METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Board Room, 1st Floor

MEETING AGENDA

Date: Friday, November 6, 2026 | **Time:** 10 a.m.

MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council

Chair: Carina Vinh Lieu
Vice Chair: Diana Benitez
Clerk: Jessica Lewis

The MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council is scheduled to meet at 10:00 a.m.

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**Non-Voting Members*

Vacant (1)

Agenda

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum / Compensation Announcement
A quorum shall consist of a majority of members present (14).

2. Council Member Announcements

3. Chair's Report

4. Consent Calendar

4a. Approval of MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council minutes of October 2, 2026 26-2107
Approval of MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council minutes of October 2, 2026

Action: Committee Approval

Presenter(s): Jessica Lewis

Attachments:

- 4a_26-2107_MACAC_Minutes_20261002_Draft.pdf

5. Information

5a. **Overview of MTC-ABAG Housing Programs (1 hour)** 26-2096

Overview of the housing-related programs of MTC, ABAG and BAHFA, including opportunities for Community Advisory Councilmembers to participate in advisory activities related to housing.

Action: Information

Presenter(s): Sara Amaral, Darin Ranelletti

Attachments:

- 5a_26-2096_1_Summary_Sheet_Housing_Overview.pdf
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5b. **Transportation Network Company (TNC) Access for All Update (30 minutes)** 26-2146

Overview of stakeholder engagement efforts to inform implementation of the Transportation Network Company (TNC) Access for All program.

Action: Information

Presenter(s): Fabian Gallardo

Attachments:

- 5b_26-2146_1_Summary_Sheet_TNC_Access_for_All_Update.pdf
- 5b_26-2146_2_Attachment_A_Presentation_TNC_Access_for_All_Update.pdf

5c. **Draft 2027 MTC-ABAG Advocacy Program (30 minutes)** 26-2215

Draft 2027 Joint Advocacy Program for MTC and ABAG, outlining the agencies' state and federal legislative priorities.

Action: Information

Presenter(s): Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Attachments:

- 5c_26_2215_2027_Advocacy_Program_Summary_Sheet_-_MAC_Nov_2026.pdf11.pdf
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5d. **Regional Network Management Customer Advisory Group Report Out** 26-2108

Action: Information

Presenter(s): Councilmember Wendi Kallins

6. Staff Liaison Report

6a. **Staff Liaison Report** 26-2067

Overview of recent MTC and ABAG policy decisions and other activities.

Action: Information

Presenter(s): Ky-Nam Miller

Attachments:

- 6a_26-2067_1_Summary_Sheet_DRAFT_November_2026_Staff_Liaison_Report.pdf
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7. New Business

8. Public Comment

9. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council will be held on December 4, 2026. This meeting of the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council is adjourned.

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Agenda

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum / Compensation Announcement

A quorum shall consist of a majority of members present (14).

Present: 20 - Member Balaji, Member Baldini, Member Cantrell, Member Cha, Member Chang, Member Cushman, Member Desmangles, Member Duong, Member Hankerson, Member Kallins, Member Lavery, Member Madrid, Member Saathoff-Harshfield, Member Saunders, Member Shay Miles, Member Shephard, Member Trachtenberg, Chair Vinh Lieu, Member Wong, Member Yamilet Orantes

Absent: 7 - Member Arvelo, Vice Chair Benitez, Member Gerasimenko, Member Mirante, Member Nemsick, Member Salazar, Member Sbranti

Member Hankerson, Member Madrid, and Member Yamilet Orantes participated remotely pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54953.8.3(2).

Chair Lieu called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM . Quorum was present.

2. Council Member Announcements

3. Chair's Report

4. Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Member Baldini and second by Member Saunders, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:	17 -	Chair Vinh Lieu, Member Balaji, Member Baldini, Member Cantrell, Member Chang, Member Cushman, Member Desmangles, Member Duong, Member Hankerson, Member Lavery, Member Saathoff-Harshfield, Member Saunders, Member Shay Miles, Member Shephard, Member Wong, Member Yamilet Orantes, and Member Cha
Abstain:	1 -	Member Kallins
Absent:	9 -	Vice Chair Benitez, Member Arvelo, Member Gerasimenko, Member Madrid, Member Mirante, Member Nemsick, Member Salazar, Member Sbranti, and Member Trachtenberg

4a. **Approval of MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council minutes of September 4, 2026** 26-2090

Action: Committee Approval

Presenter(s): Jessica Lewis

5. Information

5a. **Plan Bay Area 2060 Foundations: The Bay Area Today (Preview)** 26-2091

Foundational, data-driven context on existing conditions in the Bay Area.

Action: Information

Presenter(s): Anup Tapase, Breitling Snyder

The following members of the public were called to speak: Aleta Dupree (Team Folds) and Walter Park.

Member Gaetano Trachtenberg arrived during agenda item 5a, Member Alex Madrid arrived remotely during agenda item 5a

5b. **Update on State and Federal 2026 Legislative Sessions** 26-2092

Overview of outcomes related to MTC-ABAG's 2026 Legislative Advocacy Program priorities.

Action: Information

Presenter(s): Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Aleta Dupree (Team Folds) was called to speak.

5c. **Regional Network Management Customer Advisory Group Report Out** 26-2093

Action: Information

Presenter(s): Councilmember Wendi Kallins

Aleta Dupree (Team Folds) was called to speak.

6. Staff Liaison Report

6a. **Staff Liaison Report** 26-2094

Overview of recent MTC and ABAG policy decisions and other activities.

Action: Information

Presenter(s): Ky-Nam Miller

7. New Business

8. Public Comment

The following members of the public were called to speak: Aleta Dupree (Team Folds) and Jane Kramer.

9. Adjournment / Next Meeting

Chair Lieu adjourned the meeting at 12:32 PM. The next regular meeting of the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council is on November 6, 2026.

Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments

Community Advisory Council

November 6, 2026 **Agenda Item 5a-26-2096**

Overview of MTC-ABAG-BAHFA Housing Programs

Subject:

Overview of the housing-related programs of MTC, ABAG and BAHFA, including opportunities for Community Advisory Councilmembers to participate in advisory activities related to housing.

Background:

Housing insecurity persists in the Bay Area. For decades, the Bay Area has not produced sufficient housing at the appropriate affordability levels to meet the needs of the region. Although the number of homes produced each year varies, the region has experienced an overall downward trend in the amount of housing approved since the 1960s. Combined with robust housing demand and income inequality, this underproduction has resulted in increased housing costs and homelessness and has led to increased transportation costs as Bay Area residents live further away from their jobs. MTC, ABAG and BAHFA are working together to tackle these challenges with policies, programs and technical assistance to make the Bay Area a more affordable and inclusive region – implementing the vision of Plan Bay Area 2050+.

Plan Bay Area:

Plan Bay Area is the long-range regional plan for the San Francisco Bay Area, integrating transportation, land use, housing, environmental and economic considerations into a single planning framework that focuses growth near transit to support complete, connected and affordable communities. Plan Bay Area 2050+ is the most recent iteration of Plan Bay Area and was adopted by MTC and ABAG in March 2026. The Plan contains strategies related to transportation, housing, the economy and the environment to advance a Bay Area that is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant for all by the year 2050. The housing strategies in Plan Bay Area are based on the “3 P” housing framework which calls for producing housing at all income levels, preserving existing affordable housing and strengthening protections against displacement.

Housing Programs:

MTC, ABAG and BAHFA advance housing solutions aligned with Plan Bay Area 2050+ by implementing housing programs in two broad categories: 1) housing and land use planning, administered by MTC and ABAG; and 2) housing finance and access, administered by BAHFA. Key programs are described below.

