

# PLANNING THE BAY AREA'S FUTURE WITH POST-IT NOTES

Plan Bay Area 2050 is a long-range plan charting the course for the future of the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

This 30-year plan is authored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) – none of whose members are directly elected by the eight million residents of the 101 cities.

Yet these political appointees will make major decisions about the future of your city and your family in four critical areas:

**\* Transportation \* Housing \* Environment \* Economy**

- \* Are you confident in MTC – an organization known for scheduling and service snafus, cost overruns, and worsening congestion – to plan your future?
- \* MTC can barely manage transportation. Who benefits from also putting it in charge of housing, the environment and our economy?
- \* Is it reasonable to assume, in times of rapid change, that MTC can craft a sustainable, economically viable 30-year plan?

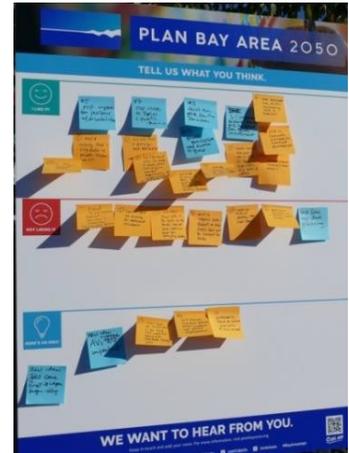


**Are you willing to give up local control and local tax dollars to politically-appointed bureaucrats to dictate how you live?**

# A BROKEN PROCESS

Public input gathered at pop-up events cannot be relied on for making major decisions:

- ★ Silicon Valley cities like Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Los Altos – where problems are worst – are excluded!
- ★ Random comments on Post-It notes next to smiley or frowning faces is not a scientific method for gathering meaningful data.
- ★ Participation depends on who shows up at farmers markets and local events. This process excludes collective community discussion, replacing it with decisions made by politicians and special interest groups behind closed doors.



## Consider the facts ...

- ★ MTC/ABAG plans are not working for most Bay Area residents. ABAG's *Regional Plan 1970-1990* and *2013 Plan Bay Area* did not save us from unsustainable growth, congestion, inadequate public transit, unaffordable housing, job loss and huge income gaps.
- ★ We pay a high price for MTC/ABAG. In 2018, total salaries with benefits for 333 employees totaled \$43.3 million. <https://tinyurl.com/y6exsild> Plan Bay Area's 2050 "Blueprint" anticipates raising \$100 billion in new revenues. <https://tinyurl.com/y3yfwse8>

**No one knows what the world will look like in 30 years. We need more realistic plans to get us through the next five.**



Tell ABAG to incorporate transparency and meaningful public engagement in the planning process. Send your comments to

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<http://sensiblezoning.org/pba-2050-popups>

