework***

Based on the input and feedback received, AMBAG proposes a REAP 2.0 program framework that consists of three major components:

1. *Regional Competitive Grant Program* developed and administered by AMBAG that supports all REAP 2.0 objectives (60%)
  - Proposed recipients to include to local jurisdictions, transit agencies, regional transportation planning agencies, universities, etc.
  - Priority focus on implementation projects
  - Competitive grant program guidelines, application, criteria, etc. will be developed in 2023
2. *Local Suballocation Grant Program* to cities and counties to implement 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Elements with a specific focus on infill development and SCS implementation activities that meets all the REAP 2.0 objectives (25%)
  - 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
  - Performing infrastructure planning to support infill development
  - SCS implementation that increases transit ridership and reduces VMT
  - Local suballocation grant program details and application will be developed in 2023
3. *AMBAG SCS Implementation, Technical Assistance, REAP 2.0 Program Development and Administration* (15%)
  - Regional planning activities that support infill development and implement the SCS such as pricing studies, transit-oriented development and Opportunity Area planning and implementation
  - Technical assistance
  - Development of the REAP 2.0 Program, including outreach activities
  - REAP 2.0 administration

The AMBAG Board of Directors is asked to approve this framework for inclusion in the

final full REAP 2.0 application. AMBAG's final full application and program framework will be reviewed by HCD, OPR, SGC, and CARB following the December 31, 2022 deadline.

### ***Timeline***

- Summer 2022 – HCD released final guidelines and notice of funding availability
- Summer/Fall 2022 – Outreach activities and development of REAP 2.0 program framework
- November 9, 2022 – AMBAG Board approves REAP 2.0 framework for inclusion in the full application.
- December 31, 2022 – Deadline to submit application for REAP 2.0 Program funds and include a budget, amounts retained by the regional agency and any sub-allocations, and an education and outreach strategy.
- January – February 2023 – HCD and state partners review AMBAG's final full REAP 2.0 application.
- 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 recipient to encumber funds
- June 30, 2026 – Deadline for REAP 2.0 funds to be expended

### ***Next Steps***

AMBAG will prepare the final application for REAP 2.0 funding which is due to HCD by December 31, 2022.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board of Directors could choose not to approve the REAP 2.0 framework for inclusion in the final full REAP 2.0 application. However, AMBAG staff does not recommend this option as it would put our region's REAP 2.0 funding at risk and we would not be able to submit a full application by the December 2022 deadline.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

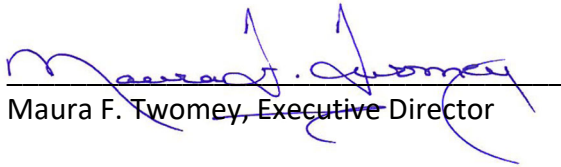
REAP 2.0 Program funds are programmed in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.

**COORDINATION:**

REAP 2.0 Program activities will be coordinated with the AMBAG Executive Steering Committee, Planning Directors Forum and the RTPAs Technical Advisory Committees which includes the local jurisdictions.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution 2022-26 for Submittal of the Full Final Application for the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) and Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director

**APPROVED BY:**

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Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**RESOLUTION FOR SUBMITTAL OF THE FULL FINAL APPLICATION FOR THE REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS OF 2021 (REAP 2.0) AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**A necessary quorum and majority** of the **Board of Directors** of the **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments** (“Applicant”) hereby consents to, adopts and ratifies the following resolution:

- A. WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to provide up to \$510,000,000 to Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Councils of Government (“Applicant”) listed in Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08, subdivisions (a)(1)-(6) under the Regional Early Action Planning grants program (REAP 2.0), as detailed in Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08-10.
- B. WHEREAS the State of California (the “State”), Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) issued a Notice of Funding Availability on July 26, 2022 for REAP 2.0 grants available to Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Councils of Government;
- C. WHEREAS Applicant is a Metropolitan Planning Organization or Council of Government eligible to submit a Request for Funds pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08(c) to develop and accelerate the implementation of the requirements described in Health and Safety Code section 50515.08(c)(1).
- D. WHEREAS the Department shall approve the Request for Funds, subject to the terms and conditions of Eligibility, Guidelines, NOFAs, Program requirements, and the Standard Agreement by and between the Department and REAP 2.0 Grant Recipients;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments** is hereby authorized and directed to request an allocation of funds not to exceed **\$10,133,742.41** (the amount allocated pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.07(a) consistent with the methodology described in 50515.09(a)). If the **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments** received an advance allocation of REAP 2.0 funds, the **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments** Request for Funds may not exceed **\$9,127,055.29** (the difference between the advance allocation amount received and the total amount allocated pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.07(a) consistent with the methodology described in 50515.09(a)).
- 2. The **Executive Director** is authorized to execute the Request for Funds, on behalf of the

**Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments** as required by the Department for receipt of REAP 2.0 funds.

3. When the **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments** receives an allocation of REAP 2.0 funds in the authorized amount of **\$9,127,055.29** from the Department pursuant to the above referenced Request for Funds, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds only for eligible activities as set forth in Health and Safety Code section 50515.08(c)(1), as approved by the Department and in accordance with all REAP 2.0 requirements, guidelines, all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and the Standard Agreement executed by and between the Applicant the **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments** and the Department.
4. The **Executive Director** is authorized to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement for the amount of **\$9,127,055.29**, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the REAP 2.0 Allocation, the **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments** obligations related thereto and all amendments the Department deems necessary and in accordance with REAP 2.0.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTENTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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Approving Officer: Kristen Brown, President

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Attesting Officer: Maura Twomey, Secretary





AMBAG Acronym Guide	
ABM	Activity Based Model
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
CAFR	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
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
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
JPA	Joint Powers Agreement

LTA	San Benito County Local Transportation Authority
LTC	Local Transportation Commission
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 <sup>st</sup> 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
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
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 Trips