

## Appendix A: List of Acronyms

<b>ADA</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
<b>ALUC</b>	Airport Land Use Commission
<b>AMBAG</b>	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
<b>Caltrans</b>	California Department of Transportation
<b>CARB</b>	California Air Resources Board
<b>CEQA</b>	California Environmental Quality Act
<b>COG</b>	Council of Governments
<b>CHP</b>	California Highway Patrol
<b>CTC</b>	California Transportation Commission
<b>DEIR</b>	Draft Environmental Impact Report
<b>DOF</b>	Department of Finance (State of California)
<b>E&amp;D TAC</b>	Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
<b>EIR</b>	Environmental Impact Report
<b>EMFAC Model</b>	Emission Factors Model developed by CARB
<b>EPA</b>	Environmental Protection Agency
<b>EPSP</b>	Expedited Project Selection Procedures
<b>FAST-ACT</b>	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015
<b>FHWA</b>	Federal Highway Administration
<b>FSP</b>	Freeway Service Patrol

<b>FTA</b>	Federal Transit Administration
<b>FTIP</b>	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
<b>GHG</b>	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
<b>GIS</b>	Geographic Informational Systems
<b>IIJA/BIA</b>	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure At of 2021
<b>LEP</b>	Limited English Proficiency
<b>LTA</b>	San Benito County Local Transportation Authority
<b>LTC</b>	Local Transportation Commission (e.g. SBtCOG, SCCRTC, TAMC)
<b>MAC</b>	(Santa Cruz) METRO Advisory Committee
<b>MBARD</b>	Monterey Bay Air Resources District
<b>MCHA</b>	Monterey County Hospitality Association
<b>MPAD</b>	Monterey Peninsula Airport District
<b>MPO</b>	Metropolitan Planning Organization (e.g. AMBAG)
<b>MTP</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
<b>MST</b>	Monterey-Salinas Transit
<b>MTIP</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
<b>NEPA</b>	National Environmental Policy Act
<b>OWP</b>	Overall Work Program (the Monterey Bay region work program)
<b>PIP</b>	Public Involvement Program

<b>PPP</b>	Public Participation Plan
<b>RPC</b>	Rail Policy Committee
<b>RFP</b>	Request For Proposals
<b>RHNA</b>	Regional Housing Needs Assessment
<b>RIDES</b>	MST's Paratransit Program
<b>RSTP</b>	Regional Surface Transportation Program (funding source)
<b>RTIP</b>	Regional Transportation Improvement Program (prepared by RTPAs)
<b>RTP</b>	Regional Transportation Plan (prepared by RTPAs)
<b>RTPA</b>	Regional Transportation Planning Agency (e.g. SBtCOG, SCCRTC, TAMC)
<b>RTPAC</b>	Regional Transportation Plan Advisory Committee for San Benito COG
<b>SAFE</b>	Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways
<b>SAFETEA-LU</b>	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
<b>SB 375</b>	Senate Bill 375 - connects land use decisions to transportation emissions
<b>SBtCOG</b>	Council of San Benito County Governments
<b>SCCRTC</b>	Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
<b>SCMTD</b>	Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (or Santa Cruz METRO)
<b>SCS</b>	Sustainable Communities Strategy

<b>SIP</b>	State Implementation Plan
<b>S RTP</b>	Short Range Transit Plan
<b>SSTAC</b>	Social Service Transportation Advisory Council
<b>STIP</b>	State Transportation Improvement Plan
<b>TAC</b>	Technical Advisory Committee
<b>TAMC</b>	Transportation Agency for Monterey County
<b>TDA</b>	Transportation Development Act (funding source – locally generated)
<b>TOS</b>	Traffic Operations System
<b>UCSC</b>	University of California, Santa Cruz
<b>U.S. DOT</b>	United States Department of Transportation

## Appendix B: Public Participation Practices by Agency

### Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

Website: [www.ambag.org](http://www.ambag.org) Phone: (831) 883-3750 Fax: (831) 883-3755 E-mail: [info@ambag.org](mailto:info@ambag.org)

Item	Frequency	Web	Email	Mail	Media	Other
<b>MPO Meetings/Packets</b>	2nd Wednesday of each month (no meetings in July or December)	Posted 5-6 days prior to meeting	Notifications sent to distribution list and interested parties when packet posted on web	--	--	Meetings are hybrid and held throughout the tri-county region, but are usually held at the Air Resources District, 24580 Silver Cloud Ct, Monterey, CA 93940
<b>MPO Actions</b>	Approves plans, programs, projects, Agency studies and funding actions, and holds public hearings.	Agenda and minutes are posted on our webpage	Notification to interested parties when appropriate	To affected agencies, organizations or individuals as appropriate	Press releases distributed for significant agency actions.	Notifications are included in committee packets as appropriate
<b>Public Hearings</b>	As needed for plan, program, project and state and federal funding actions	Posted on the web page prior to the public hearing, in posted agendas.	Notification to interested parties and those who receive the MPO packets	--	Press releases issued for significant agency actions	Legal notices are published in newspapers of general circulation in each of the three counties. Notices also may be published in regional, community, or Spanish language newspapers to reach the affected area.
<b>Correspondence from the Public</b>	Varies	Responses included in Board agenda correspondence log, correspondence included with associated agenda items or by reference in staff reports.	Responses to e-mail correspondence generally made by e-mail	Responses to mail correspondence generally made by e-mail	--	--
<b>MPO Committees</b>	AMBAG utilizes our partner RTPA Committees for input from each of the three counties.					
<b>Approved plans, documents and/or project information</b>	As available (examples would include completed environmental documents, transportation plans, and approved studies)	Plans, documents and project information posted on the web	E-mail distribution to interested parties	Documents are mailed to major libraries if public comment is solicited	Press release issued when document approved of in advance of scheduled public hearings for significant agency actions	--
<b>Social Media</b>	Agency <i>Facebook</i> page regularly updated	Agency news and project information posted and updated regularly	--	--	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/MontereyBayAMBAG">https://www.facebook.com/MontereyBayAMBAG</a>	--
<b>Language Assistance</b>	We will provide physical outreach materials in larger fonts and in braille and electronic outreach materials in ADA compliant formatting for our visually impaired populations, provide audio recordings for our hearing impaired populations, ensure all public meetings are held in wheelchair accessible locations to comply with ADA standards and accommodate our physically disabled populations, and translate and display public hearing notices and flyers in both English and Spanish in newspapers and radio for our LEP populations.					
<b>Regional Clearinghouse</b>	Semi-monthly (on the 15th and last day of every month)	<a href="https://www.ambag.org/plans/regional-clearinghouse">https://www.ambag.org/plans/regional-clearinghouse</a>	Emailed to a listserv twice a month.	--	--	On the AMBAG Board Agenda each month.

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)**

Website: www.tamcmonterey.org Phone: (831) 775-0903 Fax: (831) 775-0897 E-mail: info@tamcmonterey.org

Item	Frequency	Web	Email	Mail	Media	Other
<b>Transportation Agency Meetings/Packets</b>	4th Wednesday of each month (1st Wednesday of December, no meetings in July or November)	Posted 4 days prior to meeting	Notification sent to distribution list and interested parties when packet posted on web.  Agenda and Agenda Packet are emailed to Board of Directors and major libraries.	--	Meetings are recorded and posted on the TAMC website and YouTube Channel.)	Meetings are generally held in Salinas at the Monterey County Government Center or the County of Monterey Agricultural Center as the alternate location if needed.
<b>Transportation Agency Actions</b>	Approves plans, programs, projects, Agency studies and funding actions	Agenda and minutes are posted on the webpage. .	Notification to interested parties if appropriate	To affected agencies, organizations or individuals as appropriate	Press releases distributed for significant agency actions.	Notification included in committee packets as appropriate
<b>Transportation Agency "Highlights"</b>	Following each Board of Directors meeting	Posted 1-3 days following meetings	Notification sent to distribution list, including member agencies, interested parties/individuals and county media	None	(see Email)	Agency highlights published in Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) Board of Directors agendas
<b>Public Hearings</b>	As needed for plan, program, project and state and federal funding actions	Legal notices are posted 1-2 weeks prior to hearing, materials posted with packet (at least 4 days prior)	Notification to interested parties and those who receive the Transportation Agency packets	(see Transportation Agency Meetings/Packets)	Press releases issued for significant agency actions and included in Transportation Agency Highlights and posted on the TAMC website and social media pages.	Notification included in committee packets as appropriate, signs may also be placed on A-frame barricades on major thoroughfares.
<b>Correspondence from the Public</b>	Varies	Responses included in Board agenda correspondence log, correspondence included with associated agenda items or by reference in staff reports.	Responses to e-mail correspondence generally made by e-mail	Written responses provided to written correspondence	None	Responses to social media inquiries or comments are posted via social media on the social media platform.
<b>Transportation Agency Committees</b>	Monthly meetings (No meetings scheduled in July)	Agenda and Agenda Packets and minutes are posted to Agency website	Agenda and Agenda Packets are emailed to committee members, notification about packet availability emailed to interested parties	Agenda and Agenda Packets are emailed to committee members	--	--

Item	Frequency	Web	Email	Mail	Media	Other
<b>Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee</b>	Meets quarterly in January, April, July and October	Agenda and Agenda Packets and minutes posted to Agency website	Notification sent to distribution list and interested parties when packet posted on web	--	Committee meetings are recorded and posted on the TAMC YouTube Channel.	Meetings are held at the Government Center on Schilling Place in Salinas or at the alternate location, the County of Monterey Agricultural Center if needed.
<b>Approved plans, documents and/or project information</b>	As available (examples would be completed environmental documents, Transportation Plans, and approved studies)	Plans, documents and project information are posted on the web	E-mail distribution to interested parties	Documents mailed to major libraries, if public comment is solicited	Press release issued when document approved of in advance of scheduled public hearings for significant agency actions	Notifications are posted on the TAMC social media platforms.
<b>E-newsletter subscriptions</b>	Project specific E-newsletter may be developed by the project team.	--	E-mail distribution to interested parties	--	--	--
<b>Social Media</b>	Agency <i>Facebook, Twitter, Instagram</i> pages are updated regularly	Agency news and project information are posted online	None	None	None	--
<b>Language Assistance</b>	Alternate formats (Spanish, hearing or sight impaired, etc.) as appropriate	Website content is translated into Spanish	Responses are provided in Spanish, as appropriate	Responses are provided in Spanish, as appropriate	Coordinate with Spanish language media	Public outreach such as Townhall meetings and workshops are conducted in Spanish in dominant Spanish language communities.

