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Analytical Modeling at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission

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Overview

- Models in regional planning
- Mike on UrbanSim, the land use model
- Lisa on Travel Model One, the transportation model
- Questions



Please note

- Today's talk is not a formal presentation in the Plan Bay Area 2040 process
 - Scenarios are earlier versions
- Any comments will not be part of the EIR process
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What are Regional Models?

- Complex, data-hungry computer programs
- Use economics and statistics to forecast how different parts of the city work and interact in an attempt to forecast the future
- At MTC, they use microsimulation
 - Explicit prediction of choices (e.g., Where do I want to live? What time will I drive home?)

Why Use Regional Models?

- Forecast the future to better understand trajectory and plan/evaluate transportation investments
 - Rigorous, consistent, and comprehensive
- Test the efficacy of transport and land use policies
 - Better understand how the region works and what might ameliorate our problems
- **Evaluating alternate futures or scenarios**

Regional Models at MTC

- Various software forms an integrated model
 - Regionwide total forecast: REMI
 - **Local land use forecast: UrbanSim**
 - **Transportation behavior: CT-RAMP**
 - Emissions: EMFAC
 - Other: health, benefit-cost, equity assessment

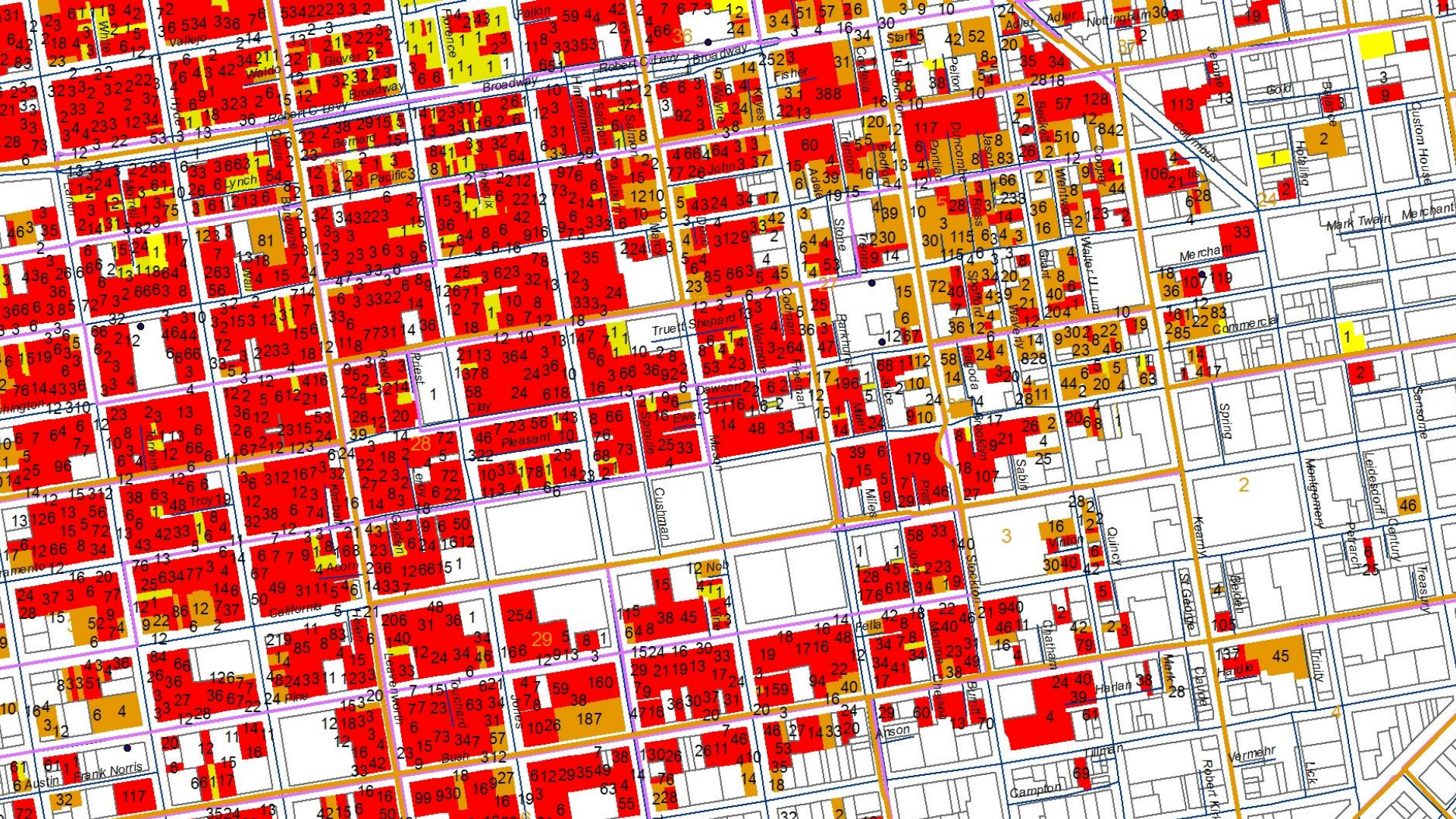
Land Use Modeling

- UrbanSim land use model
 - Developed by Paul Waddell, UCB
 - Forecasts the intra-regional location of households and jobs (and the buildings that contain them) for a series of future years



Supply in UrbanSim

- Start with map of all current buildings
 - Attributes such as size, age, price
 - All households and jobs are explicitly assigned using recent data on their locations



