# **Regional Forums for the MTC - ABAG Merger Study**

Attend a Regional Forum to learn about and discuss the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Merger Study currently underway.

# **South Bay Regional Forum**

March 2, 2016 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. San Jose SPUR Offices 76 S. First Street. San Jose, CA 95113



# **East Bay Regional Forum**

March 8, 2016 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **CCTA Offices Board Room** 2999 Oak Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94597



# **North Bay Regional Forum**

March 14, 2016 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. City of Novato City Hall **Council Chambers** 922 Machin Ave, Novato, CA 94945



# **Background Information**

# Why conduct a merger study?

In October 2015, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) adopted a resolution to create an integrated regional planning department as the best near-term approach to carry out the land use and transportation planning responsibilities set forth in SB 375 and reduce duplication of effort. This would result in a functional consolidation of planners working on SB 375 within MTC. The respective SB 375 statutory responsibilities of ABAG and MTC would remain the same. The ABAG Administrative Committee also adopted a resolution expressing support of MTC's resolution. The actions by MTC and ABAG were accompanied by an agreement to conduct a Merger Study and in the event ABAG and MTC approve a Merger Implementation Plan prior to July 1, 2016, the functional consolidation of planning departments shall be pre-empted. In January, 2016, ABAG and MTC hired Management Partners to study the policy, management, financial, and legal issues associated with further integration, up to and including institutional merger between the agencies, and how an integration model might be implemented.



# Step 1 Prepare work plan and schedule

Jan-Feb

## Step 2

Identify regional transportation and planning organization models/stakeholder engagement

### Feb-Apr

# Step 3

Conduct alternative options analysis

Mar-Apr

### Step 4

**Prepare** implementation plan

Apr-May

## What will be done?

**Management Partners will** evaluate different integration models with respect to the following:

- Policy considerations
- Statutory authorities
- Representation and governance
- Financial resources and budget
- **Employee relations**
- Agency mission
- Regional planning needs

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