



AMBAG Board of Directors Agenda

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

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DATE: January 14, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

**LOCATION: Monterey Bay Air Resources District, Board Room, 3rd Floor
24580 Silver Cloud Court
Monterey, CA 93940**

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AMBAG Board Member(s) Meeting Remotely:

Manu Koenig: 5200 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 831-234-3922

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. "JUST" CAUSE ATTENDANCE

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Receive oral report.

4. ROLL CALL

5. ELECTION OF 2026 AMBAG OFFICERS

Recommended Action: APPROVE

- Director McCarthy

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. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- Director McCarthy

Receive oral report.

B. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

Recommended Action: DIRECT

- Director McCarthy

Receive a report from Director McCarthy on the January 9, 2026 SAC meeting. The next scheduled meeting is on February 20, 2026.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recommended Action: APPROVE

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

A. 2026 Goals for the Executive Director

Approve the goals for the Executive Director. (Page 5)

10. 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. Draft Minutes of the November 12, 2025 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

- Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board

Approve the draft minutes of the November 12, 2025 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting. (Page 7)

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

- Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

Accept the clearinghouse monthly newsletter. (Page 13)

C. AMBAG Sustainability Programs Update

- Amaury Berteaud, Director of Sustainability Programs

Accept the AMBAG Sustainability Program update. (Page 23)

D. AMBAG – Caltrans Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Comprehensive Federal and State Transportation Planning and Programming

- Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling

Approve the AMBAG-Caltrans Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and authorize the Executive Director to forward the MOU to Caltrans for execution. (Page 27)

E. Financial Update Report

- Jessica Agee, Director of Finance & Administration

Accept the financial update report which provides an update on AMBAG's current financial position and accompanying financial statements. (Page 29)

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

12. PLANNING

A. **Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Draft Environmental Impact Report**
Recommended Action: PUBLIC HEARING
• Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

AMBAG is required to prepare a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The Draft 2050 MTP/SCS is the blueprint for a regional transportation system that further enhances our quality of life, promotes sustainability and offers more mobility options for people and goods. The Board of Directors is asked to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft Environmental Impact Report. (Page 35)

13. ADJOURNMENT

Reference Items:

A. 2026 Calendar of Meetings (Page 43)
B. Acronym Guide (Page 45)

Next Meeting:

Date: February 11, 2026

Location: MBARD Board Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940

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

SUBJECT: 2026 Goals for the Executive Director

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the goals for the Executive Director.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

At the November 12, 2025 meeting, the AMBAG Board directed the Executive Director, Maura F. Twomey, to develop goals for the Executive Director for the 2026 year. The Executive Director has developed the following goals and related completion dates for the 2026 year:

- Adoption of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy – June 2026
- Update and revise AMBAG's Administrative Manual – December 2026
- Maintain and enhance relationship with Regional, State and Federal partners – Ongoing
- Continued financial stability for the agency - Ongoing

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

COORDINATION:

The Executive Director coordinated the preparation of the goals and accomplishments with the Board President, Derek Timm.

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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

November 12, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President Timm presiding, convened at 6:01 p.m. November 12, 2025 at the MBARD Board Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

<u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u>			
PRESENT:			
Agency	Representative	Agency	Representative
Capitola	Susan Westman	County of Monterey	Glenn Church (6:07)
Del Rey Oaks	John Uy	County of Monterey	Kate Daniels
Gonzales	Scott Funk	County of San Benito	Angela Curro
Hollister	Rudy Picha	County of San Benito	Mindy Sotelo
Marina	Brian McCarthy	County of Santa Cruz	Felipe Hernandez
Salinas	Margaret D'Arrigo (6:12)		
San Juan Bautista	Jose Aranda	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Sand City	Marilee Diaz	3CE	Chris Cook
Santa Cruz	Scott Newsome	Caltrans, District 5	Jill Leal
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	MST	Lisa Rheinheimer
Seaside	Alex Miller	SBtCOG	Samuel Borick
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino	TAMC	Mike Zeller
ABSENT:			
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Hans Buder	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Greenfield	Robert White	MBARD	Richard Stedman
King City	Oscar Avalos	MPAD	Mary Ann Leffel
Monterey	Jean Rasch	SCCRTC	Sarah Christensen
Pacific Grove	Lori McDonnell	SC Metro	Corey Aldridge
Soledad	Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez		
County of Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig		

Others Present: Amaury Berteaud, Director of Sustainability Programs; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Will Condon, Associate Planner; Regina Valentine, Senior Planner; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Chris Duymich, Senior Planner; Paul Hierling, Principal Planner; Diane Ediam, Retired Annuitant; Elizabeth Lippa, Administrative Assistant; Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board; and Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Director Funk gave an update on CalVans. Director Funk stated that a Calvans Director retreat and strategy session was held to discuss staff reduction and furloughs.

6. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE

President Timm appointed Directors Montesino, Carbone, and Funk to the Nomination Committee.

Motion made by Director Montesino, seconded by Director Hernandez to appoint Directors Montesino, Carbone, and Funk to the Nomination Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

President Timm reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) Minutes of the September 10, 2025 meeting 2) list of warrants as of August 31, 2025; and 3) accounts receivable as of August 31, 2025. 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 McCarthy stated that due to the government shutdown, the October Advisory Council Retreat and the November Advisory Council meeting were cancelled.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Maura Twomey, Executive Director reported that Assembly member Lori Wilson, the Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, is hosting a regional transportation funding workshop on Thursday, November 13th from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at the Watsonville City Hall. The workshop will offer an opportunity for stakeholders to learn more about the current state of California transportation funding and outlook for the future.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft Minutes of the September 10, 2025 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

The draft minutes of the September 10, 2025 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting were approved.

