

Notice of Availability: Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy AND Draft Environmental Impact Report

Notice is hereby given that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) has released the following documents for public review and comment and will be holding public hearings and workshops to receive public comment: the Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS); and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the 2050 MTP/SCS and associated Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs) for Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.

Project Location

The 2050 MTP/SCS and the Draft EIR have been released for a 74-day public review/comment period beginning November 17, 2025.

- The 2050 MTP/SCS is the region's long range land use and transportation plan through 2050 for the three-county Monterey Bay metropolitan region, including Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.
- The 2050 MTP/SCS provides the framework for land use patterns that seeks to increase the quality of life and implements the best transportation choices to support those land use patterns for the future based on anticipated available funding over the next 25 years.
- The Draft EIR provides an analysis of environmental impacts related to the implementation of the 2050 MTP/SCS, as well as the associated RTPs for Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties. It discloses anticipated significant environmental effects for the following resource categories: aesthetics, agriculture, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gases and climate change, hazards, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, population and housing, public services and recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire.
- The following statement is required to be included in this notice: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15087(c)(6), the 2050 MTP/SCS location contains hazardous waste sites (also known as Cortese List sites) as enumerated under California Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Workshops & Public Hearings

AMBAG will hold virtual/in person public workshops/hearings via Zoom at the following dates and times. More information on the virtual workshop and hearings can be found at www.ambag.org.

- Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 12pm (General) (Zoom)
- Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6pm (General, as part of AMBAG Board meeting) (Hybrid – In person at 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 and Zoom)
- Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 12pm (General) (Zoom)
- Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6pm (San Benito County focus) (Zoom)
- Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 6pm (Monterey County focus) (Zoom)
- Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6pm (Santa Cruz County focus) (Zoom)

Availability and Comments

The Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR are available **for public review from November 17, 2025 to January 30, 2026**. The documents can be downloaded at www.ambag.org. Copies of the Draft EIR are available for inspection at

- AMBAG, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940
- Transportation Agency for Monterey County, 55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901
- Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, 1101 Pacific Avenue, Suite 250, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
- Council of San Benito County of Governments, 650 San Benito Street, Suite 120, Hollister CA 95023

Written comments regarding the adequacy of the draft EIR must be received by January 30, 2026. All comments sent digitally or postmarked by January 30, 2026, will be accepted as timely. Written comments may be submitted to AMBAG

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