



August - September Update

New Joint ABAG and MTC Awards Program Launched Bay Area Metro Awards Now Accepting Nominations

Call for Nominations: **BAY AREA METRO AWARDS**



Deb Hubsmith, 2016 winner (posthumously)



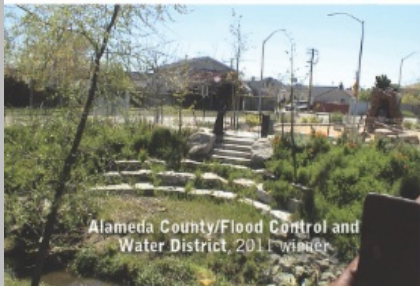
Union City and MidPen Housing, 2015 winner



Billy Bradford, 2016 winner



Walnut Creek and Habitat for Humanity, 2014 winner



Alameda County/Flood Control and Water District, 2011 winner



Jose Macasocol, SFMTA 2016 winner



Transportation YOU mentorship program, 2016 winner

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Do you know a person, project, city, county or organization that is making a difference for the Bay Area's housing, transportation or natural environment?

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) are jointly seeking nominations for a new Bay Area Metro Awards program honoring the often-unsung heroes doing the hard work to improve our region's mobility, affordability and community; and to recognize efforts that make the Bay Area a better place to live, work and play. Nominees must have been active and/or projects underway between April 2016 and September 2018.

Nominations for the Bay Area Metro Awards can be submitted at: abag.ca.gov/awards/BayAreaMetro2018.html. The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 16, 2018.



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Winners will be selected by a jury representing ABAG, MTC and the community. A recognition ceremony is planned for May 2019.

Nominations are welcome in the areas of:

- Housing and Land Use
- Transportation
- Community and Social Equity
- Economic Development
- Resilience
- Environmental Protection

Please email info@bayareametro.gov or call Leah Zippert, 415/820-7995, or Terry Lee, 415/778-5352 with questions or for more information, or visit abag.ca.gov/awards/, or mtc.ca.gov/awards/.

MTC is the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. ABAG is the regional planning agency for the nine counties and 101 cities and towns of the Bay Area.



Your Road Repair and Transit Funding At Risk - New Public Information Resources Available

During the May 2018 ABAG General Assembly, President David Rabbitt described the possible impact of the November ballot measure to repeal the recent gas tax increase and other transportation fee increases passed by the Legislature in 2017 -- Proposition 6.

In addition to canceling the recently enacted revenue sources, including over \$200 million per year for pothole repairs across the Bay Area, Proposition 6 dictates that any tax on motor vehicle fuel or vehicles themselves must be subject to a vote of the people, retroactive to January 1, 2017. As a result, Proposition 6 would not only cut funding in the near term, it would make it very difficult to replace the lost funds in the future.

At its July meeting, ABAG's Executive Board unanimously voted to join a broad coalition of public safety, environmental, business and social justice groups along with dozens of local governments that have come out against the measure.

To help local elected officials interested in sharing local information about the impact of Proposition 6 with their constituents, ABAG has developed some materials for your use. These include:

- Presentation with links to local data and photos
- Examples of resolutions adopted by other agencies
- A document dispelling certain myths about state transportation funding.

One of the resources available to communities is a series of videos, called Street Stories. A recent video features President Rabbitt and Petaluma. To view this video and the other resources, [click here](#).

A new report, *The Pothole Report, Bay Area Roads at Risk*, includes both a primer on the cost and life cycle of pavement and a comprehensive look at the current state of the Bay Area's local streets and roads network, featuring a jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction ranking of average pavement condition index (PCI) scores among the region's nine counties and 101 cities. *The Pothole Report* is available [here](#).

For questions or assistance with any of the Prop 6 resource materials, please contact [Rebecca Long](#), Manager, Government Relations.

Background

Enacted in April 2017, SB 1 is seen as a landmark transportation funding bill that provides approximately \$5 billion per year in ongoing funding for transportation after decades of under investment by the state. The primary goal of SB 1 is to restore the condition of the state highway system and local streets and roads after decades of deferred maintenance that has caused billions of dollars in accumulated maintenance shortfalls.

While state and local roadway maintenance receives the vast majority of SB 1 funds, the bill also provides vital new funding for better public transit options, congestion reduction and bike and pedestrian safety.

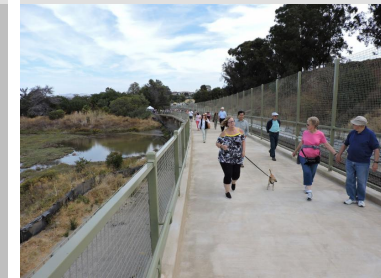
For more information about specific impacts of Proposition 6, [visit the ABAG resources page](#).