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

The AMBAG Clearinghouse monthly newsletter was accepted.

C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

The Sustainability Program update was accepted.

D. Draft 2026 Calendar of Meetings

The 2026 calendar of meetings was approved.

E. Amendment No. 8 to the Employment Agreement between AMBAG and Maura F. Twomey

Amendment No. 8 to the Employment Agreement between AMBAG and Maura F. Twomey was approved.

F. Draft Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025-26 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

The draft Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025-26 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget was approved.

G. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Project Alignment Form Amendment

The amendment to the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Carbon Reduction Program Project Alignment Form was approved.

H. Contract for Legal Services

The Board approved a five-year contract for legal services with Fenton & Keller, and authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement for an amount not to exceed \$102,000.

I. Financial Update Report

The financial update report was accepted.

Motion made by Director Newsome, seconded by Director Montesino to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

11. PLANNING

A. Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning gave an update to the 2050 MTP/SCS and draft EIR. The 2050 MTP/SCS is 1) a long-range plan for transportation investments; 2) federal and state law requires that an MTP/SCS be prepared every four years; 3) must provide a 20+ year horizon planning period; 4) detailed work program and schedule was approved in April 2023; and 5) it's scheduled for adoption in June 2026. The basis for the MTP/SCS includes 1) land use patterns (such as population, housing, and employment); 2) transportation investments; and 3) evaluation using the Regional Travel Demand Model and Board approved performance measures. The draft 2050 MTP/SCS includes 1) \$16 billion in transportation improvements, programs, and services; 2) meets CARB's GHG reduction

target of -6% reduction per capita for 2035; and includes implementation strategies. Ms. Adamson reported that the draft will serve as the EIR for the 2050 MTP/SCS as well as the EIR for each of the RTPA's county-level Regional Transportation Plan. The EIR will analyze a range of impacts resulting from future development and improvements to the regional transportation network. Staff continues to implement the outreach strategies included in the Board adopted Public Involvement Plan. Additional workshops/public hearings on the draft 2050 MTP/SCS and EIR will be held in early 2026.

Motion made by Director Miller, seconded by Director Montesino to approve the release of the draft 2050 MTP/SCS and draft Environmental Impact Report. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Final 2025 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan

Regina Valentine, Senior Planner, gave a presentation of the final 2025 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan). The Coordinated Plan identifies and plans for the transportation needs of seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means to facilitate applications for the FTA Section 5310 program. Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) / Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021, the Coordinated Plan must be completed and used in developing applications with Disabilities (Section 5310) grant program. The Plan elements include: 1) an assessment of currently available transportation services (public, private, and non-profit); 2) an assessment of transportation needs for seniors and persons with disabilities; 3) address the identified gaps between current services and needs; 4) priorities for implementation based on resources, time, and feasibility; and 5) where less than 100% demand response fleet is accessible, a demonstration of how the requirement for equivalent service will be met. Ms. Valentine stated that 16 comments were received during the public comment period (August 4, 2025 – September 26, 2025). The comments can be found under Appendix D of the Coordinated Plan.

Motion made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Picha to approve the final 2025 Monterey Bay Region coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

12. PROGRAMS

A. Update on the Central California Rural Regional Energy Network (CCR REN)

Amaury Berteaud, Director of Sustainability Programs gave an update on the CCR REN. REN's are an innovative framework for local governments to 1) design and administer CPUC energy efficiency programs; 2) design innovative programs which focus on serving communities in ways traditional energy efficiency programs do not; and 3) serve hard-to-reach customers as well as disadvantaged and underserved communities. The CCR REN was approved by the CPUC in September 204 with a 2024 to 2027 budget of \$36 million. The County of San Luis Obispo is the lead administrator for the CCR REN and is responsible for coordinating with partners to implement programs and complete reporting requirements. The CCR REN serves 5.4 million customers across 14 counties. The CCR REN will offer the following programs, primarily designed to serve hard-to-reach customers and disadvantaged and underserved communities 1) Codes & Standards Program; 2) Public Program; 3) Residential Program; 4) Commercial Energy Improvement Program; and 5) CEIP Workforce Integration. Next steps include 1) continue to successfully implement programs; 2) deploy online energy assessment tool and energy efficiency kits; 3) launch the Finance Program; 4) design a

portfolio of Energy Efficiency programs for 2028-2031; and 5) work with the CCR REN partners to submit a 2028-2035 Business Plan application to the CPUC.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Derek Timm, President

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

DRAFT AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD
BOARD MEETING DATE: November 12, 2025

Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)					
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item 9	Item 11.A	Item 11.B
Capitola	Susan Westman	X	Y	Y	Y
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Hans Buder	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rey Oaks	John Uy	X	Y	Y	Y
Gonzales	Scott Funk	X	Y	Y	Y
Greenfield	Robert White	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hollister	Rudy Picha	X	Y	Y	Y
King City	Oscar Avalos	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A
Marina	Brian McCarthy	X	Y	Y	Y
Monterey	Jean Rasch	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Grove	Lori McDonnell	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A
Salinas	Margaret D'Arrigo	X (6:12)	Y	Y	Y
San Juan Bautista	Jose Aranda	X	Y	Y	Y
Sand City	Marilee Diaz	X	Y	Y	Y
Santa Cruz	Scott Newsome	X	Y	Y	Y
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	X	Y	Y	Y
Seaside	Alex Miller	X	Y	Y	Y
Soledad	Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A
Watsonville	Eduardo Montesino	X	Y	Y	Y
County Monterey	Kate Daniels	X	Y	Y	Y
County Monterey	Glenn Church	X	Y	Y	Y
County Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Santa Cruz	Felipe Hernandez	X	Y	Y	Y
County San Benito	Mindy Sotelo	X	Y	Y	Y
County San Benito	Angela Curro	X	Y	Y	Y

(* = Board Member(s) arrived late or left early, therefore, did not vote on the item. Please refer to the minutes)



MEMORANDUM

TO: **AMBAG Board of Directors**

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

RECOMMENDED BY: **Regina Valentine, Senior Planner**

SUBJECT: **AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter**

MEETING DATE: **January 14, 2026**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors accept the November and December 2025 Clearinghouse monthly newsletters.

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.

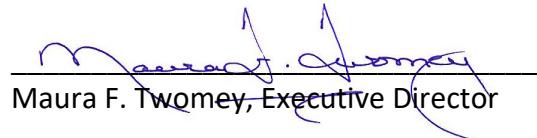
COORDINATION:

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:

Monthly Newsletters - Clearinghouse items November 1 – December 31, 2025.

APPROVED BY:


Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1

AMBAG REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE

The AMBAG Board of Directors will review these items on 1/14/26

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments PO Box 2453 Seaside CA 93955 | 831.883.3750

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

20251202

D'Arrigo Brothers and General Farm Investments Well Replacement Project

Monterey County

Roger Van Horn

(831) 755-4763

Notice of Preparation (NOP)

The Proposed Project would install two new replacement wells for existing agricultural production wells experiencing issues with water quality. Specifically, D'Arrigo Brothers of USA would install a new replacement well with a maximum capacity of 2,000 gallons per minute (GPM), and General Farm Investments would install a new 1,500 GPM replacement well. Both wells would be drilled to a depth of approximately 1710 feet and be screened in the Deep Aquifer of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (Deep Aquifer). The proposed wells would have about 800 feet of conductor casing and seal to isolate the production zone from the overlying sediments of the aquitard and the 180/400 Foot Aquifer of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin. The Proposed Project would not result in an increase in irrigated land, and new replacement wells in the Deep Aquifer would replace existing wells in the shallow zones of the 180/400 Foot Aquifer. The Proposed Project would include destruction of the existing shallow wells by state and county approved methods.

Project Location:

Monterey County

Salinas

Parcel: 227041001000

Public hearing information:

County of Monterey Environmental Health Bureau, 1270 Natividad Road Salinas, CA 93906

1/13/2026 3:00 PM

Public review period ends **Thursday, January 22, 2026**

Pajaro Sunny Mesa Communi
Judith Vazquez-Varela
(831) 722-1389

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

The Proposed Project is a two (2)-phased project consisting of the consolidation of the Pajaro Water System ("PWS"), Sunny Mesa Water System ("SMWS"), and Springfield Water System ("SWS"), as well as the various water connections in the North of Moss Landing ("NOML") area into a single water system to be owned and operated by the District. The First Phase of the Proposed Project is anticipated to be funded by the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB") Expedited Drinking Water Grant and would consist of annexation of parcels into the District's service area, land acquisition and easements, an Iron and Manganese Treatment System at the existing District office, consolidation pipelines (Transmission Mains) connecting the PWS to the SMWS and the SMWS to the SWS, Transmission Pump Station to convey water from PWS to SMWS, rehabilitation of the PWS' existing 600,000 gallon welded steel water storage tank, electrical upgrades to the Sunny Mesa tank site, conversion of SMWS Wells No. 1 and No. 2 to standby-only use, radio meter upgrades, and installation of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition ("SCADA") system. The First Phase of the Proposed Project is anticipated to be funded through the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB") Expedited Drinking Water Grant Program. The Second Phase of the Proposed Project is anticipated to be funded by the California Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ("CA SRF") funds from the SWRCB and would consist of the installation of the Springfield Expansion Distribution Main and the Bluff/Jensen Distribution Main, construction of the Bluff/Jensen tank and pump station, and installation of lateral service connections located on private property. The First Phase of the Proposed Project has been designed so that it could operate as a standalone water system in the event that the Second Phase of the Proposed Project is not funded or otherwise delayed. Once operational, the Proposed Project is anticipated to serve approximately 967 total connections. The Proposed Project includes approximately 46,000 linear feet ("LF") of potable watermains between both phases, and a total of 235,000 LF of total pipeline when including service laterals and appurtenances. The pipeline infrastructure would include pipelines of six (6), eight (8), and 10-inch diameters. The Proposed Project would primarily be supplied water from three (3) sources, comprised of Pajaro Wells No. 1 and No. 2 and Springfield Well No. 2. Additionally, SMWS Wells No. 1 and No. 2 would be retained as standby sources of water for the Proposed Project, for an overall total of five (5) water sources. In addition, the Proposed Project includes additional infrastructure improvements at the existing PWS Water Storage Tank and Sunny Mesa Tank Site to facilitate O&M of the new water system.

