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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Date: December 2, 2025

<u>Subject</u>

Submit comments for Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+ and the Draft EIR; Adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and transmit the comment letter to MTC and ABAG

Recommended Action

- 1. Submit comments for Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+ and the Draft EIR; and
- 2. Adopt Resolution No. 25-__ authorizing the submittal of a comment letter on the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+ and the associated Draft Environmental Impact Report and authorizing the Mayor to sign and transmit the letter to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

Background

Plan Bay Area 2050+ serves as the Bay Area's federally required regional plan and outlines long-range strategies intended to guide transportation investments, housing needs, economic development, and environmental resilience through mid-century. As the latest update to the region's long-term planning framework, the 2050+ cycle focuses on refreshing assumptions from the adopted Plan Bay Area 2050, addressing post-pandemic shifts in travel, land use, and fiscal conditions, and aligning with the concurrent Transit 2050+ effort to improve transit reliability and financial sustainability. The plan provides the foundation for future regional funding decisions and policy initiatives, making local feedback essential during the public review period.

Reasons for Recommendation and Available Options

The City has received notice that MTC and ABAG have released the <u>Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+</u> and its <u>Draft Environmental Impact Report</u> (EIR) for public review and comment after over two years of work. Mayor Liang Chao has requested this item be added to the December 2 City Council meeting agenda in order to receive councilmember feedback to incorporate into a letter by the MTC-ABAG December 18 deadline. A resolution (Attachment A) and draft letter prepared by the Mayor is included here as Attachment B.

Residents are encouraged to provide feedback directly to MTC-ABAG and may submit comments here:

- Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+ comment form: https://planbayarea.org/draftplan
- Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Plan Bay Area 2050+ comment form: https://planbayarea.org/2050/environmental-impact-report-eir

The plan outlines 35 strategies and investments to be implemented by 2050. This planning cycle also includes the parallel Transit 2050+ effort, which aims to re-envision Bay Area public transit in partnership with regional operators.

Residents are welcome to learn about the draft plan and provide feedback at the upcoming hybrid public hearings scheduled for December 3 and December 4 at 6:00 p.m. Details on how to join the zoom can be found at the <u>MTC meeting and events page</u>.

Sustainability Impact

No sustainability impact.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

City Work Program (CWP) Item/Description

None

Council Goal:

Quality of Life, Transportation, Housing, Fiscal Strategy

California Environmental Quality Act

No California Environmental Quality Act impact.

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Approved for Submission by: Tina Kapoor, City Manager

Attachments:

A – Draft Resolution

B – Draft Letter