**Council of San Benito County Governments (SBtCOG)**

Website: www.sanbenitocog.org Phone: (831) 637-7665 Fax: (831) 636-4160 Email: info@sanbenitocog.org

Item	Frequency	Web	Email	Mail	Media	Other
<b>Board Meetings/Packets</b>	Monthly	Posted 5 days prior to meeting; all Agenda Items and Attachments are available to download and print	Notification sent to distribution list and interested parties when packet posted on web	None generally	--	--
<b>Board Actions</b>	As needed for high profile program/project decisions	Meeting highlights posted	Notification to interested parties, if appropriate	None generally	None generally	Notification included in committee packets as appropriate
<b>Public Hearings</b>	As needed for high profile program/project decisions and Environmental Documents	Notice posted 1-4 weeks prior to hearing, materials posted with packet (at least 5 days prior)	Notification to interested parties and those who receive the Board packets	None generally	Press releases and paid ads are sent 1-2 weeks in advance, and media advisory is sent the day before a public event. Public Notices are posted in a newspaper of general circulation.	Notification included in committee packets as appropriate, outreach to potentially affected stakeholder groups or community members if necessary
<b>Correspondence from the Public</b>	Varies	Entry included in correspondence log posted with packets	If correspondence received via e-mail, it is acknowledged via e-mail.	If correspondence requests a response, then a letter may be provided by mail.	None	Correspondence addressing specific projects may be included with that item in the Board meeting packets
<b>Advisory Committees</b>	Monthly, bi-monthly, and quarterly	Posted 5 days prior to meeting; all agenda items and attachments are available to download and print	Packets emailed, notification about packet availability emailed to interested parties	Packets mailed to committee members upon request	None, unless included in an important recommendation to the Board	--
<b>Approved plans, documents and/or project information</b>	As available (examples would be completed environmental analyses, RTPs, Project Information Sheets, etc.)	Plans, documents, info posted on the web	E-mail to interested parties	Documents mailed to County library upon request	Press releases are sent out when the document is available with information about the public hearing, if one is planned	Presentations are provide to the appropriate local boards, commissions and/or committees
<b>Social Media</b>	Frequent Facebook and Twitter posts	Rideshare website includes Facebook and Twitter links directing the public to its social media counts	Staff emails includes Facebook and Twitter links directing the public to its social media counts	--	--	--
<b>Language Assistance</b>	Alternate formats (Spanish, hearing or sight impaired, etc.) as appropriate	Google Translation widget available on COG website, Rideshare website and County Express transit website to translate these pages to Spanish	Full-time bilingual staff are available to respond to Spanish language correspondence	Written correspondence in Spanish is provided to the general public, upon request. Transit related documents are available to the general public in Spanish on an ongoing basis	Coordinate with Spanish language media, as appropriate.	All notices for public hearings and public meetings are made available in Spanish language format; interpreter services are provided for annual Unmet Transit Needs Hearings.

**Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC)**

Website: www.sccrtc.org Phone: (831) 460-3200 Fax: (831) 460-3215 E-mail: info@sccrtc.org

Item	Frequency	Web	Email	Mail	Media	Other
<b>SCCRTC Meetings/Agenda Packets</b>	1-2 times per month, second meeting in a workshop format	Posted 3-6 days prior to meeting	Notification sent to distribution list and interested parties (eNews) when packet posted on web	Packet mailed to Commissioners and major libraries.	Main meeting is televised and rebroadcast on Community TV, media notified by email when packet is posted on web	Meetings are held throughout the County; hard copy of agenda packet is available at SCCRTC office, major libraries, some partner agency offices, and posted on social media
<b>SCCRTC Actions</b>	As needed for high profile program/project decisions	Press release and/or news feed posted	Notifications to interested parties (eNews), if appropriate	None generally	Press release distributed before and/or after SCCRTC action (meeting)	Notification included in committee packets as appropriate and posted on social media
<b>SCCRTC Highlights</b>	Following main monthly meeting	Posted 1-2 days following the meeting	Notifications sent to city councilmembers, transit district board members, media, chambers of commerce, SCCRTC committee members and to interested parties through enews	None	(see Email)	Meeting highlights are posted on the SCCRTC social media channels
<b>Public Hearings</b>	As needed for high profile program/project decisions	Notice posted 10 or more days prior to hearing, materials posted with packet (at least 4 days prior)	Notification to interested parties (eNews) and those who receive the SCCRTC packets	(see SCCRTC Meetings/Agenda Packets)	Press release sent 1-2 weeks in advance, media advisory sent the day before if a public event, paid ads may also be placed 1-2 weeks in advance	Notification included in committee packets as appropriate, posted on social media, and signs may also be placed on A-frame barricades on major thoroughfares.
<b>Correspondence from the Public</b>	Varies	Entry included in correspondence log posted with packets	If correspondence is received via e-mail, it is acknowledged via e-mail.	None	None	Correspondence addressing specific SCCRTC projects may be included with that item in the SCCRTC meeting packets.
<b>SCCRTC Committees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interagency Technical</li> <li>• Bicycle</li> <li>• Elderly &amp; Disabled</li> </ul>	Every 1-2 months	Packets posted on web	Packets emailed, notification about packet availability emailed to interested parties (eNews)	Packets mailed to committee members that request it, fees may apply per SCCRTC Rules and Regulations	None, unless included in an important recommendation to the SCCRTC	--
<b>Approved SCCRTC plans, documents and/or project information</b>	As available (examples would be completed environmental analyses, RTPs, RTIPs, feasibility analyses, Traffic Monitoring Reports, etc.)	Plans, documents, info posted on the web	Link to posted document provided and emailed to interested parties (eNews)	Documents mailed to major libraries, if public comment is solicited	Press release sent out when document available with information about the public hearing, if one planned	Hard copies available in SCCRTC office and public libraries, as appropriate

Item	Frequency	Web	Email	Mail	Media	Other
<b>Social Media</b>	Several times a week	Post RTC news, updates, events, videos and photos on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor as available	None	None	None	--
<b>Language Assistance</b>	Alternate formats (Spanish, hearing or visually impaired, etc.) as appropriate	New website will be fully accessible for disabled users and have Spanish translation options	Currently limited	Currently limited	Coordinate with Spanish language media, as appropriate.	--



## Appendix C: Partner Transportation Agency Contacts

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<p>Ms. Maura Twomey          Executive Director          Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments          24580 Silver Cloud Court          Monterey, CA 93940          (831) 883-3750  <a href="mailto:mtwomey@ambag.org">mtwomey@ambag.org</a></p>	<p>Mr. Michael Tree          CEO/General Manager          Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District          370 Encinal Street, Suite 100          Santa Cruz, CA 95060          (831) 426-6080  <a href="mailto:mtree@scmtd.com">mtree@scmtd.com</a></p>
<p>Ms. Binu Abraham          Executive Director          Council of San Benito County Governments          330 Tres Pino Road, C7          Hollister, CA 95023          (831) 637-7665, Ext. 207  <a href="mailto:babraham@sanbenitocog.org">babraham@sanbenitocog.org</a></p>	<p>Mr. Todd Muck          Executive Director          Transportation Agency for Monterey County          55-B Plaza Circle          Salinas, CA 93901-2902          (831) 775-0903  <a href="mailto:Todd@tamcmonterey.org">Todd@tamcmonterey.org</a></p>
<p>Mr. Carl Sedoryk          General Manager/CEO          Monterey-Salinas Transit          19 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Suite 200          Monterey, CA 93940          (831) 264-5001  <a href="mailto:csedoryk@mst.org">csedoryk@mst.org</a></p>	<p>Mr. Richard Stedman          Air Pollution Control Officer          Monterey Bay Air Resources District          24580 Silver Cloud Court          Monterey, CA 93940          (831) 647-9411  <a href="mailto:rstedman@mbard.org">rstedman@mbard.org</a></p>

## Appendix D: List of Stakeholders

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
Ag Land Trust		X			Agricultural Interest Group	Local
Agri-Culture				X	Agricultural Interest Group	Local
Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association		X	X		Agricultural Interest Group	Local
California Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (CALSAWG)				X	Agricultural Interest Group	State
Camp Joy Gardens				X	Agricultural Interest Group	Local
Community Alliance with Family Farmers				X	Agricultural Interest Group	Local
Monterey Farm Bureau		X			Agricultural Interest Group	Local
Organic Farming Research Foundation				X	Agricultural Interest Group	National
San Benito Farm Bureau			X		Agricultural Interest Group	Local
Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau				X	Agricultural Interest Group	Local
Hollister Municipal Airport			X		Airport Operation Agencies	Local
King City (Mesa del Rey) Airport		X			Airport Operation Agencies	Local
Marina Municipal Airport		X			Airport Operation Agencies	Local
Monterey Peninsula Airport District		X			Airport Operation Agencies	Local
Salinas Municipal Airport		X			Airport Operation Agencies	Local
Watsonville Municipal Airport				X	Airport Operation Agencies	Local
Bike - Velo Club		X			Bicycle & Pedestrian Interest Group	Local
Bike Santa Cruz County				X	Bicycle & Pedestrian Interest Group	Local

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
Bike Smart!/Ecology Action		X		X	Bicycle & Pedestrian Interest Group	Local
FORT (Friends of the Rail and Trail)				X	Bicycle & Pedestrian Interest Group	Local
Mission Pedestrian				X	Bicycle & Pedestrian Interest Group	Local
Monterey Off Road Cycling Association		X			Bicycle & Pedestrian Interest Group	Local
Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz				X	Bicycle & Pedestrian Interest Group	Local
National Bike Greenway/Cycle America				X	Bicycle & Pedestrian Interest Group	National Interest Group
Rails to Trails				X	Bicycle & Pedestrian Interest Group	National Interest Group
Salinas Bicycle Committee		X			Bicycle & Pedestrian Interest Group	Local
Santa Cruz County Cycling Club				X	Bicycle & Pedestrian Interest Group	Local
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz				X	Children & Youth Services	Local
CASA of Santa Cruz County				X	Children & Youth Services	Local
CASA of San Benito County			X		Children & Youth Services	Local
Boys and Girls Clubs of Monterey County		X			Children & Youth Services	Local
Boys and Girls Club of Santa Cruz				X	Children & Youth Services	Local
Child Development Resource Center				X	Children & Youth Services	Local
Community Bridges				X	Children & Youth Services	Local
Digital Nest		X		X	Children & Youth Services	Local
Hollister Youth Alliance			X		Children & Youth Services	Local

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Jovenes SANOS				X	Children & Youth Services	Local
Pajaro Valley Children's Center				X	Children & Youth Services	Local
YES! Helping Outstanding Young Leaders				X	Children & Youth Services	Local
YMCA			X	X	Children & Youth Services	Local
Builders Exchange of the Central Coast		X			Development Interest Group	Local
Builders - Don Chapin		X			Development Interest Group	Local
Builders - Granite Construction		X		X	Development Interest Group	Local
Building Trades Association		X			Development Interest Group	Local
Felton Business Association				X	Development Interest Group	Local
Carpenters Union Local 505/506		X			Development Interest Group	Local
Graniterock		X	X	X	Development Interest Group	Local
Monterey Bay Central Labor Council		X			Development Interest Group	Local
Monterey County Realtors Association		X			Development Interest Group	Local
Salinas Valley Builders Exchange		X			Development Interest Group	Local
Aptos Chamber of Commerce				X	Economic Development Agency	Local
Capitola Soquel Chamber of Commerce				X	Economic Development Agency	Local
Carmel Chamber of Commerce		X			Economic Development Agency	Local
Economic Development Corporation San Benito County			X		Economic Development Agency	Local
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Monterey County		X			Economic Development Agency	Local

