

AMBAG

Board of Directors Meeting

September 11, 2024



Item #1: Call To Order



Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance



Item #3: AB 2449 Vote On “Just” and “Emergency” Cause

Recommended Action: Approve



Item #4: Roll Call



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

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

Item #6: Oral Communications from the Board on Items Not on the Agenda



Item #7A: Executive/Finance Committee

Recommended Action: Information



Item #7B: Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Recommended Action: Direct



Item #8: Executive Director's Report

Recommended Action: Information



Item #9: Consent Agenda (Items #9A – 9H)

Recommended Action: Approve



Item #10: Items Removed from Consent Calendar for Discussion and Possible Action



Item #11A: Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2024-25 to 2027-28

Recommended Action: Approve



Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2024-25 to FFY 2027-28

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Associate Planner
September 11, 2024



Outline

- MTIP Background and Process
- MTIP Summary
- Public Participation Process
- Next Steps

MTIP Background

- What is the MTIP? (Required by federal and state law to receive federal and state funds)
- Short Range Transportation Improvement Program
- Covers four years, updated every 2 years and amended as needed
- Implements Region's 2045 MTP/SCS projects



MTIP Process

Developed by MPO (AMBAG) in **consultation and coordination with:**

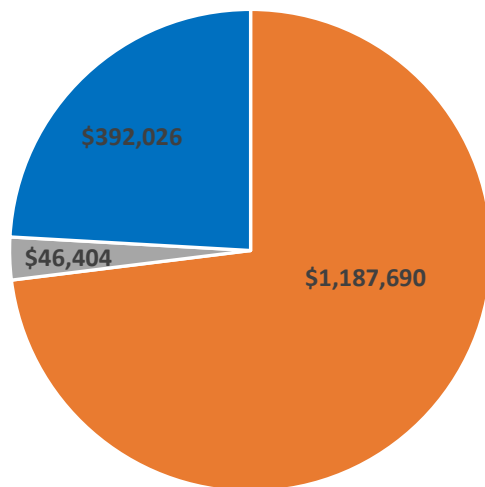
- RTPAs (TAMC, SCCRTC and SBtCOG) and transit agencies (MST and METRO)
- Caltrans, FHWA and FTA
- Local agencies/project sponsors
- Transportation stakeholders and general public



MTIP Summary

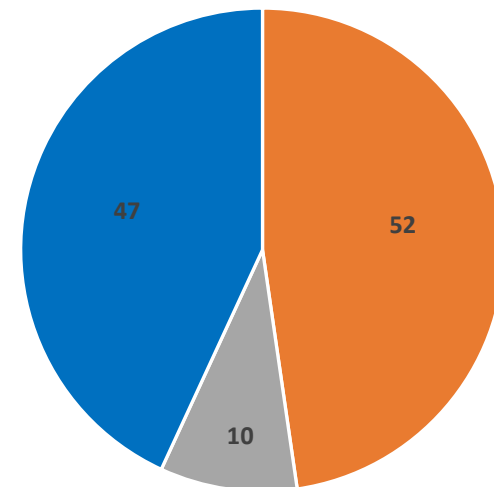
Summary of total funds by County (in \$1,000)

Total Investment: \$1.63 Billion



Number of Projects by County

109 Total Projects



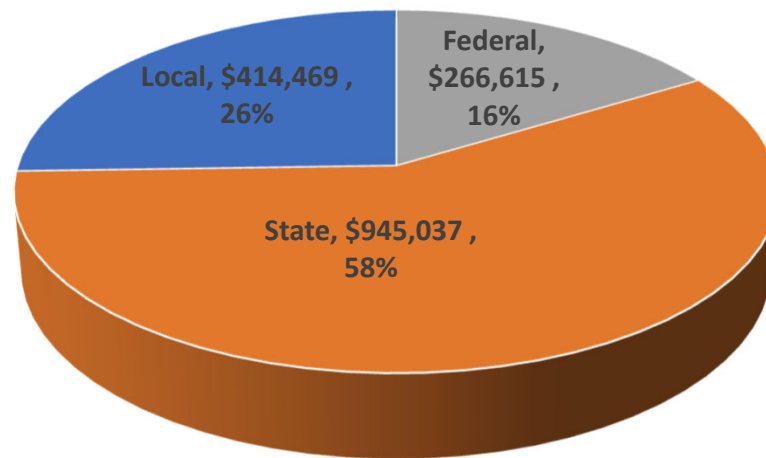
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MTIP Funding by Source

