

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
STAFF REPORT**

**To: Mayor, Members of the Town Council**

**From: John Reed, Mayor  
Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT***

**Date: May 1, 2013**

**Subject: Discussion/Consideration of Draft EIR for Plan Bay Area**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Discuss/consider the DEIR for Plan Bay Area, if needed.

**DISCUSSION**

Attached is a flyer from ABAG and MTC noticing the availability of the Draft EIR (DEIR) for the Plan Bay Area. Plan Bay Area is a regional land use and transportation plan that addresses the requirements of SB375, which strives to reduce green house gases. The DEIR is voluminous document of about 1,400 pages. It can be downloaded at [http://onebayarea.org/pdf/Draft\\_Plan\\_Bay\\_Area/Draft\\_EIR.pdf](http://onebayarea.org/pdf/Draft_Plan_Bay_Area/Draft_EIR.pdf).

The comment period is from April 2 to May 16, 2013. As the Council only meets once in May, staff wanted to provide the Council with an opportunity to discuss this matter prior to the end of the comment period. Staff believes the Plan Bay Area would have minimal or no impact on Fairfax and that no comments are warranted on the DEIR.

Input from Fairfax and its Council should be made to ABAG and MTC now so as to fall before the May 16<sup>th</sup> deadline. Additionally, the Transportation Authority of Marin has postponed the filing of comment letters from that body so that various comments from members' constituencies and fellow council members can be reflected in TAM's comment letters as well.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None at this time

**ATTACHMENTS**

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## Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report for Public Review

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**Date:** April 2, 2013

**To:** Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

**Subject:** **Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for Plan Bay Area (SCH No. 2012062029) for Public Review**

### Lead Agencies

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The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Plan Bay Area. This Notice is to inform you of the availability of the DEIR as well as other documents, such as the Draft Plan Bay Area, referenced in the DEIR. Plan Bay Area is the region's first integrated land use and transportation plan that addresses the requirements of SB 375, which strives to attain the per-capita GHG emission reduction targets of -7 percent by year 2020 and -15 percent by year 2035 from 2005 levels. Plan Bay Area presents a vision of what the Bay Area's land use pattern and transportation network might look like in 2040 and proposes a set of future transportation projects that can be implemented with available funding. Transportation projects proposed in Plan Bay Area are located within Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and/or Sonoma counties.

The DEIR has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.). The DEIR for Plan Bay Area is a program EIR as defined in the CEQA Guidelines. The DEIR presents a region-wide assessment of potential impacts of Plan Bay Area. Significant effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: transportation; air quality; land use; energy; climate change/sea level rise; noise; water resources; biological resources; visual resources; cultural resources; public utilities; and public services. The DEIR does not evaluate the site-specific impacts of individual projects, which will be the responsibility of the appropriate project sponsors.

The public review period on the DEIR starts on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 and ends on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 4 p.m. **All comments on the DEIR must be made in writing and received at MTC by 4 p.m. on May 16, 2013.** Written comments on the DEIR should be sent to MTC, attention Carolyn Clevenger, EIR Project Manager, by mail, fax, or email, as shown above.

The following three public hearings have been scheduled to receive oral comment on the DEIR:

Tuesday, April 16, 2013  
10 a.m. to 12 noon  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
Novato/Larkspur Room  
101 McInnis Parkway  
San Rafael, California

Tuesday, April 16, 2013  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
First Floor Auditorium  
101 8th Street  
Oakland, California

Wednesday, April 17, 2013  
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Martin Luther King Jr. Library  
Room 225/229  
150 E. San Fernando Street  
San Jose, California

You may download the DEIR from MTC's web site at [www.onebayarea.org](http://www.onebayarea.org) or request a copy from the MTC-ABAG Library by email at [library@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:library@mtc.ca.gov) or by telephone at 510.817.5836. Copies are also available for viewing at the MTC-ABAG Library and selected Bay Area public libraries have the DEIR on CDs. For more information, or for the location of the library closest to you, call MTC's Public Information Office at 510-817-5757.

We appreciate your interest in the Bay Area's future and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Clevenger, EIR Project Manager