

# SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Directors

**DATE:** May 16, 2019

**FROM:** General Manager

**SUBJECT:** MTC Presentation on Plan Bay Area 2050

The Metropolitan Commission (MTC) is the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the nine-county Bay Area. At the May 23rd, BART Board meeting, Ken Kirkey, MTC's Integrated Planning Department Director, will present an informational item on the Horizon initiative and Plan Bay Area 2050, the region's state-mandated, integrated long-range transportation and land use plan. Plan Bay Area 2050 provides a transportation strategy and roadmap for accommodating forecast population growth through 2050 and is updated every four years. The Horizon initiative is designed to identify strategies and investments to prepare the Bay Area for an uncertain future. The strategies and projects that are elevated as part of the Horizon initiative will be prioritized for consideration in Plan Bay Area 2050. Though not a funding plan, Plan Bay Area identifies a list of priority regional projects eligible to receive discretionary transportation funding.

BART staff are working closely with MTC to shape the development of the plan to ensure that BART's priority projects are considered. Major projects in 2040 Plan Bay Area that still have outstanding funding needs (uncommitted) can be resubmitted for consideration in 2050 Plan Bay Area. In the summer of 2018, BART staff worked with MTC to update the planning assumptions of BART's Transbay Corridor Core Capacity Project and the Bay Fair Connection Project, which will be re-evaluated and considered for inclusion in Plan Bay Area 2050. In addition, BART-related projects nominated by other agencies/jurisdictions as shown in Table 1 will be also be re-evaluated.

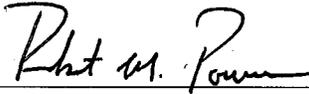
In the summer of 2018, the region was challenged by MTC to submit project proposals that could transform the region through an open Request for Transformative Projects – defined as projects over \$1 billion that will transform the region and were not evaluated in Plan Bay Area 2040. Nominating a Project for analysis is an opportunity to look at how a project could transform the region but does not obligate BART to advance the project. BART submitted two transformative projects to be considered: 1) New Transbay Rail Crossing and 2) Caldecott Tunnel Resilience Project. In addition to those nominated by BART, other agencies, non-governmental organizations, or the public nominated BART-related projects as shown in Table 1. Currently, MTC is evaluating over 90 projects and will analyze the impacts of the projects on the region to inform an investment strategy for Plan Bay Area 2050. MTC's Project Performance evaluation is expected to be released this fall.

MTC is currently in the process of soliciting new Regionally-significant projects for consideration in the plan that were not previously included in Plan Bay Area 2040 and did not meet the Transformative projects request cost threshold of a \$1 billion. Regionally-significant projects are projects that add capacity to a regional facility, such as a fixed guideway or highway. Regionally-significant projects greater than \$250 million will be subject to the Project Performance evaluation. BART and MTC have determined that there are no new BART projects that meet the criteria.

As Plan Bay Area 2050 advances BART staff will also submit BART's programmatic investment list to MTC for consideration in Plan Bay Area 2050. Programmatic investments are a collection of like transportation projects that are spread throughout the District (i.e. station access, seismic safety augmentation, station modernization, security, system capacity expansion, etc.), and are exempt from regional transportation-air quality conformity determinations.

The May 23rd Board meeting will provide an opportunity to have a public discussion on the Call for Projects and Plan Bay Area 2050.

Please contact Val Menotti, Chief Planning and Development Officer, at (510) 287-4794 if you have any questions.

  
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