

Notes from ABAG-MTC meeting of July 18, 2003

MTC & ABAG - Leaders of Regional VISION Effort

- Air Quality needs to be added to the mix*
- Water Quality add, too*
- *Keeps appropriate agencies in the planning process
- Process: we need to engage local agencies in creating the vision to help implement the vision
- Consider sponsoring a workshop (s) to provide regional perspectives of land use and other elements of a Regional Vision
- In the end, Cities will implement if they see something in it for them!
- Incentives for local agencies to implement are critical!!!

Implementation

- Need to do a better job to "sell" the regional vision to the locals
- Develop a framework for all local & other regional agencies to implement the vision
- Consider Regional Approval on state bond issue distribution to those implementing the Regional Vision
- Need lots more WORK on INCENTIVES
- What, Source, How it Impacts

We already have a Vision

- Livability Footprint
- We should train what this is
- Provide incentives to get agencies to support
- Have disincentives for those that don't support

- State support around incentives is essential as is local government fiscal reform.
- Much is being done @ the local level to implement the regional vision - often there is not a conscious "connect"
- Must integrate land use planning with transportation
- Discuss merger in light of what needs to be done on implementing a regional vision

Communication

- What's in the regional vision report ok but!
- Need to focus as well on communications with local gov't elected officials
- Training for staff
- Outreach to community.
- Policy Makers @ MTC/ABAG - should work with one another on key policy issues that each will adopt!
- Ex Officios ----> May be present but often don't speak up or offer input

Governance

- Should have a thorough look at merger
- MTC Gov Board Should be larger to reflect population make up
- ABAG Gov Board should be examined in light of population changes

Public Comments

1. Often EIS/EIR's Don't Address Regional Impacts - ABAG/MTC might promote this idea & show how it might be done
2. The Regional Vision Incentive's Program didn't get funded - delegated to staff; now out of view
3. The RTP EIP can help generate buy in of local elected officials thru showing impacts of continuing current trends vs. a variety of smart growth scenarios.