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MTIP Public Participation Process

- 30-day public review and comment period: August 1 to August 30, 2024
- Public hearing: August 14, 2024 at AMBAG Board meeting
- Website posting: AMBAG, RTPAs, and transit agency websites
- Public notices in local newspapers: August 1, 2024

Next Steps

- Forward the AMBAG MTIP to State and Federal agencies for their approval:
 - State approval: November 15, 2024
 - Federal approval: December 16, 2024

Required Action Today

- Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2024-6 (Attachment 1) approving the Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2024-25 to 2027-28.

Input/Questions

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Item #11B: Final Title VI Program

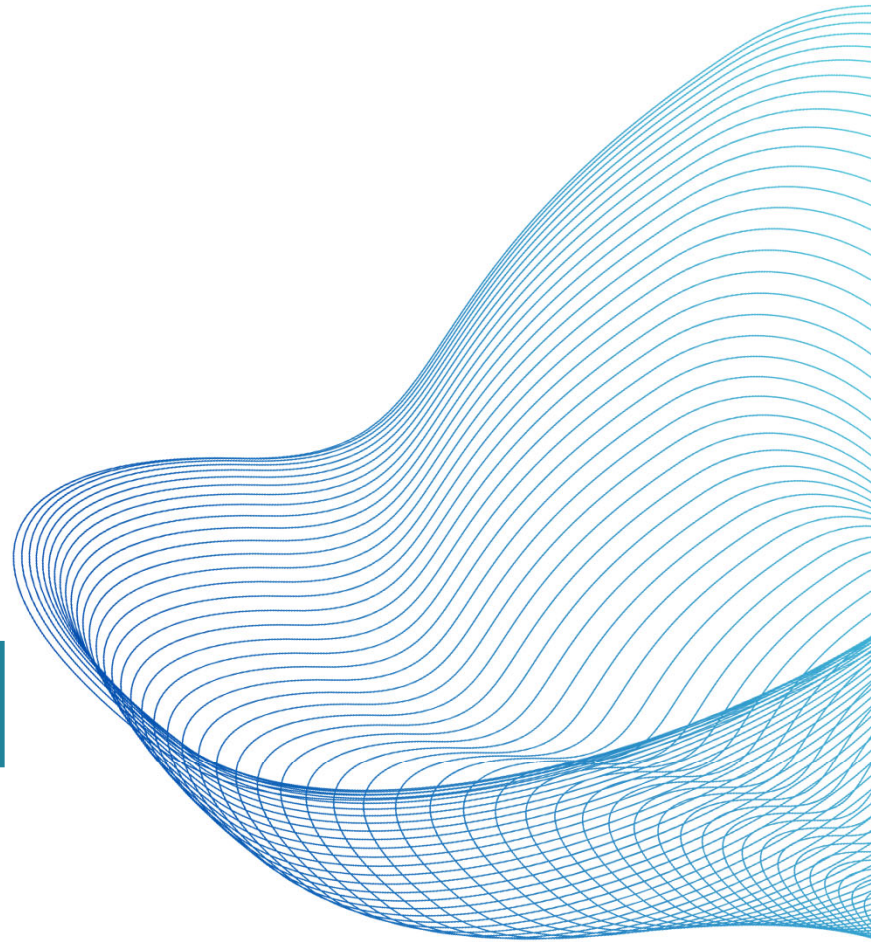
Recommended Action: Adopt



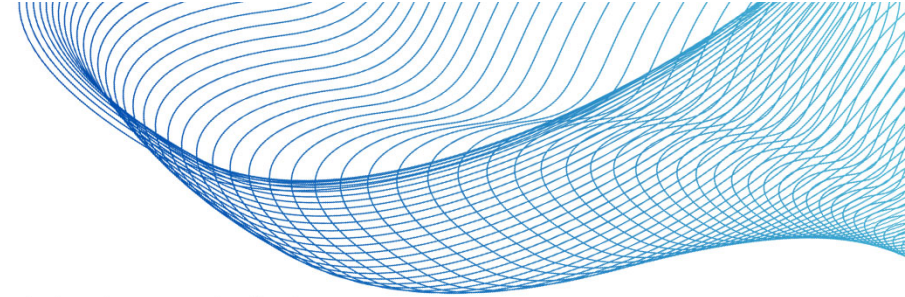
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