Project Location:

Monterey County
Pajaro

Parcel: 117032001000

Public hearing information:

Not Applicable

Public review period ends **Wednesday, December 17, 2025**

20251101

State Route 25 Corridor Improvement Project

Caltrans District 5
Julia Mousavi
(805) 441-0007

Notice of Preparation (NOP)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in association with the Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG) and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), proposes improvements along State Route 25 within San Benito County and Santa Clara County, between the cities of Hollister and Gilroy. Caltrans will prepare a programmatic EIR for the project.

Project Location:

San Benito County
Gilroy, Hollister

Parcel: Various

Public hearing information:

Paine's Restaurant Banquet Room, 421 East Street, Hollister CA 95023

11/19/2025 5:30 PM

Public review period ends **Friday, December 19, 2025**

20251103

2050 MTP/SCS and 2050 RTPs for San Benito, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties

Association of Monterey Bay
Heather Adamson
(831) 264-5086

Notice of Availability

As the metropolitan planning organization for the tri-county region of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) is charged with developing a 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS). The 2050 MTP/SCS is both a long-range transportation plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy for Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties. The Council of San Benito County Governments, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County are the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agencies for San Benito, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties, respectively. Each prepares a county-level long-range Regional Transportation Plan, which is evaluated in the EIR. The 2050 MTP/SCS is used to guide the development of the Regional and Federal Transportation Improvement Programs, as well as other transportation programming documents and plans. The MTP outlines the region's goals and policies for meeting current and future mobility needs, providing a foundation for transportation decisions by local, regional, and state officials that are ultimately aimed at achieving a coordinated and balanced transportation system. The 2050 MTP/SCS sets forth actions, programs, and projects to address these needs consistent with adopted policies and goals. The 2050 MTP/SCS also documents the financial resources needed to implement the plan. Additionally, pursuant to SB 375, AMBAG (as the regional MPO) must prepare an SCS that demonstrates how the region will meet its greenhouse gas reduction target (6% reduction by 2035) through integrated land use, housing, and transportation planning.

Project Location:

Regionwide
All cities and unincorporated areas

Parcel: Multiple

Public hearing information:

Six public workshops and public hearings in January 2026. Information to be found at <https://www.ambag.org/plans/2050-metropolitan-transportation-plan-sustainable->

Public review period ends **Friday, January 30, 2026**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

20251201

2025 Scotts Valley Town Center Specific Plan

City of Scotts Valley
Taylor Bateman
(831) 440-5630

Final Environmental Impact Report

The purpose of the Plan is to create a vision, policies, and objective standards to guide new development within the Plan area in a way that supports existing and new businesses, residents, and the overall community. The Plan would manage and direct changes in development patterns within the Plan area through 2045 and guide present and future land uses, development intensity and scale, urban design, economic development, circulation management and mobility, infrastructure and public services, and community benefits. The project will allow for up to 657 residential units (consistent with the City's Housing Element), up to 82,000 square feet of commercial uses, and up to 35,000 square feet of public/civic uses. The project will include adoption of amendments to the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, changing certain existing land use designations in the Plan Area, creating new zoning districts, and updating existing or establishing new development standards to replace some of the current zoning provisions applicable to the Plan Area.

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County
Scotts Valley

Parcel: Multiple

Public hearing information:

City Council Chambers, 1 Civic Center Dr, Scotts Valley CA

12/17/2025 6:00 PM

Public review period ends **Wednesday, December 17, 2025**

Capitola

Sean Sesanto
(831) 475-7300

Other

The City of Capitola proposes amendments to Capitola Municipal Code Title 17 Zoning for Capitola Mall properties located between Clares Street, 41 st Avenue and Capitola Road. The proposed amendments implement the 6th Cycle Housing Element of the General Plan to facilitate residential development on Capitola Mall. The proposed amendments include changes to Zoning Code Chapter 17.24 (Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts), Chapter 17.76 (Parking and Loading), Chapter 17.82 (Objective Standards for Multifamily and Mixed-Use Residential Development), and Chapter 17.88 (Incentives for Community Benefits) and introduce a new Chapter 17.57 (Objective Design Standards for Capitola Mall Redevelopment). The proposed amendments include changes to the Capitola General Plan Land Use Element Action LU-9.3 regarding floor area ratio at the Capitola Mall site. The proposed amendments would increase allowed building height and floor area ratio (FAR) on the Mall property, establish objective design standards for Capitola Mall redevelopment, and modify development regulations to facilitate residential development on the Mall property consistent with the Housing Element.

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County
Capitola

Parcel: N/A

Public hearing information:

City Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

12/4/2025 6:00 PM

Public review period ends **Thursday, January 22, 2026**

City of Scotts Valley
Taylor Bateman
(831) 440-5630

Draft Environmental Impact Report* (DE)

The purpose of the Plan is to create a vision, policies, and objective standards to guide new development within the Plan area in a way that supports existing and new businesses, residents, and the overall community. The Plan would manage and direct changes in development patterns within the Plan area through 2045 and guide present and future land uses, development intensity and scale, urban design, economic development, circulation management and mobility, infrastructure and public services, and community benefits. The project will allow for up to 657 residential units (consistent with the City's Housing Element), up to 82,000 square feet of commercial uses, and up to 35,000 square feet of public/civic uses. The project will include adoption of amendments to the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, changing certain existing land use designations in the Plan Area, creating new zoning districts, and updating existing or establishing new development standards to replace some of the current zoning provisions applicable to the Plan Area.