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
Hollister Downtown Association			X		Economic Development Agency	Local
Marina Chamber of Commerce		X			Economic Development Agency	Local
Monterey Bay Economic Partnership		X	X	X	Economic Development Agency	Local
Monterey County Business Council		X			Economic Development Agency	Local
Monterey County Taxpayers Association		X			Economic Development Agency	Local
Monterey County Visitors & Convention Bureau		X			Economic Development Interest Group	Local
Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce		X			Economic Development Agency	Local
Monterey Peninsula Hospitality Association		X			Economic Development Association	Local
North Monterey County Chamber of Commerce		X			Economic Development Agency	Local
Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce		X			Economic Development Agency	Local
Pajaro Valley Chamber of Commerce		X		X	Economic Development Agency	Local
Pleasure Point Business Association				X	Economic Development Agency	Local
Salinas City Center Improvement Association		X			Economic Development Agency	Local
Salinas United Business Association (SUBA)		X			Economic Development Agency	Local

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce		X			Economic Development Agency	Local
San Benito County Business Council			X		Economic Development Agency	Local
San Benito County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau			X		Economic Development Agency	Local
San Lorenzo Valley Chamber of Commerce				X	Economic Development Agency	Local
Santa Cruz Business Council				X	Economic Development Agency	Local
Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce				X	Economic Development Agency	Local
Santa Cruz Downtown Association				X	Economic Development Agency	Local
Seaside/Sand City Chamber of Commerce		X			Economic Development Agency	Local
Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce				X	Economic Development Agency	Local
South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council			X		Economic Development Agency	Local
The Harvey-Baker House		X			Economic Development Interest Group	Local
Workforce Investment Board		X			Economic Development Agency	Local
Arts Council Santa Cruz County				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
CHISPA Housing		X	X		Economic Justice Interest Group	Local

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
San Benito County Arts Council			X		Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
EDD				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Familia Center				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Family Service Association, Santa Cruz				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Fenix Services				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Food & Nutrition Services				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Goodwill Industries				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Homeless Community Resource Center				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Homeless Garden Project				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
H.O.M.E. Resource Center			X		Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Loaves and Fishes		X		X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Lomak Property Group				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local

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LULAC Salinas Council #2055		X			Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
My Father's House			X		Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Pajaro Valley Art Council		X		X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Pajaro Valley Shelter Services		X		X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Parents Center				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Peace Coalition of Monterey County		X			Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Salvation Army		X	X	X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Santa Cruz Aids Project				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
South County Property Management				X	Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Southern Monterey County Rural Community Coalition		X			Economic Justice Interest Group	Local
Bonny Doon Union Elementary School District Office				X	Educational Institution	Local
Cabrillo College				X	Educational Institution	Local
Cal State Monterey Bay		X			Educational Institution	Local/State
County Office of Education		X		X	Educational Institution	Local
Happy Valley Union Elementary School District Office				X	Educational Institution	Local

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
Hartnell College		X			Educational Institution	Local
Hollister School District			X		Educational Institution	Local
Institute of Marine Sciences (IMS)				X	Educational Institution	Local
Live Oak School District Office				X	Educational Institution	Local
Monterey Peninsula College		X			Educational Institution	Local
Mountain Elementary School District Office				X	Educational Institution	Local
Naval Postgraduate School		X			Educational Institution	Local
Pacific Elementary School District Office				X	Educational Institution	Local
Pajaro Valley Unified School District Office		X		X	Educational Institution	Local
San Benito County Office of Education			X		Educational Institution	Local
Hollister High School			X		Educational Institution	Local
San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District				X	Educational Institution	Local
Santa Cruz City School District Office				X	Educational Institution	Local
Santa Cruz County Office of Education				X	Educational Institution	Local
Santa Cruz County Office of Education Charter Schools Office				X	Educational Institution	Local
Scotts Valley Unified School District Office				X	Educational Institution	Local
Soquel Union Elementary School District Office				X	Educational Institution	Local
University of California Santa Cruz (Transportation Department)				X	Educational Institution	Local/State

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AARP			X	X	Elderly & Disabled Community	National Interest Group
Access Options, Inc.				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Advocacy Inc.				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Aegis of Aptos				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)			X		Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Alliance on Aging		X			Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Alcoholics Anonymous			X	X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Alexandria Victoria Retirement Assisted Living				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Alzheimer's Association				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local/State
American Red Cross			X	X	Elderly & Disabled Community	National
Apria Healthcare				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Arbor Cove Senior Commons				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Area Agency on Aging		X	X	X	Elderly & Disabled Community	State
Bike Santa Cruz County				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local

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Cabrillo College (Stroke)				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
California Grey Bears				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
California Senior Alliance				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	State
Californians for Disability Rights				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Capitola Manor				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Capitola/Soquel Community Activities				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
CCCIL		X		X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Central Coast Alliance for Health		X	X	X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Central Coast Center for Independent Living		X	X		Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Central Coast Energy Services, Inc.				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Central Coast Surgery Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Chanticleer Home				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Cindy's Celebrations Inc.				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Community Voice for Aging		X			Elderly & Disabled Community	Local

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Community Bridges (CTSA)				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Community Options				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Companion for Life Project/Lifeline Project				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Conflict Resolution Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
County Villa Watsonville East Nursing Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Country Villa Watsonville West Nursing & Rehab Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Courtesy Cab				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Cozy Home				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Cresthaven Nursing Home				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
De Un Amor				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Del Mar Caregiver Resource Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Dominican Hospital				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Dominican Oaks Retirement Community				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Driftwood Healthcare Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local

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Easter Seals (Central California)				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Ecology Action		X		X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
El Dorado Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Elderday				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Emmaus House			X		Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Employment and Community Options				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Employment Development Department			X	X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Esperanza Center			X		Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Family Service Agency of the Central Coast				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
First Transit Services, Inc.				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Flor's Guest Home				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Front Street Residential Care				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Garfield Park Village				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local

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Golden Age Convalescent Hospital				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Goodwill Industries				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Hanover Guest Home				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Head Start Administration				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
HOPE Services			X	X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Imagine				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Joe's Wheelchair Services				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Jovenes de Antano			X		Economic Development Agency	Local
La Posada				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Legal Aid Society of Santa Cruz County				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Leukemia Society of America				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Lifespan Care				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Lincare, Inc.				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Live Oak Community Resources				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local

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Louden Nelson Community Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Maple House I & II				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Meals on Wheels			X	X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Mental Health In Patient Services				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Mental Health Resource Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Metro Advisory Committee				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Mid-County Senior Center, Inc.				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Mission Pedestrian				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Monterey & San Benito County Military & Veteran's Services		X	X		Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
MST Mobility Advisory Committee		X			Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
NovaCare Orthotics & Prosthetics				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Oak Tree Villa				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Office of the Public Guardian				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Ombudsman Advocate, Inc.				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local

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Pacific Coast Manor				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Palomar Inn				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Planned Parenthood Health Centers				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Project Scout				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Pula Services				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Rillera Guest Home				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Rose Acres				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Salud Para La Gente, Inc.				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Salvation Army		X	X	X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Salvation Army Corps Community Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
San Andreas Regional Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
San Benito Health Foundation			X		Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local

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Santa Cruz County Health Service Agency				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Santa Cruz County Immigration Project				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Santa Cruz County Veterans Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Santa Cruz Healthcare Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Santa Cruz Host Lions Club				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Santa Cruz Women's Health Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Sarro Associates, Inc.				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Satellite Dialysis				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
SCCCC				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
SCRP				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Seaview Guest Home				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Senior Citizens Legal Services			X	X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Senior Citizens Opportunity				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local

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Senior Living Centers				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Senior Network Services			X	X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Seniors Council				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Seniors Council SCR & SBT Counties			X		Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Senior Services				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Shoreline Work Force Development Services				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Skills Center – Mobile Work Group				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Skills Center – Pajaro Valley Training Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Soquel Leisure Villa				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Sunshine Villa				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Sutter Maternity & Surgery Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
The Shelter Project				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Twilight Manor				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Valley Convalescent Hospital				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local

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Valley Haven Care Home				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Valley Heights Senior Rental Community				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Veterans Employment				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Veterans Services Office - Watsonville				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Via Pacifica Gardens				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Victorian Home Care Inc.				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Vista Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Watsonville Community Hospital				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Watsonville Health Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Watsonville Parks & Recreation Department				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Watsonville Residential Care, Inc.				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Watsonville Satellite Dialysis Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Watsonville Senior Center				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local

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WomenCARE				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Women's Crisis Support/Defensa De Mujeres				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
Youth Services				X	Elderly & Disabled Community	Local
American Medical Response				X	Emergency Services	Local
California Office of Traffic Safety			X	X	Emergency Services	Local
Central Coast Energy Services, Inc.				X	Emergency Services	Local
Santa Cruz Regional 911			XFF	X	Emergency Services	Local
Agricultural History Project (AHP) Museum				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Beyond Pesticides				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Bus-by-Choice Santa Cruz				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
California Center for Land Recycling				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
California Native Plants Society		X		X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
California Rural Legal Assistance				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
California Sustainable Agricultural Working Group				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
CalPIRG at UCSC				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Camp Joy Gardens				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local

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Campaign for Sustainable Transportation				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Citizens for Responsible Forest Management (CRFM)				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Coastal Watershed Council				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Ducks Unlimited, Inc. – Santa Cruz Chapter				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Earth First!				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Ecology Action		X		X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Elkhorn Slough Foundation		X		X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Environmental Council				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Extinction Rebellion		X		X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Farm Without Harm				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Friends and Neighbors of the Elkhorn Slough (FANS)		X			Environmental Interest Group	Local
Friends of Arana Gulch				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Friends of Moss Landing Marine Laboratories		X		X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local

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Friends of Soquel Creek				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Friends of the North Coast				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Friends of the Sea Otter				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
International Institute for Ecological Agriculture				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Island Conservation				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Keep the Green Belt Green				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Land Trust of Santa Cruz County				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Life Lab Science Program				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Lompico Watershed Conservancy				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Marine Mammal Center – Monterey Bay Operations				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Mission Springs Outdoor Education				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Mountain Parks Foundation				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local

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National Environmental Directory				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Natural Resources Conservation Service				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Ocean Conservancy				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
O'Neill Sea Odyssey				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Open Space Alliance Santa Cruz				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Open Space Authority				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Outdoor Science Exploration and Classroom Science Fun				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Otter Project, Inc.				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Pelagic Shark Research Foundation				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Rails to Trails				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Rising Sun Energy Center				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
San Andreas Land Conservancy				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
San Lorenzo River Institute				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Santa Cruz Bird Club				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local

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Santa Cruz Climate Action Network				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Santa Cruz County Cycling Club				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Santa Cruz Greens				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Santa Cruz Hub for Sustainable Living				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Santa Cruz Mountains Bioregional Council				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Santa Cruz Recycling Project				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Save Our Shores				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Sempervirens Fund				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Seymour Marina Discovery Center				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Sunrise Movement		X		X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Surfers Environmental Alliance				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Sustainable Conservation				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Sustainable Monterey County		X			Environmental Interest Group	Local