Housing and Land Use Planning (MTC and ABAG):

- **Technical Assistance and Grants:**
  - *Regional Housing Technical Assistance:* ABAG provides housing technical assistance products, data tools for preparing local Housing Elements and funding for county planning collaboratives.
  - *Planning Grants:* MTC awards grants to local jurisdictions to support land use planning in Plan Bay Area growth geographies, such as Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Transit-Oriented Communities (TOCs).
  - *Priority Sites Technical Assistance:* MTC provides technical assistance related to the development of publicly owned land and key development sites including underutilized shopping malls and offices. The program complements the Priority Sites Predevelopment Loans administered by BAHFA (described below).
- **Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy:** Adopted by MTC in 2022 and applies to the half-mile radius around existing and planned transit stations. The Policy contains standards for housing and commercial office densities, affordable housing policies, parking and station access. Local jurisdictions that demonstrate a high level of consistency with the standards have access to additional transportation funding through MTC's One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program.
- **Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA):** Required by state law, ABAG allocates the total number of housing units by income group needed in the region, as determined by the state, to each jurisdiction in the Bay Area. Local jurisdictions update their Housing Elements to accommodate their allocation. RHNA happens every eight years and must be informed by Plan Bay Area; the next RHNA cycle is expected to begin in 2027.

Housing Finance and Access (BAHFA):

- **Doorway:** Tenants can search free listings on Doorway for all affordable homes in the Bay Area. Fee for service, such as application processing and income qualifying charged to developer.
- **Priority Sites Predevelopment Loans:** BAHFA provided 10 predevelopment loans to developers who identified affordable housing opportunities, in connection with transportation. All 10 loans were funded by REAP 2.0 and most have been fully expended.
- **Welfare Tax Exemption:** This exemption leads to discounts on property taxes when landlord provides maximum 80% AMI rents on site and rents are charged at 10% below market rate.
- **Regional Mixed Finance:** New loan products to be rolled out in early 2027 are meant to fill a void in the current market, not supported by traditional affordable housing financing.

Advisory Committees:

There are two opportunities for members of the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council to participate in an official advisory capacity related to housing:

- **RHNA Housing Methodology Committee:** The RHNA process involves a Housing Methodology Committee (HMC) to advise ABAG staff in developing the methodology to allocate the regional housing need to local jurisdictions. The HMC is comprised of elected officials, local jurisdiction staff and regional stakeholders. It is anticipated that the committee will begin work in fall 2027 with work lasting for approximately one year. The composition of the HMC is still being determined and must be approved by the ABAG Executive Board, but it is currently anticipated that there will be two seats for the Community Advisory Council.
- **BAHFA Advisory Committee:** The Community Advisory Council chair will appoint a liaison who can attend all BAHFA Advisory Committee meetings as a special guest (though not a formal member of BAHFA Advisory for voting/quorum). The liaison then

will provide Community Advisory Council agenda items to report to the full group about items/discussion at BAHFA.

Discussion Questions for the Council:

- What questions do you have about the housing programs at MTC-ABAG-BAHFA?
- What clarifications or context can staff provide about upcoming opportunities to engage in housing advisory groups?

Recommended Action:

Information

Attachments:

- Presentation



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Overview of Housing Programs

MTC-ABAG Community Advisory Council
November 6, 2026

Darin Ranelletti, Assistant Director, Housing & Local Planning
Sara Amaral, Assistant Director, BAHFA

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Topics

1) Housing in the Bay Area

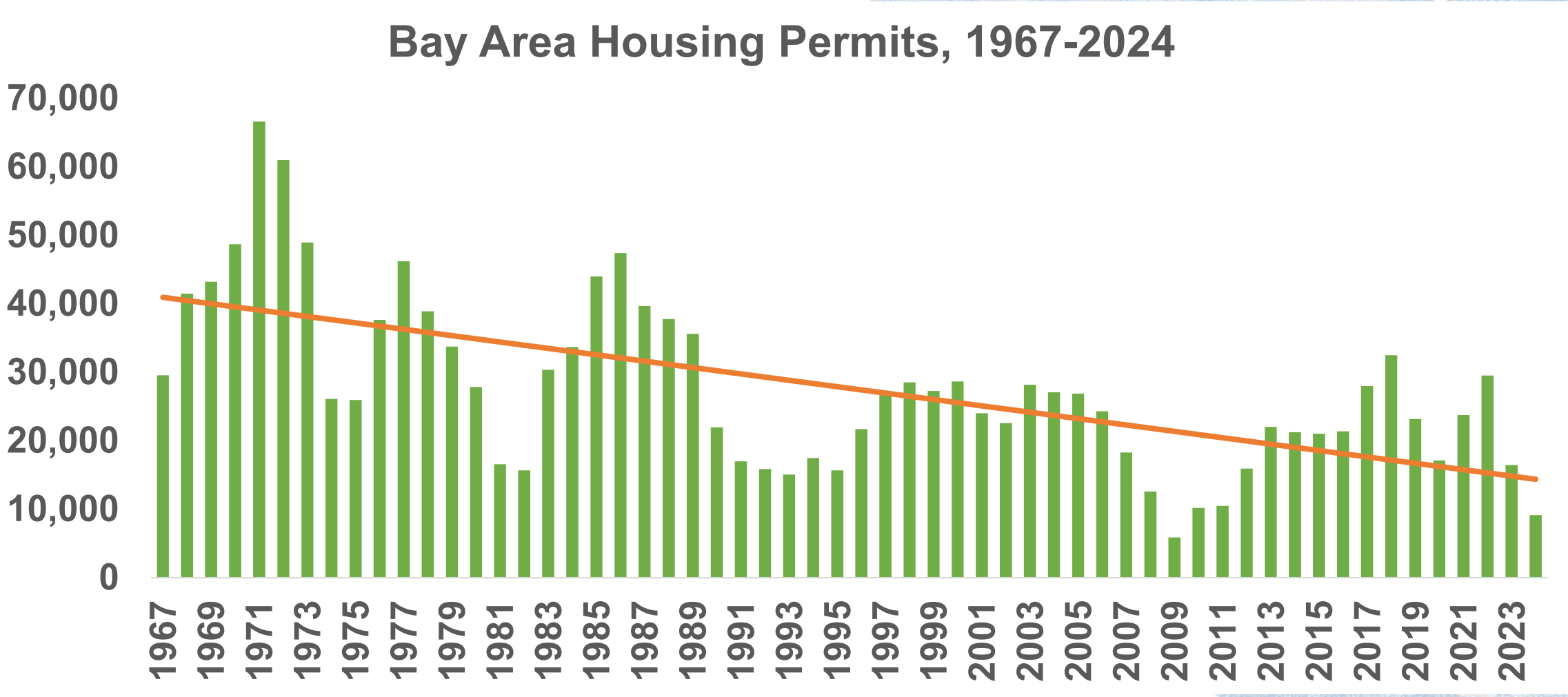
2) The Role of Plan Bay Area 2050+

3) Existing Housing Programs

- *Housing and Land Use Planning: MTC-ABAG*
- *Housing Finance and Access: BAHFA*

