



PLAN BAY AREA 2050

# Looking Ahead to 2023: Plan Bay Area 2050+ and Transit 2050+

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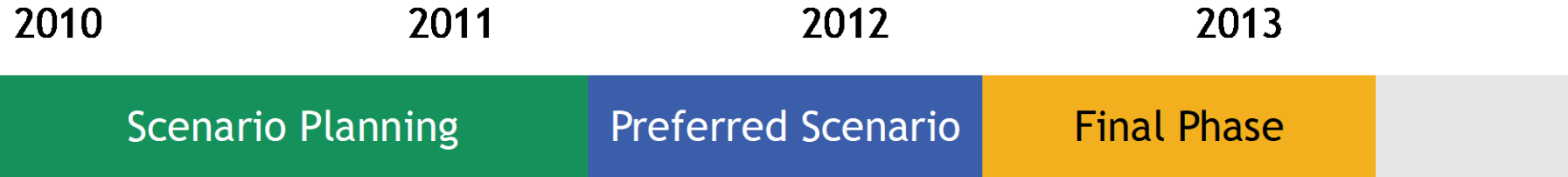
# One Year After Plan Adoption

Where We Are Today - and What's to Come in the 2020s

# Refresher: Past Iterations of Plan Bay Area

## Plan Bay Area (2013)

First regional plan developed under SB 375 with statutory GHG target [3.5 year process; RHNA Cycle 5]



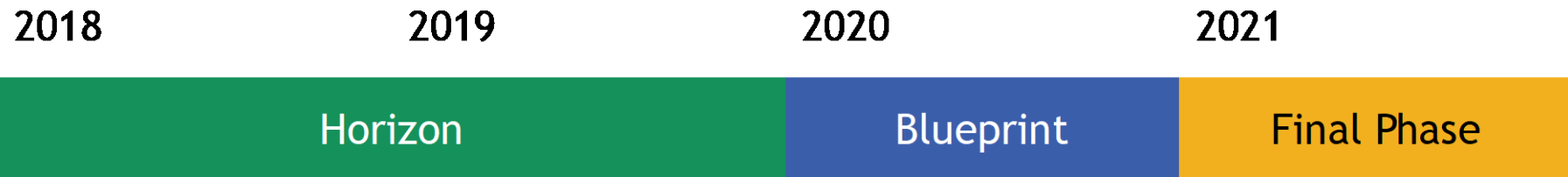
## Plan Bay Area 2040

“Limited and focused update” of the original Plan Bay Area, with a heavy emphasis on the housing crisis [2.5 year process; no RHNA]



## Plan Bay Area 2050

More comprehensive regional plan integrating economic development & environmental resilience, with a focus on planning for uncertainty & equity [4.0 year process; RHNA Cycle 6]



 = time periods with greatest capacity to implement regional planning initiatives sparked by Plan Bay Area

# Refresher: Federal and State Requirements

Under federal and state law, Plan Bay Area must be:

