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To: Regional Planning Committee

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Subject: Overview Session June 1, 2016

We would like to welcome you to our new ABAG headquarters in San Francisco for our meeting on June 1st. This would be less than ten days after our move. We hope you enjoy visiting the new building. We appreciate your patience as we learn how to use our new facilities.

Following our discussion on the Regional Housing Trust Fund in April, our June meeting will focus on strategies for economic prosperity for the region. In particular we will address the designation of an **Economic Development District** for the Bay Area. We will also provide an update of the **Plan Bay Area Scenarios**, including the public workshops and path towards the development of the Preferred Scenario.

The third major item in the agenda is the ABAG-MTC **Merger Update**. This is an opportunity for the Regional Planning Committee to discuss the merger process and provide recommendations to the ABAG Executive Board on the principles that will guide the merger process. (For Management Partners' reports see <http://www.mtcabagmergerstudy.com/>).

Between our April and June meeting we are having several discussions and decisions. On April 22 we had a successful ABAG General Assembly focused on the ABAG-MTC merger informed by a solid panel that discussed the future of regional planning integrating housing, economic prosperity and environmental perspectives. On April 23 the Joint ABAG-MTC Committee discussed the merger proposals presented by Management Partners. On May 19th we are having a second ABAG General Assembly meeting and the ABAG Executive Board meeting to discuss the merger options. Most attention is placed on Scenarios 4 (Full Merger) and 7 (Merger of staff under MTC, followed by exploration of

governance merger). On May 25 the MTC Commission will also have a discussion on merger options. On May 27, the Joint ABAG-MTC Committee is scheduled to choose a merger option.

Agenda for 2016-2017: You will be receiving a survey requesting input on the topic priorities for our upcoming Regional Planning Committee agendas. We would appreciate your response.

Ongoing efforts

- **Plan Bay Area Public Workshops** – May 26 to June 14
(<http://planbayarea.org/your-part/meetings-events.html>)
 - Santa Clara: Thursday, May 26, 2016, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 - Contra Costa: Thursday, May 26, 2016, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 - San Mateo: Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 - Alameda County Plan Bay Area 2040 Scenarios Open House
 - Alameda County: Thursday, June 2, 2016, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 - Marin County: Saturday, June 4, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Napa County: Thursday, June 9, 2016, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Sonoma County: Monday, June 13, 2016, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Solano County: Monday, June 13, 2016, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - San Francisco County: Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Plan Bay Area 2040 Draft EIR Scoping Meetings**
 - Thursday, May 26, 2016, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Bay Trail Openings** (www.baytrail.org/news-events)
 - Friday, May 20. 11:00 a.m. Re-opening of 4 miles of Bay Trail between Sunnyvale and Mountain View with a new trail surface provided by Google. The event will take place at the Carl Road trailhead in Sunnyvale.
- **Regional Planning Subcommittees**
 - Housing: Following presentation of the draft Housing Action Agenda April RPC meeting, Vice Chair, Jule Combs, convened a Housing Subcommittee with staff. This initial meeting was essentially organizational with discussion of committee scope and feedback to staff on work in progress toward a 2016-2017 workplan.
 - Economic Prosperity: This subcommittee is being formed and, following the guidelines for the designation of an Economic Development District, augmented with additional subregional representatives to serve as a Strategy

Committee to review the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The committee will have a first meeting in June.

- Infrastructure: Committee will initially focus on the resilience of our urban water systems. This Subcommittee will be the foundation for a region-wide water Summit on November 10th. Committee will discuss how cities and water districts can align efforts locally and regionally. It will meet in June, August, and September. The first meeting will be June 22nd 2-4pm.