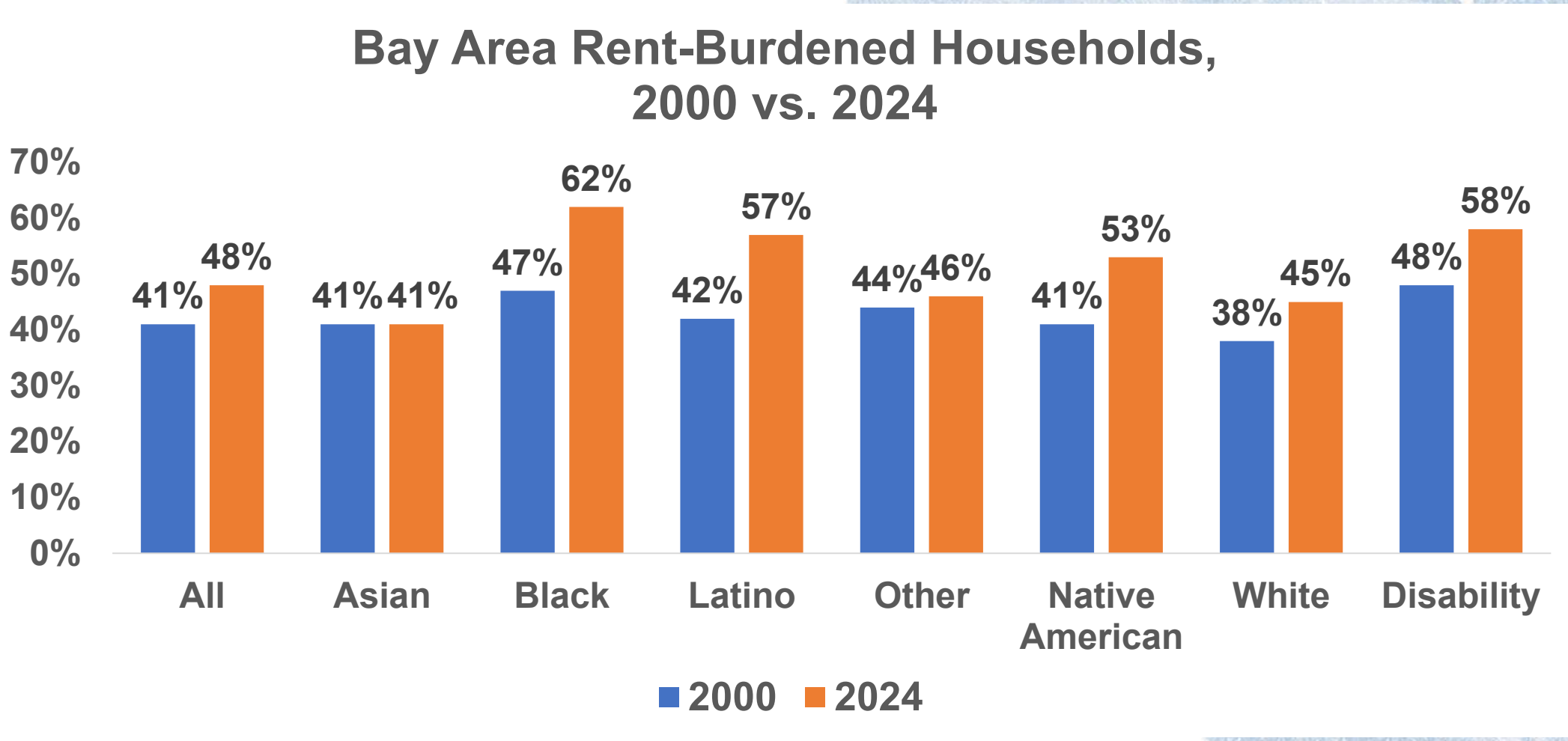
4) Advisory Committees

Housing in the Bay Area: Housing Construction



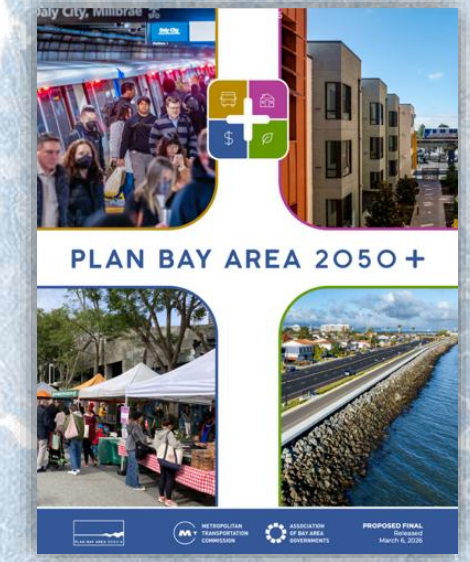
Source: MTC-ABAG Vital Signs

Housing in the Bay Area: Rent Burden



Source: Bay Area Equity Atlas; IPUMS USA, 2000 Census 5% sample and 2020–2024 ACS 5-year sample

The Role of Plan Bay Area 2050+



PLAN VISION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

*Ensure by the year 2050 that the Bay Area is **affordable**, **connected**, **diverse**, **healthy** and **vibrant** **for all**.*

PLAN ELEMENTS & STRATEGIES

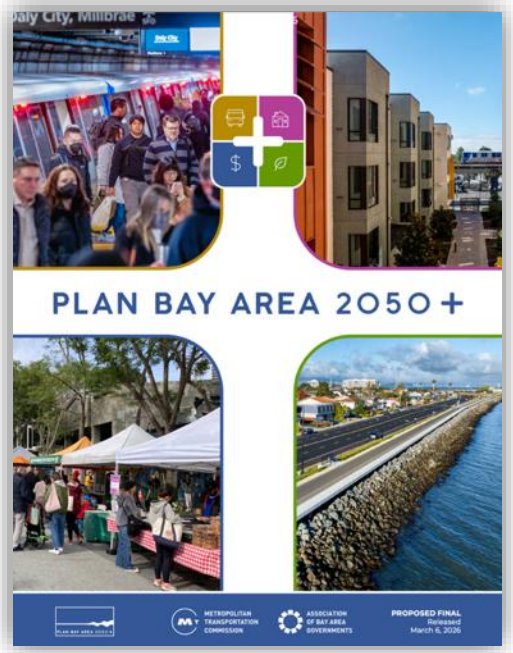


- **12 Transportation** strategies focused on "Fix-It-First," healthy and safe streets, and transit expansion and enhancement
- **8 Housing** strategies focused on the "3 Ps": production, preservation and protection
- **6 Economy** strategies focused on economic mobility and the location of jobs
- **9 Environment** strategies focused on hazard mitigation, parks and open space, and climate emissions reduction

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Implementing Housing and Land Use Strategies in Plan Bay Area 2050+



Housing and Land Use Planning
MTC-ABAG

Housing Finance and Access
BAHFA

Housing and Land Use Planning: MTC-ABAG

Technical Assistance & Grants

Regional Housing Technical Assistance

- Housing technical assistance products; data tools for local Housing Elements; County Planning Collaboratives

Planning Grants

- Grants to support planning in Plan Bay Area growth geographies

Priority Sites Technical Assistance

- Technical assistance to implement public land and mall/office reuse strategies



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Ashby BART Station: Priority Sites technical assistance to support 600+ new homes.

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Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy

- Adopted by MTC in 2022
- Applies to half-mile around transit stations
- Contains standards for density, housing, parking, and station access
- Local jurisdictions that meet the standards have access to additional transportation funding in the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program to be awarded in late 2027



Photo credit: Karl Nielsen

Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

- State determines total number of housing units, by income group, needed in the region
- ABAG allocates housing units, by income group, to each jurisdiction
- Jurisdictions update local Housing Elements to accommodate housing units
- Eight-year housing allocations must be informed by long-range plan (Plan Bay Area)
- Upcoming: RHNA Cycle 7, beginning in 2027



Housing Finance & Access: BAHFA

Background



Bay Area Housing Finance Authority

Doorway
BAY AREA AFFORDABLE HOUSING

CASA Compact

BAHFA 2019

Pilot Programs

RM4 Bond Measure 2024

(withdrawn)

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Product Launch & Stakeholder Engagement

How BAHFA Adds Value in Communities

- The loss of redevelopment agencies has led to a reduction in real estate development and housing finance capacity at the local level.
- 62% of Bay Area communities **do not directly receive** federal funding for housing.
- Most cities have extremely limited dedicated funds for affordable housing, and Bay Area counties are among the most expensive in the state.

Source: Terner Center for Housing Innovation

BAHFA brings housing funds and expertise to your communities, filling the gap in state and federal funds.

BAHFA's New Strategic Plan

- Repositions BAHFA for success after expiration of one-time funds and Regional Measure 4 withdrawn from ballot in 2024
- Focuses on leveraging to a regional scale to add value
- Charts a path to financial self-sufficiency by 2030
- Reaffirms long-term vision for BAHFA:
  - Achieve transformative resources
  - Work together to achieve impact at scale



Photo courtesy Amie Holbrook, Circlepoint

Programs & Near-Term Goals

Doorway Housing Portal

- Sustain program with largest reach
- Grow market share & increase listings (ADUs, etc.)
- Create efficiencies via economies of scale
- Transition to revenue neutral by 2030

Mixed Financing Program

- Deliver affordability with limited public subsidy
- Support innovative mixed-income models
- Leverage private capital
- Pilot revenue-positive public lender model

Revenue Measure & Regional Coordination

- Identify changes needed to enabling statute and build coalition to support
- Explore regional measure, as early as 2028
- Support local implementation of state housing laws

How Can You Get More Involved in Housing?

