



COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR
MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, December 4, 2025
2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Council of San Benito County Governments
650 San Benito St., Ste. 120
Hollister, CA 95023

MEMBERS: Binu Abraham, Council of Governments
Heather Adamson, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
Noel Coady, California Highway Patrol
Jill Leal-Andrade, Caltrans District 5
Rod Powell, City of Hollister Development Services, Public Works
Javier Hernandez, City of Hollister, Engineering
Ashley Collick, City of San Juan Bautista
Steve Loupe, San Benito Co. RMA Public Works, Engineering
Abraham Prado, San Benito Co. RMA Planning and Building Services

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Verification of Certificate of Posting
4. **Public Comment:** *(Opportunity to address the committee on items of interest not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Sec. 56954.2. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.)*
5. Member Announcements
 - a. City of San Juan Bautista
 - b. City of Hollister
 - c. County of San Benito
 - d. Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
 - e. California Highway Patrol

- f. Caltrans District 5
- g. Council of Governments

CONSENT AGENDA:

(These matters shall be considered as a whole and without discussion unless a particular item is removed from the Consent Agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak on a Consent Agenda item must submit a Speaker Card to the Clerk and wait for recognition from the Chairperson. Approval of a consent item means approval as recommended on the Staff Report.)

- 6. APPROVE TAC Meeting Minutes dated November 6, 2025 – Gomez

ACTION ITEMS:

- 7. 2050 Regional Transportation Plan – Borick
 - a. RECOMMEND the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan for Presentation to the Council of San Benito County Board of Directors
 - b. RECEIVE Update on the Status and Development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy.

ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2026, AT 2:00 P.M.

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Monica Gomez

BY: _____

Monica Gomez, Secretary II
Council of San Benito County Governments

COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Council of San Benito County Governments
650 San Benito St., Ste. 120, Hollister, CA 95023

November 6, 2025, 2:00 PM

ACTION MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

SBCOG Executive Director Binu Abraham called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Binu Abraham; Council of San Benito County Governments, Chris Duymich; Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, Jill Leal-Andrade; Caltrans District 5, Steve Loupe; San Benito Co. RMA Public Works Engineering, Rod Powell; City of Hollister Development Services, Javier Hernandez; City of Hollister Engineering Dept., Ashley Collick; City of San Juan Bautista (arrived at 2:02 p.m.) Abraham Prado; San Benito Co. RMA Planning & Building Services (arrived at 2:09 p.m.).

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Captain Noel Coady; California Highway Patrol

STAFF PRESENT:

Samuel Borick; Transportation Planner, Myranda Arreola; Transportation Planner, Norma Aceves; Administrative Services Specialist, Monica Gomez; Secretary II.

3. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Motion made to acknowledge Certificate of Posting:

Motion: Steve Loupe Second: Jill Leal-Andrade

Motion carried: 6/0

Yes: Abraham, Duymich, Leal-Andrade, Powell, Hernandez, Loupe

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Collick, Prado, Coady

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jill Leal-Andrade reminded members that FY 2026-27 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant applications are due November 21, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. with awards expected in Spring/Summer of 2026. Additionally, a public scoping workshop for the SR 25 Project will be held on November 19, 2025,

at Paine's Restaurant from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Caltrans will release a flyer for the event soon, which will be forwarded to TAC and can be circulated to the public as well.

Chris Duymich reported that AMBAG is finalizing the 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR, anticipated for release in November. Public workshops and hearings, both virtual and in-person, are planned for January 2026. Heather Adamson is available to present to the TAC in December or January, if the committee is interested.

Binu Abraham reported that SBCOG is partnering with Caltrans to gather additional public input for the SR 25 Project at the public engagement meeting scheduled for November 19, 2025. Caltrans and SBCOG staff will share new options for the SR 25 Project and encourage members of the public to attend and provide feedback. Staff will also send an invitation to the TAC and other elected officials to participate and provide their input.

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. Approve TAC Meeting Minutes dated October 2, 2025 – Gomez

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda:

Motion: Jill Leal-Andrade Second: Steve Loupe

Motion carried: 7/0

Yes: Abraham, Duymich, Leal-Andrade, Powell, Hernandez, Loupe, Collick

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Coady, Prado

INFORMATION ITEMS:

7. Receive Update on the Status and Development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan – Borick

Samuel Borick provided an update on the development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Recent efforts are focused on finalizing the draft 2050 RTP Budget and reviewing draft performance measures. Staff will present the draft 2050 RTP Budget to the SBCOG Board in November and the draft 2050 RTP to the Board for adoption in December. Final adoption of the 2050 RTP is scheduled for adoption by the SBCOG Board in June 2026.

