Meeting the Joint MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee – Merger Study

January 22, 2016

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Agenda

- Agenda Review
- Meeting Objectives
- Understanding the Problem
  - Discuss questions and report out
- Study Objectives
  - Discuss questions and report out
- Principles for Evaluating Options
  - Discuss questions and report out
- Community Engagement Strategies
  - Provide feedback
- Public Comments
- Wrap-up and Next Steps

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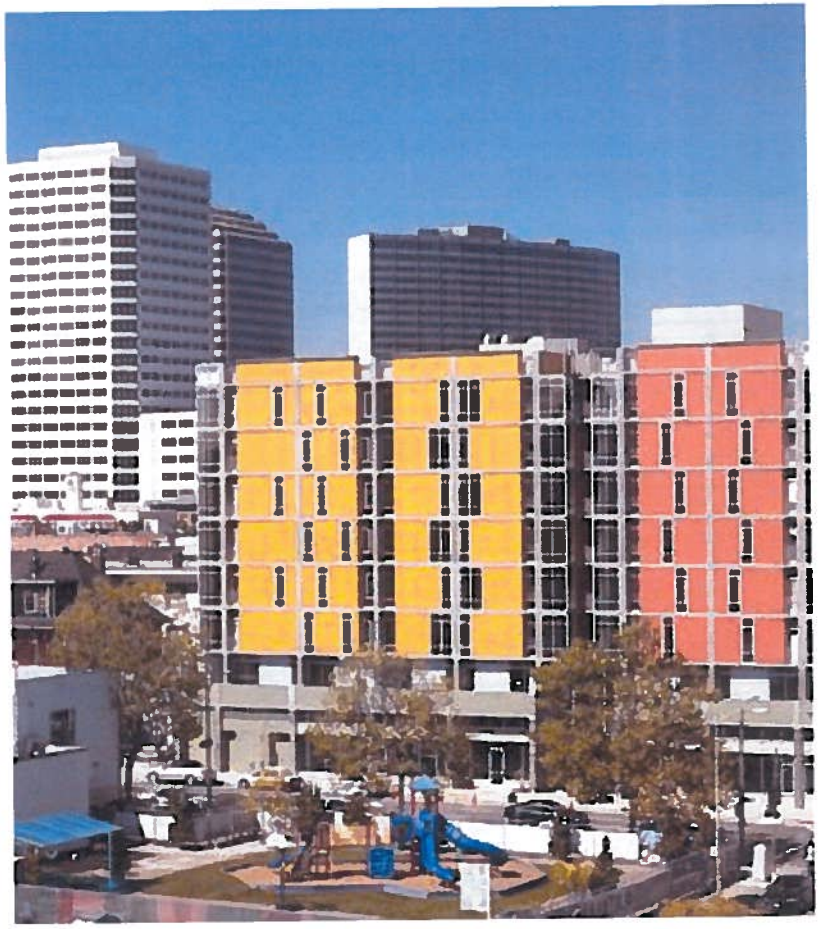
Meeting Objectives

- Agreement on the problem to be solved
- Consensus on statement of the objective of the study
- Consensus on principles for evaluating the options which will be identified
- Comments on proposed community engagement and stakeholder plan



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Discussion Ground Rules and Bike Rack

- Ground Rules
  - Be open to new ideas
  - Stay focused
  - Be engaged
  - Allow others to participate
  - Assume good intent
  - Take breaks as needed
- Bike Rack
  - For items to be discussed on another day

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Understanding the Problem

- Goal: Reach a shared understanding of the problem to be solved by this study.
- Discuss in your small group:
  1. What has occurred during the last 10 years that require changes in how ABAG and / or MTC operate?
  2. What are the key roles of MTC? Of ABAG?
     - Identify those that your entire table agrees upon
  3. What are the underlying problems giving rise to this study?
     - Identify those that your entire table agrees upon

