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To: Regional Planning Committee (RPC)

Subject: Planned Priority Development Area Assessment – input into the SCS Vision Scenario

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Executive Summary

ABAG and MTC expect the FOCUS Priority Development Areas (PDAs) to be the foundation for identifying areas of significant future population and employment growth in the Bay Area's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). For this reason, we have undertaken an assessment of Planned PDAs to better understand the changes expected to occur and potential barriers to future development in these areas. The PDA Assessment focuses on the Planned PDAs, which, by designation, have an adopted neighborhood-level plan and are therefore closer to implementing a specific vision for growth than the Potential PDAs.

The main purpose of the PDA Assessment is to identify the areas that are most ready to accommodate significant additional growth in ways that will create complete communities as well as the policies and resources needed to make that growth a reality. While the information from the Assessment will help ABAG and MTC determine how to allocate limited resources available through regional funding programs and identify policies for prioritizing additional funding to the PDAs via the SCS, it will also be used to help shape the scenarios that are developed as part of the SCS process, and to inform efforts to implement the growth planned in the PDAs.

We are presenting an approach that consists of four "filters", and related metrics, that are combined to identify those areas that are most appropriate for future growth. The four filters are: Location, Planned Growth, Readiness for Implementation, and Completeness.

Recommended Action

This is a discussion item. Staff is soliciting input on the overall framework and approach for integrating the PDA Assessment into the SCS Vision Scenarios, and the key metrics to prioritize within this framework for allocating growth.