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# 1. Introduction

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) jointly adopted Plan Bay Area 2040 on July 26, 2017 (MTC Resolution No. 4300 and ABAG Resolution No. 10-17).

Plan Bay Area 2040 (the “Plan”) is the updated long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. Plan Bay Area 2040 is the Bay Area’s roadmap for forecasting transportation needs through the year 2040, preserving the character of our diverse communities, and adapting to the challenges of future population growth. The Plan discusses how the Bay Area will grow over the next two decades and identifies transportation and land use strategies to enable a more sustainable, equitable and economically vibrant future. Starting with the current state of the region, the Plan describes Plan Bay Area 2040 and its goals, a proposed growth pattern and supporting transportation investment strategy, and key actions needed to address ongoing and long-term regional challenges. The Plan also includes supplemental reports for additional details. These documents and the adopted Plan can be found at <http://2040.planbayarea.org/reports>.

MTC and ABAG propose to amend Plan Bay Area 2040 (Plan Amendment) to add the project scope and cost of the Interstate 680 Express Lanes Gap Closure Project in Alameda County.

## 2. Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040

An amendment is a major revision to the Plan, including adding or deleting a project, major changes in project costs and scope (e.g., changing project locations or the number of through traffic lanes). As stipulated in MTC’s Public Participation Plan (2015), a Plan amendment requires public review and comment, demonstration that the project can be completed based on expected funding, and/or a finding that the change is consistent with federal transportation conformity mandates. Amendments that require an update to the air quality conformity analysis will be subject to the conformity and interagency consultation procedures described in MTC Resolution No. 3757.

In March 2018, MTC and ABAG adopted the first amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040 to modify the project scope and cost of the U.S. Highway 101 Managed Lanes Project in San Mateo County (RTPID 17-06-0007). The amendment aligned the Plan’s project assumptions to those of the preferred alternative in the project’s Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

In June 2019, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) requested the second amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040 to add the project scope and cost of the Interstate 680 Express Lanes Gap Closure Project in Alameda County. The project will add an express lane to the southbound and northbound travel lanes of Interstate 680 between Alcosta Boulevard and State Route 84, closing the gap between existing and in-progress express lane projects directly to the north and south. The accelerated project development would allow for coordinated project delivery with a planned rehabilitation project on the same corridor.

The amendment’s total project cost is \$480 million. Funds for the amendment’s cost are derived from the Plan’s set aside for East and North Bay express lanes projects via the East and North Bay Express Lanes Reserve (RTPID 17-10-0056). Because the project funding is redirected from one adopted project to another within the Plan’s financially constrained transportation investment strategy, and no new funds are added to the Plan’s investment strategy as part of this amendment, the Plan remains financially constrained as required by federal and state planning laws.

The Amendment to the Plan changes the following:

1. Adds the description, cost, and schedule of the Interstate 680 Express Lanes Gap Closure Project in Alameda County (RTPID 17-01-00XX):
  - a. **Basic Information** | What would this project/program do?  
“Add an express lane to the southbound and northbound travel lanes of Interstate 680 between Alcosta Boulevard and State Route 84.”
  - b. **Cost and Funding** | How much does this project/program cost?  
\$252 millions (Southbound)  
\$228 millions (Northbound)
  - c. **Schedule** | By when is the project/program anticipated to open?  
2024 (Southbound)  
2030 (Northbound)
2. Changes the cost of the East and North Bay Express Lanes Reserve (RTPID 17-10-0056):
  - a. **Cost and Funding** | How much does this project/program cost?  
~~\$2,164~~ \$1,684 (millions)

No other changes or revisions are proposed in this amendment.

### 3. Comments & Response to Comments

MTC and ABAG released the Draft Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040 for a 30-day public review and comment period, starting March 26, 2020, and ending on April 24, 2020. Responses to comments received will be prepared and presented to the governing boards of MTC and ABAG prior to action on the Final Amendment to the Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040.

### 4. Adoption of the Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040

Plan Bay Area 2040 and this Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040, taken together, constitute the complete Plan Bay Area 2040 document. Refer also to the companion technical documents that accompany this Draft Amendment: (1) Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Plan Bay Area 2040, (2) Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040 and 2019 Transportation Improvement Program, and (3) 2019 Transportation Improvement Program, as amended by Revision 2019-38.

This amendment is scheduled for review and approval of the governing boards of the MTC and ABAG in May 2020. These pending adopting resolutions – MTC Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ (to be determined) and ABAG Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ (to be determined) – approving the amendment will be included for reference as part of the Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040 (see Attachment A).