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The Monterey Bay Conservancy				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Valley Women's Club of the San Lorenzo Valley				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Ventana Wilderness Alliance				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Watsonville Wetlands Watch				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Wild Farm Alliance				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Yes! Helping Outstanding Young Leaders				X	Environmental Interest Group	Local
Above the Line				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Beach Area Working Group				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
California Grey Bears				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Community Action Board of San Benito County			X		Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc.				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Community Alliance with Family Farmers				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Community Foodbank of San Benito County			X		Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local

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Environmental Community Housing Organization Inc.				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Homeless Task Force of San Benito County			X		Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Legal Aid Society of Santa Cruz County				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Office of The Public Guardian				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Regeneración				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Salud Para La Gente, Inc.				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Santa Cruz Action Network				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Santa Cruz County Immigration Project				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Second Harvest Food Bank				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Si Se Puede				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
United Way of San Benito County			X		Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
United Way of Santa Cruz County				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Valley Churches United Missions				X	Environmental Justice Advocacy Group	Local
Bureau of Land Management	X		X		Federal Government Agency	Federal
California Environmental Protection Agency	X	X	X	X	Federal Government Agency	Federal

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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary		X		X	Federal Government Agency	Federal
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration			X	X	Federal Government Agency	Federal
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	X		X	X	Federal Government Agency	Federal
U.S. Congress			X	X	Federal Government Agency	Federal
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	X	X	X	X	Federal Government Agency	Federal
U.S. EPA – Region IX	X		X		Federal Government Agency	Federal
U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	X	X	X	X	Federal Government Agency	Federal
U.S. Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	X	X	X	X	Federal Government Agency	Federal
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	X		X		Federal Government Agency	Federal
U.S. National Park Service			X	X	Federal Government Agency	Federal
Santa Cruz County Veterans Center				X	Federal Government Agency – Local Branch	Local
Veterans Services Office Watsonville				X	Federal Government Agency – Local Branch	Local
Los Padres National Forest – Monterey		X			Federal Public Lands & Management Agencies	Federal
National Park Service – Pinnacles	X		X		Federal Public Lands & Management Agencies	Federal
Pinnacles National Park			X		Federal Public Lands & Management Agencies	Federal
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	X	X	X	X	Federal Public Lands & Management Agencies	Federal
California Dump Truck Owners Association		X			Freight Shippers	State Interest Group

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California Trucking Association		X			Freight Shippers	State Interest Group
Central Coast Grower-Shippers Vegetable Association		X			Freight Shippers	Local
Grower-Shipper Association of Central California		X	X	X	Freight Shippers	Local
St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Co.				X	Freight Shippers	Local
Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve		X		X	Government Agencies & Non-Profits	Federal
League of California Cities		X	X		Government Interest Group	State Interest Group
League of Women Voters – Monterey Peninsula		X			Government Interest Group	National Interest Group – Local Chapter
League of Women Voters – Salinas Valley		X			Government Interest Group	National Interest Group – Local Chapter
League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz				X	Government Interest Group	National Interest Group – Local Chapter
California Mobilehome Residential Action Association				X	Homeowners Association	State Interest Group
Corralitos Valley Community Council				X	Homeowners Association	Local
La Selva Beach Improvement Ass				X	Homeowners Association	Local
Live Oak Neighbors				X	Homeowners Association	Local
Monterey Homeowners Association		X			Homeowners Association	Local
Oak Hills Homeowners Association		X			Homeowners Association	Local
Prunedale Neighbors Group		X			Homeowners Association	Local
Rio Del Mar Improvement Association				X	Homeowners Association	Local
Seacliff Improvement Association				X	Homeowners Association	Local

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Big Sur Land Trust		X			Land Conservation/Development Interest Group	Local
Carmel Valley Association		X			Land Conservation/Development Interest Group	Local
Land Trust of Santa Cruz County				X	Land Conservation/Development Interest Group	Local
LandWatch Monterey County		X			Land Conservation/Development Interest Group	Local
Monterey County Land Trust		X			Land Conservation/Development Interest Group	Local
Open Space Alliance				X	Land Conservation/Development Interest Group	Local
San Benito County Land Trust			X		Land Conservation/Development Interest Group	Local
Save Soquel				X	Land Conservation/Development Interest Group	Local
Scotts Valley Citizens for Responsible Growth				X	Land Conservation/Development Interest Group	Local

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Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter			X		Land Conservation/Development Interest Group	Local
Sierra Club, Ventana Chapter		X		X	Land Conservation/Development Interest Group	Local
City & County Elected Officials	X	X	X	X	Local Government Agency	Local
City & County Police Departments	X	X	X	X	Local Government Agency	Local
City & County Public Works Departments	X	X	X	X	Local Government Agency	Local
City of Capitola	X			X	Local Government Agency	Local
City of Carmel-By-the-Sea	X	X			Local Government Agency	Local
City of Del Rey Oaks	X	X			Local Government Agency	Local
City of Gonzales	X	X			Local Government Agency	Local
City of Greenfield	X	X			Local Government Agency	Local
City of Hollister	X		X		Local Government Agency	Local
City of King City	X	X			Local Government Agency	Local
City of Marina	X	X			Local Government Agency	Local
City of Monterey	X	X			Local Government Agency	Local
City of Pacific Grove	X	X			Local Government Agency	Local
City of Salinas	X	X			Local Government Agency	Local
City of San Juan Bautista	X		X		Local Government Agency	Local
City of Sand City	X	X			Local Government Agency	Local
City of Santa Cruz	X			X	Local Government Agency	Local
City of Scotts Valley	X			X	Local Government Agency	Local
City of Seaside	X	X			Local Government Agency	Local
City of Soledad	X	X			Local Government Agency	Local
City of Watsonville	X			X	Local Government Agency	Local

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County Boards of Supervisors	X	X	X	X	Local Government Agency	Local
County of Monterey	X	X			Local Government Agency	Local
County of San Benito	X		X		Local Government Agency	Local
County of Santa Cruz	X			X	Local Government Agency	Local
County Operations of Emergency Services Departments (OES)		X	X	X	Local Government Agency	Local
County Sheriff Departments		X	X	X	Local Government Agency	Local
Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO)		X	X	X	Local Government Agency	Local
Monterey County Water Resources		X			Local Government Agency	Local
Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD)	X	X	X	X	Local Government Agency	Local
Monterey County Dept. of Social Services		X			Local Government Agency	Local
Monterey County Office of Education		X			Local Government Agency	Local
Monterey County Public Works		X			Local Government Agency	Local
Monterey Regional Parks		X			Local Government Agency	Local
North County Fire Protection District		X			Local Government Agency	Local
San Benito COG			X		Local Government Agency	Local
San Benito County Airport and Land Use Commission			X		Local Government Agency	Local
San Benito County Farm Bureau			X		Local Government Agency	Local
San Benito County Health and Human Services Agency – Public Health Services			X		Local Government Agency	Local
San Benito Local Transportation Authority			X		Local Government Agency	Local

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San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development				X	Local Government Agency	Local
Santa Cruz County Conference & Visitors Council				X	Local Government Agency	Local
Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency				X	Local Government Agency	Local
Santa Cruz County HRA				X	Local Government Agency	Local
Santa Cruz County Immigration Project				X	Local Government Agency	Local
Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District				X	Local Government Agency	Local
San Juan Bautista Chamber of Commerce			X		Local Government Agency	Local
Santa Cruz METRO				X	Local Government Transportation Agency	Local
Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST)		X			Local Government Transportation Agency	Local
Sunnyslope County Water District			X		Local Government Agency	Local
Alianza Metropolitan News				X	Media	Local
Benitolink			X		Media	Local
Charter Communications		X	X		Media	Local
Community Television		X		X	Media	Local
El Andar				X	Media	Local
El Sol		X			Media	Local
Growing Up in Santa Cruz				X	Media	Local
KAZA				X	Media	Local
KAZU				X	Media	Local
KAZU 90.3 FM—NPR (Pacific Grove)		X			Media	Local

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KAZU-FM		X			Media	Local
KBAY/KEEN		X			Media	Local
KCBA TV/Fox 35		X	X	X	Media	Local
KCDU Radio				X	Media	Local
KFRC		X			Media	Local
KICU				X	Media	Local
KIDD				X	Media	Local
KKMC				X	Media	Local
KLEL FM				X	Media	Local
KLVM				X	Media	Local
KMST—Monterey County Office of Education		X			Media	Local
KMUV—Telemundo (North County)		X			Media	Local
KNRY				X	Media	Local
KOTR 11 (My Monterey)		X			Media	Local
KRAY				X	Media	Local
KRXA		X			Media	Local
KSBW		X	X	X	Media	Local
KSCO				X	Media	Local
KSCO 1080 AM—News/Talk		X			Media	Local
KSMS		X			Media	Local
KSOL				X	Media	Local
KWAV Magic 63		X		X	Media	Local
KZSC				X	Media	Local
Los Gatos Weekly-Times Saratoga News				X	Media	Local
Marina Gazette		X			Media	Local
Mid-County Post				X	Media	Local

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Monterey County Weekly		X			Media – Newspaper	Local
Mountain Network News				X	Media	Local
Railway Track & Structures Magazine		X		X	Media	Local
Santa Cruz Local				X	Media	
Lookout Santa Cruz				X	Media	
Register Pajaronian		X		X	Media	Local
San Jose Mercury News		X	X	X	Media	Local
Scotts Valley Banner/Valley Press				X	Media	Local
Small Business Monthly				X	Media	Local
The Mid County Post				X	Media	Local
The Ventana				X	Media	Local
Times Publishing Group, Inc.				X	Media	Local
Aptos Life				X	Media – Newspaper	Local
Bay City News Service				X	Media – Newspaper	Local
Cabrillo College Voice				X	Media – Newspaper	Local
City On A Hill				X	Media – Newspaper	Local
Good Times				X	Media – Newspaper	Local
Hollister Free Lance			X		Media – Newspaper	Local
Santa Cruz Patch				X	Media – Newspaper	Local
Santa Cruz Sentinel				X	Media – Newspaper	Local
San Lorenzo Valley Post				X	Media – Newspaper	
South County Newspapers, LLC		X			Media – Newspaper	Local
Ford Hunter Liggett Newsletter		X			Media – Newspaper	Local
The Carmel Pine Cone		X			Media – Newspaper	Local
The Monterey County Herald		X			Media – Newspaper	Local
The Greenfield News		X			Media – Newspaper	Local
The King City Rustler		X			Media – Newspaper	Local

