

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (AMBAG) BOARD OF DIRECTORS CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PREPARED FOR THE 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCH#2024010524) AND COUNTY RTPs AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS; AND A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (“Project”) proposes and encompasses the planning foundation for transportation improvements and regional growth throughout the Monterey Bay region through 2050; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Public Res. Code, §21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. §15000 et seq.), AMBAG is the lead agency for the Project; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG has overseen, in coordination with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and San Benito County Council of Governments, the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report for each County’s Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG was designated County RTP EIR lead agency by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, San Benito County Council of Governments and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG prepared a Program Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) (SCH# 2024010204) and provided full disclosure and programmatic analysis of the significant environmental effects of the Project; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG issued a Notice of Preparation (“NOP”) of a Draft EIR on January 19, 2024 and circulated the NOP for an extended period of 40 days pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §§15082(a), 15103 and 15375; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15206 and §15082, AMBAG publicly noticed and held two public scoping meetings in February 2024 for the purpose of soliciting comments from the public and potential responsible and trustee agencies, including details about the scope and content of the environmental information related to the responsible and trustee agencies’ areas of statutory responsibility, as well as the significant environmental issues, reasonable alternatives and mitigation measures that the responsible and trustee agencies would like to have analyzed in the Draft EIR; and

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WHEREAS, a Draft EIR was completed and released for public review on November 17, 2025, and AMBAG initiated a 74-day public comment period by filing a Notice of Completion and Notice of Availability with the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code §20192, AMBAG also provided a Notice of Availability to all organizations and individuals who had previously requested such notice and published a Notice of Availability for the Draft EIR on or about November 17, 2025, in various newspapers of general circulation. In addition, AMBAG placed copies of the Draft EIR at the offices of AMBAG and on its website; and

WHEREAS, during the 75-day comment period, AMBAG consulted with and requested comments from responsible and trustee agencies, other regulatory agencies and others pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15086; and

WHEREAS, during the official public review period for the Draft EIR, AMBAG received 4 written comment letters; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG evaluated all comments on significant environmental issues received during the comment period on the Draft EIR and prepared written responses to these comments, which are included in the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG prepared the Final EIR, consisting of: (1) the Final EIR volume, which is a complete revision of the Draft EIR; and (2) all appendices to the Final EIR (Appendices A-H), including Appendix H, which consists of comments received on the Draft EIR, a list of persons, organizations and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR, responses to significant environmental issues raised in the review and consultation process and other information; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code §21092.5 and CEQA Guidelines §15088, AMBAG provided proposed written responses to all agencies, organizations and individuals that submitted comments on the Draft EIR at least ten days prior to certification of the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG made the Final EIR publicly available on its website on May 20, 2026 and

WHEREAS, the Final EIR satisfies all the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Final EIR sufficiently analyzes both the feasible mitigation measures intended to avoid or substantially lessen the Project's significant environmental impacts and a reasonable range of alternatives intended to avoid or substantially lessen these effects, in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and

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WHEREAS, the AMBAG Board of Directors, at a regular session assembled on June 10, 2026, considered the significant environmental impacts of the 2050 MTP/SCS, including, but not limited to, the Final EIR, written and oral testimony given at meetings and hearings, and submission of testimony from the public, organizations and regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, no information added to the Draft EIR, comments made in the public hearings conducted by AMBAG, or any additional information submitted to AMBAG, have produced significant new information requiring Draft EIR recirculation under State CEQA Guidelines §15088.5; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG has prepared CEQA Findings in compliance with Public Resources Code §§21081(a) and CEQA Guidelines Section §15091 for every significant impact of the 2050 MTP/SCS identified in the EIR and for each alternative evaluated in the EIR, including an explanation of the rationale for each finding (attached hereto in Attachment 1A); and

WHEREAS, the 2050 MTP/SCS will have significant unavoidable impacts that cannot be reduced to less than significant levels, and AMBAG has prepared a Statement of Overriding Considerations in compliance with Public Resources Code §21081(b) and CEQA Guidelines §15093 (attached hereto in Attachment 1A), which concludes that specific economic, legal, social, technological or other benefits of the 2050 MTP/SCS outweigh the significant and unavoidable impacts identified in the EIR; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG has prepared a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program in compliance with Public Resources Code §21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines §15097 (attached hereto as Attachment 1B) to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures identified in the Final EIR during project implementation and operation; and

WHEREAS, on this date, the AMBAG Board of Directors held a duly noticed public hearing prior to considering certifying the Final EIR; and adopting the CEQA Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and

WHEREAS, all of the finding and conclusions made by AMBAG pursuant to this resolution are based upon oral and written evidence presented to it as a whole, and are not based solely on the information provided in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the AMBAG Board of Directors that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMBAG Board of Directors finds that the Final EIR consists of: (1) the Final EIR; and (2) all appendices to the Final EIR (Appendices A-H), including Appendix H, which consists of comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR, a list of persons, organizations and public agencies commenting of the Draft EIR, AMBAG responses to significant environmental issues raised in the review and consultation process, and other information; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15090, the AMBAG Board of Directors certifies that the Final EIR (SCH #2024010524) has been completed in compliance with the CEQA (Public Resource Code §21000 et seq.), that the Final EIR and the information contained within it was presented to, and reviewed and considered by, the AMBAG Board of Directors prior to approving the Project, and that the Final EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of AMBAG; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMBAG Board of Directors makes and adopts the Findings required in Public Resources Code §21081(a) and CEQA Guidelines §15091, which are attached hereto in Attachment 1A and incorporated fully by this reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMBAG Board of Directors adopts the Statement of Overriding Considerations as required by Public Resources Code §21081(b) and CEQA Guidelines §15093, which is attached hereto in Attachment 1A and incorporated fully by this reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMBAG Board of Directors adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as required by Public Resources Code §21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines §15097, which is attached hereto as Attachment 1B and incorporated fully by this reference.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June 2026.



