

Notice of Availability: Draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy AND Draft Environmental Impact Report

Notice is hereby given that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) has released the following documents for public review and comment and will be holding public hearings and workshops to receive public comment: the Draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS); and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the 2045 MTP/SCS and associated Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs) for Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties.

The 2045 MTP/SCS and the Draft EIR has been released for a 70-day public review/comment period.

- The 2045 MTP/SCS is the region's long range land use and transportation plan through 2045 for the three-county Monterey Bay metropolitan region, including Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.
- The 2045 MTP/SCS provides the framework for land use patterns that seeks to increase the quality of life and implements the best transportation choices to support those land use patterns for the future based on anticipated available funding over the next 25 years.
- The Draft EIR provides an analysis of environmental impacts related to the implementation of the 2045 MTP/SCS, as well as the associated RTPs for Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties. It discloses significant effects for the following resource categories: aesthetics, agriculture, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gases and climate change, hazards, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation and utilities, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire. It also discloses that hazardous waste sites as defined by Government Code Section 65962.5 are present where 2045 MTP/SCS projects would be implemented.

Public Open Houses & Public Hearings

AMBAG will hold virtual public workshops/hearings via GoToWebinar at the following dates and times. More information on the virtual workshop and hearings can be found at www.ambag.org.

- **Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. as part of the AMBAG Board meeting**
- **Wednesday, January 19, 2022 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
- **Monday, January 24, 2022 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, January 27, 2022 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

The Draft 2045 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR are available **for public review from November 22, 2021 to January 31, 2022**. The documents can be downloaded at www.ambag.org. Copies of the Draft EIR are available for inspection at

- AMBAG, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940
- TAMC, 55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901
- Marina Branch Library, 190 Seaside Circle, Marina, CA 93933
- Greenfield Branch Library, 315 El Camino Real, Greenfield, CA 93927
- Watsonville Public Library, 275 Main Street, Suite 100, Watsonville, CA 95076
- Downtown Santa Cruz Public Library (224 Church St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
- Felton Branch Library, 6121 Gushee Street, Felton, CA 95018
- Capitola Branch Library, 2005 Wharf Road, Capitola, CA 95010
- La Selva Beach Branch Library, 316 Estrella Avenue, La Selva Beach, CA 95076
- Council of San Benito County of Governments, 330 Tres Pinos Road, Suite C7, Hollister CA 95023

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