2024 TITLE VI PROGRAM

September 11, 2024



BACKGROUND



Title VI: No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance

- Title VI Program guides AMBAG
- Updated every three years
- Must comply with FTA Circular 4702.1B
- Includes public outreach techniques specifically for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) populations



KEY SECTIONS

- **Purpose of Title VI Program**

- **Language Assistance Plan**
Four Factor Analysis
Language Assistance Services

- **Title VI Responsibilities**

- **Title VI Notice, Complaint Procedures, and Form**
English, Spanish, Tagalog, Chinese, Korean, Mixteco

- **Demographic Profile of the Metropolitan Area**

- **Public Participation Plan**

PUBLIC REVIEW

**May - June
2024**

Presented Draft 2024 Title VI
Program to Advisory
Committees, Planning
Directors Forum, and AMBAG
Board of Directors

**June 3 - July
12, 2024**

Public Comment Period

**Public
Comments**

Five (5) Comments Received

Attachments

1. Public Comments and Responses
2. Resolution
3. Final 2024 Title VI Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Directors is asked to approve Resolution No. 2024-7 adopting the Final 2024 Title VI Program

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Item #11C: Update on the Rural Regional Energy Network

Recommended Action: Information





Update on the Rural Regional Energy Network

AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

September 11, 2024

Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager



Background

- In California, every electricity bill contains a public goods charge. These are funds collected from ratepayers and used to implement public purpose programs.
- All ratepayer funded energy efficiency programs are overseen by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The goal of these programs is to reduce energy use so that costly power plants do not have to be built.
- In our region from 2006 to 2020, the AMBAG Energy Watch Program, a partnership between PG&E and AMBAG, provided rebates for energy efficiency projects as well as turnkey assistance to public agencies and small businesses.
- Since 2020, AMBAG has worked with jurisdictions to ensure access to PG&E programs. Several jurisdictions have been able to electrify water heaters at no cost through these offerings.

California Public Utilities Commission & Regional Energy Networks



- Regional Energy Networks (RENs) were first envisioned as an innovative framework for local governments to design and administer energy efficiency programs.
- In 2012, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) allowed two RENs to begin operations as pilot programs. The goal was for the RENs to serve customers not currently served by other energy efficiency programs.
- By launching new programs, RENs bring energy efficiency incentives and increased technical support to previously underserved communities.
- RENs are allowed to design innovative programs which focus on serving communities in ways traditional energy efficiency programs do not.

California Public Utilities Commission & Regional Energy Networks



- In 2018 and 2019, the CPUC issued decisions opening the way for the creation of new RENs and making the two pilot RENs permanent.
- In order to create a new REN a detailed business plan must be submitted to the CPUC, and demonstrate how the new REN provides new and unique value towards meeting California's energy, climate, and equity goals.
- Since 2019, two new RENs have been formed and the process for creating new RENs is now well established.

Early RuralREN Development

- Since 2015 AMBAG has been collaborating with partners working on energy efficiency in other rural regions.
- The Rural and Hard to Reach Working Group (RHTR) participates in CPUC regulatory process to represent the rural regions of California.
- From 2019 to 2020 AMBAG worked with RHTR partners to explore the concept of serving rural costumers with a REN.

Rural and Hard to Reach Working Group





RuralREN Development

- AMBAG first collaborated with RHTR partners to create a Memorandum of Understanding for the development of the RuralREN, which was approved by the AMBAG Board of directors on June 9, 2021.
- RHTR partners worked together to draft a business plan and portfolio application for the Rural Regional Energy Network.
- In March 2022, the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA), on behalf of the partners, submitted a motion for the creation of the RuralREN as well as the RuralREN 2023-2031 strategic business plan and the RuralREN 2023-2027 Portfolio Application to the CPUC.



