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6 Wins For Social Equity Network

Why do we need Plan Bay Area FOR ALL?

JUSTICE FOR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES

Decades of inequitable policy choices have systematically excluded low-income communities of color from opportunity by promoting segregation and disinvestment, while creating an environment marked by sprawl, heavy dependence on cars, and the creation of highways that pollute the low income neighborhoods they cross.

POLICIES THAT BENEFIT DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

Plan Bay Area provides a powerful opening for redrawing the map of opportunity and exclusion and challenging regional and local public policies across the Bay Area that siphon resources away from disadvantaged communities and isolate those communities from opportunity.

INCREASED ACCESS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

If we can win better transit and housing for our communities, and protect them from displacement and climate pollution, a new landscape of opportunity will open up to low-income communities: access to good schools, jobs, parks, safe neighborhoods, walkable and bikeable streets, quality food, and clean air.

"We know the history of segregation in our county and we see it now, another cycle of segregation moving people of color, particularly blacks, out of the city."

—Theola Polk, East Bay Housing Organizations

"What we are looking for is justice. What we want is tenant rights. We want no more evictions."

—Reyna Gonzalez, Faith in Action Bay Area

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6 WINS FOR SOCIAL EQUITY NETWORK MEMBERS INCLUDE:

Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment, Asian Pacific Environmental Network, Breakthrough Communities, California WALKS, Causa Justa :: Just Cause, Center for Sustainable Neighborhoods, Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, Council of Community Housing Organizations, Ditching Dirty Diesel Collaborative, East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy, East Bay Housing Organizations, Faith in Action Bay Area, Genesis, Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County, North Bay Organizing Project, Public Advocates, Regional Asthma Management and Prevention, Rose Foundation/New Voices are Rising, San Mateo County Union Community Alliance, SunFlower Alliance, TransForm, Urban Habitat, Working Partnerships USA. **To join us in our fight for justice, contact David Zisser at dzisser@publicadvocates.org or Mashael Majid at mashael@urbanhabitat.org. For more information, see <http://bit.ly/PublicAdvocates6Wins>.**

DO MTC & ABAG MAKE THE GRADE?

FOR: Metropolitan Transportation Commission & Association of Bay Area Governments

SUBJECT: Plan Bay Area FOR ALL



OVERALL GRADE:

<u>Community Power</u>	D
<u>Investment without Displacement</u>	C-
<u>Affordable Housing</u>	C
<u>Transportation Justice</u>	F
<u>Quality Jobs</u>	C-
<u>Safe and Healthy Communities</u>	C-

COMMENTS: Your continued failure to analyze an Equity scenario that proved to be environmentally superior in 2013, to implement the equity amendments you adopted in 2013, and to address the displacement crisis harms low-income families and the region as a whole. It's not too late to do the right thing.

Plan Bay Area FOR ALL: Do MTC & ABAG Make the Grade?

COMMUNITY
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OBJECTIVE	GRADE	EVALUATION OF CURRENT PLAN	HOW TO GET AN “A”
Ensure community decision-making in planning and investment processes.	D	<p>Progress: Worked with community-based organizations to ensure a more inclusive displacement forum in February.</p> <p>Needs improvement: 6 Wins’ Underserved Community Benefits Program and Equity, Environment and Jobs (EEJ) Scenario are not being evaluated; and public hearings are not accessible to the public.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Adopt 6 Wins’ Underserved Community Benefits Program proposal to direct \$2 billion over 4 years to fund the priorities identified by low-income community residents.■ Act on community input from the displacement forum by tying One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) funds to local anti-displacement policies and affordable housing production.■ Include an EEJ Scenario that prioritizes affordable housing, anti-displacement protections, quality jobs, and local bus service and transit passes.■ Schedule public hearings at times that are accessible to community members, with childcare and adequate interpretation.
Protect communities vulnerable to gentrification and displacement, particularly in areas taking on substantial new growth.	C-	<p>Progress: Adopted a first ever “risk of displacement” performance target, held a forum on displacement and housing, and staff released proposals that include tying OBAG funds to local anti-displacement policies.</p> <p>Needs improvement: Performance target does not focus on <u>low-income</u> households and does not aim to actually <u>decrease</u> risk of displacement, and OBAG proposals focus only on \$72 million in new federal funds rather than \$354 million in total funds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Take strong action against displacement by awarding the full county program OBAG funds to cities with strong anti-displacement policies.■ Use an appropriate methodology to measure the risk of displacement.
Build and preserve affordable housing in all transit-rich and high-opportunity communities to meet regional need.	C	<p>Progress: Adopted new performance target to increase affordable housing in transit-rich and high-opportunity areas, adopted OBAG funding formula that considers affordable housing production, and staff released proposals that include tying OBAG funds to local affordable housing production and preservation.</p> <p>Needs improvement: OBAG proposals focus only on \$72 million in new federal funds rather than \$354 million in total funds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Award OBAG funds, to jurisdictions that produce their fair share of both low- and moderate-income housing in proportion to the housing totals identified in local Housing Elements.■ Ensure that adequate affordable housing is planned for in <u>all</u> transit-rich and high-opportunity communities, not just areas in cities that have volunteered as “priority development areas.”
Expand local transit service to meet the needs of low-income residents. Fund a regional free transit pass for low-income riders and youth.	F	<p>Broken promise: MTC has not developed a plan to identify increased funding for expanding transit operations, as it committed to do “promptly upon the adoption” of PBA in 2013.</p> <p>Progress: Adopted performance target to reduce the commute to jobs (though it was not focused on low-income riders).</p> <p>Needs improvement: MTC has not taken steps to develop a regional transit pass for low-income riders and youth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Increase by \$2-3 billion the funding available in PBA to operate local transit service levels.■ Fund a regional youth transit pass program.
Create and retain jobs with good wages, full benefits, and opportunities for career advancement, particularly for disadvantaged residents.	C-	<p>Progress: Adopted the first ever performance target focused on creating and retaining middle-wage jobs and committed to hold a jobs forum.</p> <p>Needs improvement: Jobs target does not address whether the jobs created actually pay a living/ middle wage, and the proposed jobs forum is not tied to upcoming policy decisions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Convene a jobs forum as a follow-up to the displacement forum to more strongly connect these issues. Ensure that it is led by community and labor voices to develop top priorities for policy solutions.■ Prioritize transportation funds to support strong local jobs policies, such as minimum wage, project labor agreements, targeted hiring, and industrial land strategies.■ Ensure that the direct construction jobs supported by transportation investments pay area standard wages, employ apprentices, and provide career opportunities for disadvantaged workers.
Prioritize transportation investments that will improve health and safety, especially in low-income communities of color.	C-	<p>Progress: Met with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and the Alameda County Health Department to determine the health impacts of expanding goods movement and a plan to reduce these impacts, and committed to seek funding for goods movement projects that reduce health impacts.</p> <p>Needs improvement: MTC has said that it may still advance projects that increase pollution in vulnerable communities, based on other considerations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Seek funding for goods movement strategies that reduce environmental and community impacts from freight transport.■ Work with the BAAQMD to assess the impacts that require mitigation.■ Target impact reduction investments to benefit communities directly affected by the region’s freight transportation system.■ Reject projects, programs or policies that increase health disparities for residents of impacted communities.