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
The Monterey County Herald		X			Media – Newspaper	Local
The Salinas Californian		X			Media – Newspaper	Local
The Soledad Bee		X			Media – Newspaper	Local
The Watsonville Register Pajaronian		X			Media – Newspaper	Local
Transportation Think Tank Bulletin Board				X	Media – Newspaper	Local
ClearChannel Radio		X			Media – Radio	Local
KCBS Radio				X	Media – Radio	Local
KCDU-FM/101.7 The Beach		X			Media – Radio	Local
KDON FM		X	X	X	Media – Radio	Local
KEXA 93.9 FM—Blend – Spanish		X			Media – Radio	Local
KGO Radio				X	Media – Radio	Local
KHDC 90.9 FM—News/Talk – Spanish		X			Media – Radio	Local
KHDC-FM		X			Media – Radio	Local
KHIP-FM		X			Media – Radio	Local
KIDD-AM		X			Media – Radio	Local
KKMC-AM		X			Media – Radio	Local
KLOK 99.5 FM – Spanish		X			Media – Radio	Local
KLOK-FM		X			Media – Radio	Local
KMBX 700 AM – Spanish		X			Media – Radio	Local
KMJV 106.3 FM – Spanish		X			Media – Radio	Local
KMPG-AM			X		Media – Radio	Local
KNBR Radio				X	Media – Radio	Local
KNRY 1240 AM—News/Talk		X			Media – Radio	Local
KNRY-AM		X			Media – Radio	Local
KOCN Radio		X		X	Media – Radio	Local
KPIG – FM				X	Media – Radio	Local

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
KPRC 100.7 & 100.9 FM – Spanish		X			Media – Radio	Local
KRAY 103.5 FM—Regional Mexican Hits – Spanish		X			Media – Radio	Local
KRKC – AM/FM		X			Media – Radio	Local
KRML- AM		X		X	Media – Radio	Local
KSEA-FM 107.9 FM – Spanish		X			Media – Radio	Local
KSES 107.1 FM – Spanish		X			Media – Radio	Local
KSES Radio				X	Media – Radio	Local
KSQD 90.7 FM				X	Media – Radio	Local
KTGE 1570 AM—Oldies – Spanish		X			Media – Radio	Local
KTOM FM/AM		X		X	Media – Radio	Local
KUFX FM				X	Media – Radio	Local
KUSP 88.9 FM—NPR (Santa Cruz): King City 91.7, Big Sur Coast: 105.9		X			Media – Radio	Local
KUSP FM				X	Media – Radio	Local
KWAV-FM		X			Media – Radio	Local
KYAA-AM		X			Media – Radio	Local
KYZZ Jammin 97.9 FM				X	Media – Radio	Local
La Preciosa 92.3 Radio		X		X	Media – Radio	Local
Wolfhouse Radio Group Inc. – Spanish		X			Media – Radio	Local
AT&T CABLE - TV		X	X		Media – Television	Local
Comcast Cable		X	X	X	Media – Television	Local
KCBA/KION-TV		X	X		Media – Television	Local
KCBA—FOX		X	X		Media – Television	Local
KCU 15 – Telemundo—Spanish Television		X	X		Media – Television	Local
KION TV		X	X	X	Media – Television	Local

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
KION—CBS		X	X		Media – Television	Local
KSBW—NBC		X	X	X	Media – Television	Local
KSBW-TV		X	X	X	Media – Television	Local
KSMS-TV (Channel 67) Univision		X	X		Media – Television	Local
KSTS TV 48 Telemundo		X	X	X	Media – Television	Local
KVTU				X	Media – Television	
Monterey County Channel (Comcast Channel 28)		X			Media – Television	Local
Community Media Access Partnership				X	Media – Television	Local
County of Santa Clara					Other Adjacent Government Agency	Local
City of San Jose					Other Adjacent Government Agency	Local
Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)				X	Other Adjacent Government Agency – Transportation	Local
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority			X	X	Other Adjacent Government Agency – Transportation	Local
Action Pajaro Valley		X		X	Other Interested Party	Local
Ag Against Hunger		X	X	X	Other Interested Party	Local
Apex Strategies			X	X	Other Interested Party	Local
Brown Berets		X		X	Other Interested Party	Local
Building Healthy Communities		X			Other Interested Party	Local
California Alliance for Jobs		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Capitola/Soquel Community Activities				X	Other Interested Party	Local
Center for Community Advocacy		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Central Coast Agricultural Task Force		X			Other Interested Party	Local

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
CirclePoint			X	X	Other Interested Party	Local
City Managers Association		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Community Foundation for Monterey County		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Community Foundation of San Benito County			X		Other Interested Party	Local
Community Hospital (MONTAGE)		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Community Improvement Systems Planning Association (CHISPA)		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Convention and Visitors Bureau		X		X	Other Interested Party	Local
Friends of the San Benito County Free Library			X		Other Interested Party	Local
Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Library				X	Other Interested Party	Local
Gavilan College			X		Other Interested Party	Local
Granite Rock		X	X	X	Other Interested Party	Local
Hatch Mott MacDonald				X	Other Interested Party	Local
Hollister Downtown Association			X		Other Interested Party	Local
Hollister Elks Lodge			X		Other Interested Party	Local
Hollister Rotary Club			X		Other Interested Party	Local
Hazel Hawkins Hospital Foundation			X		Other Interested Party	Local
Leadership San Benito County			X		Other Interested Party	Local
League of United Latin American Citizens		X	X		Other Interested Party	National Interest Group – Local Chapter
L + G Attorneys		X	X	X	Other Interested Party	Local
Migrant Education Region XI, Monterey County Office of Education		X			Other Interested Party	Local

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
Monterey Bay Aquarium		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Monterey Bay Community Power		X	X	X	Other Interested Party	Local
Monterey Bay Central Labor Council		X		X	Other Interested Party	Local
Monterey County Hospitality Association		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Old Mission San Juan Bautista			X		Other Interested Party	Local
Old Monterey Business Association		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Old Town Salinas Association		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Old Town Salinas Group		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Pebble Beach Company		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Prunedale Mothers Association		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Salinas Valley Medical		X			Other Interested Party	Local
San Benito County Child Care Association			X		Other Interested Party	Local
San Juan Oaks Golf Club			X		Other Interested Party	Local
Santa Clara County Office of Education – Migrant Education			X		Other Interested Party	Local
Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk				X	Other Interested Party	Local
Santa Cruz County Conference				X	Other Interested Party	Local
Santa Cruz Host Lions Club				X	Other Interested Party	Local
Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History				X	Other Interested Party	Local
Santa Cruz Seaside Company				X	Other Interested Party	Local
Sierra Club		X		X	Other Interested Party	National Interest Group - Local Chapter
Soroptimist International Capitola-By-The-Sea				X	Other Interested Party	Local
South County Outreach (SCORE)		X			Other Interested Party	Local

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
Steinbeck Center		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Together in Pajaro		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Toro Park		X			Other Interested Party	Local
UCMBEST		X			Other Interested Party	Local
Valley Women's Club of the San Lorenzo Valley				X	Other Interested Party	Local
Watsonville Community Hospital				X	Other Interested Party	Local
Watsonville Women's Club				X	Other Interested Party	Local
WomenCARE				X	Other Interested Party	Local
YMCA of San Benito County			X		Other Interested Party	Local
Association of Watsonville Area				X	Planned Growth Agency	
Fort Ord Reuse Authority		X			Planned Growth Agency	Local
Taxi Companies & Airport Shuttles		X	X		Private Transportation	
MST RIDES Advisory		X			Public Transit Interest Group	Local
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1225		X			Public Transportation Union	
SEIU - Transit Drivers		X			Public Transportation Union	Local
SEIU, PSA CHAPTER		X			Public Transportation Union	
Teamsters Local 890 –Transit Drivers			X		Public Transportation Union	Local
California State Senate	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
California Air Resources Board	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
California Coastal Commission	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD)	X				State Government Agency	State
California Department of Parks and Recreation		X	X	X	State Government Agency	State

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery			X	X	State Government Agency	State
California Dept. Conservation State Mining & Geology Board		X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
California Energy Commission	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
California Highway Patrol	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
California Integrated Waste Management Board	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
California Office of Planning and Research	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
California Regional Environmental Education Community (CREEC)				X	State Government Agency	Local
California Resources Agency	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA)				X	State Government Agency	Local
California State Assembly	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
California State Transportation Agency	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
California Transportation Commission	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
Caltrans	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
Caltrans - District 4			X		Other Adjacent Government Agency - Transportation	State
Caltrans - District 5	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
Caltrans - District 6					Other Adjacent Government Agency - Transportation	State
Career Works				X	State Government Agency	
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	Local/State

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
Coastal Commission	X	X		X	State Government Agency	State
Employment Development Department		X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
Office of Senator John Laird		X		X	State Government Agency	Local
Office of Senator Anna Caballero		X	X		State Government Agency	Local
Office of Assemblymember Gail Pellerin		X		X	State Government Agency	Local
Office of Assemblymember Robert Rivas			X	X	State Government Agency	Local
Office of Assemblymember Dawn Addis				X	State Government Agency	Local
Office of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren			X		State Government Agency	Local
Office of Congressman Jimmy Panetta			X	X	State Government Agency	Local
Ranger District - State Parks	X				State Government Agency	State
State of California	X	X	X	X	State Government Agency	State
State Water Resources Control Board			X	X	State Government Agency	State
Bicycle & Pedestrian Committees	X	X	X	X	Technical Advisory Committees	Local
Elderly & Disabled Technical Advisory Committee	X	X	X	X	Technical Advisory Committees	Local
METRO Advisory Committee (MAC)				X	Technical Advisory Committees	Local
TAMC Technical Advisory Committee		X			Technical Advisory Committees	Local
Advanced Transit Association				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
Bike Santa Cruz County				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
CalVans				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
Campaign for Sustainable Transportation (CFST)				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
Carpooltoschool.com				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
Coastal Rail Santa Cruz				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
Coast Connect				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
Community Traffic Safety Coalition				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
Enterprise Rideshare				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
First Transit Services, Inc.				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
FORT (Friends of the Rail and Trail)				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
Highway 68 Coalition		X			Transportation Interest Group	Local
Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee			X		Transportation Interest Group	Local
Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee		X			Transportation Interest Group	Local

Group	Required Contact	Monterey County	San Benito County	Santa Cruz County	Type	Federal, State, or Local
Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Alliance		X	X	X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
Santa Cruz Hub for Sustainable Living				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
Santa Cruz PRT				X	Transportation Interest Group	Local
Big Trees Railroad				X	Transportation Provider	Local
Community Bridges (CTSA)				X	Transportation Provider	Local
Courtesy Cab				X	Transportation Provider	Local
Del Mar Caregiver Resource Center				X	Transportation Provider	Local
First Transit Services, Inc.				X	Transportation Provider	Local
Lift Line				X	Transportation Provider	Local
Bureau of Indian Affairs – Regional Office	X				Tribal Government Agency	Federal
Costanoan Ohlone	X		X		Tribal Government Agency	Local
Ohlone /Costanoan Esselen	X	X			Tribal Government Agency	Local
Pajaro Valley Olone Indian Council				X	Tribal Government Agency	Local
Arana Gulch Watershed Alliance (AGWA)				X	Water Interest Group	Local
Coastal Watershed Council				X	Water Interest Group	Local
Friends of Locally Owned Water (FLOW)				X	Water Interest Group	Local
Lompico Watershed Conservancy				X	Water Interest Group	Local
Scotts Creek Watershed Council				X	Water Interest Group	Local
Surfrider Foundation		X		X	Water Interest Group	National

## **Appendix E: Federal and State Regulations Concerning Interested Parties, Public Involvement, and Consultation**

AMBAG and our partner agencies are required to satisfy statutory and regulatory guidelines in the structuring and implementation of its planning efforts. Federal and State legislation, as well as local preference and practice, are combined to shape the statutory environment that this 2019 Public Participation Plan must satisfy. The *2019 Public Participation Plan* has been created to comply with the following federal and state statutory requirements.

