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Project Title: AMBAG 2045 MTP/SCS, SBtCOG 2045 RTP, SCCRTC 2045 RTP, TAMC 2045 RTP

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Project Location: Project covers the three-county region of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz Counties

City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) is the region's long range land use and transportation plan through 2045 for the three-county AMBAG region, including Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties. The 2045 MTP/SCS will guide the development of the Regional and Federal Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIP and FTIP) as well as other transportation programming documents and plans throughout the three-county region. Specifically the 2045 MTP/SCS is intended to implement regional goals regarding future mobility needs and identify programs, actions and a plan of projects intended to address these needs consistent with adopted goals and policies. The SCS is included as a component of the 2045 MTP/SCS pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 375 and provides a framework for land use patterns that would effectively meet SB 375 greenhouse gas emission requirements.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Draft EIR provides an analysis of environmental impacts related to the implementation of the 2045 MTP/SCS, as well as the associated Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs) for Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties. The Draft EIR found that implementation of the 2045 MTP/SCS and associated RTPs would result in 31 significant and unavoidable impacts. Significant and unavoidable impacts would occur within the following issue areas: aesthetics; agriculture and forestry resources; air quality; biological resources; cultural resources; geology and soils; greenhouse gas emissions and climate change; hazards and hazardous materials; noise; public services, recreation, and utilities; transportation; tribal cultural resources; and wildfire.

Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: discouragement of architectural features that block scenic views; tree protection and replacement; design measures for visual compatibility; Farmland avoidance and minimization; emissions reduction measures; biological resources screening assessments and surveys, avoidance, minimization and mitigation; habitat restoration; historical and archaeological resources impact minimization; paleontological and geologic resources impact minimization; GHG reduction measures; energy consumption and water use reduction measures; site remediation; construction noise reduction; vibration reduction measures; noise mitigation near airport; public service demand; impact reduction from new recreation facilities; water and wastewater, stormwater, and other public service treatment facilities; solid waste generation and disposal; water conservation measures; VMT analysis and reduction; tribal cultural resources impact minimization; and wildfire risk reduction.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The EIR scoping process identified few areas of known controversy for the proposed project. Responses to the Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR and input received included impacts to biological resources, cultural and archaeological resources, traffic congestion, motor vehicle exhaust greenhouse gas emissions, toxic air emissions near congested highway corridors adjacent to residential land use, and impacts of the environment on the project, notably the effects on climate change, coastal and riparian habitats, and weather phenomenon to transportation facilities located in floodplains. Several attendees of the scoping meetings voiced concerns pertaining to traffic congestion and level of service. Traditionally, traffic congestion was evaluated as an environmental impact in CEQA documents, but it is no longer a CEQA impact and has been replaced by VMT as the metric for evaluating transportation impacts.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

AMBAG is the lead agency for the 2045 MTP/SCS because it holds principal responsibility for approving the 2045 MTP/SCS. TAMC, SBtCOG, and SCCRTC, are responsible agencies for the 2045 MTP/SCS and lead agencies for adopting their own RTPs. Project sponsors for individual projects analyzed in this program EIR may include: TAMC, SBtCOG and SCCRTC; Caltrans; Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties; cities within the AMBAG region; transit agencies; and other project sponsors who may implement any of the projects listed in the 2045 MTP/SCS. These agencies are considered responsible agencies for the 2045 MTP/SCS but may be lead agencies for individual transportation or land use projects. CARB, CDFW, and Central Coast RWQCB are considered trustee agencies.