Project Location:

Santa Cruz County
Scotts Valley

Parcel: Multiple

Public hearing information:

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley CA 95066

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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.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Amaury Berteaud, Director of Sustainability Programs

SUBJECT: AMBAG Sustainability Programs Update

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Directors accept this report.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

AMBAG Sustainability Program Elements

Energy Efficiency Program Development

On September 26, 2024, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued decision D.24.09.31, approving the creation of the Central California Rural Regional Energy Network (CCR REN) with a \$36 million budget. The CCR REN filed a business plan on December 31, 2024 to describe its approach to the implementation of energy efficiency programs, primarily from 2025 through 2027. The business plan was approved on August 28, 2025. The CCR REN is a partnership between AMBAG, the County of San Luis Obispo, County of Ventura, High Sierra Energy Foundation, and San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization, with a vision to support an equitable and affordable clean energy transition for underserved communities. By leveraging regional collaboration, trusted local relationships, and promoting pragmatic responses to community needs, the CCR REN is working to support communities that have historically not participated in energy efficiency programs in 14 central California counties.

In the past months AMBAG staff have continued to implement the CCR REN programs. Key activities included continued work to build the Monterey Bay Residential Energy Modeling tool, outreach to jurisdictions and special districts to discuss CCR REN program offerings, and equipment installations for small business participating in the CCR REN commercial program. In 2025, incentives totaling \$600,000 were deployed to conduct retrofits at small businesses and non-profits. A number of public agencies were also

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referred to programs that offer rebates for energy efficiency and electrification upgrades. AMBAG staff continued to host one-on-one interviews with jurisdictional staff to identify facilities and programs needs at community centers and libraries that could serve as resiliency centers and hosted a workshop on December 10, 2025 to explore opportunities for regional collaboration.

AMBAG staff also continued coordinating with CCR REN partners, community stakeholders, and jurisdictional staff to design programs for the next energy efficiency portfolio cycle, from 2028 to 2031. Business Plan applications for this new cycle are due to the CPUC on March 16, 2026.

Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework (Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework)

On August 31, 2023, the California Department of Transportation awarded AMBAG and Ecology Action a \$750,000 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STPG) climate adaptation planning grant to fund the creation of a Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework.

The Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework will create a roadmap in the Monterey Bay Area for assessing current charging infrastructure vulnerability to climate change and create strategies that ensure the build-out of EV charging infrastructure increases equity and resiliency in the face of climate change. The framework will include implementation plans for prioritized strategies, in order to provide communities with tangible pathways to implementation. This project will empower the Monterey Bay region to integrate climate and equity considerations as part of long-range EV infrastructure planning, and lead to the implementation of EV infrastructure resiliency strategies throughout Monterey Bay.

In the past months AMBAG staff worked with the technical consultant for this project to continue technical analysis of forecasted EV charging infrastructure and associated projections of energy needs. An online mapping tool was released to gather public input on where charging infrastructure is needed, and AMBAG staff promoted participation in this mapping process through direct outreach and social media channels. AMBAG staff also worked with Ecology Action to finish the analysis of the 691 responses received in the community survey.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The budget is fully funded under a Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant, and the CCR REN funding agreement with the County of San Luis Obispo. All funding is programmed in the FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program and Budget.

COORDINATION:

AMBAG staff is coordinating with the Central California Rural REN partners, local jurisdictions, and local community stakeholders.

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: Bhupendra Patel, Ph. D., Director of Modeling

SUBJECT: AMBAG – Caltrans Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Comprehensive Federal and State Transportation Planning and Programming

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the AMBAG-Caltrans Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and authorize the Executive Director to forward the MOU to Caltrans for execution.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and its successors legislation, require that as a condition of receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), acting as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), must have a signed MOU with Caltrans. The MPO is a joint powers agency formed pursuant to California Government Code sections 6500 et seq., as designated in 23 U.S.C. 134.

The MOU (Attachment-1) establishes a general transportation planning and programming process outlining the responsibilities of the AMBAG (MPO) and the Caltrans (Department) in accordance with 23 CFR 450.314. This MOU constitutes an expression of desire and a means of accomplishing the general requirements for a comprehensive transportation planning process for the MPO.

As part of the process, MPO shall fulfill the requirements of the joint Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning regulations (23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613) and any amendments thereto when developing the financially constrained long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Overall Work Program (OWP) and other planning products.

The effective date of the MOU will be the date the Caltrans Director signs the agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This work on performance management is budgeted and funded in the FY 2025/26 Overall Work Program.

COORDINATION:

This report is prepared in cooperation with Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA.

ATTACHMENT:

1. AMBAG – Caltrans Memorandum of Understanding (separately enclosed)

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Jessica Agee, Director of Finance and Administration

SUBJECT: Financial Update Report

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The enclosed financial reports are for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year (FY) and are presented as a consent item. The attached reports contain the cumulative effect of operations through October 31, 2025, as well as a budget-to-actual comparison. Amounts in the Financial Update Report are unaudited.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Balance Sheet for October 31, 2025, reflects a cash balance of \$2,878,828.47. The accounts receivable balance is \$842,540.86, while the current liabilities balance is \$681,702.20. AMBAG has sufficient current assets on hand to pay all known current obligations.

