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1. Introduction

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) adopted Plan Bay Area on July 26, 2017 (MTC Resolution No. 4300 and ABAG Resolution No. 10-17).

Plan Bay Area 2040 (the “Plan”) is the updated long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. Plan Bay Area 2040 is the Bay Area’s roadmap for forecasting transportation needs through the year 2040, preserving the character of our diverse communities, and adapting to the challenges of future population growth. The Plan discusses how the Bay Area will grow over the next two decades and identifies transportation and land use strategies to enable a more sustainable, equitable and economically vibrant future. Starting with the current state of the region, the Plan describes Plan Bay Area 2040 and its goals, a proposed growth pattern and supporting transportation investment strategy, and key actions needed to address ongoing and long-term regional challenges. The Plan also includes supplemental reports for additional details. These documents and the adopted Plan can be found at http://2040.planbayarea.org/reports.

MTC and ABAG propose to amend Plan Bay Area 2040 (2017) to modify the scope and project cost of the U.S. Highway 101 Managed Lanes Project in San Mateo County (RTPID 17-06-0007).

2. Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040

An amendment is a major revision to the Plan, including adding or deleting a project, major changes in project costs and scope (e.g., changing project locations or the number of through traffic lanes). As stipulated in MTC’s Public Participation Plan (2015), a Plan amendment requires public review and comment, demonstration that the project can be completed based on expected funding, and/or a finding that the change is consistent with federal transportation conformity mandates. Amendments that require an update to the air quality conformity analysis will be subject to the conformity and interagency consultation procedures described in MTC Resolution No. 3757.

The City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) seeks an amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040 to modify the scope and project cost of the U.S. Highway 101 Managed Lanes Project in San Mateo County (RTPID 17-06-0007). The work planned by C/CAG and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority to upgrade U.S. Highway 101 in San Mateo County is currently described in Plan Bay Area 2040 as:

“Modify existing lanes to accommodate an HOV lane from Whipple to San Francisco County Line and/or an Express Lane from approximately 2 miles south of the Santa Clara County Line to San Francisco County Line. Work may include shoulder modification, ramp modifications and interchange modifications to accommodate an extra lane. Work will be phased.”

The Draft Amendment would clarify the project description and change specific lane configuration assumptions along the project corridor to accommodate the proposed express lane. The Draft Amendment would align the Plan’s assumptions to those of the preferred alternative in the project’s Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The Draft Amendment would also increase the total project cost to $534 million. The U.S. Highway 101 Managed Lanes Project was included in the Plan’s adopted fiscally constrained transportation investment strategy with a cost estimate of $365 million. The Draft Amendment would increase this cost
to $534 million to match the revised scope and the latest cost estimates of the preferred alternative in the project’s Draft EIR.

Funds for the Draft Amendment’s cost increase are derived from the Plan’s set aside for project cost overruns via the Cost Contingency and Financing programmatic project (RTPID 17-10-0016). Because the project funding is redirected from one adopted project to another within the Plan’s financially constrained transportation investment strategy, and no new funds are added to the Plan’s investment strategy as part of this Draft Amendment, Plan Bay Area 2040 remains financially constrained as required by federal and state planning laws.

The Draft Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040 consists of the following updates:

1) Change the description, cost, and schedule of the U.S. Highway 101 Managed Lanes Project in San Mateo County (RTPID 17-06-0007):
   a. **Basic Information >> What would this project/program do?**
      “Modify existing lanes US 101 to accommodate an HOV lane from Whipple to San Francisco County Line and/or an Express Lane from approximately 2 miles south of the Santa Clara County Line to San Francisco County Line Grand Avenue interchange near the I-380 interchange. Work may include shoulder modification, ramp modifications and interchange modifications to accommodate an extra lane. Work will be phased.”
   b. **Cost and Funding >> How much does this project/program cost?**
      $365,534 (millions)
   c. **Schedule >> By when is the project/program anticipated to open?**
      2020

2) Change the cost of the Cost Contingency and Financing Project (RTPID 17-10-0016):
   a. **Cost and Funding >> How much does this project/program cost?**
      $621,452 (millions)

No other changes or revisions are proposed in this Draft Amendment.

3. **Comments & Response to Comments**

MTC and ABAG released this Draft Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040 for a 30-day public review and comment period, starting January 22, 2018, and ending on February 21, 2018. Responses to comments received will be prepared and presented to the governing boards of MTC and ABAG prior to action on the Final Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040.

4. **Adoption of the Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040**

Plan Bay Area 2040 and this Draft Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040, taken together, constitute the complete Plan Bay Area 2040 document. Refer also to the companion technical documents that accompany this Draft Amendment: (1) Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Plan Bay Area 2040, (2) Conformity Analysis for the Amendment to Plan Bay Area and (3) Transportation Improvement Program.
This Draft Amendment is scheduled for review and approval of the governing boards of the MTC and ABAG in Spring 2018 (tentatively scheduled for March 2018). These pending adopting resolutions – MTC Resolution No. ___ (to be determined) and ABAG Resolution No. ___ (to be determined) – approving the amendment will be included for reference as part of the Final Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040 document (see Attachment A).