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Matt Maloney, Director of Regional Planning  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
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Subject: Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 (PBA 2050) and Implementation Plan Comments

Dear Mr. Maloney,

The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) in its role as the County Transportation Agency (CTA) for Marin County has coordinated with MTC on the development of the Draft PBA 2050 since its inception with MTC's Horizon effort. TAM is pleased that this multi-year coordination effort has resulted in a regional plan that identifies the necessary policies, projects and investments to reach increasingly aggressive greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

While implementation of the plan will require a broad coalition of stakeholders and partners, TAM is pleased that the plan continues to support the delivery of Marin transportation investments, including projects and programs identified in Marin's Transportation Sales Tax, Measure AA, and Regional Measure 3 investments in Marin County, while developing a regional pathway to address critical issues such as sea level rise and safety on our local roads and highways. Local funding sources remain the largest source of revenue in the plan, and TAM remains committed to delivering infrastructure improvements to benefit all who live, visit and travel to Marin County.

TAM supports MTC's commitment through PBA 2050 to addressing the policy and planning framework necessary to support Marin County's transportation needs. The Plan's goals on mobility, housing, land use, equity, sea level rise and climate change remain key challenges for all local agencies alongside our regional partners, and MTC's leadership in these areas is necessary to support effective coordination and implementation.

Regarding the PBA 2050 Implementation Plan, TAM staff appreciates the spirit of partnership expressed in the plan and encourages MTC to continue to address regional challenges through coordination with and in support of local planning efforts. TAM already coordinates with local agencies on a wide array of topics covered in the identified strategies in the plan, including sea level rise planning through efforts such as BayWAVE, and support for broadband internet access through efforts such as Digital Marin. It should be recognized that these local efforts and many others support the regional planning process.

Furthermore, TAM supports exploring the items highlighted in the Implementation Plan for CTA partnership, such as improvements to project delivery, revenue growth, and transportation and land use coordination. TAM has implemented local programs that support the transportation and environmental strategies including clean vehicle programs, community-based transportation planning, transportation demand management programs, and the priority conservation area program.

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TAM has also worked to support, plan and address critical North Bay issues such as wildfire evacuation planning and advancing access in our equity priority communities. MTC's partnership on funding programs such as the One Bay Area Grant Program and transit recovery efforts is also critical to the implementation of the Plan, and we look forward to joint development of these programs to enhance and effectively deliver local and regional priorities.

As TAM and other CTAs continue to rise to the challenges the region faces, TAM requests that MTC continue to coordinate and facilitate these planning efforts with TAM and local agencies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Anne Richman  
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