AMBAG's Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2025, reflects a positive Net Position in the amount of \$356,144.88. This is due in part to the Profit and Loss Statement reflecting an excess of revenue over expense of \$157,136.32. Changes in Net Position are to be expected throughout the fiscal year (FY), particularly at the beginning due to the 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, 2025 through October 31, 2025

Expenditures	Budget Through October 2025	Actual Through October 2025	Difference
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,190,757.00	\$ 989,811.69	\$ 200,945.31
Professional Services	\$ 2,839,251.00	\$ 1,009,925.88	\$ 1,829,325.12
Lease/Rentals	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 26,017.86	\$ 482.14
Communications	\$ 8,267.00	\$ 9,083.52	\$ (816.52)
Supplies	\$ 83,833.00	\$ 30,230.14	\$ 53,602.86
Printing	\$ 7,752.00	\$ -	\$ 7,752.00
Travel	\$ 29,235.00	\$ 22,033.03	\$ 7,201.97
Other Charges	\$ 51,367.00	\$ 43,059.69	\$ 8,307.31
Non-Federal Local Match	\$ 137,502.17	\$ 137,502.17	\$ -
Total	\$ 4,236,962.00	\$ 2,267,663.98	\$ 2,106,800.19
Revenue			
Federal/State/Local Revenue	\$ 4,334,570.00	\$ 2,424,800.30	\$ 1,909,769.70
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. Projects early in their implementation are Pajaro Bridge Infrastructure Resilient Design Study (Pajaro BIRDS) and Central Coast Rural Regional Energy Network (Rural REN). This work is not performed in a linear fashion while the budget reflects linear programming. In addition, the Regional Early Action Planning Housing Program 2.0 (REAP) provides \$9,537,639.42 in funding of which a large portion will pass through to partner agencies.

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 October 31, 2025
2. Profit and Loss: July 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025
3. Cash Activity for November 2025

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Balance Sheet - Attachment 1

As of October 31, 2025

Assets	October 31, 2025	Liabilities & Net Position
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Mechanics Bank - Special Reserve	907,222.40	Current Liabilities
Mechanics Bank - Checking	92,912.49	Accounts Payable
Mechanics Bank - REAP 2.0 Checking	1,874,025.16	Employee Benefits
Petty Cash	500.00	Mechanics Bank - Line of Credit
		Total Current Liabilities
		681,702.20
LAIF Account	4,168.42	
	2,878,828.47	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		Long-Term Liabilities
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	842,540.86	Deferred Inflows - Actuarial
Total Accounts Receivable	842,540.86	Net Pension Liability (GASB 68)
		1,888,153.69
		OPEB Liability
		16,639.28
		Deferred Revenue
		1,572,070.28
Other Current Assets		Total Long-Term Liabilities
Due from PRWFPA/RAPS	706.40	
Prepaid Items	26,772.84	
Total Other Current Assets	27,479.24	
		Total Liabilities
Total Current Assets	3,748,848.57	4,417,552.40
Long-Term Assets		
Net OPEB Asset	96,473.00	
Deferred Outflows - Actuarial	533,833.49	
Deferred Outflows - PERS Contribution	272,963.59	
Total Long-Term Assets	903,270.08	
Capital Assets		Net Position
Capital Assets	439,462.41	Beginning Net Position
Accumulated Depreciation	(317,883.78)	Net Income/(Loss)
Total Capital Assets	121,578.63	Total Ending Net Position
		356,144.88
Total Assets	4,773,697.28	Total Liabilities & Net Position
		4,773,697.28

Profit & Loss - Attachment 2
October 2025

		Oct-25	Oct-25
Income			
AMBAG Revenue		187,810.75	
Cash Contributions		58,822.87	
Grant Revenue		2,040,664.51	
Non-Federal Local Match		137,502.17	
Total Income		2,424,800.30	
Expense			
Salaries		626,561.59	
Fringe Benefits		363,250.10	
Professional Services		1,009,925.88	
Lease/Rentals		26,017.86	
Communications		9,083.52	
Supplies		30,230.14	
Printing		0.00	
Travel		22,033.03	
Other Charges:			
BOD Allowances		1,650.00	
BOD Refreshments/Travel/Nameplates/Dinner/Other		1,151.40	
Workshops/Training		3,342.80	
GIS Licensing/CCJDC Support		0.00	
CCR REN Travel/Classes/Events/Recruitment/Other		0.00	
SB1/MTTP/MTP/SCS/OWP/Public Participation Expenses		0.00	
Dues & Subscriptions		7,803.50	
Depreciation Expense		16,196.40	
Maintenance/Utilities		0.00	
Insurance		12,915.59	
Interest/Fees/Tax Expense		0.00	
Total Other Charges		43,059.69	
Non-Federal Local Match		137,502.17	
Total Expense		2,267,663.98	
Net Income/(Loss)		157,136.32	