RHNA Housing Methodology Committee

- Advises ABAG-MTC staff in developing methodology to allocate regional housing need to local jurisdictions
- Comprised of elected officials, local jurisdiction staff, regional stakeholders
- Summer/Fall 2027 to Summer/Fall 2028
- Anticipating **two seats for members of the Community Advisory Council** *(subject to ABAG Board review and approval)*



How Can You Get More Involved in Housing? (cont'd)

BAHFA Advisory Committee

- BAHFA welcomes coordination between the MTC-ABAG Community Advisory Council and BAHFA Advisory Committee.
  - A Community Advisory Council **liaison** can be appointed to attend all BAHFA Advisory Committee meetings as guest.
  - Regular time on Community Advisory Council agendas to report to the full group about items/discussion at BAHFA Advisory Committee.
  - BAHFA Advisory Committee – generally the fourth Thursday of the month

Discussion Questions

1. What questions do you have about the housing programs at MTC-ABAG-BAHFA?

2. What clarifications or context can staff provide about upcoming opportunities to engage in housing advisory groups?

Thank You

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments

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November 6, 2026 **Agenda Item 5b-26-2146**

Transportation Network Company (TNC) Access for All Update

Subject:

Overview of stakeholder engagement efforts to inform implementation of the Transportation Network Company (TNC) Access for All program.

Background:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) established the Transportation Network Company (TNC) Access for All Program, pursuant to Senate Bill 1376 (Hill, 2018) to improve the availability and accessibility of on-demand transportation services for persons with disabilities, including wheelchair-accessible vehicle (WAV) service. The program is funded through a $0.10 surcharge on every TNC (i.e., ride hailing services like Uber and Lyft) trip originating in California. Program revenues are returned to the counties in which they are generated and administered locally to support projects that expand accessible, on-demand transportation options. Eligible projects include both operating and capital costs, such as vehicle acquisition, maintenance, driver training, outreach or incentives.

In July 2026, CPUC approved MTC to serve as the Local Access Fund Administrator (LAFA) for Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma counties, which support a regional approach with MTC serving as the LAFA as they do not self-administer the program. In this role, MTC will administer approximately $2.5 million annually to support the expansion of accessible on-demand transportation services. Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and Solano counties currently self-administer the program through county-specific LAFAs.

Stakeholder Engagement:

A core responsibility of the LAFA is engaging the disability community and other stakeholders to inform program development. Through the end of 2026, MTC is conducting outreach to better understand mobility barriers, identify gaps in existing transportation options, and gather input on how program funding can have the greatest impact. Feedback received will help shape funding priorities, project selection criteria, future solicitations, and performance measures. Examples of

projects funded by other LAFAs in the Bay Area include WAV providers serving San Francisco, such as Green Cab and Via.

Existing engagement efforts include the Accessible Futures Conference, convened in summer 2025 to identify unmet needs and gaps in policies, services, and advocacy for persons with disabilities across the Bay Area. Conference proceedings were published in September 2026. Staff have since engaged existing LAFAs, including San Francisco and Solano counties, and conducted outreach to local government and transportation agencies across all five participating counties. Through November, staff will continue engagement with community-based organizations and disability advocates, leveraging relationships established through the 2024 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, other regional access and mobility programs, and referrals from agency partners, including paratransit and accessibility advisory committees. Additional outreach and listening sessions with interested stakeholders will continue through the end of the year to inform program design and implementation.

Next Steps:

Input gathered from stakeholder engagement will inform development of grant application materials and scoring criteria. MTC anticipates releasing the solicitation in early 2027 for $4.2 million in available funding across the five participating counties, which represents two years of TNC Access for All funding. Funding awards will be programmed by July 1, 2027.

Discussion Questions for the Council:

- What are the most significant accessible transportation needs in your community?
- What organizations should MTC engage as it develops the program?
- What would success look like for this program in your community?
- Do you have any other input on the program you would like to share?

Recommendation:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Presentation



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Transportation Network Company (TNC) Access for All Update

November 6, 2026

Community Advisory Council

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Program Overview

Background: The TNC Access for All Program was established by the CPUC as part of Senate Bill 1376 (2018)

Purpose: Expand the availability of on-demand transportation services for persons with disabilities, particularly wheelchair-accessible vehicle (WAV) service

Funding: $0.10 surcharge on transportation network company (TNC) trips – return to source



MTC's Role

- MTC was approved on July 2, 2026 to serve as the Local Access Fund Administrator (LAFA) for Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma counties
- LAFA responsibilities include:
  - Program administration, stakeholder engagement, solicitation and contracting, and program monitoring and reporting
- Deadline to obligate funds is July 1, 2027

Access Fund Amounts (Funding Year 26-27)

County	Funding Total*	Admin Fee (15%)
Marin	$240,000	$35,000
Napa	$150,000	$20,000
San Mateo	$860,000	$130,000
Santa Clara	$3,420,000	$510,000
Sonoma	$320,000	$48,000
Total:	**$4,990,000**	**$743,000**

*Funding amounts are rounded to the nearest $10,000. This represents two years of TNC Access for All funding – Cycle 5 (Q3 2023 – Q3 2024) and Cycle 6 (Q3 2024 – Q3 2025). Annual funding amounts are expected to be approximately half of the total reflected here moving forward.

Access Providers

Eligible Applicants:

- Directly provide, or contract with a separate organization to provide, on-demand WAV transportation to meet the needs of persons with disabilities
- Priority to shorter response times
- Providers following fixed routes and schedules are NOT eligible

Eligible Expenses:

- Mix of operating and capital costs, ranging from wages/benefits, vehicle purchase, incentives, etc.

Stakeholder Engagement

Objective: Identify mobility and service gaps, inform funding priorities, and refine program application and scoring development.

Existing LAFAs	Government and Transportation Agencies	CBOs and Nonprofits	Private Sector
• San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority, Solano Transportation Authority	• Transit operators, service providers, CTAs, etc.	• Disability rights organizations, independent living centers, etc.	• Interested private parties and additional entities
February	*October*	*October-November*	*November*

Next Steps

Task	Description	Timeline
Stakeholder Engagement	• Engage with disability community, cities, counties, and other partners to inform solicitation plan	September – December 2026
Access Provider Solicitation	• Develop a solicitation plan, including application materials and scoring criteria • Conduct outreach to eligible applicants • Open solicitation	January 2027 – February 2027
Access Provider Selection	• MTC reviews application and selects successful applicants • CPUC deadline to obligate funds is July 1, 2027	Spring 2027

Discussion Questions

- What are the most significant accessible transportation needs in your community?
- What organizations should MTC engage as it develops the program?
- What would success look like for this program in your community?
- Do you have any other input on the program you would like to share?

Questions and Discussion

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments

Community Advisory Council

November 6, 2026 **Agenda Item 5c-26-2215**

Draft 2027 MTC and ABAG Legislative Advocacy Program

Subject:

Draft 2027 Joint Advocacy Program for MTC and ABAG, outlining the agencies' state and federal legislative priorities.

Background:

Each year, MTC and ABAG adopt a joint advocacy program that guides the agencies' state and federal advocacy efforts. Throughout the fall, staff seek input on draft advocacy priorities from key local external partners, including MTC-ABAG's Community Advisory Council, MTC's Partnership Legislative Committee (a forum for local transportation agency staff and interested stakeholders to share information) and housing advocacy groups. Staff also coordinate with other metropolitan planning organizations across the state as well as statewide and national partners to help inform the advocacy program.

Staff will present the draft 2027 advocacy program to the Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee on November 13. We anticipate returning to the Legislation Committee with a proposed final advocacy program in December, followed by Commission and ABAG Executive Board adoption in December and January, respectively.

Proposed 2027 Legislative Priorities:

Plan Bay Area 2050+ provides the policy framework for MTC-ABAG's advocacy platform, which supports implementation of the Plan's goals and strategies. For 2027, the draft advocacy program identifies funding and policy objectives and associated goals across a range of topics, including transportation and housing, housing supportive policies, project delivery, transportation system effectiveness, and climate, resilience and the environment. The draft program also includes a Plan Bay Area 2050+ implementation section to address funding and policy needs associated with the plan that are not otherwise covered in the above-mentioned topics. Further details on each topic are included in the draft 2027 Advocacy Program in Attachment A.

