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Subject: Comments on the Draft Plan Bay Area 2040

To whom it may concern:

Delta Protection Commission (Commission) staff have reviewed *the Plan Bay Area 2040, the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy*. The Commission is a state agency charged with protecting and preserving the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Portions of the Plan Bay Area 2040 planning area are in eastern Contra Costa and Solano Counties. That area lies within the Delta's Primary Zone and is subject to consistency requirements with the Commission's *Land Use and Resource Management Plan (LURMP)*, which contains policies to protect the Delta environment, including its agricultural, ecological and recreational resources.

The Commission has land use authority over development in the Primary Zone and monitors actions inside the Secondary Zone for their impacts on the resources of the Primary Zone. We are encouraged that the Plan Bay Area 2040 directs development within existing transportation corridors and the urban footprint in Priority Development Areas with no additional regional growth plans directed to the Delta region.

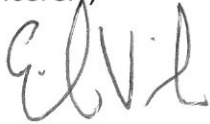
The Metropolitan Transportation Commission has been a supporter of the San Francisco Bay Trail project that will increase recreation and commute opportunities. The Commission's Great California Delta Trail links to the San Francisco Bay Trail along the Carquinez Strait. The Plan Bay Area 2040 should mention the Great California Delta Trail as an opportunity for people in the eastern portion of the planning area to recreate and connect to commute corridors.

The Commission completed a Blueprint Report for the Great California Delta Trail in Contra Costa and Solano Counties, and is currently working on a similar report for Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Yolo Counties. Coordination with the

Commission's Delta Trail planning process should be made to ensure that pedestrian and bicycle lanes/routes/trails in your Project are linked or incorporated into this regional trail network, thus increasing connectivity for commuters and recreationists.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. Please contact Melinda Dorin, Program Manager at (916) 375-4882, if you have any questions about the comments provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Vink', written in a cursive style.

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