Binu Abraham emphasized the importance of TAC members reviewing and providing feedback on the Draft RTP chapters once they are circulated, to ensure alignment with local initiatives and policies.

There was no public comment.

8. Receive Information Regarding the Purpose and Intent of Transit First Policies – Borick

Binu Abraham reported that the objective of a Transit First policy is to establish a clear, actionable framework at the jurisdictional level that prioritizes public transit in planning, design, and operations. These policies aim to improve transit equity, reliability, and competitiveness by incorporating transit-supportive infrastructure, land-use strategies, and multimodal connectivity. She emphasized the importance of including transit considerations in planning projects and Complete Streets initiatives.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business to discuss, Jill Leal-Andrade motioned to adjourn the Technical Advisory Committee meeting at 2:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Ashley Collick.

Motion carried: 8/0

Yes: Abraham, Duymich, Leal-Andrade, Powell, Hernandez, Loupe, Collick, Prado

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Coady

ADJOURN TO THE REGULAR TAC MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2025, AT 2:00 P.M.



STAFF REPORT

Action

Prepared By: Samuel Borick

Transportation Planner

Subject: 2050 Regional Transportation Plan

Agenda Item 7

Approved By: Binu Abraham, Executive Director

Meeting Date: December 4, 2025

Recommendation:

- a. RECOMMEND the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan for presentation to the Council of San Benito County Governments Board of Directors.
- b. RECEIVE update on the status and development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy

Summary:

SBCOG staff has been working closely with local agencies, Caltrans, and AMBAG since spring 2023 to develop the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Throughout this process, the budget, investment strategies, project list, and key decision points have been collaboratively vetted and refined with our partner agencies. We have now reached a significant milestone with the completion of the draft 2050 RTP. The next steps include a full review of the draft by the TAC members, followed by SBCOG Board action to release the draft 2050 RTP and initiate the public comment period, followed by a public hearing, after which SBCOG will address the comments received.

In addition, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) staff will provide an update on the status and development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (2050 MTP/SCS).

Attachments:

1. Draft 2050 RTP (to be provided under separate cover)
2. AMBAG Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Environmental Impact Report Memo
3. Performance Measures for Draft 2050 MTP/SCS
4. Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR Public Workshops/Hearings Flyer



MEMORANDUM

TO: SBtCOG Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Draft Environmental Impact Report

MEETING DATE: December 4, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

AMBAG staff will provide an overview on the Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Both documents were released for public review and comment on November 17, 2025.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The 2050 MTP/SCS is the blueprint for a regional transportation system that further enhances our quality of life, promotes sustainability, and offers more mobility options for people and goods. The MTP/SCS is built on an integrated set of public policies, strategies, and investments to maintain, manage, and improve the transportation system so it meets the diverse needs of our changing region through 2050.

The 2050 MTP/SCS contains a robust transportation network, with a diversity of projects that will provide residents and visitors with a variety of travel choices. The transportation network, in conjunction with how local jurisdictions develop land, will provide additional opportunities for walking, biking, getting to work, going to school, shopping and playing.

Passed in 2008, Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) encourages planning practices that create sustainable communities. SB 375 also charged the California Air Resources Board (CARB) with setting regional targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2035. AMBAG must prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the MTP. The SCS must demonstrate how the region will meet its target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks. The 2050 MTP/SCS demonstrates that our region meets the regional GHG target.

The following sections present a brief overview of the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS. The 2050 MTP/SCS adoption process section describes the process to obtain public input on the 2050 MTP/SCS and major milestones leading to the Board considering adoption of the 2050 MTP/SCS in June 2026.

Vision

AMBAG adopted a framework of goals and policy objectives to guide the development of the MTP/SCS. The five goal areas are:

- *Mobility – Build and maintain a safe and robust multimodal transportation network.*
- *Environment – Create a sustainable and healthy region for all.*
- *Communities – Develop, engage, connect, and sustain communities that are livable and thriving.*
- *Economic – Support a sustainable, efficient, and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all.*
- *Equitable – Plan for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.*

Transportation Investments

The Draft 2050 MTP/SCS contains a number of improvements to our multimodal transportation system. The MTP sets forth an integrated approach to transportation investments that maximizes the benefits of the existing transportation system by investing in system preservation and maintenance, along with strategic system expansion and management strategies. The transportation investments will provide more travel choices for our region's residents and visitors.

Sustainable Communities Strategy

The SCS demonstrates the region's ability to meet the GHG emission reduction target set forth by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The SCS outlines the region's plan for integrating the transportation network within an overall land use pattern that responds to projected growth, housing needs, changing demographics, and transportation demands while reducing GHG emissions. The overall SCS land use development pattern complements the proposed transportation network which emphasizes multimodal system enhancements, system preservation, and improved access to high quality transit.