## Updated every four years

- Next statutory deadline: Fall 2025

## Fiscally-constrained

- "Fiscal cliff" could require postponing select transportation projects

## Aligned with 2035 GHG target

- CARB might change course and propose a more ambitious target

## Developed through a robust public process

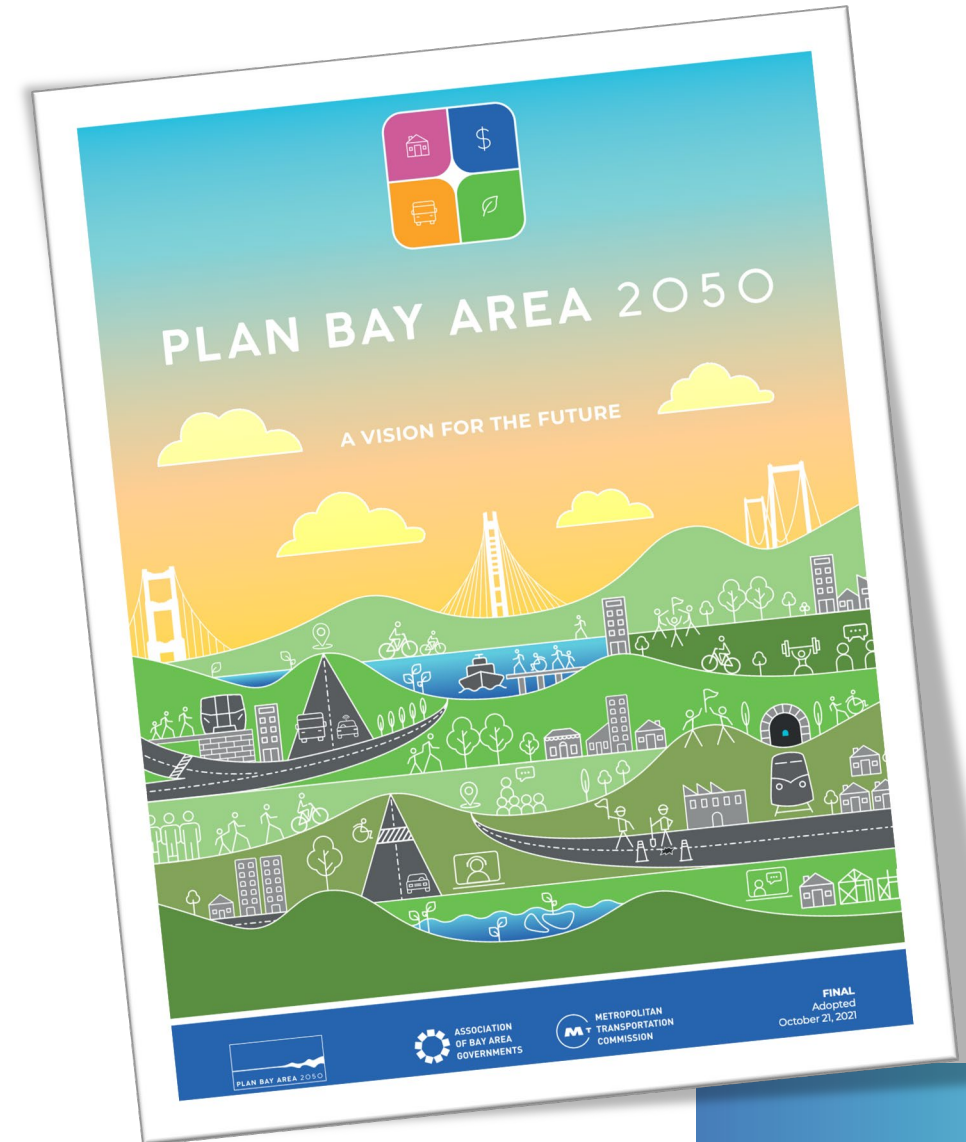
- Opportunity to deploy hybrid engagement approach

## Approved by CARB

- Failure to advance existing implementation actions could trigger rejection of future Plan(s)

# Last Month: Plan Bay Area 2050 Approved by CARB

- In November 2022, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) issued a final determination on Plan Bay Area 2050, indicating that it satisfies State requirements. This is the final milestone in the Plan Bay Area 2050 process, concluding the current regional planning cycle that commenced in early 2018.
- In its approval action, CARB stated that it “commends ABAG/MTC and its member jurisdictions for demonstrating innovative thinking and leadership” and that it “applauds ABAG/MTC for the breadth of strategies included in the plan, the focus on land use and housing, and the inclusion of an implementation plan.”