Cash Activity - Attachment 3
For November 2025

Monthly Cash Activity	July-25	August-25	September-25	October-25	November-25	December	January-26	February-26	March-26	April-26	May-26	June-26	TOTAL
1. CASH ON HAND [Beginning of month]	4,212,310.51	3,798,610.52	2,971,516.09	2,933,212.41	2,878,828.47	5,363,754.84	5,363,754.84	5,363,754.84	5,363,754.84	5,363,754.84	5,363,754.84	5,363,754.84	
2. CASH RECEIPTS													
(a) AMBAG Revenue	107,036.69	64,088.60	3,616.46	43,522.07	5,101.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	223,365.53
(b) Grant Revenue	326,349.90	369,164.01	395,152.62	425,701.87	329,725.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,846,093.90
(c) REAP Advance Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,575,133.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,575,133.53
(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
3. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	433,386.59	433,252.61	398,769.08	469,223.94	2,909,960.74	0.00	4,644,592.96						
4. TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	4,645,697.10	4,231,863.13	3,370,285.17	3,402,436.35	5,788,789.21	5,363,754.84							
5. CASH PAID OUT													
(a) Payroll & Related	309,774.68	241,785.75	242,393.93	247,674.65	247,891.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(b) Professional Services	493,711.25	1,004,753.86	178,608.31	248,982.07	143,368.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,069,424.33
(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/Rentals	12,382.77	0.00	6,320.95	5,968.00	5,968.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,639.72
(e) Communications	2,905.18	1,671.39	2,792.55	2,155.63	3,021.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,545.78
(f) Supplies	3,793.08	3,887.51	2,923.28	8,575.42	2,179.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,358.66
(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	7,479.54	2,363.53	379.84	8,541.61	3,592.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,357.19
(i) Other Charges	17,040.08	5,885.00	3,653.90	1,710.50	19,012.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47,302.32
(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
6. TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	847,086.58	1,260,347.04	437,072.76	523,607.88	425,034.37	0.00	3,493,148.63						
7. CASH POSITION	3,798,610.52	2,971,516.09	2,933,212.41	2,878,828.47	5,363,754.84								



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Draft Environmental Impact Report

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors is asked to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft Environmental Impact Report.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The 2050 MTP/SCS is the blueprint for a regional transportation system that further enhances our quality of life, promotes sustainability, and offers more mobility options for people and goods. The MTP/SCS is built on an integrated set of public policies, strategies, and investments to maintain, manage, and improve the transportation system so it meets the diverse needs of our changing region through 2050.

The 2050 MTP/SCS contains a robust transportation network, with a diversity of projects that will provide residents and visitors with a variety of travel choices. The transportation network, in conjunction with how local jurisdictions develop land, will provide additional opportunities for walking, biking, getting to work, going to school, shopping, and playing.

Passed in 2008, Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) encourages planning practices that create sustainable communities. SB 375 also charged the California Air Resources Board (CARB) with setting regional targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2035. AMBAG must prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The SCS must demonstrate how the region will meet its goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) from automobiles and light trucks. The 2050 MTP/SCS demonstrates that our region will meet the target.

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The following sections present a brief overview of the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS. The 2050 MTP/SCS adoption process section describes the process to obtain public input on the 2050 MTP/SCS and major milestones leading to the Board considering adoption of the 2050 MTP/SCS in June 2026.

Vision

AMBAG adopted a framework of goals and policy objectives to guide the development of the MTP/SCS. The five goal areas are:

- *Mobility – Build and maintain a safe and robust multimodal transportation network.*
- *Environment – Create a sustainable and healthy region for all.*
- *Communities – Develop, engage, connect, and sustain communities that are livable and thriving.*
- *Economic – Support a sustainable, efficient, and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all.*
- *Equitable – Plan for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.*

Transportation Investments

The Draft 2050 MTP/SCS contains a number of improvements to our multimodal transportation system. The MTP sets forth an integrated approach to transportation investments that maximizes the benefits of the existing transportation system by investing in system preservation and maintenance, along with strategic system expansion and management strategies. The transportation investments will provide more travel choices for our region's residents and visitors.

Sustainable Communities Strategy

The SCS demonstrates the region's ability to meet the GHG emission reduction target set forth by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The SCS outlines the region's plan for integrating the transportation network within an overall land use pattern that responds to projected growth, housing needs, changing demographics, and transportation demands while reducing GHG emissions. The overall SCS land use development pattern complements the proposed transportation network, which emphasizes multimodal system enhancements, system preservation, and improved access to high quality transit.

Financial Plan

The Financial Plan includes a revenue forecast of local, state, and federal sources that are reasonably expected to be available through 2050. Total revenues estimated for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS are approximately \$16 billion.

Performance Measures

In support of the goals and policies established through public participation efforts and stakeholder involvement, more than a dozen performance measures were established to measure how well the MTP/SCS performs. The performance measures quantify the transportation, environmental, economic, and equity benefits of the MTP/SCS.

Public Participation

AMBAG engaged a wide range of stakeholder groups, elected officials, community groups, and the general public through a bilingual (English and Spanish) survey and a series of meetings and workshops. The input received through this process has shaped the 2050 MTP/SCS in a meaningful way. AMBAG will continue to involve and engage the stakeholders and the public in the process of refining and finalizing the 2050 MTP/SCS.

Environmental Impact Report

AMBAG, in consultation with the RTPAs and the consulting team prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2050 MTP/SCS. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Draft EIR evaluates the impacts of the 2050 MTP/SCS on the physical environment at the program level. The Program EIR also serves as the EIR for each of the RTPAs' 2050 Regional Transportation Plans. The Program EIR analyzes a range of impacts resulting from future development consistent with the regional growth projections and from improvements to the regional transportation network. It also analyzes three alternatives to the proposed 2050 MTP/SCS. The EIR provides the framework for subsequent project level environmental analysis of specific projects, in which individual project impacts will be evaluated separately as project features are defined.