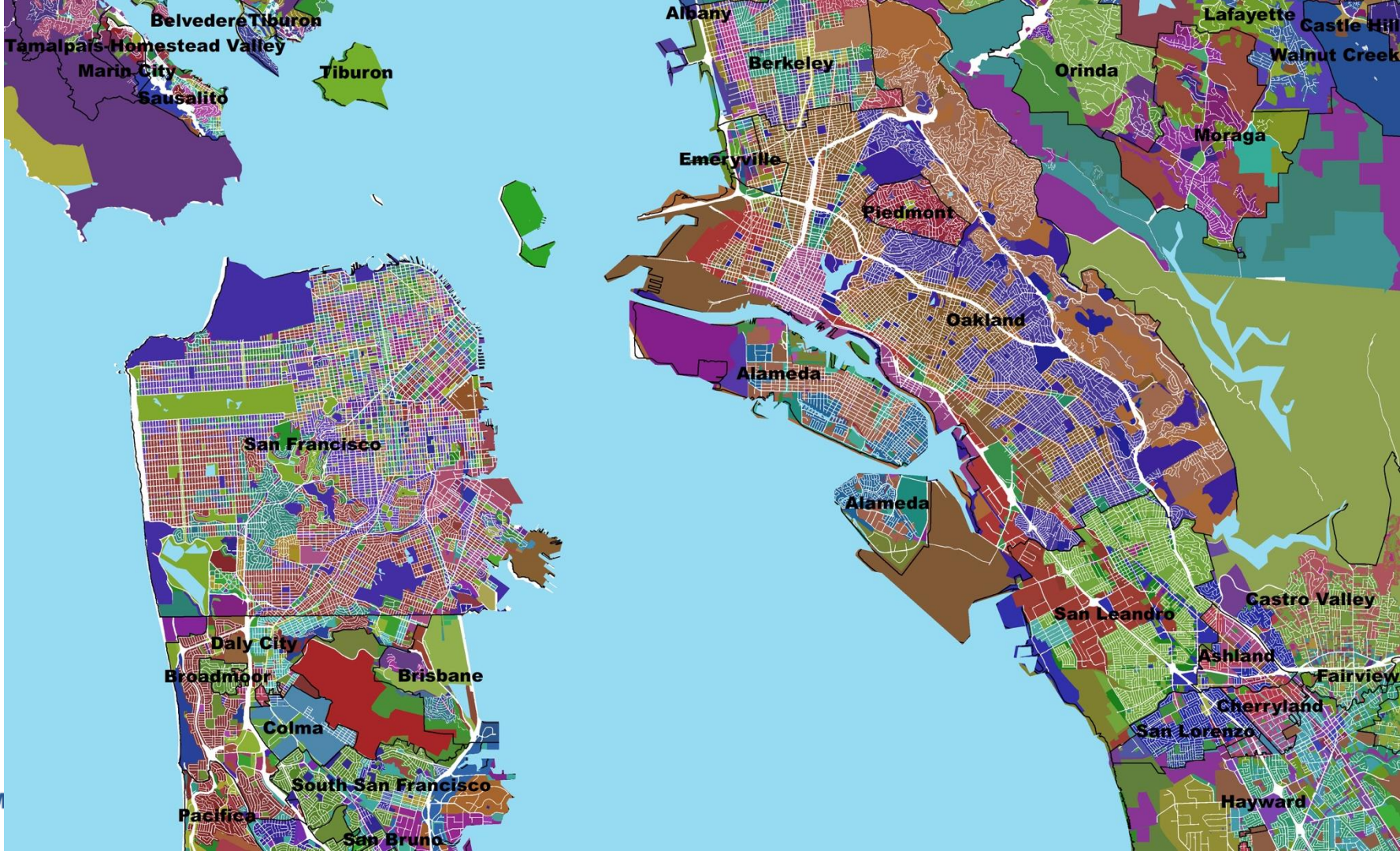


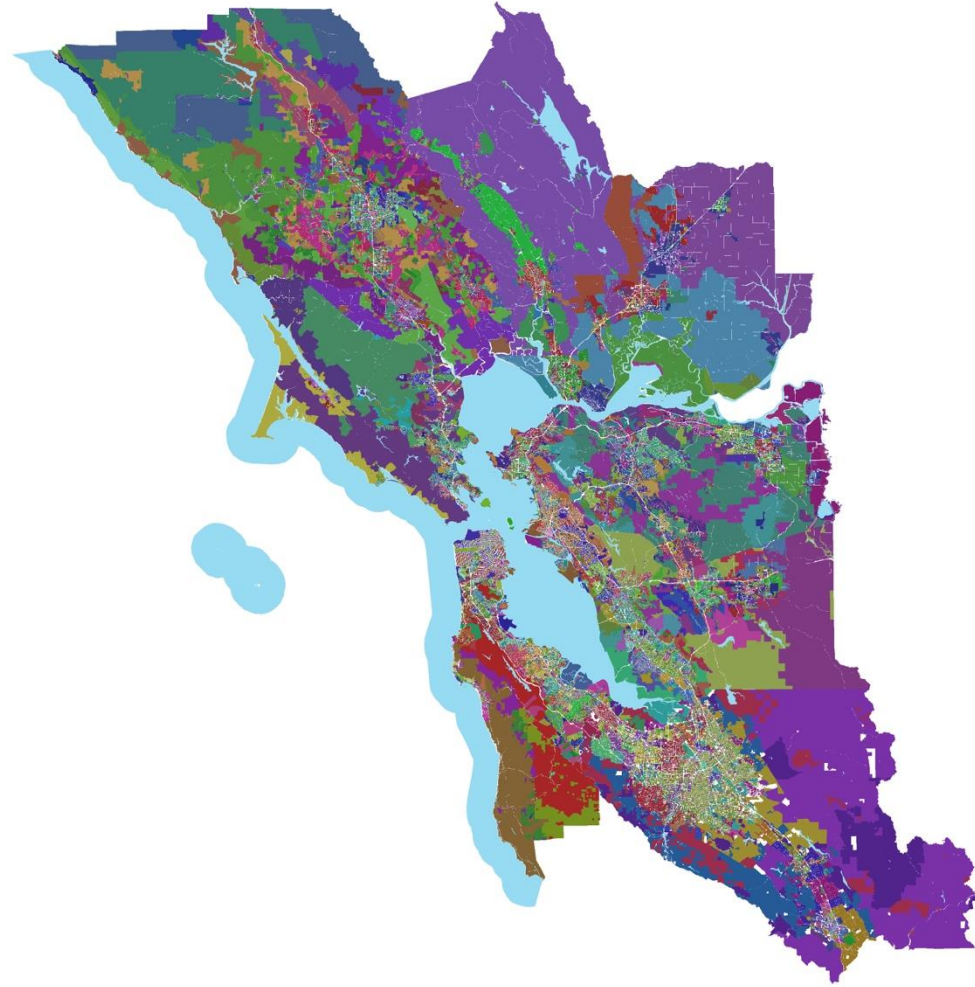
Demand in UrbanSim

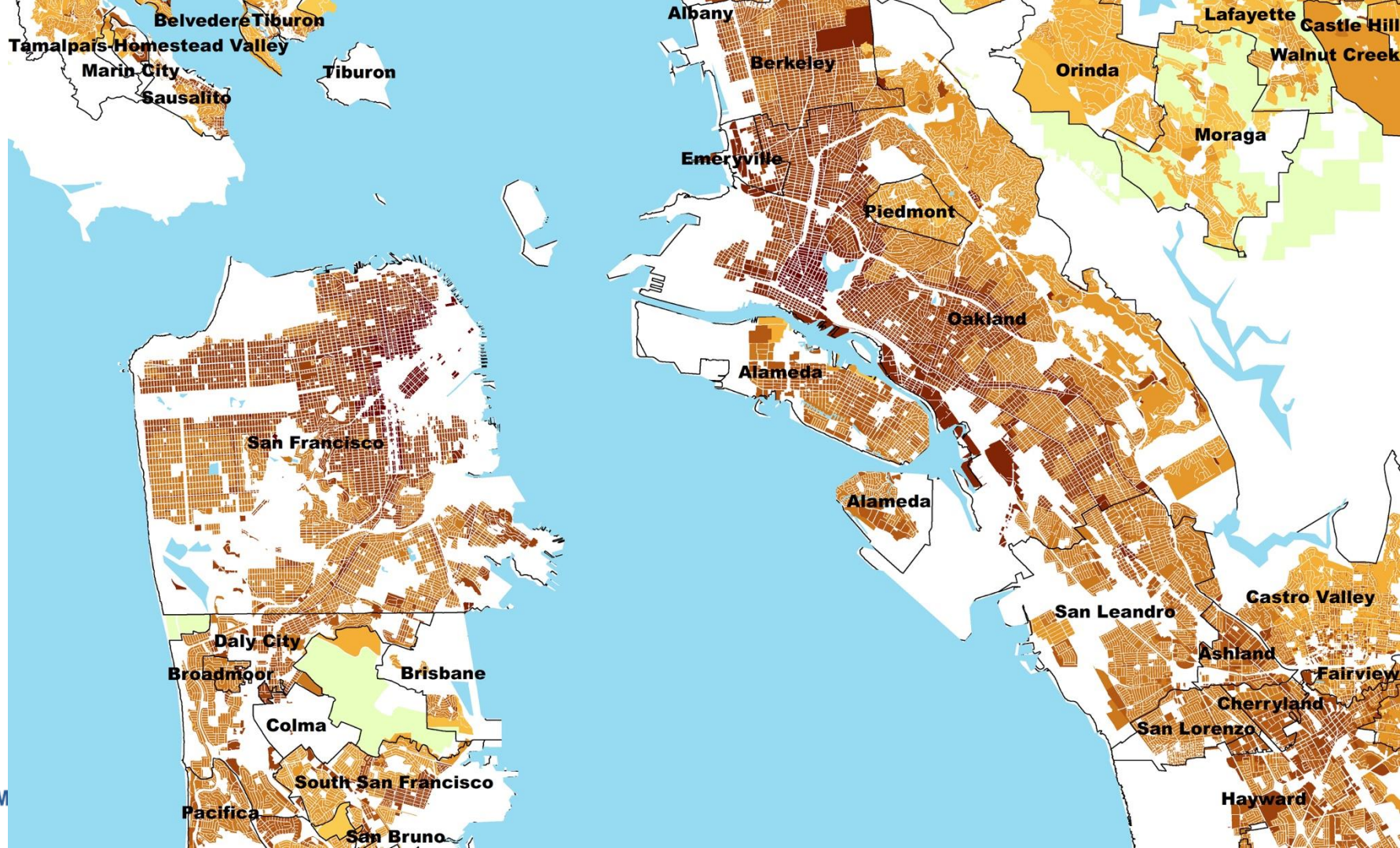
- Statistical equations developed from past behavior explain the consistencies in location preferences
- Every year new households (from REMI) and some existing households choose a new housing unit
 - Very individual but there are correlations
 - Place them in these locations
- Jobs are similar

Increasing Supply

- Map of land use policies
 - Mostly zoning, but also caps, fees, subsidies
- UrbanSim Developer Model simulates construction
 - Pro forma estimates profit = revenue – costs
 - Costs from existing use, fees, construction
 - Revenue starts with current prices, goes up in areas of high demand
 - Build the most profitable buildings