Two New San Francisco Bay Trail Segments Open in Hercules and Pinole

ABAG Immediate Past President Julie Pierce, along with other elected officials, East Bay Regional Park staff and community members, opened two new Bay Trail segments to the public in September. These segments in Hercules and Pinole offer new walking and bicycling paths and a green transportation corridor, linking eventually to the Carquinez Bridge and beyond. Visit the [Bay Trail Site](#) for more information.



Hercules



Pinole

Third Annual Bay Day Celebrates the San Francisco Bay

The Bay Area is celebrating San Francisco Bay with dozens of cultural attractions, community organizations, small businesses, non-profits, and parks all around the Bay Area hosting special, Bay-themed programs so residents can explore, enjoy, and learn more about our Bay.

Cities and counties took action three years ago to officially recognize the first Saturday of October as "Bay Day."

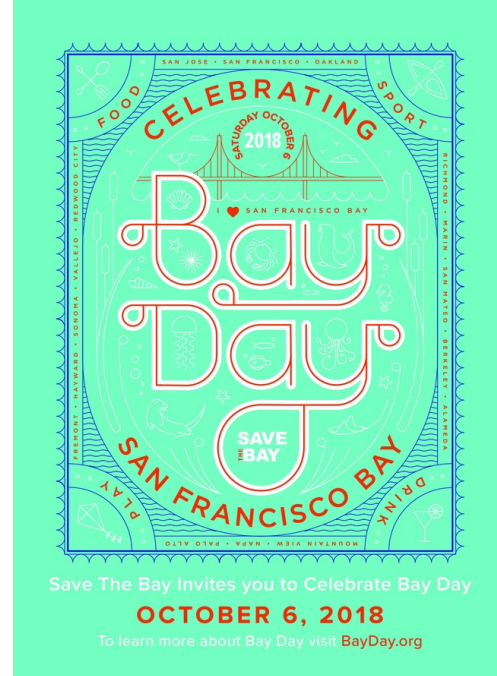
San Francisco Bay Trail and Water Trail staff and volunteers will be out celebrating the Bay on October 6th. Come join us at these events:

- Hike with the Sonoma Land Trust at

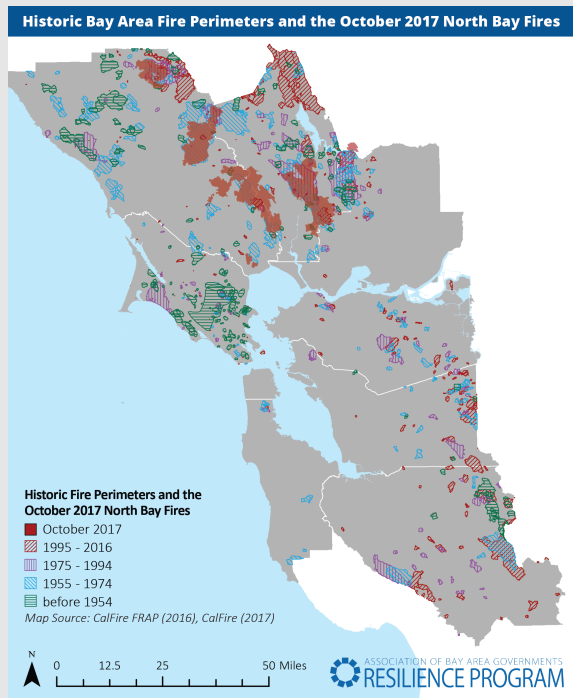
Sears Point on the Bay Trail

- Kayak trips at India Basin in San Francisco
- Hike at the Palo Alto Baylands on the Bay Trail.

For additional information about these and other events, visit the [Bay Day website](#), hosted by Save the Bay.



Wildfire White Paper Explores Mitigation Strategies



A new Wildfire White Paper developed by the ABAG and MTC Resilience Program explores the strategies communities currently use to mitigate wildfire risk. The paper characterizes wildfire hazard in the region, assesses existing wildfire hazard maps, and includes a compendium of Bay Area fire planning documents.

Also available are a suite of appendices with resources to support communities engaged in wildfire mitigation efforts in their communities. A searchable database of wildfire mitigation strategies is also available that showcases the 350+ strategies discussed in the 15 reviewed Bay Area fire planning documents.

The **White Paper** is a resource for Bay Area communities to better understand

wildland fire risks. While many conflagrations are contained and extinguished quickly, over the past 60 years, the Bay Area has endured some 500 wildfires, making them an all-too-common and tragic phenomenon. The 2017 North Bay Fires killed 31 residents in the nine-county Bay area and destroyed 8,000 structures. In 1991, fires in the East Bay hills resulted in 25 deaths and the loss of over 3,000 homes. Impacts of the current fire season are under evaluation.

To address wildfire risks, communities across the Bay Area have adopted plans and continue to implement strategies to reduce the exposure of communities to wildfire risks, and should an uncontrollable fire occur, reduce the consequences to people, property and the environment. Resources are available on the [Wildfire portion](#) of the Resilience website.