### ***Federal Legislation***

#### **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Act of 2021 (IIJA/BIA)**

In 2021, President Biden signed a new infrastructure bill into law. The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will invest \$110 billion of new funds for roads, bridges, and major projects, and reauthorize the surface transportation program for the next five years building on bipartisan surface transportation reauthorization bills. Building upon the FAST Act, IIJA/BIA continues public participation and consultation along with adding a new requirement of affordable housing organizations as an interested party.

#### **Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)**

In 2015, President Obama signed into law a new transportation authorization, entitled Fixing America's Transportation Act. In accordance with 23 CFR 450.316, a metropolitan planning organization(MPO) is required to engage in a metropolitan planning process that creates opportunities for public involvement, participation, and consultation throughout the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Under this requirement, MPOs must allow for:

- Adequate public notice of public participation activities;
- Review and comment at key decision points in the development of the MTP and TIP; and
- Multiple, accessible participation formats, including electronic and in-person.

The MPO should develop a collaborative and comprehensive Public Participation Plan, in full collaboration with the public and stakeholder communities, to be used in the development of the MTP and TIP, as well as to frame the strategies for public and stakeholder communication and collaboration in all phases of the planning process. The Participation Plan itself must be prepared by the MPO with a 45-day public review and comment period. Similarly, states are required to have a documented public participation process.

#### **Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21)**

In 2012, President Obama signed into law a new two year transportation authorization, entitled Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) and is the first long-term highway authorization enacted since 2005. MAP-21 helps create a streamlined, performance-based and

multimodal program to address the challenges facing the U.S. transportation system today. MAP-21 was also created to emphasize the need for more public involvement in regional transportation decision making. This federal law requires all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) such as AMBAG to “provide citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation agency employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment” on all transportation-related projects and plans within the Monterey Bay region. MAP-21 also requires AMBAG to coordinate transportation plans with the regional growth forecast, travel demand model and other related planning activities when developing and updating major planning documents such as our MTP/SCS and MTIP for the region.

### **Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)**

The public participation requirements of SAFETEA-LU, as defined in the *Final Rule for Metropolitan Transportation Planning* and adopted in 2005, has been used to shape the metropolitan transportation planning process. The elements required by SAFETEA-LU include that:

- The participation plan must be developed in consultation with interested parties
- The participation plan must include procedures for employing visualization techniques
- The participation plan must be available and accessible to the public, including in electronically accessible formats

Overall, Title 23 CFR §450.316 (a) specifies that “the MPO shall develop and use a documented participation plan that defines a process for providing citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process.”

### **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987.**

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prevents government agencies receiving federal funding from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin or disability. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 extended Title VI’s applicability to all programs sponsored by federally-aided agencies, regardless of the program’s specific funding sources.

The concept of environmental justice emerged from these two regulations, and is founded on the principles of:

- Mitigating disproportionately high and adverse health or environmental effects on minority or low income populations

- Ensuring that all affected communities have the ability to participate fully in transportation decision making processes
- Preventing the denial, reduction or delay of receiving benefits by minority and low income populations

#### **Executive Order 12372 - Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs**

Executive Order 12372 calls for intergovernmental review of projects to ensure that federally funded or assisted projects do not inadvertently interfere with state and local plans and priorities. The Executive Order does not replace public participation, comment, or review requirements of other federal laws, such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), but gives the states an additional mechanism to ensure federal agency responsiveness to state and local concerns.

#### **Executive Order 12898 - Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations**

Adopted in 2011, Executive Order 12898 provides for the intergovernmental review of projects to ensure that federally funded or assisted projects do not inadvertently interfere with state and local plans and priorities. This order also requires every agency to incorporate environmental justice goals as part of its mission by addressing and identifying the disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of the agency's programs and policies on disadvantaged communities.

#### **Executive Order 13166 - Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency**

Executive Order 13166 requires agencies to identify and develop services to provide those with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) access to federally conducted and funded programs.

#### **Executive Order 13175 - Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments**

Executive Order 13175 requires agencies to consult and coordinate with local Indian Tribal governments. In the Monterey Bay Area there are no federally recognized tribes, however, staff does notify and consult the local Esselen and Ohlone/Costanoan tribal governments.

#### **Clean Air Act & the Air Quality Implementation Plan (Title 40 CFR § 93.105)**

As amended by the Clean Air Act, Title 40 CFR § 93.105 defines the procedures for interagency consultation, resolution of conflicts and public consultation. This includes establishing a proactive public involvement process, which is outlined in this plan.

#### **Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, & the Age Discrimination Act of 1975**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 amended Title 42 regarding public health and welfare, to ensure the protection of civil rights regarding discrimination based on disability. The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability for any programs conducted by or receiving federal funding. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 prohibits discrimination on the basis of age for any program conducted by or receiving federal funding.

### **FTA Circular 4703.1 – Environmental Justice Policy Guidance for FTA Recipients**

Adopted in 2012, the purpose of this circular is to provide guidance to the recipients of FTA financial assistance in order to incorporate environmental justice principles into plans, projects, and activities that receive funding from FTA. The following guiding environmental justice principles must be considered through “all public outreach and participation efforts conducted by the FTA, its grantees and sub-grantees”:

- (1) To avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low income populations.
- (2) To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision making process.
- (3) To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low income populations.

### **Title 23: 450.316 from *Federal Register Vol. 72 No. 30***

Title 23: Highways; Part 450—Planning Assistance and Standards, 450.316 Interested parties, participation, and consultation.

(a) The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) shall develop and use a documented participation plan that defines a process for providing citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

(1) The participation plan shall be developed by the MPO in consultation with all interested parties and shall, at a minimum, describe explicit procedures, strategies, and desired outcomes for:

- (i) Providing adequate public notice of public participation activities and time for public review and comment at key decision points, including but not limited to a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP);

- (ii) Providing timely notice and reasonable access to information about transportation issues and processes;
- (iii) Employing visualization techniques to describe the MTP and MTIP;
- (iv) Making public information (technical information and meeting notices) available in electronically accessible formats and means online
- (v) Holding any public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times;
- (vi) Demonstrating explicit consideration and response to public input received during the development of the MTP and MTIP;
- (vii) Seeking out and considering the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, such as low income and minority households, who may face challenges accessing employment and other services;
- (viii) Providing an additional opportunity for public comment, if the final MTP or MTIP differs significantly from the version that was made available for public comment by the MPO and raises new material issues which interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen from the public involvement efforts;
- (ix) Coordinating with the statewide transportation planning public involvement and consultation processes under subpart B of this part; and
- (x) Periodically reviewing the effectiveness of the procedures and strategies contained in the participation plan to ensure a full and open participation process.

(2) When significant written and oral comments are received on the draft metropolitan transportation plan and TIP (including the financial plans) as a result of the participation process in this section or the interagency consultation process required under the EPA transportation conformity regulations (40 CFR part 93), a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made as part of the final metropolitan transportation plan and TIP.

(3) A minimum public comment period of 45 calendar days shall be provided before the initial or revised participation plan is adopted by the MPO. Copies of the approved participation plan shall be provided to the FHWA and the FTA for informational purposes and shall be posted on the World Wide Web, to the maximum extent practicable.

(b) In developing metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs, the MPO should consult with agencies and officials responsible for other planning activities within the MPA that are affected by transportation (including State and local planned growth, economic development, environmental protection, airport operations, or freight movements) or coordinate its planning

process (to the maximum extent practicable) with such planning activities. In addition, metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs shall be developed with due consideration of other related planning activities within the metropolitan area, and the process shall provide for the design and delivery of transportation services within the area that are provided by:

- (1) Recipients of assistance under title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53;
- (2) Governmental agencies and non-profit organizations (including representatives of the agencies and organizations) that receive Federal assistance from a source other than the U.S. Department of Transportation to provide non-emergency transportation services; and
- (3) Recipients of assistance under 23 U.S.C. 204.

(c) When the MPA includes Indian Tribal lands, the MPO shall appropriately involve the Indian Tribal government(s) in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP.

(d) When the MPA includes Federal public lands, the MPO shall appropriately involve the Federal land management agencies in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP.

(e) MPOs shall, to the extent practicable, develop a documented process(es) that outlines roles, responsibilities, and key decision points for consulting with other governments and agencies, as defined in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section, which may be included in the agreement(s) developed under §450.314.

FHWA/FTA has also provided frequently asked questions and answers on public involvement in transportation decision making in regards to Title 23 CFR 450 on their website:

[http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/public\\_involvement/archive/q\\_and\\_a/index.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/public_involvement/archive/q_and_a/index.cfm)

### ***State Legislation***

#### **Government Code 11135**

Government Code 11135, subdivision (a) states that “no person in the State of California shall, on the basis of race, national origin, ethnic group identification, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, color, or disability, be unlawfully denied full and equal access to the benefits of, or be unlawfully subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity that is conducted, operated, or administered by the state or by any state agency that is funded directly by the state, or receives any financial assistance from the state.” The purpose of this code is to provide all citizens protection from discrimination from any program or activity that is either conducted, funded directly by, or receives any financial assistance from the state.

#### **Government Code 65080 & SB 375**

In 2008, SB 375 was passed by the state legislature, amending Government Code 65080 to include specific language for public participation activities required by MPOs as they develop their Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for the long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Specifically, the contents of this plan are guided by the *2010 California Regional*

*Transportation Plan Guidelines* produced by the California Transportation Commission. These activities, outlined further in chapter 5, includes holding additional meetings and workshops, extensive consultation and coordination, updating the public participation plan, as this document does, and providing a process for members of the public to receive updates and information regarding the development of the SCS. The specific language can be found in the California Government Code section 65080 (b) (2) (E).

### **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CPRC § 21000 et seq) requires transportation plans and programs developed by AMBAG and the RTPAs to undergo an extensive environmental review process.

The MTP and RTPs require approval by governing bodies, and as such, AMBAG and our partner RTPAs must prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that evaluates the significant environmental impacts of the proposed projects and determine ways to mitigate the impacts to below significance. In addition, specific projects may undergo individual EIR processes depending on their scope or inclusion in the long range transportation plan EIR.

The preparation of an EIR requires extensive consultation between our partner agencies and provides for a 45-day public review period.