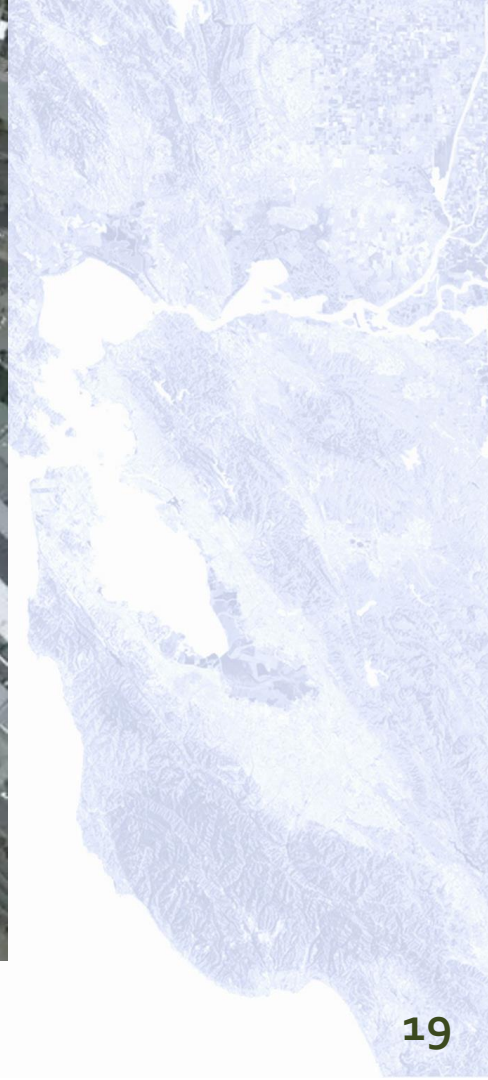
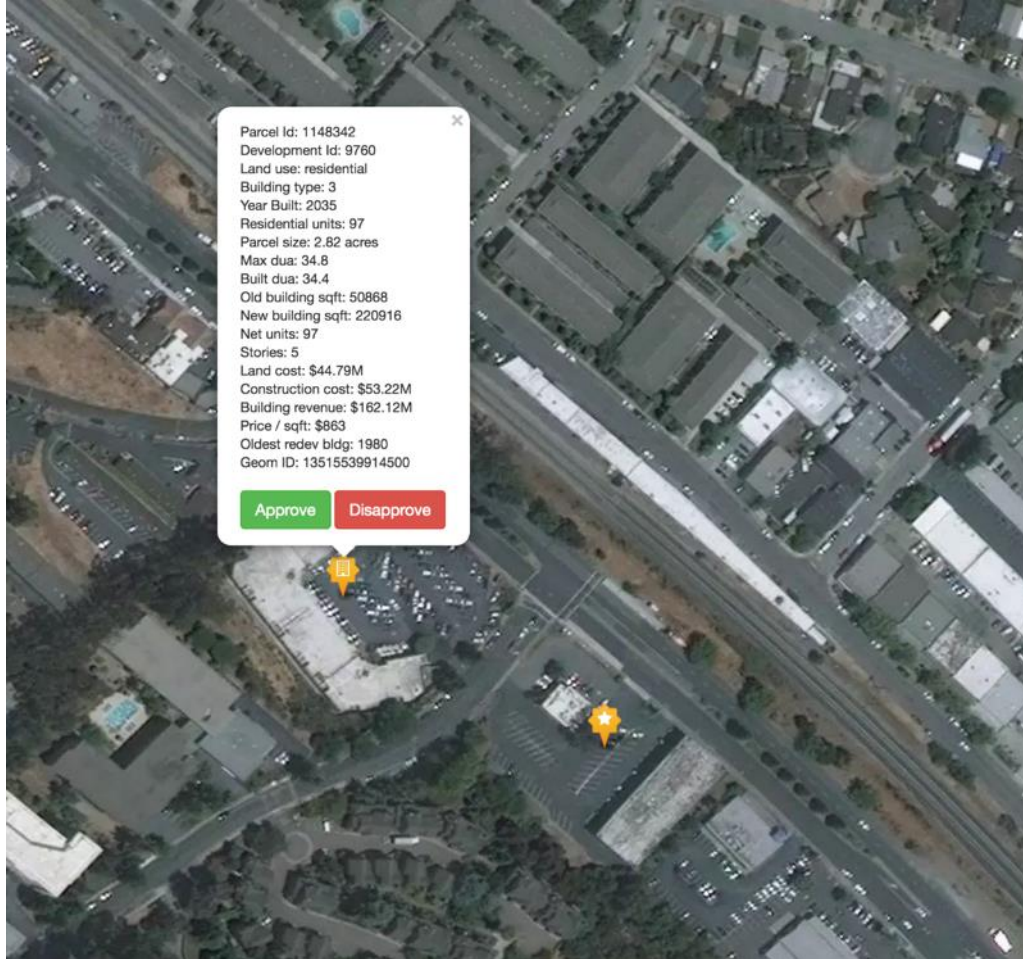