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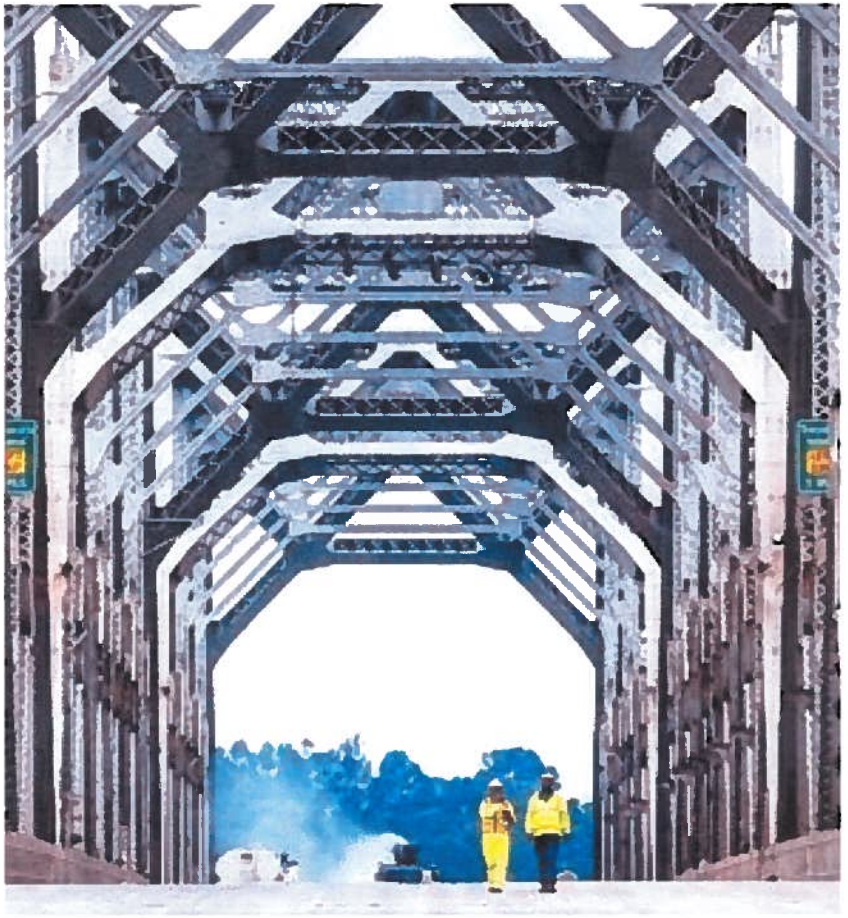
Report Out

- Each small group reports out:
  1. The table's consensus on key roles
     - ABAG Roles
     - MTC Roles
  2. The table's consensus of problems giving rise to the study

- Full group:
  - Look for commonalities



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Study Objectives

- *Explore Options for MTC and ABAG to better integrate the Bay Area's transportation and land use planning efforts.*
- *Develop options / models up to and including a merger and an appropriate implementation plan.*

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Reaching Consensus

- Goal: Confirm or modify the study objectives to reach consensus.
- Discuss and build consensus in your small group:
  1. Will the current objectives move the agencies toward solving the problem?
     - If no, what is missing from the study objectives?
  2. How should ABAG and MTC judge success at the end of the study?

Report Out

- Each small group reports out:
  - The table's consensus on the three questions
- Large group:
  - Look for commonalities

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Draft Principles for Evaluating Options

1. *Continue representative policy making in regional land use and transportation planning*
2. *Maintain local land use control*
3. *Establish efficient and effective management and oversight of the SCS planning process*
4. *Maintain respective SB 375 agency roles and responsibilities in the near term (no legislative or regulatory changes required)*
5. *Ensure financial sustainability of both agencies*
6. *Provide for equity of ABAG planning staff compensation and professional status*
7. *Continue the existing planning and programming allocation process associated with the RTP*

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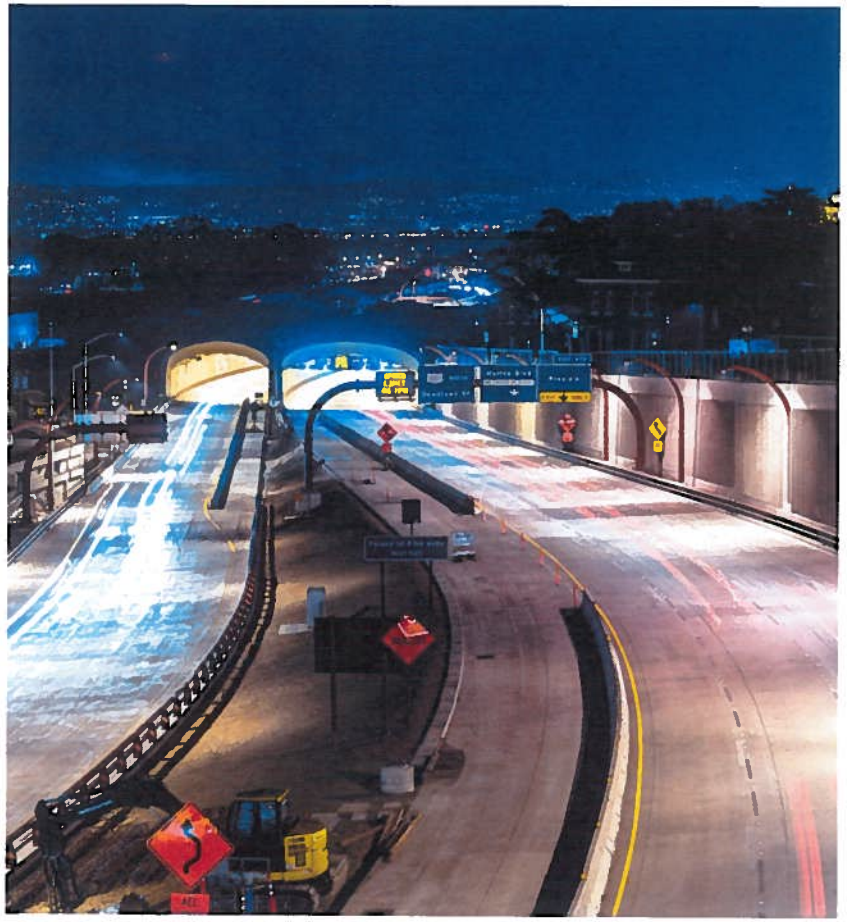
Reaching Consensus