### **Ralph M. Brown Act**

The Brown Act (California Government Code § 54950-54963) regulates meetings of local public agencies. The Brown Act also applies to any committee or subsidiary body of a local agency, whether permanent or temporary, decision making or advisory, created by local agency governing boards. The Brown Act sets minimum standards for open meetings relative to notice posting, agenda distribution, access, location of meeting, and public input. The Brown Act requires agendas for regular meetings to allow members of the public to address the agency on any item of interest to the public within the purview of the particular agency. To give sufficient time for all interested parties to present their opinions, each agency may limit the amount of time per person for such public testimony.

### **California Public Records Act**

Adopted in 1968, the California Public Records Act requires disclosure of records to the public upon request, unless otherwise exempt. Certain public records or portions of records may be exempt including personnel or medical files for employees and records pertaining to pending litigation. Agencies served public records requests are subject to respond to requests within 10 days. Note, the 10-day period mentioned is not a deadline for producing records.

### **Assembly Bill 52- Native Americans: California Environmental Quality Act**

Enacted in 2012, AB 52 amended CEQA to create a separate category for cultural resources and established a notification and consultation process with affected Tribes. By requiring consideration of tribal cultural resources early in the CEQA process, the legislature intended to

ensure that local and tribal governments, public agencies, and project proponents would have information available in the project planning process to address potential adverse impacts.

To determine whether a project may have such an effect, the Public Resources Code requires a lead agency to consult with any California Native American tribe that requests consultation and is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of a proposed project. That consultation must take place prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report for a project. Pub. Res. Code § 21080.3.1.

If a lead agency determines that a project may cause a substantial adverse change to tribal cultural resources, the lead agency must consider measures to mitigate that impact. Pub. Res. Code § 20184.3 (b)(2) provides examples of mitigation measures that lead agencies may consider to avoid or minimize impacts to tribal cultural resources.

***Sources for Full Text of Regulations on the web:***

- **Code of Federal Regulations (CFR):** <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/>
- **United States Code (USC):** <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html>
- **Executive Orders:** <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/executive-orders/>
- **California Government Code & Public Resources Code:**  
<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>
- **California Code of Regulations:**  
<http://government.westlaw.com/linkedslice/default.asp?Action=TOC&RS=GVT1.0&VR=2.0&SP=CCR-1000>

## **Appendix F: Best Practices Guide of Public Participation Strategies**

Below are links to recent studies or documents that highlight best public engagement and outreach practices nationwide, as well as federal guidelines for public participation strategies. These links may be used as references for our partner agencies, local jurisdictions and interested parties to receive background information on success stories and innovative outreach strategies other public agencies have accomplished over the past few years.

1. Caltrans Standard Environmental Reference (SER) Vol 1: Guidance for Compliance, Chapter 3- Public Participation

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/environmental-analysis/standard-environmental-reference-ser/volume-1-guidance-for-compliance/ch-3-public-participation>

2. FHWA/FTA's Public Involvement Techniques for Transportation Decision Making Report

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/public\\_involvement/publications/pi\\_techniques/fhwahep15044.pdf](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/public_involvement/publications/pi_techniques/fhwahep15044.pdf)

3. Institute for Local Government: Public Engagement Case Stories

<http://www.ca-ilg.org/public-engagement-case-stories>

4. U.S. DOT's Transit at the Table II: A Guide to Participation in Metropolitan Transportation Decision Making for Transit Agencies in Small and Medium-Sized Metropolitan Areas

<http://www.planning.dot.gov/documents/TransPlanning/TransTableII.pdf>

5. U.S. DOT's Transportation Planning Capacity Building: Public Involvement Techniques

[https://www.planning.dot.gov/planning/topic\\_PI.aspx](https://www.planning.dot.gov/planning/topic_PI.aspx)

6. 2017 RTP Guidelines for MPOs section on Public Participation

<https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/rtp-2017-guidelines-mpos-011817-a11y.pdf>

7. U.S. DOT's Promising Practices for Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making

<https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022-10/Promising%20Practices%20for%20Meaningful%20Public%20Involvement%20in%20Transportation%20Decision-making.pdf>

8. U.S. DOT's Transportation Planning Capacity Building: Public Involvement Techniques

[https://www.planning.dot.gov/planning/topic\\_PI.aspx](https://www.planning.dot.gov/planning/topic_PI.aspx)

# Appendix G: 2050 MTP/SCS Public Involvement Plan

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## I. Introduction

Development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) is a multi-year effort that begins in 2023. A comprehensive Public Involvement Plan (PIP) to support the 2050 MTP/SCS is a key part of the process. The purpose of this PIP is two-fold: (1) to support the development of the 2050 MTP/SCS by providing every available opportunity for the general public, partner agencies, and stakeholders to provide feedback; and (2) to further improve transportation decision making in the region by reaching out to underserved communities within the Monterey Bay region more effectively.

A critical component in preparing the 2050 MTP/SCS is to provide guidance in the structuring of regional transportation planning processes to ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, interagency consultation and public participation were an integral and continuing part of the regional transportation decision making process. The participation policies and procedures described in this PIP are structured to enable all participants the ability to express their genuine regional values and interests in the shaping and implementation of regional policies and decisions regarding the transportation system.

SB 375 requires AMBAG to adopt a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for the development of the SCS and must include the following public involvement activities<sup>1</sup> and techniques:

1. Outreach efforts to encourage the active participation of a broad range of stakeholder groups in the planning process, consistent with AMBAG's Draft 2023 Public Participation Plan, including, but not limited to, affordable housing advocates, transportation advocates, neighborhood and community groups, environmental advocates, transportation disadvantaged representatives, home builder representatives, broad-based business organizations, landowners, commercial property interests, and homeowner associations.
2. Consultation with congestion management agencies, transportation agencies, and transportation commissions.
3. Workshops throughout the Monterey Bay region to provide the public with the information and tools necessary to provide a clear understanding of the issues and policy choices. At least one workshop shall be held in each county in the region. Each workshop, to the extent practicable, shall include urban simulation computer modeling to create visual representations of the SCS and the alternative planning strategy.
4. Preparation and circulation of a Draft SCS and an alternative planning strategy, if one is prepared, not less than 55 days before adoption of a final regional transportation plan.
5. At least three public hearings on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and alternative planning strategy, if one is prepared. To the maximum extent feasible, the hearings shall be in

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<sup>1</sup> Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(B)(iii)

different parts of the region and/or virtual to maximize the opportunity for participation by members of the public throughout the Monterey Bay region.

6. A process for enabling members of the public to provide a single request to receive notices, information, and updates.

The public participation policies and procedures described in this PIP are structured to comply with all applicable federal and state legislation, rules, and express the genuine regional value and interest for all residents of the Monterey Bay region to participate in the shaping and implementation of the 2050 MTP/SCS. In pursuing its mission, “AMBAG provides strategic leadership and services to collaboratively analyze, plan and implement regional policies for the benefit of the Counties and Cities of the Monterey Bay region balancing local control with regional collaboration.” AMBAG strives to inform and involve its local jurisdictions and all members of the general public throughout its 2050 MTP/SCS development process.

## II. Goals and Objectives

AMBAG and partner agencies in the Monterey Bay region seek the participation of a diverse set of communities with an interest in regional planning efforts, including low income households, minority populations, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) populations, persons with disabilities, representatives from community and service organizations, tribal organizations, and other public agencies.

### A. Public Participation Plan

The 2023 Public Participation Plan's identifies a more in-depth overview of AMBAG's public involvement process, which includes eight guiding principles. These principles provide the framework for this PIP, which are as follows:

1. Prioritize public engagement methods that increase equitable participation and distribution of resources in all outreach efforts, projects, and programs.
2. Value public participation and promoting broad based involvement by members of the community
3. Provide varied opportunities for public review and input
4. Treat all members of the public fairly, and respect and consider all public input as an important component of the planning and implementation process
5. Promote a culture of dialogue and partnership among residents, property owners, the business community, organizations, other interested members of the public, and public officials
6. Involve underserved communities and community groups, as well as other organizations
7. Encourage active public participation throughout the entire process
8. Provide communications and agency reports that are clear, timely and broadly distributed

AMBAG has established a set of activities and goals to achieve each of our eight guiding principles by creating a framework and action plan for each outreach goal. These goals are agency wide and can also be utilized and implemented in all major plans and projects within the Monterey Bay region, such as the 2050 MTP/SCS. The activities and goals include:

#### Equity

**Goal:** Prioritize public engagement methods that **increase equitable participation and distribution of resources** in all outreach efforts, projects, and programs.

**Activity:** Engage impacted and historically underserved communities early and often. Inclusive engagement, policies and practices must be considered to eliminate systematic barriers. In the AMBAG region, collaborative decision-making processes, such as citizen advisory committees and focus groups, can be established to ensure diverse representation and involvement are achieved. The public participation plan ensures that community concerns and engagement can guide the identification of programs, policies, and activities, and ensure that actions taken will not result in disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on underserved populations. Other methods include organizing community workshops and public hearings in the communities with low engagement, utilizing digital platforms, online surveys, and social media campaigns. Additionally, AMBAG, partners and other local decision-makers should incorporate cultural sensitivity into public outreach efforts. This includes recognizing and respecting cultural norms, values, and practices of diverse communities, and adapting engagement methods accordingly.

## **Broad Based Involvement**

**Goal:** Value public participation and promote **broad based involvement** by members of the community.

**Activity:** In addition to having a list of stakeholders and working collaboratively with our partner agencies, AMBAG will also interact and outreach to community groups within the Monterey Bay Region, as input from a variety of perspectives helps to enhance the process and results. AMBAG structures its major planning initiatives and funding decisions to provide for meaningful opportunities to help shape outcomes. For example, because AMBAG's 2050 MTP/SCS is the blueprint for both new policies and investments for the Monterey Bay Region, updating and developing the MTP/SCS is one of the best projects for interested persons to get involved.

## **Opportunity**

**Goal:** Provide varied **opportunities for public review and input.**

**Activity:** AMBAG will engage with partner agencies, committees, working groups, and the public to obtain comments and suggestions during the development of future updates to the MTP/SCS and MTIP. When the drafts of our major plans, programs, and documents are released, the public review period for each document varies from 30-55 days. AMBAG will announce these public review periods through various media outlets, thereby providing as many opportunities as possible for the public to read and provide comments on the drafts of our major documents to be implemented in the future. Below is a list of potential ways that AMBAG will make this information available to the public:

- Websites
- News Releases
- Articles
- Press Conferences
- Radio and Television
- Newsletters, Brochures and eNews
- Agency Reports
- Posters and Inserts
- Advertising
- Online Social Media Networks
- Mapping

## Environmental Justice

**Goal:** Treat all members of the public fairly, and **respect and consider all citizen input** as an important component of the planning and implementation process.

**Activity:** AMBAG plans to actively reach out to the traditionally underserved and underrepresented communities within the Monterey Bay Region and enhance efforts to involve rural communities in all major transportation planning processes. AMBAG will undertake specific strategies to involve all members of the general public in AMBAG’s regional transportation planning and investment decisions. AMBAG’s 2021 Title VI Plan delves into these strategies in the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan found in Appendix E of the Title VI Plan, which outlines how we plan to outreach to underserved and underrepresented groups. One size does not fit all as input from diverse perspectives enhances the process.