2050 MTP/SCS and EIR Adoption Process

To obtain public input on the development of the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS, a broad range of media and communication avenues have been and will be utilized to provide information, solicit participation and input, and allow for ongoing feedback and updates. A major goal of this public involvement effort is to reach both nontraditional and traditional audiences to be included in the transportation planning process.

The public comment period for the Draft MTP/SCS and Draft EIR opened November 17, 2025. AMBAG will hold public workings and public hearings in January 2026 to encourage public comment on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and the Draft EIR. The public

workshops/hearings schedule and format will provide opportunities for information to be shared and public comments to be submitted. The list of Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR public workshops/hearings is included in Attachment 1.

Anticipated major milestones include:

- **November 17, 2025** – Beginning of the public comment period for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR
- **January 2026** – Public workshops/hearings on Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR
- **January 30, 2026** – Close of the public comment period for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR
- **February/March 2026** – Review and response to comments and consider proposed changes to the 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR
- **June 2026** – AMBAG Board considers certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the Final 2050 MTP/SCS

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Planning activities for the 2050 MTP/SCS are funded with FHWA PL, FTA 5303, and SB 1 planning funds and are programmed in the FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program and Budget.

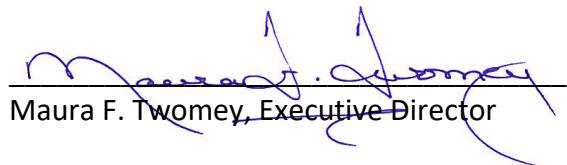
COORDINATION:

All MTP/SCS planning activities are coordinated with the MTP/SCS Executive Steering Committee and Staff Working Group, which includes participation from Caltrans District 5, Monterey-Salinas Transit, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, Council of San Benito County Governments, and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County. Additionally, this work is coordinated with the Planning Directors Forum and the RTPAs' Technical Advisory Committees, which includes local jurisdictional staff.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR Public Workshops/Hearings Flyer

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director



PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND HEARING on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR

Attend a virtual workshop and public hearing on AMBAG's Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Plan and EIR will occur during the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Can't attend the workshop? Send comments by email, hadamson@ambag.org, or by mail, 24580 Silver Cloud Ct, Monterey, CA 93940. The public comment period closes on January 30, 2026. Copies of the Draft Plan and EIR are available for download at www.AMBAG.org.

Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 12pm

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6pm (as part of the regularly scheduled AMBAG Board meeting)

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 12pm

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6pm, San Benito County focused

Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 6pm, Monterey County focused

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6pm, Santa Cruz County focused



To register for these virtual meetings, please visit www.AMBAG.org or use the QR code.

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TALLER Y AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

sobre el Borrador del MTP/SCS 2050 y el Borrador del EIR

Asista a un taller y una audiencia pública virtual sobre el Borrador del Plan de Transporte Metropolitano (Metropolitan Transportation Plan, MTP) y su Estrategia de Comunidades Sostenibles (Sustainable Communities Strategy, SCS) de 2050 y el Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental (Environmental Impact Report, EIR). Durante la porción de la audiencia pública de la reunión, tendrá la oportunidad de hacer comentarios sobre el borrador del Plan y del EIR.

¿No puede asistir al taller? Envíe sus comentarios por correo electrónico: hadamson@ambag.org, o por correo postal: 24580 Silver Cloud Ct, Monterey, CA 93940. El período de comentarios públicos finaliza el 30 de enero de 2026. Puede descargar copias del borrador del Plan y del EIR en www.AMBAG.org.

Calendario de Reuniones

Martes, 13 de enero de 2026 a las 12 pm

Miércoles, 14 de enero de 2026 a las 6 pm (como parte de la reunión regular de la junta de AMBAG)

Martes, 20 de enero de 2026 a las 12 pm

Miércoles, 21 de enero de 2026 a las 6 pm, enfocado en el Condado de San Benito

Jueves, 22 de enero de 2026 a las 6 pm, enfocado en el Condado de Monterey

Martes, 27 de enero de 2026 a las 6 pm, enfocado en el Condado de Santa Cruz



Para inscribirse para estas reuniones virtuales, visite www.AMBAG.org o use el código QR.

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2026 AMBAG Calendar of Meetings

January 14, 2026	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
February 11, 2026	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
March 11, 2026	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
April 8, 2026	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
May 13, 2026	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
June 10, 2026	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
July 2026	No Meeting Scheduled
August 12, 2026	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
September 9, 2026	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm

October 14, 2026

MBARD Board Room

24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940

Meeting Time: 6 pm

***November 18, 2026**

MBARD Board Room

24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940

Meeting Time: 6 pm

December 2026

No Meeting Scheduled

*** The AMBAG November Board of Directors meeting has been moved to the third Wednesday of the month due to Veteran's Day Holiday.**



AMBAG Acronym Guide

ABM	Activity Based Model
ACFR	Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
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
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
IIJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems

JPA	Joint Powers Authority
LTA	San Benito County Local Transportation Authority
LTC	Local Transportation Commission
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st 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
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
SRTP	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 Miles Trips