New Horizon Perspective Paper Previewed

The ABAG Administrative Committee and the MTC Planning Committee met on Friday, September 14th to preview and to get an update the second in a series of briefing papers intended to cue discussions for the next update to Plan Bay area. They also heard an update on the Integrated Regional Planning Program (IRPP) Strategic Plan.

Toward a Shared Future: Strategies to Manage Travel Demand is part of the Horizon initiative, promoting the exploration of innovative strategies and solutions for issue areas that have been outside of the scope of past Plan Bay Area long-range planning processes. The primary objective of each Perspective Paper is to identify high-impact policies related to that topic area that support the region's Guiding Principles.

For more information about Horizon, visit <https://mtc.ca.gov/our-work/plans-projects/horizon/perspective-papers>.

SFEP Works to Implement SF Bay Restoration Projects

As staff for the Restoration Authority in partnership with the Coastal Conservancy, the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) is managing several of the projects selected for the first round of funding from the [San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority](#), including the San Leandro Treatment Wetland Project and Students and Teachers Restoring a Wetland (STRAW).

KQED radio recently featured all of the Measure AA [projects](#) on [KQED News](#) and the [California Report](#).



San Leandro Treatment Wetland Project



STRAW Project

New Call for Projects

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority announced its second Request for Projects, with approximately \$25 million available to fund Bay habitat restoration projects. Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult with Restoration Authority staff during the project solicitation period before submitting applications, and an optional webinar will be held on October 18, 2018 from 11 a.m. – 12 noon. Proposals are due November 26. Further information can be found [here](#).

New Vital Signs Data: Sluggish Housing Production Tightens Bay Area's Housing Crunch



New data released by ABAG and MTC as part of the agencies' Vital Signs performance-monitoring initiative show the nine-county Bay Area's housing stock increased by only 14,900 new units — the vast majority of which are apartments or condominiums — in 2017. The number of newly-built housing units is less than 30 percent of the 52,700 new jobs estimated by the California Employment Development Department

to have been added in the Bay Area last year. This imbalance between supply and demand, exacerbated by last year's North Bay wildfires that destroyed nearly 4,500 single-family homes in Sonoma and Napa counties, has tightened the region's chronic housing crunch and reinforced the Bay Area's position as one of the nation's most expensive places to live.

The addition of housing production data marks the latest evolution of the three-year-old Vital Signs website, which has long provided information on the numbers of permits for

new housing projects issued by Bay Area cities and counties. Other findings from the newly released Vital Signs housing indicators include:

- Multifamily housing accounted for 70 percent of the 21,000 units permitted by Bay Area municipalities in 2016.
- Permits for single-family homes have stagnated since 2008, with some 5,000 permits issued regionwide each year. Meanwhile, permits for multifamily projects nearly doubled to 15,000 units in 2016 from 8,000 units in 2009.
- Multifamily projects in San Francisco and San Jose have dominated Bay Area housing production since the end of the Great Recession, with the region's two largest cities adding nearly 42,000 new units — or roughly 40 percent of all new Bay Area housing — since 2010.

Housing production numbers and housing permit statistics both are indicators of where the Bay Area is growing. Permit data is a forward-looking signal of where growth can be expected, while production data — which reflect the regional development climate and barriers to construction as well as demand for new housing — tracks actual development.

The **Vital Signs** website provides Bay Area residents an interactive tool for tracking the region's progress toward reaching key environmental, transportation, land-use, and economic policy goals. Visitors to the site also can learn about historical trends, differences and similarities among various Bay Area communities, and how the nine-county region stacks up with other major U.S. metro areas.

Bay REN New Business Plan - New Offerings

The new Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) Business Plan will bring **\$47.1 million** of new energy efficiency services for 2018-2019, including:

- Improving equitable access to energy efficiency services and upgrades for the moderate income Single Family market segment.
- Increasing efforts in the Multifamily market and adding new services, including local government policies, green labeling and access to financing.
- Offering property owners Zero Net Energy investment planning and operational savings.
- Establishing co-pay financing for rebate/incentive program offerings, leveraging existing project delivery infrastructure, marketing and contractors.
- Improving projects and energy savings via Pay-for-Performance incentives paid out over time for metered savings.



The Plan was approved by the ABAG Executive Board at its July meeting, and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approval on June 5, 2018.

Led by ABAG, BayREN provides regional-scale energy efficiency programs, services and resources. It fills an important gap in the provision of energy efficiency services with a regional solution that better connects to local communities and conditions than is typically possible from a large utility. In addition, BayREN provides services across jurisdictions that municipal-only programs cannot achieve. Founded in 2012 by the CPUC, Regional Energy Networks, or RENs were developed to help achieve California's energy efficiency and climate goals.

Wednesday, October 3

ABAG FAN Executive Committee, 10:30 a.m.

Regional Planning Committee Meeting, 1 p.m.

Yerba Buena Room, Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco

Check the ABAG [Meetings and Agenda](#) page for upcoming meeting information.