Brian McCarthy, President



Maura Twomey, Secretary

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (AMBAG) BOARD OF DIRECTORS FINDING THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY ACHIEVES THE REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGETS, ADOPTING THE FINAL 2026 REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST, AND ADOPTING THE 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN, INCLUDING ITS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

WHEREAS, AMBAG is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO), pursuant to Title 23 United States Code Sections 134(a) and (g); and

WHEREAS, Title 23, Part 450 and Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), require AMBAG as the MPO to prepare and update a long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) every four years; and

WHEREAS, Section 65080(d) of the California Government Code requires AMBAG to prepare and update a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) every four years; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG has coordinated with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and San Benito County Council of Governments, which each prepared a County Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, each respective County Regional Transportation Plan is integrated within the 2050 MTP/SCS; and

WHEREAS, from March 2023 through June 2026, through the conduct of a continuing, comprehensive and coordinated transportation planning process in conformance with applicable federal and state requirements, AMBAG developed its latest MTP with a 2050 horizon year, which incorporates an SCS for the Monterey Bay Area region; and

WHEREAS, the 2050 MTP, including its SCS, contains an integrated set of public policies, strategies and investments to maintain, manage and improve the transportation system in the AMBAG region through the year 2050 and calls for development of an integrated intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient, economic movement of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, the 2050 MTP/SCS considers, analyzes and reflects, as appropriate, the metropolitan transportation planning process as identified in federal law, including the federal the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, as well as the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, and is based on reasonably available funding provisions; and

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WHEREAS, the 2050 MTP/SCS integrates a Congestion Management Process identifying the most serious congestion problems and evaluating and incorporating, as appropriate, all reasonably available actions to reduce congestion, such as travel demand management and operational management strategies for all corridors with any proposed capacity increase; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Coast Air Basin, within which the AMBAG region is located, meets Federal Criteria Pollutant Ambient Air Quality Standards, is in Attainment Status for these standards, and the 2050 MTP/SCS is therefore exempt from a Clean Air Act conformity analysis; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Regional Growth Forecast was developed for planning purposes by working with local jurisdictions, and projects growth based on the most recent planning assumptions, including existing land use plans and policies and demographic and economic trends; and

WHEREAS, the Draft 2026 Regional Growth Forecast was accepted by the AMBAG Board of Directors on October 9, 2024, for planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(E) and federal public participation requirements, the 2050 MTP/SCS, was developed through a strategic, proactive, comprehensive public outreach and involvement program, which included: an adopted public participation plan; advertising in local and regional newspapers; distribution of public information materials, such as brochures and newsletters; a dedicated website; nine noticed public hearings to receive testimony on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and its Environmental Impact Report; six workshops and public hearings in January 2026 to facilitate public comment on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS, and interagency coordination and involvement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(B), the AMBAG 2050 MTP/SCS: (i) identifies the general location of uses, residential densities and building intensities within the region; (ii) identifies areas within the region sufficient to house all the population of the region, including all economic segments of the population, over the course of the planning period of the regional transportation plan taking into account net migration into the region, population growth, household formation and employment growth; (iii) identifies areas within the region sufficient to house an eight-year projection of the regional housing need for the region pursuant to Government Code Section 65584; (iv) identifies a transportation network to service the transportation needs of the region; (v) gathers and considers the best practically available scientific information regarding resource areas and farmland in the region as defined in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Government Code Section 65080.01; and (vi) considers the state housing goals specified in Sections Government Code 65580 and 65581; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(G), the SCS considered spheres of influence adopted by the Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito County Local Agency Formation Commissions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(B)(vii), the SCS set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network and other transportation measures and polices, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve the regional greenhouse gas emission targets set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB); and

WHEREAS, for the 2050 MTP/SCS, CARB set the per capita greenhouse gas emission reduction target for automobiles and light trucks for the AMBAG region at 6 percent by 2035 from a 2005 base year; and

WHEREAS, by separate resolution on this date, the AMBAG Board of Directors certified the Final EIR for the 2050 MTP/SCS, and adopted Findings of Fact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, on this date, the AMBAG Board of Directors held a duly noticed public hearing prior to considering certifying the Final EIR; adopting the CEQA Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and adopting the Final 2050 MTP/SCS; and

WHEREAS, prior to taking action on the 2050 MTP/SCS, the AMBAG Board of Directors has heard, been presented with, reviewed and considered all of the information and data in the administrative record, including the Final EIR, and all oral and written evidence presented to it during all meetings and hearings; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the AMBAG Board of Directors that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMBAG Board of Directors finds that the 2050 MTP/SCS achieves the regional greenhouse gas reduction targets established by the CARB and meets the requirements of Senate Bill 375, as amended, as codified in Government Code §65080(b) et seq.; and

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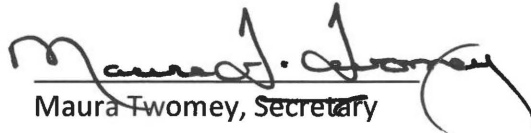
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMBAG Board of Directors does hereby adopt the Final 2026 Regional Growth Forecast and the Final 2050 MTP/SCS for the Monterey Bay Area region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June 2026.



Brian McCarthy, President



Maura Twomey, Secretary