





Under the law known as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), MTC and ABAG must prepare a "program-level" Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to inform citizens and decision makers of potential environmental impacts that could result from implementing Plan Bay Area 2040. Agencies and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope and content of the environmental impact assessment that will be conducted for Plan Bay Area 2040. A Notice of Preparation of the Draft EIR was released in early May 2016, and dates are set for public meetings to discuss the scope of the Draft EIR (see below for dates and locations).

<p><b>Plan Bay Area 2040 Draft EIR Scoping Meeting</b>          Thursday, May 26, 2016          11 a.m. to 1 p.m.          Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library          One Washington Square, Room 225          San Jose, California</p>	<p><b>Plan Bay Area 2040 Draft EIR Scoping Meeting</b>          Tuesday, May 31, 2016          6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.          MetroCenter Auditorium          101 8th Street          Oakland, California</p>	<p><b>Plan Bay Area 2040 Draft EIR Scoping Meeting</b>          Thursday, June 2, 2016          11 a.m. to 1 p.m.          Finley Community Center          2060 W. College Avenue          Santa Rosa, California</p>
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<http://planbayarea.org/plan-bay-area/plan-elements/environmental-impact-report.html>  
[http://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/PBA2040\\_NOP-EIR\\_LegalNotice.pdf](http://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/PBA2040_NOP-EIR_LegalNotice.pdf)

A "preferred plan" scenario is expected to be adopted by ABAG and MTC in September 2016. This preferred plan will be analyzed in detail in the EIR as the "proposed project." The EIR will also analyze in lesser detail a range of reasonable alternatives to the proposed project that could feasibly attain most of the Plan's basic project objectives and would avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant environmental impacts. The three scenarios considered during the scenario analysis phase of the update will be the basis for the initial CEQA alternatives.

- Among other issues, MTC and ABAG seek comments on:
- ∞ What environmental issues should be analyzed?
  - ∞ Are there alternatives that should be evaluated?
  - ∞ What mitigation measures would help avoid or minimize any negative impacts?
  - ∞ How can local jurisdictions and other agencies use this EIR?

Oral comments will be accepted during three regional scoping meetings. Written comments will be accepted at the scoping meetings; via mail to MTC Public Information, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA, 94105; via fax to 415.536.9800; or via email to [eircomments@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:eircomments@mtc.ca.gov). **Written comments must be received at the MTC offices no later than June 15, 2016. For more information, call the MTC Public Information Office at 415.778.6757.**

Under SB 375, The California Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008, some development assumed as a part of Plan Bay Area 2040 may be eligible to use a streamlined version of the environmental review process. Among other criteria this development must be consistent with the land use designation, density, intensity and policies of Plan Bay Area, and fall within the criteria identified in SB 375.