# Today: MTC/ABAG Focused 100% on Implementation

**Plan Bay Area 2050**  
Implementation Plan

**Transportation:** TOC Policy; Blue Ribbon; NextGen Freeways; AT Plan; MAP

**Housing:** BAHFA Pilot Programs; Priority Sites Program; Housing Ballot Measure

**Economy:** PPA Pilot Grants; CERF Collaboration

**Environment:** OBAG3 Climate Initiatives; PCA Revamp; SLR Framework

**Cross-Cutting:** Equity Priority Communities Re-Envisioning; SB 375 Reform Advocacy

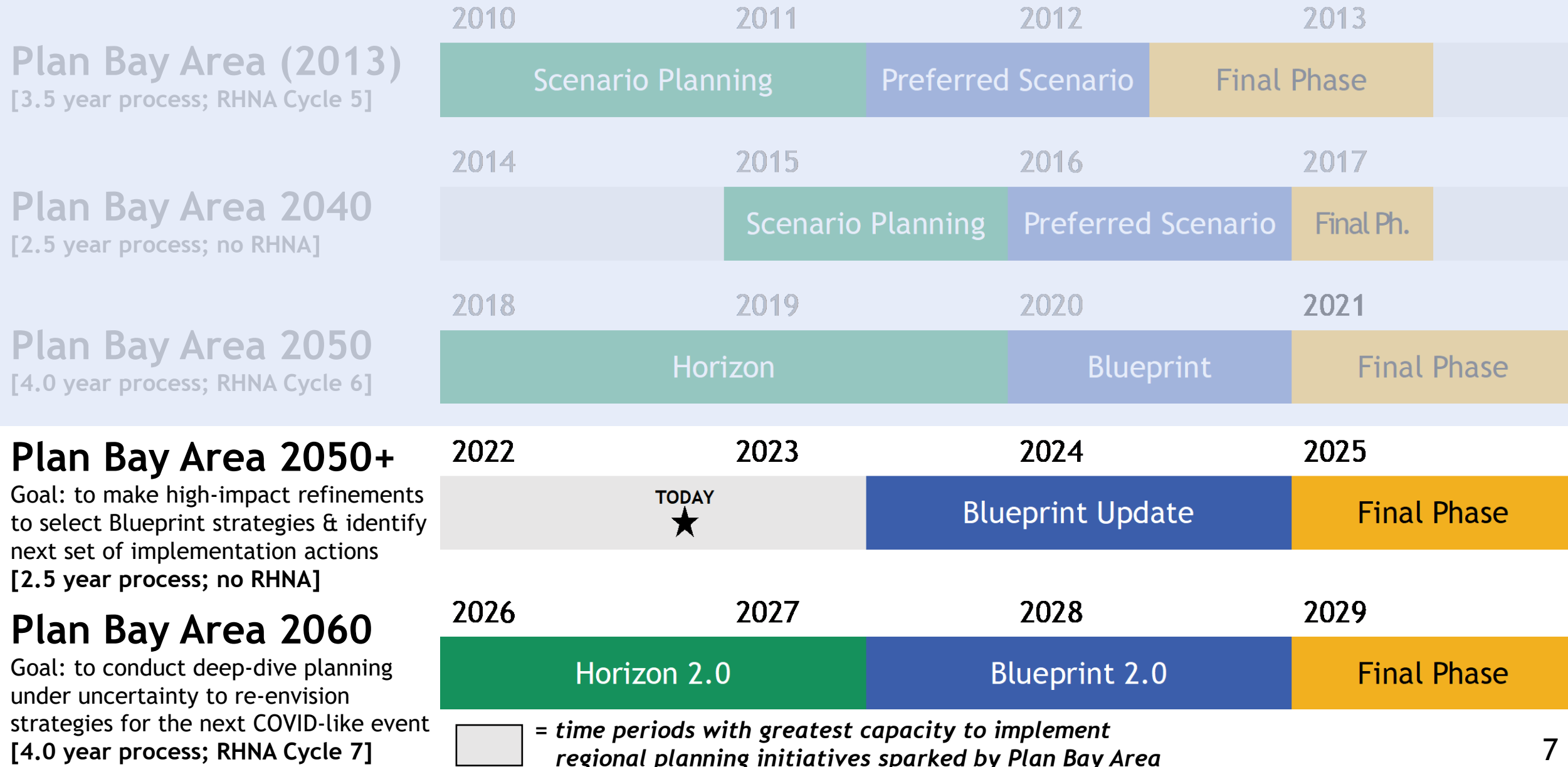
*Graphic is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all MTC/ABAG implementation activities but instead shows a representative list of some of the higher-profile efforts underway.*

## Core Question Going Forward:

How can MTC/ABAG best continue to advance implementation of critical initiatives that turn Plan Bay Area 2050 from vision to reality - all while making targeted updates to Plan Bay Area to reflect the evolving planning landscape?