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Mini Pro Forma

Costs	-\$98m
Revenue	\$162m
Profit	\$64m



Scenarios

- Built multiple scenarios with stakeholders
 - Different visions relating to where growth ought to go
 - **Use policies within the model to achieve**
 - Different transportation investments and policies

Four Initial PBA Scenarios

- No Project and



Main Streets

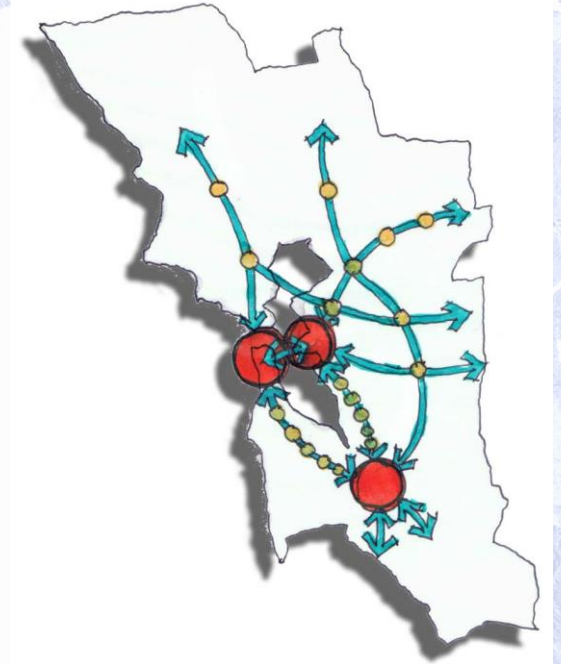
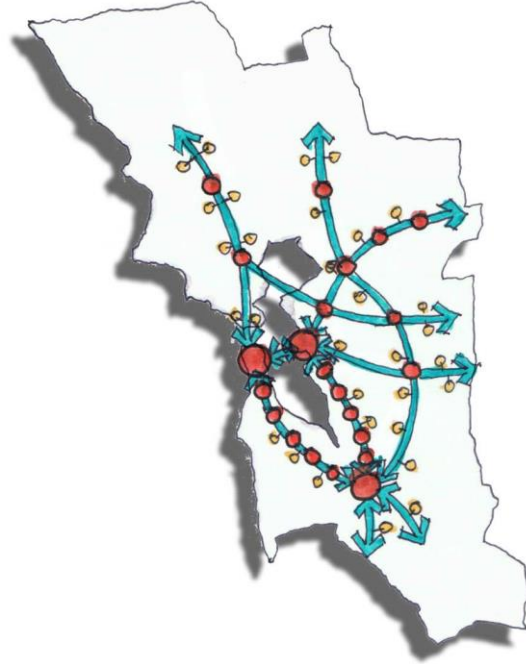
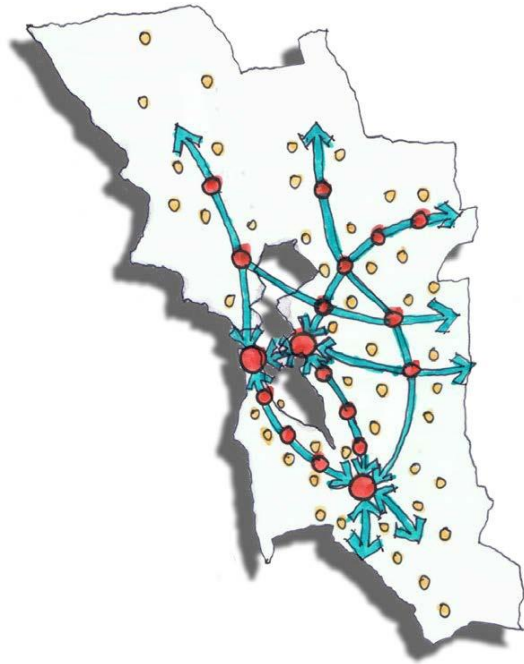


