

## **Priority Development Areas**

### ***Summary and Benefits:***

Plan Bay Area - the regional land use and transportation plan designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing vehicle miles traveled - identifies Priority Development Areas (PDAs) throughout the region where most growth is to be concentrated. These are areas close to transit stations or along major transit corridors. However, these PDAs were established voluntarily by cities and there are some areas well served by transit that have not been designated. In addition, it is up to localities to identify policies and establish plans for siting affordable housing in PDAs. Expanding PDAs to cover all “PDA-like” places and having strong policies for developing affordable housing in PDAs are critical for regional housing equity. Local housing elements should include such actions in their implementation program.

### ***Potential Policies:***

- Expand designated Priority Development Areas to additional locations that are transit accessible.
- Jurisdictions should identify specific policies that promote inclusion of affordable housing within PDAs

### ***Model Ordinances/Useful Sources:***

- ABAG, FOCUS: Priority Development Area, <http://www.bayareavision.org/initiatives/prioritydevelopmentareas.html>
- ABAG GIS Catalog, Plan Bay Area Priority Development Areas, Link: <http://gis.abag.ca.gov/>
- ABAG, *Inner Bay Area Corridors PDA Implementation Memo*, January 7, 2014, Link: <http://www.abag.ca.gov/abag/events/agendas/e011614a-Item%202008,%20Inner%20Bay%20Area%20PDA%20Update.pdf>