Future Updates to Plan Bay Area  
(2025 or 2029, depending on timeline)

# Looking Ahead: Next Two Planning Cycles



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# Plan Bay Area 2050+ & Transit 2050+

Making Targeted Updates to Specific Strategies



# Context-Setting: Two Divergent Visions for Transit?

## Connected Network Plan

- Identified in Transit Transformation Action Plan & Plan Bay Area 2050 Implementation Plan
- Fiscally-unconstrained modal plan defined by service levels and travel times between regional hubs

**If developed in isolation:** CNP could be a primarily aspirational transit vision that exceeds the region's fiscal capacity to advance, out of sync with the financial constraints posed by the "fiscal cliff" era

## Plan Bay Area 2050+

- Federal and state requirement to develop a cross-cutting regional plan for transportation & land use
- Fiscally-constrained plan defined by prioritization
- Often critiqued for overemphasis on capital projects

**If developed in isolation:** PBA50+ could continue to emphasize legacy capital investments in Transportation Element, rather than re-considering tradeoffs between service augmentation & system expansion post-COVID

**Question Explored by MTC/ABAG Staff:** is there a way to blend the best of both frameworks into an integrated approach that leverages staff synergies to overcome resource constraints?

# Integrating Connected Network Planning

- Developing a standalone Connected Network Plan alongside Plan Bay Area 2050+ would be a riskier path that could lead to two inconsistent visions of how our transit network should evolve post-COVID.
- Moreover, limited staffing and financial resources would require a longer timeline to deliver, despite the urgent need to re-imagine priorities and implement them.
- Instead, staff recommend a harmonized approach where connected network planning directly informs the official regional plan process, through the Transit 2050+ initiative.
- Transit 2050+ would develop a service-oriented, hub-oriented, fiscally-constrained transit network vision by updating the six transit-related strategies in Plan Bay Area 2050 using a data-driven approach to identifying investment priorities.

**Plan Bay Area 2050+:**  
Responsible for targeted refinements to all 29 strategies unrelated to transit  
*(led by MTC/ABAG)*

**Transit 2050+:**  
Responsible for a comprehensive re-imagining of transit-oriented strategies  
*(co-led by MTC and transit operator team)*

**Plan Bay Area 2050+**



**Transit 2050+  
(CNP)**



# Plan Bay Area 2050+: Focusing Our Efforts



**Step 1:**  
**Update Planning Assumptions**



**Step 2:**  
**Update Select Blueprint Strategies**



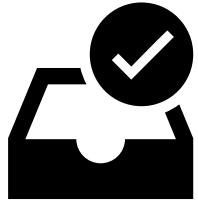
**Step 3:**  
**Identify New Implementation Priorities**

## *Project Timeline*



★ = *key public engagement milestones*

# Plan Bay Area 2050+: Potential Emphasis Areas



## Overarching Tasks for Regional Plan

**Statutorily Required:**

**Targeted Updates Anticipated:**

Retain from Plan Bay Area 2050:

**Public & Stakeholder Engagement**

**Data & Model Upgrades**

Vision & Goals;  
Performance & Equity Metrics



## Step 1: Update Planning Assumptions

**Targeted Updates Anticipated:**

Retain from Plan Bay Area 2050:

**Regional Growth Forecast Update; External Forces; Growth Geographies; Needs & Revenue**

Regional Growth Forecast Methodology



## Step 2: Update Select Blueprint Strategies

**Targeted Updates Anticipated:**

Retain from Plan Bay Area 2050:

**Transportation Strategies; Environment Strategies**

Housing Strategies;  
Economy Strategies



## Step 3: Identify New Implementation Priorities

**Statutorily Required:**

**Targeted Updates Anticipated:**

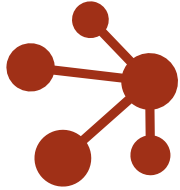
**EIR; Implementation Plan**

**Plan Document**

# Transit 2050+: Envisioned Six-Step Process



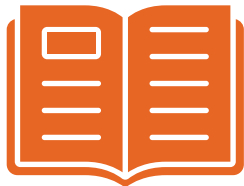
**Step 1:**  
Explore Needs and Gaps



**Step 2:**  
Define Hubs and Corridors



**Step 3:**  
Generate Project Concepts by Corridor



**Step 4:**  
Evaluate Project Concepts & Networks



**Step 5:**  
Design Final Blueprint Transit Network



**Step 6:**  
Explore Implementation Challenges *(Fall 2024 through Spring 2025)*

*Winter and  
Spring 2023*

*Spring through  
Fall 2023*

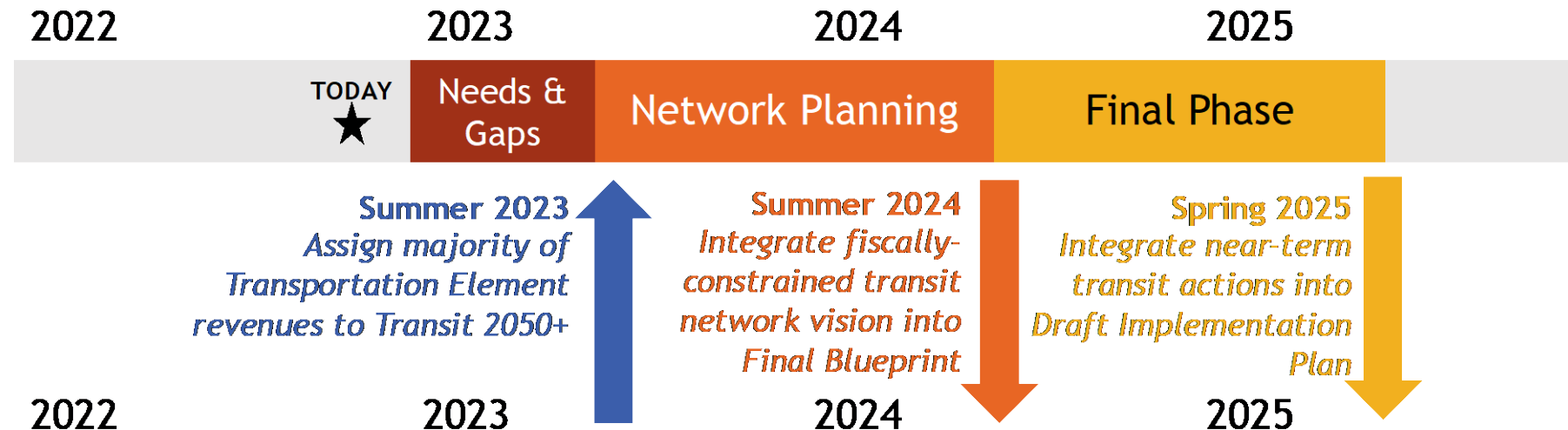
*Fall 2023  
through  
Summer 2024*

# Process Timelines: 18-Month Transit Sprint Ahead

While Plan Bay Area 2050+ would not begin in earnest until mid-2023, staff recommend moving forward with consultant procurement and initial analyses for Transit 2050+ in early 2023. This will enable robust network planning work to be conducted throughout fiscal year 2024, enabling the project team to recommend a fiscally-constrained network vision in time for the Plan Bay Area 2050+ summer 2024 Final Blueprint deadline.

## Transit 2050+

Goal: to comprehensively re-imagine six transit-related PBA50 strategies using a service-oriented, fiscally-constrained planning process [kickoff in winter 2023]



## Plan Bay Area 2050+

Goal: to make high-impact refinements to select Blueprint strategies & identify next set of implementation actions [kickoff in summer 2023]



# Questions?

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## Next Steps

- **Late 2022:** Finalize Consultant Scope and Issue RFQ for Transit 2050+ Technical Assistance
- **Winter 2023:** Kick Off Transit 2050+ Analyses with Transit Operators via Project Management Team
- **Spring 2023:** Adopt Updates to Public Participation Plan Prior to First Round of Public Engagement