RuralREN Approval

- On June 29, 2023, the California Public Utilities Commission voted 5-0 to approve Decision D.23.06.055 which approved the 2024-2027 portfolio applications and 2024-2031 business plans.
- The decision approved the formation of the RuralREN with a portfolio of programs for 2024-2027
- RuralREN Partners began work to prepare the launch of the RuralREN and its approved programs



RuralREN Governance Dispute

- Shortly after approval of the RuralREN concerns began to emerge about the performance, scope and authority of the administrator.
- On September 12, the RuralREN leadership team voted 5 to 2 to delegate the role of administrator to the County of San Luis Obispo.
- RCEA refused to accept the vote and attempts at mediation failed.
- On January 22, 2024, the 5 partners filed a petition for modification asking the CPUC to officially name County of San Luis Obispo as the administrator.

RuralREN Governance Dispute

- On May 21, 2024, an administrative law Judge ruling was issued seeking comments on a potential path forward for the RuralREN: splitting the RuralREN in two and creating a RuralREN-North and a RuralREN-Central.
- On August 21, 2024, a proposed decision was issued proposing to move forward with this split, with a RuralREN-Central 2024-2027 budget of \$36 million, and requiring the 5 partners to file an updated business plan by December 31st.
- This proposed decision is anticipated to be voted on at the September 26th CPUC Business meeting.

Regional Energy Network Territory and Leadership

- AMBAG
- County of San Luis Obispo
- County of Ventura
- High Sierra Energy Foundation
- San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy
- Organization



Regional Energy Network Programs

	Central Coast		San Joaquin Valley	Sierra
	AMBAG	SLO	SJVCEO	HSEF
Public	✓			
Codes & Standards	✓		✓	✓
Finance	✓	✓	✓	✓
WE&T	✓		✓	✓
Residential Equity	✓		✓	✓



Public Equity Program

- Focus on serving public agencies in hard to reach, disadvantaged and, underserved communities.
- Provide complementary services to PG&E and 3CE programs to support jurisdictions, school districts, and special districts through the process of upgrading their facilities.
- Assist local agencies with identifying and accessing funding sources such as rebates, grants, and financing.



Codes and Standards Program

- Provide services to jurisdictions and contractors to better understand and implement the California building energy efficiency code (Title 24).
- Organize education and outreach activities such as virtual and in person regional forums.
- Provide on demand expert code support to resolve code questions.
- Provide reach code support and resources for jurisdictions.



Finance Equity Program

- Deploy an energy efficiency bridge loan product to incentivize contractors to work in the RuralREN-Central territory.
- Deploy a loan concierge service to help customers select the best financing and incentives for their project and assist with loan and incentive applications.



Workforce Education and Training Equity Program

- Deploy a Clean Energy Academy offering with a combination of in-person and virtual training. The Academy includes a job placement component to ensure outcomes after participation.
- Deploy a Climate Careers offering to train youth to perform energy auditing activities in connection with the residential equity program, and encourage the creation of a local clean energy workforce
- Both the Clean Energy Academy and Climate Careers offerings will focus on serving hard to reach, underserved, and disadvantaged communities as well as disadvantaged workers.



Residential Equity Program

- Conduct virtual energy efficiency, net zero energy, and carbon audits using an interactive modeling platform.
- Conduct in home energy audits with local program staff and climate career trainees.
- Provide energy efficiency opportunity awareness toolkits and energy efficiency reports.
- Focus on serving residents in hard to reach, disadvantaged and, underserved communities.

Timeline and Next Steps

- A CPUC final Decision is anticipated on September 26, 2024.
- Post approval, AMBAG staff plans to bring a Memorandum of Understanding and Governance Charter to the Board of Directors in October 2024.
- Post approval, partners will work to meet regulatory deadlines and coordination requirements
- Post approval, partners will enter into Memorandums of Agreement with the County of San Luis Obispo and solicitations processes will begin to ramp up capacity necessary for implementation of programs.
- Programs are anticipated to launch in early 2025.



Questions?

Item #12: Adjournment

Next meeting: October 9, 2024