**Connected
Neighborhoods**






Big Cities

PBA40 Scenarios Visions



LAND USE STRATEGIES

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Land Use Strategy	 Main Streets	 Connected Neighborhoods	 Big Cities
Upzoning	Select suburban areas	PDAs	Big 3 & neighbors
Open space/UGB expansion	Modest	None	None
Reduce parking minimums	PDAs along regional rail	PDAs along corridors	Big 3 & neighbors
Inclusionary zoning	High-opportunity areas	Jurisdictions with PDAs	Big 3
Fees/subsidies for deed-restricted units in low-VMT areas	Yes- fee on new commercial in high VMT areas	None	Yes- fee on new residential in high VMT areas
Other tax policies	Assume new taxes/fees providing over \$500M annual for affordable housing	None	Assume revenue-neutral property tax assessment modification in Big 3 cities



Main Streets



Connected Neighborhoods

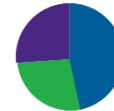


Big Cities

2040 Share of Total Households



% Share of Total Jobs



Household % of Growth in PDAs



Employment % of Growth in PDAs



Key

- Big 3**
(the region's three largest cities: San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland)
- Bayside**
(generally directly adjacent to San Francisco Bay - e.g. Hayward, San Mateo, Richmond)
- Inland, Coastal, and Delta**
(generally cities just outside of Bayside - e.g. Walnut Creek, Dublin, Santa Rosa, Antioch, Brentwood, Dixon)

Transportation Modeling

Travel Model 1 forecasts the travel behavior of every resident on a typical weekday in the future



Demand in TM 1

- Travel is a derived demand
 - Start with land use model output: where do people live and where are their destinations?
- Explicit representation of people in households making many interrelated choices
 - Car ownership, where working, shopping, when leave for a trip, what mode (car, walk, transit...)

Supply in TM 1

- Detailed representation of the travel network
 - Roads with capacity, tolls
 - Transit with frequency, costs
- How do the trips generated by the demand model combine throughout the day to generate congestion and affect travel speeds/times

1 Population Synthesizer

2 Long-term Decisions

Usual work and school location

Automobile Ownership

Free Parking Eligibility

3 Daily Decisions

Coordinated Daily Activity Pattern

Mandatory

Non-Mandatory

Home

Available time budget

a Individual mandatory tours

Frequency

Scheduling

b Joint non-mandatory tours

Frequency

Party size

Participation

Location

Scheduling

c Individual non-mandatory tours

Frequency

Location

Scheduling

d At-work sub-tours

Frequency

Location

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4 Tour-level Decisions

Tour mode

Stop frequency

Stop location

5 Trip-level Decisions

Departure time

Trip mode

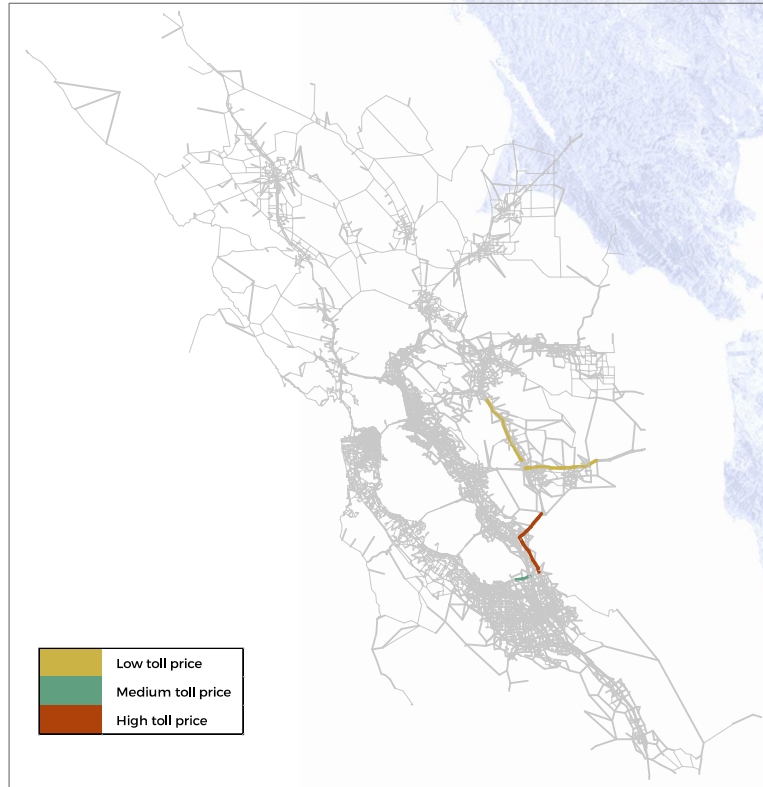


Figure 5: Morning Commute Express Lane Prices for Scenario 0 - No Project and Scenario 2 - Connected Neighborhoods

