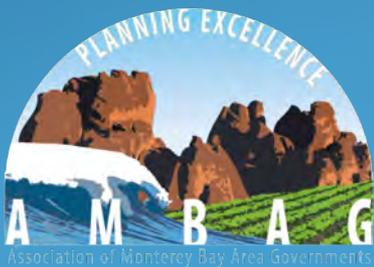


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What is AMBAG?

- Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
- Established in 1968
- Metropolitan Planning Organization and Council of Governments
- AMBAG provides a wide range of services to member agencies
- Regional organization that develops studies, plans, and policy recommendations related to transportation, housing and sustainability
- Regional collaboration and coordination on a number of issues: economic, ecological, and health



AMBAG Board of Directors

- Board of Directors provide staff direction and sets policy
- Three counties and 18 cities
- Voting Members:
 - 24 Directors
 - 1 elected official from each jurisdiction
 - 2 supervisors from each county
- Ex-Officio Members
 - Caltrans
 - Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD)
 - Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (SBtCOG, SCCRTC and TAMC)
 - Transit Operators (MST and SC METRO)
 - Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP)



AMBAG Programs

- Public Participation Plan
- Transportation Plan
- Transportation Programming of Funding
- Air Quality
- Sustainable Communities Strategy
- Housing
- Regional Clearinghouse
- Data & Member Services
- Travel Demand Model
- Energy Programs/Energy Watch
- Regional Analysis and Planning Services, Inc. (RAPS)



Regional Collaboration

- Coordinate with cities, counties, LAFCO, RTPAs & transit operators
- Regional Planning Directors Forum
- CALCOG
- California Freight Advisory Committee
- Central Coast Coalition
- Rural Counties Task Force
- Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Authority
- Caltrans Wildlife Corridor Planning
- Central Coast Highway 1 Climate Resiliency Study
- Central Coast Joint Data Committee



Regional Clearinghouse

- Forum for identifying significant environmental impacts in tri-county region
- Reported monthly to AMBAG Board of Directors in agenda packet
- Circulates proposed federal actions and state/federal environmental documents
- Established by Federal Executive Order 12372 (1983)

