

**California Regional Blueprint Planning Grant  
Fact Sheet  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission/ Association of Bay Area Governments**



**Project Goal**

The Blueprint-funded project is part of a larger integrative regional planning program intended to facilitate transportation efficiency, open space conservation and an adequate and affordable supply of housing. This work directly supports the Regional Transportation Plan. The focus will be to achieve a transit- and pedestrian-oriented pattern of housing development, providing significant transportation and community benefits. The principal deliverable (scheduled for fiscal year 2006/2007) will be a set of regionally adopted Development Priority Areas, where housing planning and production can be concentrated.

**Project Description**

In collaboration with the Bay Area Council, the Transportation/Land-use Coalition, Nonprofit Housing Association of Northern California, Greenbelt Alliance, Sierra Club, Urban Habitat, the California Resources Agency, the State Housing and Environmental Protection Agencies, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, direct regional growth toward compact, transit-oriented pattern, the vision for the region. Achieving the RTP projections depends on changes in local-government land-use policy and actions. Through its integral "Transportation/Land-Use Platform," the RTP advocates and encourages growth, particularly infill development, consistent with the vision.

Next steps toward achieving the Vision for the region are:

1. Engage in outreach to local governments and community stakeholders to focus on appropriately located housing production, transportation efficiency and resource conservation.
  
2. Introduce the concept of local and regional priorities areas for housing, transportation, environmental protection and economic development.

**Grant Award \$500,000 FY 2005/06**

**Product**

Develop public involvement and consensus-building plan with special emphasis on groups most affected by the transportation and land-use changes proposed in the Vision and groups which may not have been adequately involved in past transportation and land-use planning efforts (e.g., disadvantaged communities, environmental justice interests, Native Americans and other minorities)

Prepare GIS data layers for spatial modeling with smart-growth criteria—such as transit and road network, parks, land use designation, protected-species-habitat areas, goods distribution facilities, urban growth boundaries, water bodies, concentrations of poverty, and environmental justice issues.

**Who Benefits**

Disadvantaged communities, environmental justice interests, Native Americans and other minorities, MTC, ABAG, local governments and community partners and stakeholders.



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