MTC-ABAG's state and federal advocacy priorities in 2027 will be heavily influenced by the outcome of the November 2026 election. With respect to transit funding, the draft advocacy

program anticipates a continued focus on securing additional state funding, however, the scale and purpose of any state funding ask will depend on whether voters approve the Bay Area Regional Transit Measure (RTM). Staff envision a focus on ensuring the Legislature honor its prior-year state funding commitments to transit via SB 125 (a budget trailer bill enacted in 2023 that includes funding for Bay Area transit capital priorities BART Core Capacity and BART to Silicon Valley Phase 2) and securing additional Cap-and-Invest resources for other transportation programs, similar to this past year and consistent with Plan Bay Area 2050+. Additionally, if the RTM is not approved by voters, staff will collaborate with transit agencies, county transportation agencies and advocates on a path forward, including a potential state funding package. At the federal level, the focus will be on sustaining the Bay Area's approximately $1 billion per year in highway and transit formula funds.

Regarding housing, we anticipate MTC-ABAG will either sponsor legislation to update the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority's (BAHFA) authorizing statute to lay the groundwork for a potential future regional housing measure or support other efforts to increase statewide housing funding. The strategy will depend on the recommendations from the Regional Housing Stakeholder Committee, which aims to finalize its work in mid-November. The committee is expected to consider in its recommendations the outcomes of key propositions on the November ballot.

Other likely priorities include:

- **Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA):** Identify funding to support RHNA Cycle 7 work – which is currently an unfunded state mandate – and explore opportunities to better align RHNA and SCS timelines, support Bay Area jurisdictions with their housing element updates, and facilitate timely state review of housing elements.
- **Regional Programs and Services:** Support funding and policies necessary to sustain and strengthen MTC-ABAG programs and services, including sustaining dedicated funding for the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN).
- **ADAPT Assets Act:** Seek reintroduction of federal legislation to establish a national resilience demonstration program that supports delivery of large-scale infrastructure projects and improves coordination across agencies and jurisdictions.

In addition, staff anticipate undertaking foundational education and stage-setting to lay the groundwork for increased long-term state transportation funding at a scale that meaningfully advances implementation of Plan Bay Area 2050+ and successor plans. Staff anticipate this will be a multi-year effort led by a broad coalition of statewide stakeholders.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Draft 2027 MTC ABAG Legislative Advocacy Program

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DRAFT 2027 MTC ABAG ADVOCACY PROGRAM

State Advocacy Objectives and Goals

1. **Transportation Funding:** Advocate for resources to support the implementation of Plan Bay Area 2050+, including sustaining and, where possible, increasing funding to operate and maintain the transportation network, improve the transit rider experience, support transit modernization and expansion, improve multimodal transportation options and enhance the resilience of our transportation network.

Transportation Funding Items	Goals
A. Sustain Bay Area Transit Funding	Seek resources to sustain Bay Area transit operating and capital programs. Support protecting prior-year state commitments to transit through the SB 125 funding package ($460 million in remaining Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund allocations statewide are owed through FY 2027-28) and advocating that the Legislature fulfill the statutory dollar amounts for transportation and housing programs prescribed in the in the Cap-and-Invest expenditure plan, including the Low Carbon and Transit Operations Program and Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. Additionally, if the RTM is not approved by voters, collaborate with transit agencies, county transportation agencies and advocates on a path forward, including a potential state funding package.
B. Increase Bay Area Transportation Funding	Support near-term opportunities to increase funding for Bay Area transportation projects and programs. Work with statewide partners to lay the groundwork for increased long-term state investment in multimodal transportation needs at a scale that meaningfully advances the needs and priorities identified in Plan Bay Area 2050+ and successor plans.

2. **Housing Funding and Policies:** Support the ambitious housing goals of Plan Bay Area 2050+ by advocating for policies and funding that support increased housing production, preservation and protection ("3Ps") for people of all incomes.

Housing Funding and Policies Items	**Goals**
A. Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA)	Plan for either sponsoring legislation to update BAHFA's statute to lay the groundwork for a potential future regional housing measure or supporting other statewide efforts to increase affordable housing funding that BAHFA could access.
B. Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)	Support funding for regions and local governments to prepare for and implement RHNA Cycle 7, which is currently an unfunded state mandate. Explore opportunities to adjust RHNA timelines to better align with SCS deadlines, provide more time for local jurisdictions to update housing elements and help the Department of Housing and Community Development manage its statewide housing element review workload. Monitor other proposals related to statutory updates that would impact future RHNA cycles, advocating for policy that is implementable both regionally and locally.
C. Advance Affordable Housing Production, Preservation and Protection (the "3Ps")	Support policies and funding aimed at increasing housing production, preserving existing affordable housing, improving housing affordability, and protecting tenants and low-income communities from displacement.

3. **Transportation Project Delivery:** Monitor legislation related to transportation project delivery and support strategies to efficiently and effectively deliver transportation plans, programs and projects consistent with Plan Bay Area 2050+, including streamlining environmental review, where appropriate, and expanding flexibility in contracting and public private partnerships.

4. **Transportation System Effectiveness:** Advocate for policies that sustain and improve the effectiveness and service delivery of the Bay Area's transportation system.

Transportation System Effectiveness Items	Goals
A. MTC Programs and Services	Support funding and policies necessary to effectively fund, operate, sustain, and improve MTC-administered programs and services, including the Bay Area Toll Authority toll bridge operations, FasTrak®, Clipper®, Freeway Service Patrol, Lyft Bike, and Express Lanes.
B. Transit Rider Experience	Support proposals that advance a more user-friendly, connected Bay Area transit network in line with the 2021 Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan and Regional Network Management efforts to improve the transit rider experience.
C. Other System Effectiveness	Support policies and investments that improve the efficiency, reliability, connectivity and overall effectiveness of the Bay Area transportation system. Support approaches that improve mobility and system performance while balancing safety, environmental and equity outcomes, including strategies to responsibly deploy emerging transportation technologies.

5. **Climate, Resilience and Environment:** Support funding and policies necessary to effectively fund, operate, sustain, and improve BayREN and ABAG Power (ABAG's Energy and Infrastructure programs) and ABAG- and MTC-administered programs, including the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, San Francisco Bay Trail and the San Francisco Water Trail. Support efforts to improve the Bay Area's resilience to natural hazards and the impacts of climate change, including through increased state investment in climate adaptation and improving multi-benefit resilience project delivery.

6. **Plan Bay Area 2050+ Implementation:** Advocate for policies and funding tools that support MTC-ABAG and other regions in implementing state-mandated sustainable communities strategies (SCS).

Plan Bay Area 2050+ Implementation	Goals
A. SCS Implementation Funding	Partner with the California Association of Councils of Governments and regional partners to explore opportunities for flexible, formula-based funding to MTC and other metropolitan planning organizations to support SCS implementation.

B. Healthy and Safe Streets	Support policies and funding that advance the Bay Area Vision Zero Action Plan and Plan Bay Area 2050+ safety strategies, with a focus on reducing fatalities and serious injuries and improving safety for all roadway users.
C. Other Plan Bay Area 2050+ Implementation	Support policies that advance other Plan Bay Area 2050+ implementation priorities not otherwise addressed in the Advocacy Program, including, but not limited to, policies to address challenges with the California Air Resources Board's Innovative Clean Transit rule.

Federal Advocacy Objectives and Goals

1. **Transportation and Housing Funding:** Support robust federal investment in Bay Area transportation and housing infrastructure.