- Goal: Agree on the principles that ABAG and MTC will jointly use in evaluating options developed by Management Partners.
- As an individual, write down your responses:
  1. Are these the right principles for evaluating options?
  2. What key concepts are missing?
- Share with entire group
- Determine which principles everyone in your group agrees on

Report Out

- Each small group reports out:
  - The table's consensus on the two questions
- Large group:
  - Look for commonalities



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Community Engagement Strategies

Goal: Obtain comments on the community engagement and stakeholder plan.

Elected Officials

A. Survey of Local Government Elected Officials

- Electronic survey distributed to all mayors, councilmembers, and board of supervisors in all Bay Area cities, towns and counties

A. Presentation at Mayors' Conferences *(or equivalent)*

- 8 presentations total (one per County with exception of San Francisco)

1 Electronic Survey and **8 Presentations**

Regional Stakeholders

A. Individual Meetings:

- Bay Area Council
- Building Industry Association (BIA) Bay Area
- Greenbelt Alliance
- SPUR

A. Open Regional Meetings

- (Up to) 3 open regional meetings for interested stakeholders

4 Individual Meetings and (up to) **3 Regional Meetings**

Local Agency Professional Staff

A. Individual Meetings:

- Nine meetings with each Bay Area Congestion Management Agency's (CMA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- One meeting with Bay Area Planning Directors Association (BAPDA)

10 Individual Meetings

General Outreach

A. Website to post:

- Work plan and schedule of events
- Information sheet (or equivalent content)
- Project deliverables
- Fields for submitting stakeholder comments via email
- Notifications about open regional meetings

1 Website

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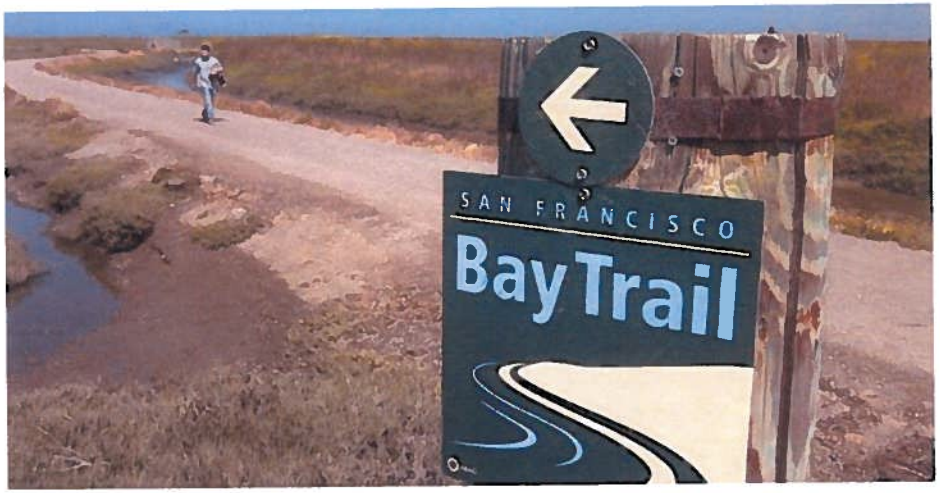
Community Engagement Plan Feedback

- Questions
- Comments



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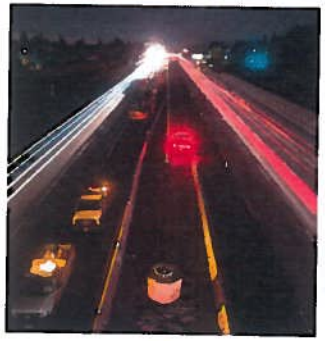
Public Comments



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Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Notes from today will be prepared and distributed
- Evaluation form
- Review next steps

"The future is not some place we are going, but one we are creating. The paths are not to be found, but made. And the activity of making them changes both the maker and the destination."

- John Schaar,
Loyalty In America

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