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To: Regional Planning Committee
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At our last meeting, the Regional Planning Committee provided substantial feedback and guidance on the approach to public engagement for Plan Bay Area 2017. The Committee also reviewed and discussed the various projects on housing planning and strategies and identified key issues to be addressed in the future.

The October session focuses on PDA criteria and regional resilience. The Regional Planning Committee and the Executive Board had requested to review the existing **PDA Criteria**. At this point staff is recommending to retain the existing criteria given the substantial input received in the past, their alignment with Plan Bay Area goals, and their ease of implementation at the local level.

We will also review our efforts on **regional resilience**. The recent South Napa earthquake has reminded us of the complexity of earthquake preparedness and recovery. Our cities and counties in the North Bay have demonstrated a solid response to this event and have provided good lessons and advice for the region at large. They shared their experiences with the ABAG Executive Board at our last meeting. Staff will present current and future projects as well as an overview of the upcoming Loma Prieta 25 Symposium.

For our last session of 2014, we will address the challenges of and opportunities for strengthening the urban vitality of our Priority Development Areas. We will review some interesting examples of place-making and discuss potential strategies. We will also review our research program on economic and demographic analysis.

For 2015, ABAG will be releasing several reports and completing several projects, including the State of the Region Report, the East Bay Corridors workshops and report, the Regional Prosperity report and capstone conference, the Bay Area Place-Making report, the Housing and Community Risk Assessment, the Infrastructure Vulnerability report and the regional forecast. We will be presenting some of these projects to the Regional Planning Committee.