Transportation & Housing Funding Items	**Goals**
A. Transportation Funding	Protect federal transportation funding available to California and the Bay Area, including formula funding and existing federal grant commitments. As opportunities arise, secure additional federal investment in Bay Area transportation infrastructure consistent with Plan Bay Area 2050+ and pursue new capital discretionary grants consistent with MTC's Major Project Advancement Policy.
B. Housing Funding	Support federal investment in affordable housing and homelessness prevention, including, but not limited to, retaining policies designed to maximize the use of the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program, continued funding of CDBG, HOME and housing vouchers and continued federal funding commitments towards permanent housing solutions. Support appropriations for federal grant programs available to regional housing entities, including BAHFA, to support regional housing planning and implementation.
C. BATA and Build America Bonds	Monitor developments related to Build America Bonds (BABs) subsidy payments to BATA and other bond issuers, and support opportunities to protect or restore full federal reimbursement to BATA and other issuers.

2. **Surface Transportation Reauthorization:** Advocate for a federal transportation reauthorization platform for the next multi-year federal surface transportation program consistent with the priorities below.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Items	**Goals**
A. Sustain Bay Area Federal Transportation Funding	MTC's top federal advocacy priority is to keep Bay Area federal transportation dollars at least level by sustaining and, where possible, increasing Highway Trust Fund (HTF) support for the core highway and transit formula programs. This includes avoiding steep cuts for California and the Bay Area by sustaining bridge and transit state of good repair (SOGR) formula funding in the surface transportation authorization. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program also provides multiyear commitments that are essential for the Bay Area's priority transit system modernization and expansion projects.
B. Prioritize Highway and Transit Formulas	The 2021 infrastructure law — the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act — paired a federal surface transportation authorization with an economic stimulus package that, together, provided an unprecedented scale of federal transportation investment. As Congress considers a narrower reauthorization, it should prioritize formula funds, which provide states and regions the certainty they need to plan, deliver and maintain major projects. Discretionary programs remain important for funding nationally significant projects that are too large for formulas and for testing new ideas.
C. Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Program	Sustain federal investment in the CIG program, which is vital to completing the next generation of the Bay Area's top priority transit expansion projects, as identified in MTC's Major Project Advancement Policy.
D. Improve Project Delivery and Transportation System Effectiveness	Enhance flexibility in federal policy and funding implementation to remove barriers and accelerate projects getting to construction. Lead advocacy for the following policy updates: • Expand at-risk project pre-agreement authority • Authorize regions to adopt six-year (vs. four-year) Transportation Improvement Programs • Clarify Title 23 eligibility for regional advance mitigation

E. Establish a Resilience Demonstration Program	Break down barriers to protecting our nation's infrastructure from natural disasters by creating a new resilience demonstration program to fund a limited number of large-scale resilience projects that safeguard critical infrastructure, streamline interagency coordination, expedite project completion and provide a national blueprint for cost-effective disaster preparedness.

3. **Climate, Resilience and Environment:** Advocate for a strong federal partner in the Bay Area's efforts to improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and make our communities and transportation networks resilient to a changing climate, especially in communities of concern that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

Climate, Resilience and Environment Items	**Goals**
A. ADAPT Assets Act	Partner with Congressman Garamendi and Congressman Thompson to re-introduce the Accelerating Demonstration Approaches for Protecting Transportation (ADAPT) Assets Act, which would authorize $10 billion for the resilience demonstration program described in 2E.
B. San Francisco Estuary	Further, advocate for funding and policies that protect the San Francisco Estuary's wildlife and ecological resources, and support sea-level rise adaptation. Advocate for increased appropriations and policies that protect the San Francisco Estuary and support sea-level rise adaptation.

4. **Preserve Bay Area Transit Operator Access to Federal Transit Grants:** Support efforts spearheaded by the California Transit Association to monitor an ongoing risk that Bay Area federal transit grants may be withheld because of a 2021 U.S. Department of Labor interpretation that California's state pension law known as "PEPRA" may impede federally guaranteed transit union collective bargaining rights. If necessary, seek a legislative solution.

Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
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November 6, 2026 **Agenda Item 6a-26-2067**

Staff Liaison Report

Subject:

Overview of recent MTC and ABAG policy decisions and other activities.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information only

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Staff Liaison Report – November 2026
- Attachment B: Staff response to questions from Councilmembers re: October Council Item 5a Plan Bay Area 2060 Foundations: The Bay Area Today

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Staff Liaison Report – November 2026

Updates and Follow Up Items:

- Council breakfast with MTC Commission and ABAG Executive Board leadership: Thursday, October 29, 9 AM (An ABAG-MTC Workshop focused on Plan Bay Area 2060 will follow)
    - RSVP by email to the Council Clerk Jessica Lewis: jlewis@bayareametro.gov
- Equity Priority Communities (EPC) Refresh kitchen cabinet will have five members; interested members should contact Chair Lieu, Vice Chair Benitez, and/or Staff Liaison Ky-Nam Miller: kmiller@bayareametro.gov.
- A response to Councilmember questions regarding the Plan Bay Area 2060 item at the October 2026 meeting are included as Attachment B.
- As mentioned by Councilmember Amanda Chang, the Urban Habitat State of the Region event is happening in Oakland on November 18.

Parliamentary Tip of the Month:

November Edition: The Brown Act and Serial Meetings

The Brown Act is California's open meeting law. At its core, the law requires that public meetings be conducted *in public.* It is important to avoid in person or electronic communications that can function like a meeting even if everyone is not present or on an email chain at once. It does not stop members from talking with one another. The concern is a "serial meeting," which can happen when a Council business topic passes from member to member, like a game of telephone, until a majority of the Council has discussed it or weighed in, even though the Council never met. This is most likely to happen through email chains, group texts, and "reply all," but it can also happen through phone calls or even through a go-between person like a staff or family member who relays one member's views to another.

Best practices:

- No email chains or group texts among members about Council business
- Send questions to the staff liaison or Council leadership
- No replying to other members' social media posts about Council business
- Keep study groups to fewer than a majority of the Council, and check with the liaison first
- Attendance at social events, conferences, or public meetings by a quorum of the Council is not a violation of the Brown Act as long as Councilmembers do not discuss Council business
- **Phrase to use if being asked about Council business in a manner that could violate the Brown Act:** "I'd like to bring this to the full Council so we can discuss it in public. Can we ask the Chair and staff to put it on a future agenda?"

Executive Director's Report to the Commission & ABAG Exec Board:

The Commission met in October. The following items are excerpts from the October 2026 Executive Director's Reports to the Commission and ABAG Executive Board. To read past reports in their entirety, see these links:

- Commission Report: https://mtc.ca.gov/news/executive-directors-report

Commission Updates:

Excerpts from the October ED report Next Gen Clipper System (C2)

As I reported last month, the Next Gen Clipper system continues to mature. MTC, Cubic and transit operator staff remain focused on maintaining system stability, resolving customer account issues and enhancing customer service tools. Customer Service Center performance continues to provide timely support and achieved an average speed of answer of less than two minutes and an average call handling time of under 10 minutes in August.

Adoption of the C2 system continues to grow. To date, more than 4.2 million Clipper cards have migrated to the new system. As of mid-October, 75% of Clipper trips are paid with C2 methods,

including 59% with account-based Clipper cards and 16% with contactless credit or debit cards. With both plastic and mobile card migration now performing successfully, account migration activity has been ramping up to support ongoing operational needs. Earlier this month we completed migration of all Clipper discount programs including Clipper START and Clipper Access, Youth and Senior customers. The program will continue with these operational migrations as Cubic continues to address the outstanding issues. The next major milestone is the migration of the remaining existing Clipper customers to C2. Additional details on Next Gen Clipper's progress and status will be available in the staff report to the joint Regional Network Management and Clipper Executive Board for their November 16 meeting, which will be posted here.

MTC-ABAG Awards & Recognition

At the National Association of Government Web Professionals conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Oct. 8, MTC-ABAG won two awards for the new PlanBayArea.org website that launched in June. In the category of Best Special District or Nongovernmental Website, PlanBayArea.org won the Pinnacle Award for Excellence in Government Web Design and the Members' Choice Award for Web Design. Judges highlighted the website's ability to bring Plan Bay Area to life for everyday residents, while making resources easy to use for jurisdiction staff. They also applauded the trilingual Public Participation Plan and the site's engaging, modern design. Public Information Officer Joey Kotfica accepted the award on our behalf. Thank you, Joey, and all staff who made the new website such a success.

