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Subject: Plan Bay Area 2040; Review of Scenarios and Projections

Dear Mr. Kirkey and Ms. Chion:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of the Plan Bay Area 2040 Scenarios for local review and input. The correspondence we received from your offices does not have a specific deadline for comments, but the City of San Rafael will be diligently reviewing the scenarios and will provide you with written feedback.

City of San Rafael representatives attended the Plan Bay Area 2040 workshop that was held in Marin County (Corte Madera Community Center) last Saturday, June 4. At that workshop, the latest output of the jobs and housing growth projections for the three scenarios was distributed. We were informed by MTC staff that we should review and provide comments and feedback on these projections. An initial review of the projections raises concerns about the jobs projections. The jobs projections for all three scenarios are excessively high and unrealistic. Further, the job count cited for the base year is about 7,000 jobs higher than our most current job estimate of 36,000 jobs (2011). We will be looking for assistance from your staff on how these job projections were derived.

The San Rafael City Council will review the Plan Bay Area 2040 Scenarios and Projections at its meeting of Monday, August 1, 2016. Following that meeting, City comments and feedback will be formalized and submitted to you. Given vacation schedules and the commitment of other City projects that are scheduled for City Council review, this is the best schedule I can provide you for input.

Thank you for organizing a productive workshop on June 4. I was very impressed with how the workshop was set up and the format for presentations and feedback. It was also refreshing to see a tamer crowd compared to the workshops held during the initial Plan Bay Area process.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 415.485.5064 or email at paul.jensen@cityofsanrafael.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Jensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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