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I am concerned about governance and transparency specifically concerning the merging of ABAG and the MTC. Considering that MTC has influence over how vast amounts of government transportation money are allocated and that ABAG as a regional planning agency identifies shovel ready project areas where private developers/contractors reap profit, I am concerned about the close relationship between these 2 agencies. An excellent example is the recent massive home development project in north Fairfield that involved the construction of a Amtrak train station. The housing project was classic urban sprawl development on land that had largely never been developed before. Instead of a model train station development for an existing developed area, this project smacked of a massive housing development with a train station thrown in to make the development look more acceptable. Also the PDA designations also do not take into account local opposition to those areas being identified as PDA's.

Fundamentally, there needs to be an acknowledgement by ABAG and MTC, among other agencies, that the Bay Area and California cannot keep absorbing all these new residents and that there needs to be a mission statement focus on stabilizing the population.

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