Financial Plan

The Financial Plan includes a revenue forecast of local, state and federal sources that are reasonably expected to be available through 2050. Total revenues estimated for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS are approximately \$16 billion.

Performance Measures

In support of the goals and policies established through public participation efforts and stakeholder involvement, more than a dozen performance measures were established to measure how well the MTP/SCS performs. The performance measures quantify the transportation, environmental, economic and equity benefits of the MTP/SCS. The performance measures for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS is included as Attachment 2. Detailed information regarding the performance measures can be found in Chapter 5 and Appendix G of the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS.

Public Participation

AMBAG engaged a wide range of stakeholder groups, elected officials, community groups, and the general public through a series of meetings and workshops. The input received through this process has shaped the 2050 MTP/SCS in a meaningful way. AMBAG will continue to involve and engage the stakeholders and the public in the process of refining and finalizing the 2050 MTP/SCS.

Environmental Impact Report

AMBAG, in consultation with the RTPAs and the consulting team, is preparing an EIR for the 2050 MTP/SCS. Prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Draft EIR evaluates the impacts of the 2050 MTP/SCS on the physical environment at the program level. The Program EIR also serves as the EIR for each of the RTPA's 2050 Regional Transportation Plans. The Program EIR analyzes a range of impacts resulting from future development consistent with the regional growth projections and from improvements to the regional transportation network. It also analyzes three alternatives to the proposed 2050 MTP/SCS. The EIR provides the framework for subsequent project level environmental analysis of specific projects, in which individual project impacts will be evaluated separately as project features are defined.

2050 MTP/SCS and EIR Adoption Process

To obtain public input on the development of the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS, a broad range of media and communication avenues have been and will be utilized to provide information, solicit participation and input and allow for ongoing feedback and updates. A major goal of this public involvement effort is to reach out to both nontraditional and traditional audiences, to include them in the transportation planning process.

AMBAG will hold public workings and public hearings, in January 2026, to allow for public comment on the 2050 MTP/SCS and the EIR. The public workshops/hearings schedule and format will provide opportunities for information to be shared and public comments to be

submitted. More information about these public meetings can be found in Attachment 2. The public comment period for the 2050 MTP/SCS and DEIR is from November 17, 2025 to January 30, 2026.

Upcoming major milestones include:

- **January 2026** – Public workshops/hearings on Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR
- **January 30, 2026** – Close of the public comment period for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR
- **February/March 2026** – Review and response to comments and consider proposed changes to the 2050 MTP/SCS
- **June 2026** – AMBAG Board considers certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the Final 2050 MTP/SCS

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Performance measures for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS
2. Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR Public Workshops/Hearings Flyer

Table 5-1: Performance Measures

Regional Performance Measures	2022 Existing	2050 No Build	2050 MTP/SCS
Mobility			
Daily Vehicle Delay Per Capita (hours)	0.03	0.05	0.05
Commute Travel Time (minutes)	14.9	14.9	15.0
Peak Period Congested Vehicle Miles of Travel (miles) ¹	538,951	684,645	614,814
Maintain the Transportation System (percentage)	N/A	N/A	62.1%
Fatalities and Injuries per 1,000 VMT	1.03	0.9	0.9
Bike/Pedestrian Fatalities and Injuries per 1,000 VMT	0.27	0.23	0.23
Environment			
Alternative Transportation Trips	350,340	394,630	395,547
Open Space Consumed (acres) ^{2,3}	N/A	29.7	29.7
Farmland Converted (acres) ³	N/A	3,685	3,685
Population in Climate Risk Areas (percentage)	25.7%	23.1%	23.1%
Communities			
Growth in Opportunity Areas (percentage)	N/A	8.6%	8.6%
Monterey County	N/A	6.9%	6.9%
San Benito County	N/A	3.6%	3.6%
Santa Cruz County	N/A	11.7%	11.7%
Population Near High Quality Transit (percentage)	19.2%	25.0%	42.9%
Population Near 30 Minute Transit Service (percentage)	41.5%	43.2%	50.1%
Population Near Bike Facilities (percentage)	69.6%	70.4%	80.5%
Population Within 30 Minutes of Healthcare (percentage)			
Drive Alone	99.6%	99.6%	99.6%
Transit	N/A	N/A	8.4%
Bike	80.9%	81.0%	84.6%
Walk	48.0%	48.7%	48.7%
Population Within 30 Minutes of Parks (percentage)			
Drive Alone	100%	100%	100%
Transit	N/A	N/A	21.8%
Bike	80.9%	81.0%	97.3%
Walk	98.8%	98.9%	98.9%
Economic			
Jobs Near High Quality Transit (percentage)	30.8%	38.8%	46.1%
Jobs Near Bike Facilities (percentage)	72.7%	72.5%	82.5%
Work Trips Within 30 Minutes (percentage)			
Drive Alone	84.3%	84.4%	84.4%
Carpool	85.0%	85.3%	85.3%
Transit	36.6%	34.2%	33.0%
Jobs in Opportunity Areas (percentage)	79.6%	79.7%	79.7%
Daily Truck Delay (hours)	2,538	6,139	5,917

