

## **Smart Growth Monitoring Plan for Transportation Air Quality Conformity** (October 19, 2005)

### **Schedule**

The monitoring plan will be prepared every two years, concurrent with ABAG's update of the regional demographic projections.

### **Progress Report on Incentives**

The monitoring report will include a section detailing the types of incentives the regional agencies have adopted or supported to help implement the Smart Growth land use projections. Prior to updating the projections, ABAG's Executive Board will be asked to review and approve the policy assumptions that will be included in the new economic and demographic forecast.

### **Tracking Report on Land Use Changes**

The monitoring report will include a section focusing on local policy changes and actual land use changes that have occurred in response to the Smart Growth projections since the last monitoring report

- Track the number of jurisdictions that have updated the local general plans and development regulations in response to the adopted regional "smart growth" demographic forecast. Identify the schedule, if known, for other jurisdictions to update the local general plans and development regulations.
- If local general plans and development regulations have been updated specifically, identify them and state the degree to which these changes are consistent with the adopted regional "smart growth" demographic forecast.
- Identify in key transit corridors (See map), and in San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose, the current and forecasted change in overall population and employment density, and the change in population and employment density in areas within ½ mile of these major transit facilities, due to local master plan and development regulation updates.
- Identify in key transit corridors the current and forecasted change in type of construction, housing choices, and mixed-use development due to local master plan and development regulation updates.
- Identify any obstacles to the implementation of the adopted regional "smart growth" demographic forecast that are identified through the local planning process and/or updates to local general plan and development regulations. Discuss the extent to which regional housing allocations are being met, consistent with the adopted Smart Growth forecast.

### **Projects and Programs in MTC's Regional Transportation Plan Supporting Smart Growth**

As part of the monitoring report, MTC will identify the projects and programs that are included in the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan that will most directly help implement the Smart Growth demographic forecast and their implementation status.

**Tracking Legislative Proposals Supporting Smart Growth**

MTC will also track legislation that implements or supports the Smart Growth forecasts as part of its legislative monitoring effort included in the most current Overall Work Program. The monitoring report will summarize these Smart Growth legislative efforts.

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The federal agencies (FTA, FHWA, EPA) have reviewed the revised Smart Growth Monitoring plan, as submitted on 3/25/04, with the addition of the legislative tracking element. The federal agencies agree that the elements of this monitoring plan are adequate.

Based on this, the federal agencies agree that they will not disapprove the immediately upcoming MTC conformity analysis because the planning assumptions include longer term demographic patterns based on the implementation of a regional smart growth program, as identified by MTC and ABAG in prior discussions. However, the agencies reserve the right to consider all other factors in their review of the conformity analysis when submitted.

In general, the agencies appreciate and support the efforts of MTC and ABAG to promote "Smart Growth" and more efficient land use patterns in the Bay Area. In particular, we appreciate the willingness of the MTC and ABAG to implement the monitoring plan as agreed upon.

For the record, please consider the following:

1. As MTC and ABAG begin to implement the "Smart Growth" program, certain changes in the monitoring plan may suggest themselves. If it appears that the addition or deletion of certain factors is advisable, please confer with the federal agencies on any suggested changes to the monitoring plan.

2. The federal agencies reserve the right to disapprove future (post the immediately upcoming) conformity analyses based on the demographic assumptions of the implementation of the "Smart Growth" program. This decision may be based on the monitoring plan feedback or any other factors that the agencies feel is appropriate. Should this occur, additional discussion will be required to identify a satisfactory set of demographic assumptions to support future conformity analyses.

3. Failure by MTC/ABAG to implement the monitoring plan on the agreed upon schedule will not in itself invalidate any approved conformity analysis. However this failure will affect the ability of the federal agencies to approve future conformity analysis that rely on the demographic assumptions based on the implementation of a regional "Smart Growth" program.

We will not be sending any other correspondence relating solely to the monitoring plan, but note of the monitoring plan will be made in the approval letter, when granted, for the upcoming conformity analysis.

If you have any questions please contact me.

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