

## Comments on EIR for Plan Bay Area 2050

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350 Bay Area comments on Plan Bay Area 2050.pdf;

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Hello MTC,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the EIR for draft Plan Bay Area 2050.

These comments are to supplement and emphasize the points in the letter we sent to MTC earlier today (see attached).

Our main point is that the EIR for Plan Bay Area does not adequately address climate change. The EIR recognizes that climate change is real, is caused by greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and will have serious consequences. The EIR also acknowledges that 40% of Bay Area greenhouse gas emissions come from the transportation sector.

What the EIR does not do is provide a plan to eliminate those greenhouse gases from the transportation sector. The EIR does set a goal of 19% per capita reduction in vehicle miles traveled, which is positive, but this only begins to address the need to eliminate GHGs from transportation entirely, well before 2050.

By failing to provide such a plan, the EIR is failing to even attempt to mitigate climate disruption caused by vehicle emissions.

Therefore, the EIR is inadequate and should be re-written to address this significant environmental impact.

We understand that the climate change is a global phenomenon, and the Bay Area cannot solve the problem alone. However, as one of the most technologically advanced regions in the world, the Bay Area should help lead the way to a solution. Plan Bay Area 2050 should show how we can achieve zero emissions with a combination of local, state, federal, and global actions. For MTC to fail to do this is to abdicate its role as the leading transportation planning agency in the Bay Area.

Thank you for your consideration of this comment.

Sincerely,

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