## Engagement

**Goal:** Promote a **culture of dialogue and partnership** among residents, property owners, the business community, organizations, other interested individuals, and public officials.

**Activity:** Early engagement is best. Create support materials that are easy to understand and visually engaging in both print and electronic format and make them accessible at meetings and on AMBAG’s website<sup>2</sup>. Plan workshops and/or public hearings at convenient venues and times across the region and/or provide virtual participation if feasible; and ensure such events are fully accessible to the general public, including low income, minority, and rural communities, disabled and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) populations.

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<sup>2</sup> AMBAG website: <http://www.ambag.org/>

## Involvement of Underserved Communities

**Goal: Involve underserved communities and local community groups,** as well as other organizations.

**Activity:** Reach out to local community groups and smaller/rural communities that feel like they don't have a voice and involve them in the public participation process as much as possible. An open and transparent public participation process will help empower affected low income communities and communities of color to participate in the decision making process. Engaging interested persons in regional transportation issues is challenging, yet possible, by making it relevant, removing barriers to participation, and translating material for Limited English Proficiency individuals, when possible.

## Encouragement

**Goal: Encourage active public participation** throughout the whole process.

**Activity:** Ask thought provoking questions in workshops and outreach meetings and engage audiences in strong discussions. Public participation is a dynamic activity that requires teamwork and commitment from all of the Monterey Bay region's agencies, from the regional level to the local level. Include engagement exercises to maximize participation.

## Clear Communication

**Goal: Provide communications and agency reports that are clear, timely and broadly distributed.**

**Activity:** Make all types of communication clear, accessible, and easy to understand. Potential methods include: add a translation link in Spanish for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals through a Google Translation Widget on our website, and distribute all flyers, online notices, announcements and other materials in both English and Spanish. The Monterey Bay region is home to a significant Spanish speaking population. AMBAG will also provide hearing and/or visually impaired individuals assistance in online and physical media distributions through physical outreach materials printed in larger font and in braille, upon request. Effective public outreach and involvement requires collaborating with regional local governments, stakeholders and advisory groups such as our partner agencies.

## **B. Title VI Plan**

The *2021 Title VI Plan*<sup>3</sup> is a comprehensive document that guides AMBAG in the Title VI process. Title VI is a Federal statute and provides that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

The *2021 Title VI Plan* emphasizes the AMBAG Title VI process and procedures, including the use of public outreach techniques and innovative strategies to specifically include Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Populations throughout the region. The LEP population we have identified in our LEP Plan will help set a precedent for future public workshops and events throughout the Monterey Bay region. A Title VI Plan is the required guide for all Title VI related activities conducted by AMBAG, this PIP will stay consistent with the *2021 Title VI Plan* and will incorporate the procedures, strategies and techniques that will be used by AMBAG for increasing public involvement and make conscious effort to include LEP populations in the 2050 MTP/SCS process.

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<sup>3</sup> AMBAG 2021 Title VI Plan: <https://ambag.org/sites/planning/Title-VI-Plan>

### **III. Public Engagement**

AMBAG will engage the community throughout the development of the 2050 MTP/SCS. These activities include:

- Community workshops and events
- Public hearings
- A project website
- Visual graphics and media techniques
- Interactive surveys in English and Spanish (other languages as needed)
- Preparation of handout materials, flyers, information sheets, frequently asked questions (FAQs), etc.

#### **A. Face to Face Interactions**

##### **Public Outreach**

##### **Public Workshops**

Workshops will be held throughout the Monterey Bay region at key milestones throughout the 2050 MTP/SCS development process. Materials will be provided in English and Spanish; and translation services will be available at the workshops. These workshops will be held outside of typical work hours and at more convenient locations to make them more accessible to the public.

In addition, pop-up community events will be conducted to further interact with members of the public to learn about, give feedback on, and engage in the process of developing the 2050 MTP/SCS. These pop-up events may take place at popular locations such as farmer’s markets, First Friday art gatherings, neighborhood block parties, community events, etc.

##### **Public Hearings and Comment Forms**

Public hearings will be conducted to receive comments on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS Plan. The public hearings will be held at various locations throughout the region and/or virtually and will be advertised in local newspapers, flyers, press releases and email announcements to reach a wide variety of audiences who may be interested in receiving an opportunity to provide their input on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS.

## **Public Information**

AMBAG will create and distribute clear, concise, and engaging information to support public involvement efforts. These materials will have a consistent look and feel, reflecting the branding that will be developed for the 2050 MTP/SCS.

Below is a menu of materials that may be used to provide information about the 2050 MTP/SCS and its components; the development process; why this process is relevant to the region's residents; and information about how, when, and why stakeholders should get involved. All materials will be written in easy-to-understand terms with limited jargon/acronyms and will be provided in a variety of languages and formats as needed. Materials will be distributed via a range of channels, including electronically (e-mail and website); at presentations, meetings, and events; at community locations (libraries, recreation centers, senior centers, and stores); and in the media (notices and advertisements). Materials will be updated as needed throughout the process.

### **Project Fact Sheet**

A project fact sheet will be created to provide basic information about the 2050 MTP/SCS, its components, purpose, timeline, and information on how the general public can get involved in the process.

### **Flyers and Press Releases**

Each flyer will have engaging images, a summary of opportunities for public involvement, key messages, and basic information about the 2050 MTP/SCS and its timeline. Flyers and notices will be prepared in English and Spanish. These flyers will be distributed to local agencies and those who plan to sign up for email updates on the website. A press release will be sent to local television, radio, and newspaper media outlets.

### **Public Notices**

Notices for public meetings and opportunities for public comment will be published via:

- Online media outlets (project website, partner agencies websites, social media)
- Printed materials (advertisements in newspapers, printed flyers posted at strategic locations, etc.)
- Announcements (radio, meetings)

In addition, to stay consistent with AMBAG's *2021 Title VI Plan*, all public notices will be printed and uploaded in English, Spanish, and Tagalog to ensure all Limited English Proficiency populations within the Monterey Bay region will be included in the 2050 MTP/SCS process.

## **B. Online Tools and Surveys**

### **Project Website**

A project website will be the central portal for information about the project and upcoming events. The website address will be provided on all outreach materials and will be updated regularly to maintain current content and will be the primary portal for public information about the 2050 MTP/SCS, incorporating interactive elements to provide opportunities for broad participation. Direct communication and website information will be synched from the project website and the AMBAG website for easier accessibility.

### **Media Outlets**

#### **Social Media**

Online publication and web based comment of plans/programs will be created during the 2050 MTP/SCS process, including an increased use of illustrations on affiliated social media networks, such as Twitter and Facebook.

AMBAG staff and board members will also increase emphasis on public access television, radio and internet radio, coordinate media stories between our partner agencies and media outlets, and target marketing/notices highlighting how planning documents may impact them throughout the 2050 MTP/SCS process.

#### **Newspapers and Newsletters**

AMBAG will prepare and forward news releases to print and broadcast media on the 2050 MTP/SCS and advertise through display ads in local newspapers throughout the Monterey Bay region. AMBAG's e-newsletter will report progress, encourage participation, and provide up to date information about opportunities for participation.

### **Surveys**

Surveys will be conducted as needed for the 2050 MTP/SCS, which also can help us design future outreach strategies. These surveys will be conducted at key milestones of the planning process. To help increase awareness and to reach more people than conventional workshops, surveys will be created in English and Spanish (and other languages as needed), at critical points throughout the development of the 2050 MTP/SCS.

## **IV. Consultation and Coordination Efforts**

A variety of committees and boards will be consulted throughout the planning process and at key milestones to solicit feedback, provide project updates, and relay community input from the workshops and surveys. These committees and boards are made up of elected officials, staff from local jurisdictions and agencies, local leaders and organizers, and members of the general public.

### **AMBAG Board of Directors**

The AMBAG Board of Directors consists of 21 jurisdictions within Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties. An elected official from each jurisdiction is appointed by that jurisdiction's City Council or Board of Supervisors. Each of the 18 cities are represented by one member and each of the three counties by two members, forming the 24 member AMBAG Board of Directors. A representative from the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), San Benito County Council of Governments (SBtCOG) Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), Santa Cruz METRO, Monterey-Salinas Transit, Caltrans, Monterey Bay Air Resources District, Central Coast Community Energy, and Monterey Peninsula Airport District each serve as an ex-officio member.

The AMBAG Board meets monthly and sets policy. Day-to-day oversight is provided by the Executive Director, who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

The AMBAG Board will meet often throughout the planning process to receive project updates, provide policy direction, determine hybrid and preferred scenarios, and ultimately to adopt the MTP/SCS. Board members will be encouraged to take leadership positions on the MTP/SCS to encourage public understanding and engagement.

### **Planning Directors Forum**

The Planning Directors Forum (PDF) consists of planning directors and staff from the 21 jurisdictions within Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties, the three regional transportation planning agencies, the two transit operators, Caltrans District 5, and AMBAG; as well as other stakeholders. The PDF will meet regularly to address regional land use and transportation planning issues. The PDF will meet throughout the planning process and at key milestones to identify priorities, help establish initial scenario development, review draft workshop materials, and to receive project updates including feedback from the community workshops and online surveys.

## **Regional Transportation Planning Agencies**

In the Monterey Bay region, there are three Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs): San Benito County Council of Governments (SBtCOG), Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC). Each of these three RTPAs consists of agency staff and board members, including staff from local jurisdictions, elected officials, and appointed members. The RTPAs Boards of Directors set policy and provide a source of funding for transportation planning projects within each county. AMBAG staff will meet with the three RTPAs' Boards at key milestones to present findings, provide project updates, and receive input on the MTP/SCS development, project identification, and priorities.

## **Technical Advisory Committees**

The Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) are made up of staff from local jurisdictions and agencies, including local transit service providers and the RTPAs. The TACs review and provide technical guidance and advice on transportation projects and programs within each county, and make recommendations to the RTPA boards or directors. AMBAG staff will meet with the TACs at key milestones throughout the planning process to confirm transportation priorities, projects, and funding sources.

## **Planning Directors Forum**

The Planning Directors Forum (PDF) consists of planning directors and staff from the 18 cities, three counties, three regional transportation planning agencies, transit agencies, universities, and LAFCO. The PDF meets regularly to address and provide input on regional land use and transportation planning issues.

## **Stakeholder Contact List**

A master stakeholder contact list will be maintained for distribution of press releases, flyers, and project updates. This list includes members of the AMBAG Board, Partners, the Planning Directors Forum, local transportation agencies, and other related groups. Media outlets, local organizations, and workshop and survey participants who provided a valid email address are included in the master stakeholder list.

Additional contacts include government agencies such as, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), California Air Resources Board (ARB), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Caltrans District 5, state and local transportation agencies, Tribal governments, state, local and federal elected officials and

Please refer to Appendix D in AMBAG's Draft 2023 Public Participation Plan for the current list of stakeholders within the Monterey Bay region.