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MTC Public Information
Attn: Draft EIR Comments
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Dear MTC Public Information:

Californians face monumental changes as a result of global warming, global pandemics, and global markets. These changes effect key elements of Plan Bay Area 2050, including Housing, the Economy, Transportation, and the Environment. I've participated in many of PBA-2050 public engagement sessions and appreciate this opportunity to pose nine questions related to the Draft Plan EIR.

ACTION: I look forward to receiving your answers to the following questions.

The Draft Plan

1. How do staff justify recommending “the Draft Plan” when the Draft EIR analysis shows that “Alternative #1” is environmentally superior?
2. How do staff justify recommending “the Draft Plan” when the Draft EIR analysis shows that “Alternative #1” provides the most balanced growth pattern?
3. How do staff justify recommending “the Draft Plan” when the Draft EIR analysis shows that “Alternative #1” enables the most low-income residents to remain in place?
4. What substitute criteria did staff use to justify recommending “the Draft Plan” over Alternative #1?
5. Where is the record of the ExCom and the MTB/ABAG Board deliberating and adopting “the Draft Plan” over the superior Alternative #1?

The Draft Implementation Plan: It appears the Executive Committee will be convened in September/October to deliberate and approve the staff recommendations to adopt “the Draft Plan.” Staff, however, without having a vote of the governing board, seems to have moved

forward to develop “the Implementation Plan” for the Draft Plan, not Alternative #1, the superior plan according to the EIR.

6. Where is the record of the decision to develop the Draft Implementation Plan for “the Draft Plan,” not Alternative #1?
7. When, where, and who made the decision?
8. What was the process by which staff were authorized to spend time and funds to develop the Draft Implementation Plan, albeit without the ExCom or the Board accepting and passing a motion to adopt “the Draft Plan?”
9. How much staff expense (time and materials) was allocated in the budget and how much money has been spent to develop the Draft Implementation Plan, broken down in categories of individual staff who worked on the project, estimated # of hours, designated rate, and auxiliary costs?

In conclusion, how do you explain ignoring the findings of you own EIR to move forward into the next 30 years with a plan that by your own analysis creates greater risk for the environment, less balanced growth patterns, and greater risk of displacement than Alternative #1?

Sincerely,



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