Table 5-1: Performance Measures (continued)

Regional Performance Measures	2022 Existing	2050 No Build	2050 MTP/SCS
Equitable			
Distribution of MTP/SCS Investments (percentage) ⁴			
Low Income Population	N/A	N/A	76.8%
Non Low Income Population	N/A	N/A	83.2%
Minority Population	N/A	N/A	77.7%
Non Minority Population	N/A	N/A	84.7%
Low Mobility (zero car households and aged populations)	N/A	N/A	80.2%
Low Community Engagement (linguistic isolation and education attainment)	N/A	N/A	63.1%
Access to Transit within 1/2 mile (percentage) ⁵			
Low Income Population	6.1%	10.2%	29.0%
Non Low Income Population	5.7%	8.9%	19.4%
Minority Population	5.9%	9.2%	27.5%
Non Minority Population	5.5%	11.9%	15.2%
Low Mobility (zero car households and aged populations)	9.5%	17.0%	27.9%
Low Community Engagement (linguistic isolation and education attainment)	6.2%	7.1%	31.0%

* Greenhouse gas reductions in 2035 are -7.7 percent from 2005 levels.

¹ FC 2 where VOC is >0.86, and FC 3-7 where VOC is >=0.90 for peak periods

² Rail projects are not reflected in the 2022, 2035, and 2050 MTP/SCS regionally significant project analysis, as rail lines are existing.

³ Farmland analyzed is Prime, Unique, or Farmland of Statewide Importance as defined by Dept. of Conservation FMMP.

⁴ Calculated based upon criteria on total investment of all modelable projects within 1/2 mile of U.S. Census Bureau defined tracts.

⁵ Tracts defined per U.S. Census Bureau. Calculated based per criteria on total acreage and percentage of population within a 1/2 mile of transit.

Source: AMBAG Regional Travel Demand Model and Geographic Information Systems.
For more information on methodology see Appendix G.



PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND HEARING on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR

Attend a virtual workshop and public hearing on AMBAG's Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Plan and EIR will occur during the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Can't attend the workshop? Send comments by email, hadamson@ambag.org, or by mail, 24580 Silver Cloud Ct, Monterey, CA 93940. The public comment period closes on January 30, 2026. Copies of the Draft Plan and EIR are available for download at www.AMBAG.org.

Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 12pm

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6pm (as part of the regularly scheduled AMBAG Board meeting)

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 12pm

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6pm, San Benito County focused

Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 6pm, Monterey County focused

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6pm, Santa Cruz County focused



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TALLER Y AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

sobre el Borrador del MTP/SCS 2050 y el Borrador del EIR

Asista a un taller y una audiencia pública virtual sobre el Borrador del Plan de Transporte Metropolitano (Metropolitan Transportation Plan, MTP) y su Estrategia de Comunidades Sostenibles (Sustainable Communities Strategy, SCS) de 2050 y el Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental (Environmental Impact Report, EIR). Durante la porción de la audiencia pública de la reunión, tendrá la oportunidad de hacer comentarios sobre el borrador del Plan y del EIR.

¿No puede asistir al taller? Envíe sus comentarios por correo electrónico: hadamson@ambag.org, o por correo postal: 24580 Silver Cloud Ct, Monterey, CA 93940. El período de comentarios públicos finaliza el 30 de enero de 2026. Puede descargar copias del borrador del Plan y del EIR en www.AMBAG.org.

Calendario de Reuniones

Martes, 13 de enero de 2026 a las 12 pm

Miércoles, 14 de enero de 2026 a las 6 pm (como parte de la reunión regular de la junta de AMBAG)

Martes, 20 de enero de 2026 a las 12 pm

Miércoles, 21 de enero de 2026 a las 6 pm, enfocado en el Condado de San Benito

Jueves, 22 de enero de 2026 a las 6 pm, enfocado en el Condado de Monterey

Martes, 27 de enero de 2026 a las 6 pm, enfocado en el Condado de Santa Cruz



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