

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (AMBAG) BOARD OF DIRECTORS FINDING THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY ACHIEVES THE REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGETS, AND ADOPTING THE FINAL 2014 REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST, AND THE 2035 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN, INCLUDING ITS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

WHEREAS, AMBAG is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO), pursuant to Title 23 United States Code Sections 134(a) and (g); and

WHEREAS, Title 23, Part 450 and Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), require AMBAG as the MPO to prepare and update a long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) every four years; and

WHEREAS, Section 65080 et seq. of the California Government Code requires AMBAG to prepare and update a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) every four years; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG has in coordination with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and San Benito County Council of Governments who each prepared a County's Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, each respective County Regional Transportation Plan is compiled within the 2035 MTP/SCS; and

WHEREAS, from May 2012 through June 2014, through the conduct of a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation planning process in conformance with all applicable federal and state requirements, AMBAG developed its latest MTP with a 2035 horizon year, which incorporates an SCS for the Monterey Bay Area region; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 MTP, including its SCS, contains an integrated set of public policies, strategies, and investments to maintain, manage, and improve the transportation system in the AMBAG region through the year 2035 and calls for development of an integrated intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient, economic movement of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, the required consultation with other agencies was conducted and adequate opportunity for public review and comment was provided, pursuant to State and federal law;

WHEREAS, the 2035 MTP/SCS considers, analyzes, and reflects, as appropriate, the metropolitan transportation planning process as identified in federal law, including the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users of 2005 and the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act as well as the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, and is based on reasonably available funding provisions; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 MTP/SCS serves as a Congestion Management Process identifying the most serious congestion problems and evaluating and incorporating, as appropriate, all reasonably available actions to reduce congestion, such as travel demand management and operational management strategies for all corridors with any proposed capacity increase; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Coast Air Basin, within which the AMBAG region is located, meets Federal Criteria Pollutant Ambient Air Quality Standards, is in Attainment Status for these standards, and is therefore exempt from a Clean Air Act conformity analysis; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Regional Growth Forecast was developed for planning purposes by working with local jurisdictions, and projects growth based on existing land use plans and policies, and demographic and economic trends; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary 2014 Regional Growth Forecast was accepted by the AMBAG Board of Directors on February 13, 2013, for planning purposes and includes the agreed upon conditions/changes in the Final 2014 Regional Growth Forecast; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(E) and federal public participation requirements, the 2035 MTP/SCS, was developed through a strategic, proactive, comprehensive public outreach and involvement program, which included: an adopted public participation plan; advertising in local and regional newspapers; distribution of public information materials, such as brochures and newsletters; a dedicated website; an interactive web-based visualization tool, seven noticed public hearings to receive testimony on the Draft 2035 MTP/SCS and the Environmental Impact Report; six workshops in March 2014 to facilitate public comment on the Draft 2035 MTP/SCS, and interagency coordination and involvement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(B), the AMBAG MTP/SCS: (i) identifies the general location of uses, residential densities, and building intensities within the region; (ii) identifies areas within the region sufficient to house all the population of the region, including all economic segments of the population, over the course of the planning period of the regional transportation plan taking into account net migration into the region, population growth, household formation and employment growth; (iii) identifies areas within the region sufficient to house an eight-year projection of the regional housing need for the region pursuant to Government Code Section 65584; (iv) identifies a transportation network to service the transportation needs of the region; (v) gathers and considers the best practically available scientific information regarding resource areas and farmland in the region as defined in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Government Code Section 65080.01; and (vi) considers the state housing goals specified in Sections Government Code 65580 and 65581;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(G), the SCS considered spheres of influence adopted by the Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito County Local Agency Formation Commissions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(B)(vii), the SCS set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and polices, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve the regional greenhouse gas emission targets set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB); and

WHEREAS, the CARB set the per capita greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for automobiles and light trucks for the AMBAG region at 0 percent by 2020 and 5 percent by 2035 from a 2005 base year;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY the AMBAG Board of Directors that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference; and

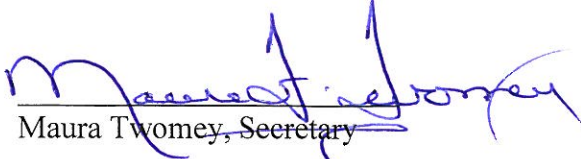
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMBAG Board of Directors finds that the 2035 MTP/SCS achieves the regional greenhouse gas reduction targets established by the CARB and meets the requirements of Senate Bill 375 as codified in Government Code §65080(b) et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMBAG Board of Directors does hereby adopt the Final 2035 MTP/SCS and the Final 2035 Regional Growth Forecast for the Monterey Bay Area region; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of June 2014.



Simon Salinas, President



Maura Twomey, Secretary