Commissioner and Santa Clara County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga was elected to the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) board of directors at the organization's 2026 TRANSform Conference & EXPO in Chicago earlier this month. APTA is an international nonprofit association of more than 1,700 public and private sector member organizations across all modes of public transportation. APTA provides research and technical expertise, among other

services, to member agencies such as Caltrain and VTA. Congratulations, Commissioner Abe-Koga.

StopWaste celebrated 50 years of waste reduction and resource conservation on Sept. 30, and MTC-ABAG was among seven partners who received a plaque of appreciation for contributions in shaping the organization's work. Collaboration with StopWaste has led to a broader regional approach to locally led energy efficiency and electrification programs. Chief Deputy Executive Director Alix Bockelman accepted the plaque on behalf of the agency.

MTC's 2025 Popular Annual Financial Report was recognized with an award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). Congratulations to the Financial Reporting and Operational Accounting Section and Director Grace Martinez, who was recently elected President of GFOA.

BAHFA Ongoing Engagement with Elected Officials

Commissioners and MTC-ABAG staff continue to engage local government leaders across all Bay Area counties on potential changes to BAHFA's enabling legislation. This outreach aims to increase awareness of BAHFA among local elected officials. On Oct. 1, Chair Sue Noack, Commissioner Candace Andersen and Alix Bockelman spoke at the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference. Alix and other staff also attended the Napa County League of Governments meeting on Oct. 8, and I joined BAHFA staff at the Solano County meeting on Oct. 14. A survey to all local elected officials closed on Oct. 23, and I will report on those results as soon as they are available.

MTC Celebrates Completion of Alameda Street Improvement Project

On Sept. 28, Commissioner and Alameda Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, District Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi and local public school students cut the ribbon at an event to celebrate major road safety and transit efficiency improvements on Central Avenue in Alameda. MTC provided $13 million for the project, including $7 million in state funds through the Commission's Active

Transportation Program and almost $6 million in Federal Highway Administration money through the One Bay Area Grant program. Improvements include roundabouts and a road diet, a two-way bicycle lane and a new transit boarding island at Washington Park. The project aims to make it safer to cycle on Alameda Island and improve efficiency for buses and their passengers.

2030 Census Rulemaking/Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Letter

On Sept. 10, the U.S. Census Bureau issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would change how the decennial census will be administered. Proposed Parts 60 and 70 to Title 15 would restrict census data collection to only U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents and remove demographic questions about race, ethnicity and sexual orientation. It also proposes new regulatory standards for determining an individual's residence. These rules would greatly impact data that metropolitan planning organizations use in long-range planning, modeling and funding formulas. AMPO has submitted a letter to the Census Bureau advocating that the census retain a complete current resident dataset for planning purposes given the importance of total population counts for transportation planning and many funding programs and maintaining reliable small-area demographic data. The public comment period has been extended to Monday, Nov. 2.

Open-Road Tolling Update: Overnight Closure of Richmond-San Rafael Bridge

A major milestone in the ongoing conversion to open-road tolling at the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge toll plaza is scheduled for next month, when crews will erect a new gantry structure over the westbound lanes of Interstate-580 approaching the upper deck. The steel gantry will accommodate new tolling equipment, camera systems and other associated hardware. Installation of the new gantry — currently scheduled to begin Saturday, Nov. 14 — is expected to take approximately nine hours and will require a full closure of the westbound lanes overnight from 11 p.m. on Nov. 14 until 8 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15.

Bay Area Adapt & Funding Navigator: New Tool Addresses Sea Level Rise Adaptation Projects

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, with support from MTC and ABAG, last month debuted the Bay Adapt Project & Funding Navigator, a new online platform that showcases sea level rise adaptation projects around the Bay Area. Members of the public, local government staff and other visitors can use the site to learn about each project's costs and benefits, funding needs and opportunities for securing money to advance the projects. (https://www.bayadapt.org/navigator)

Events & Meetings

On Oct. 6, I attended the 2026 Women's Leadership & Policy Summit reception with speakers, panelists, awardees and steering committee members. The theme of this year's summit was "Women Leading Change: Power in Action, Every Strength, Every Role, Everyone." ABAG board member and Santa Clara County Supervisor Betty Duong hosted the event and Congresswoman Aisha Wahab gave the keynote speech.

On Thursday, Oct. 15, I joined Assemblymember Matt Haney for a press conference celebrating enactment of Assembly Bill 2308, the San Francisco Transit Neighborhood Act. The bill protects critical funding for The Portal, which will extend Caltrain from Fourth and King streets to the Salesforce Transit Center, creating a direct regional rail connection into downtown and supporting new housing and downtown's recovery. MTC supported the legislation and is a partner in the project.

On Oct. 16, Chair Noack, Alix Bockelman and I met with Senator Jesse Arreguín to discuss implementation of Senate Bill 63, the Connect Bay Area Act, which he co-authored with Senator Wiener in 2025 and which enabled the Regional Transit Measure on the ballot next Tuesday. We discussed the next phase of the transit agency Financial Efficiency Review, which MTC will undertake if the measure is approved by voters.

Deputy Executive Director of Housing & Energy Daniel Saver attended the Common Ground Housing Summit with ABAG board members Supervisor Duong and San Jose City Councilmember Pamela Campos on Oct. 16. Daniel was part of a panel titled, "Securing Resources for the Future." Daniel also attended an event on Oct. 23 with Secretary Tomiquia Moss of the new California Housing and Homelessness Agency and Secretary Stewart Knox of the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency. The event, Connecting Solutions to Housing and Economic Security, was a conversation about the intersection between housing and economic security, and how new state agencies could create openings for regional, integrated solutions.

Outside agencies host many events at the Bay Area Metro Center (BAMC) throughout the year.

ABAG Executive Board Updates:

The ABAG Executive Board will next meet in November.

News Headlines from The Bay Link Blog (https://blog.bayareametro.gov/):

- Report: Millennial home ownership grows in Bay Area, but renting remains high (https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/report-millennial-home-ownership-grows-bay-area-renting-remains-high). San Francisco and San Jose posted solid Millennial homeownership growth in the nation over a five-year period — yet both remain among the top five renter-majority metros in the country, according to a new report from RentCafe.
- MTC, ABAG affiliates help factory-built homes fill Bay Area gap (https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/mtc-abag-affiliates-help-factory-built-homes-fill-bay-area-gap). The California Strategic Growth Council awarded $3 million to the Bay Area Middle Housing Accelerator project, led by StopWaste, to expand factory-built housing in the region. BAHFA and BayREN will receive $365,000 of the grant to integrate financing programs and improve local permitting.

- Caltrain rider satisfaction holds at all-time high two years after electrification (https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/caltrain-rider-satisfaction-holds-all-time-high-two-years-after-electrification). Caltrain's 2026 Customer Satisfaction Survey found rider satisfaction at an all-time high, with an overall score of 4.40 out of 5, up from 4.02 in 2024, the last year a survey was conducted before electrified service began. Caltrain carried 12.6 million riders in fiscal year 2026, a 37.6% increase.
- Governor signs bill to modernize landmark planning law (https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/governor-signs-bill-modernize-landmark-planning-law). The Governor signed SB 1087 (Cabaldon), which updates California's regional planning requirements by streamlining Sustainable Communities Strategies and extending regional greenhouse gas reduction targets to 2045. The bill also directs certain state funding toward transportation projects that align with regional plans.
- Video Throwback Thursday: How trains crossed the bay before BART (https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/video-throwback-thursday-how-trains-crossed-bay-bart). A look back at the Key System, which carried East Bay riders by rail and bus, including across the lower deck of the Bay Bridge, before BART.
- $9.3 million federal funding moves SolTrans toward 100% electric fleet (https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/93-million-federal-funding-moves-soltrans-toward-100-electric-fleet). The Federal Transit Administration committed $9.3 million to SolTrans' Bus and Bus Facilities Grant, allowing the agency to finish buying 14 battery-electric buses and related infrastructure. Seven buses are already in service, and the remaining seven are expected in late 2027.
- MTC money moves Alameda street improvement project to completion (https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/mtc-money-moves-alameda-street-improvement-project-completion). A $16.8 million Central Avenue project in Alameda added roundabouts, a road diet, a two-way bicycle lane, and a transit boarding island. MTC administered $13.1 million for the project, including state Active Transportation Program and federal One Bay Area Grant funds.