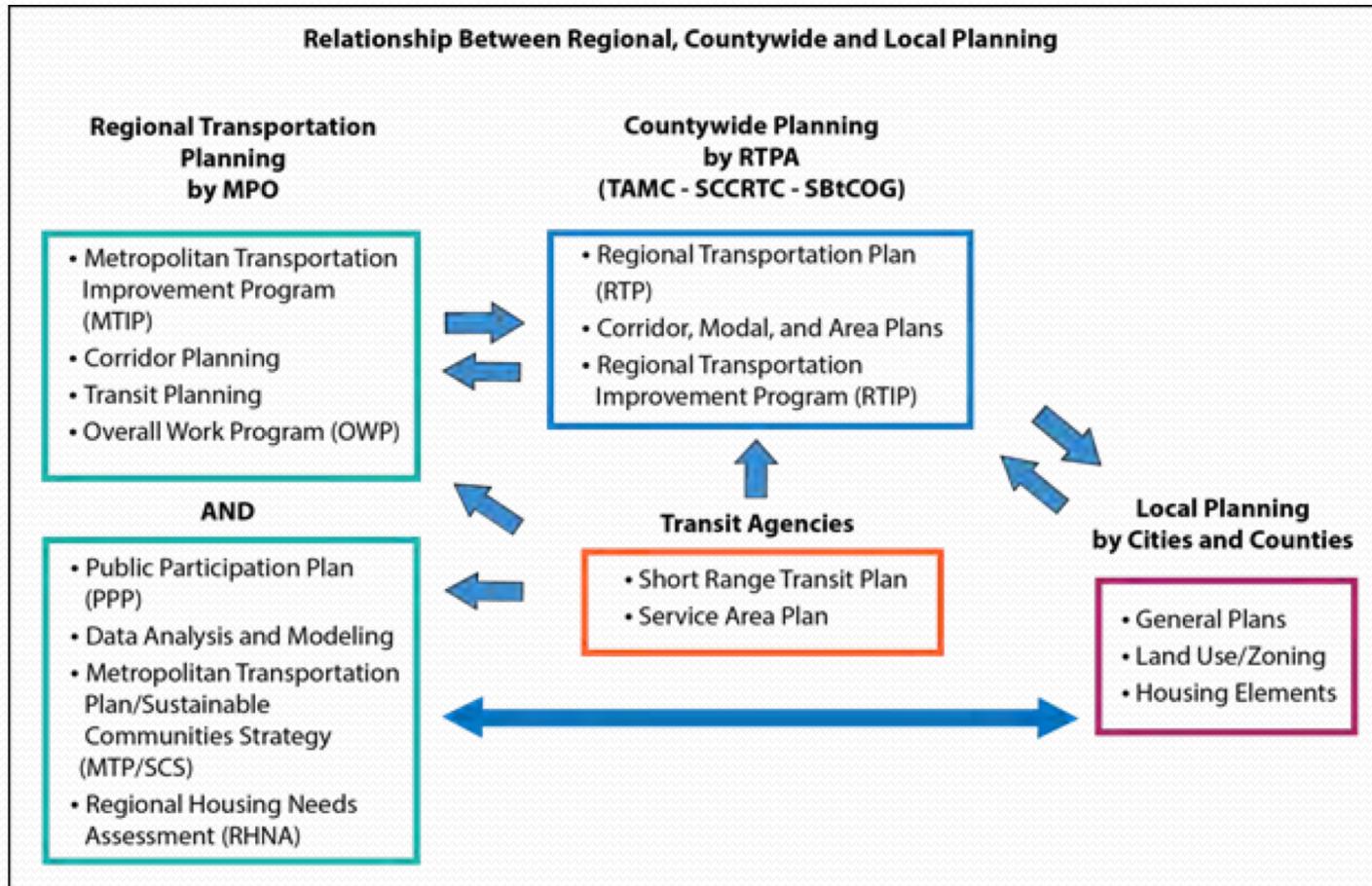


Local Jurisdiction Support

- Leveraging needs of jurisdictions for effective grant funding and projects including:
 - Sustainable Communities Strategy
 - Regional Land Use and Transportation Planning
 - Regional Housing Needs Allocation
 - Air Quality Conformity
 - Regional Travel Demand Model
 - Technical Assistance – GIS & other data services
 - Energy Efficiency Programs
 - Climate Action Planning Programs



Planning Agency Relationships



Public Participation Plan (PPP)



2015
Public Participation Plan
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

April 2015



- Federally required
- Guides regional agencies and local jurisdictions on all public involvement activities conducted by the MPO
- 2015 Monterey Bay PPP adopted April 2015
- 2019 draft in process



Public Input Process

Key:

- f** - Public
- ↓** - Committees
- ☎** - Agencies & Staff
- Ⓔ** - Governing Boards (Decision Makers)

Final Plan (Ⓔ)

- **What:** The Final Plan incorporates comments on the draft plan and is adopted by the governing board.
- **Input:** All board meetings are open to the public, per the Brown Act and there is always an opportunity to comment on items on the agenda, however substantive comments on the plan are more helpful when made earlier in the process.

Draft Plan (f↓☎Ⓔ)

- **What:** The draft plan combines the goals & policies, funding estimates, project lists and other relevant information into a cohesive short and long range transportation plan.
- **Input:** An extensive notification process is employed and a public hearing is held at this stage to solicit broad participation into the review of this plan.

Project Lists (f↓☎Ⓔ)

- **What:** Generally, projects are initiated by the entity that will construct, operate and/or own it, however the public can also nominate projects. The project list is then prioritized and placed into two priority tiers: one called *Constrained* which consists of projects that are within the projected revenues and that are highest priority, and *Unconstrained* projects for which no funding source is projected within the planning timeframe.
- **Input:** There is a high level of interest at this stage when decisions about which projects/programs will be included prioritized.

Funding Estimates (☎Ⓔ)

- **What:** Planning agencies estimate the amount of federal, state and local transportation funding available for the next 25 years based on historical data, current trends and/or state and federal actions.
- **Input:** Partner agencies are involved in identifying and agreeing to the revenue projections.

Goals & Policies (f↓☎Ⓔ)

- **What:** Goals & Policies provide a consistency framework, and are used to determine project priorities.
- **Input:** This is a chance for the public to participate in establishing a regional vision, defining tools to guide progress towards achieving this vision, and by which the expenditure of the projected funding will be consistent.

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