- Golden Gate Ferry embarks on new vessel plan (https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/golden-gate-ferry-embarks-new-vessel-plan). The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District launched a fleet replacement program with a goal of replacing its full fleet by 2033. The first new vessel, a 500-passenger catamaran, is expected in service in 2028 and is designed to cut emissions by 80%.

Have a Question? Ask a Librarian

If you need assistance locating information or are having difficulty navigating the MTC-ABAG websites, please feel free to contact the MTC-ABAG head librarian. Reference assistance is available by telephone (415-778-5236), or email library@bayareametro.gov Information can also be found on the MTC-ABAG library webpage (https://mtc.ca.gov/tools-resources/mtc-abag-library).

For MTC and Plan Bay Area Glossaries:

- Glossary of Transportation Planning Acronyms & Terms (https://mtc.ca.gov/tools-resources/mtcabag-library/glossary-transportation-planning-acronyms-terms)
- Plan Bay Area Glossary (https://www.planbayarea.org/about/glossary)

Staff Response to Community Advisory Council member comments on Item 5a Plan Bay Area 2060 Foundations: The Bay Area Today (Preview) (Meeting Date: October 2, 2026)

Are land conservation goals included in the plan's climate strategies?

In Plan Bay Area 2050+, the Conservation Lands Network (CLN) 2.0 Report (https://bayarealands.org/reports-maps-data/) and data framework were utilized to roughly identify regional priority areas for conservation. CLN provides a detailed, science-based approach to prioritize conservation of **50%** of the Bay Area's natural and working lands by 2050, or 2.21 million acres. As of 2025, 1.34 million acres (**30.3%**) have been conserved. For more information, see page 87 of the Technical Assumptions Report: (https://planbayarea.org/sites/default/files/documents/Plan_Bay_Area_2050_Plus_Technical_Assumptions_Report.pdf)

Though not a regional goal, the California Natural Resources Agency has set a goal to conserve **30%** of all California's lands and coastal waters by 2030. While the Bay Area has surpassed this goal, 27.5 million acres (**27.1%**) of land and 737.6 thousand acres (**21.9%**) of coastal water have been conserved across the state as of 2026. For more information: https://www.californianature.ca.gov/

Can you provide more disaggregated racial and ethnic categories?

Please see **Error! Reference source not found.** for a more detailed breakdown of the Bay A rea population by race and ethnicity, from 2005 to 2024. These values are estimates only, but margins of error indicate that all increases or decreases by racial and ethnic groups are statistically significant, except changes in Pacific Islander and Indigenous populations.

Note that in Table 1, percent increase in the non-white population is 13% (54% to 67%) where in the presentation slides this was shown to be 16% (51% to 67%). This error has been identified and corrected.

Table 1: Change in Bay Area Population by Race and Ethnicity (2005 -2024)

	Totals			Shares		
	2005	**2024**	**Change**	**2005**	**2024**	**Change**
Region	6,718,400	7,648,000	+929,700	100%	100%	0%
Non-White	3,599,100	5,105,400	+1,506,300	54%	67%	+13%
White	3,119,200	2,542,600	-576,700	46%	33%	-13%
Asian	1,464,100	2,254,200	+790,100	22%	29%	+8%
Latino	1,427,400	1,914,100	+486,800	21%	25%	+4%
Black	448,200	401,700	-46,400	7%	5%	-1%
Multiple Races	171,400	423,900	+252,500	3%	6%	+3%
Pacific Islander	35,500	39,600	+4,100	1%	1%	0%
Other Race	30,900	57,100	+26,200	0%	1%	0%
Indigenous	21,700	14,800	-7,000	0%	0%	0%

Source: American Community Survey 1-year estimates (Table B03002)
Notes: Racial groups include non-Latino individuals only. Counts have been rounded to the nearest 100, and percents to the nearest whole percentage value. Difference between 2005 and 2024 may not sum due to rounding.

Please see Table 2 for a more detailed breakdown of poverty in the Bay Area by race and ethnicity for 2024. Note that totals for the region may vary slightly from values presented in the chart shown on slide 45 of the Bay Area Today presentation, as the table here uses PUMS data while the presentation chart uses ACS 1-year estimates, Table C17002. Please also note for smaller racial groups (e.g., Pacific Islanders, Indigenous peoples, people of other races) estimates are less reliable. More statistical analysis would be needed to determine appropriate margins of error for all estimates shown.

Table 2: Share of Population Below Federal Poverty Level Thresholds (2024)

	Below 100% FPL	**Below 200% FPL**
Region	**8%**	**16%**
Black	17%	29%
Pacific Islander	14%	23%
Indigenous	13%	34%
Latino	10%	24%
Other Race	8%	16%
White	7%	12%
Multiple Races	7%	13%
Asian	6%	13%

Source: American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS)
Notes: Racial groups include non-Latino individuals only.

Can you provide household costs and income by county?

Please see Table 3 for percent change in asking rents, home prices, childcare costs, health care costs, and median income. Note that transportation costs have been removed as further investigation revealed issues with the methodology and its consistency across years. Staff will explore other data sources for this indicator.

Table 3: Household Costs - Inflation Adjusted Percent Change (2014-2024)

	Asking Rents	Home Prices	Childcare	Health Care	Median Income
Region	**-5%**	**23%**	**51%**	**42%**	**15%**
Alameda	-6%	31%	51%	34%	18%
Contra Costa	8%	25%	39%	39%	14%
Marin	1%	18%	53%	33%	14%
Napa	8%	22%	5%	48%	21%
San Francisco	-23%	-13%	59%	38%	13%
San Mateo	-10%	17%	50%	47%	18%
Santa Clara	-8%	42%	50%	27%	19%
Solano	21%	31%	15%	33%	4%
Sonoma	13%	16%	18%	48%	19%

Source: University of Washington Self Sufficiency Standard for California, BLS Consumer Price Index
Notes: All calculated values are for a family of four, with two adults, one infant and one school-age child. Values have been inflation-adjusted using CPI all items.

Where can I find information on access to jobs, public spaces, and essential services for EPCs by county?

While these indicators were not included within this analysis, Chapter 6 of the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Equity Analysis Report (https://planbayarea.org/sites/default/files/documents/2026-04/Final_Plan_Bay_Area_2050_Plus_Equity_Analysis_Report.pdf) includes indicators on access to jobs by transportation mode, transit and parks that are disaggregated for Equity Priority Communities relative to the region. Such indicators will be further explored in Plan Bay Area 2060.

Where can I find information on out-migration by income and race?

For this metric staff used migration data files produced by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Statistics of Income (SOI) Division. IRS Migration data for the United States are based on year-to-year address changes reported on individual income tax returns filed with the IRS. They present migration patterns by state or by county, though do not disaggregate this data further by income or race.

Does the people with disabilities category include people with substance use disorders and serious mental health conditions?

The American Community Survey uses six standard questions that cover six types of disability: hearing difficulty, vision difficulty, cognitive difficulty, ambulatory difficulty, self-care difficulty, and independent-living difficulty. Respondents who report having anyone of the six disability types are considered to have a disability. The questions do not ask respondents to report on the underlying conditions or causes of disability. As a result, the data does not specifically identify people with substance use disorders or mental health conditions, but may include individuals with these conditions if they report one or more of the six types of difficulty.

For more information: https://www.census.gov/topics/health/disability/guidance/data-collection-acs.html

Additional Notes

Further investigation of the job sectors with largest declines by subregion revealed an error with the data. Please see Table 4 for the job sectors with the largest decline by subregion.

Table 4: Job Sectors with Largest Decline in Number of Jobs by Subregion (2005-2023)

	Job sector
San Francisco – Peninsula	Transportation, Trade & Utilities
South Bay	Other Services
East Bay	Financial Activities
North Bay	Financial Activities

Source: Vital Signs – LEHD (LODES 8 WAC)
Notes: Other Services includes Repair and Maintenance; Personal and Laundry Services; Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations; and Private Households.