Scenario Output

- Back to the scenarios introduced earlier
- Travel Model used to assess alternate futures
 - Different land use patterns means a different set of origins and destinations for trips
 - Vary transportation investments and policies
- Assess which one (or combinations) best achieve regional goals

by Mode and Purpose







Main Streets



Connected
Neighborhoods



Big Cities

Streets & Highways	State of Good Repair	● ● ●	● ●	●
	Efficiency	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ●
	Expansion / Extension	● ● ●	● ●	●
Public Transit	State of Good Repair	● ● ●	● ●	●
	Efficiency / Operations	● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●
	Expansion / Extension	●	● ●	● ● ●
	Bicycle / Pedestrian	● ●	● ●	● ●
	Climate Strategies	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●

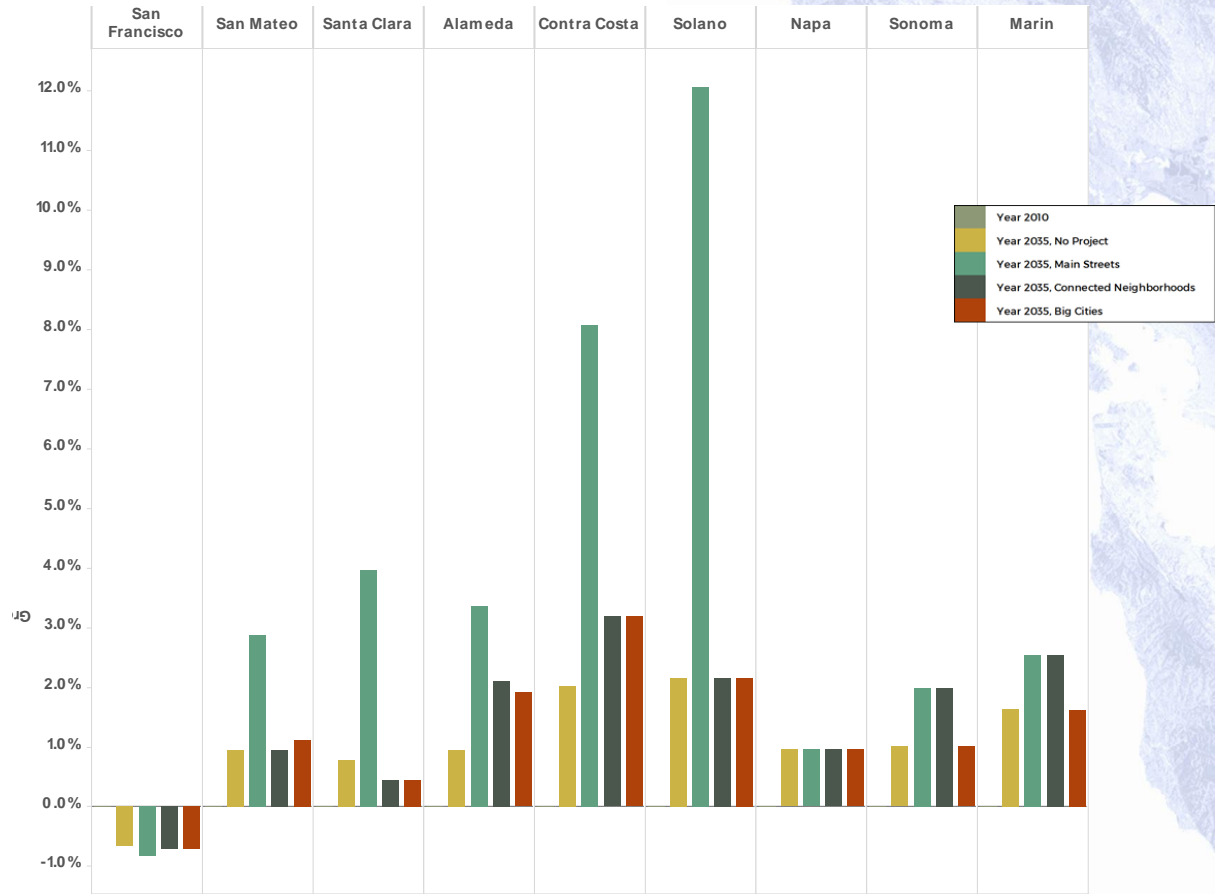


Figure 2: Change in Roadway Lane Miles from 2010

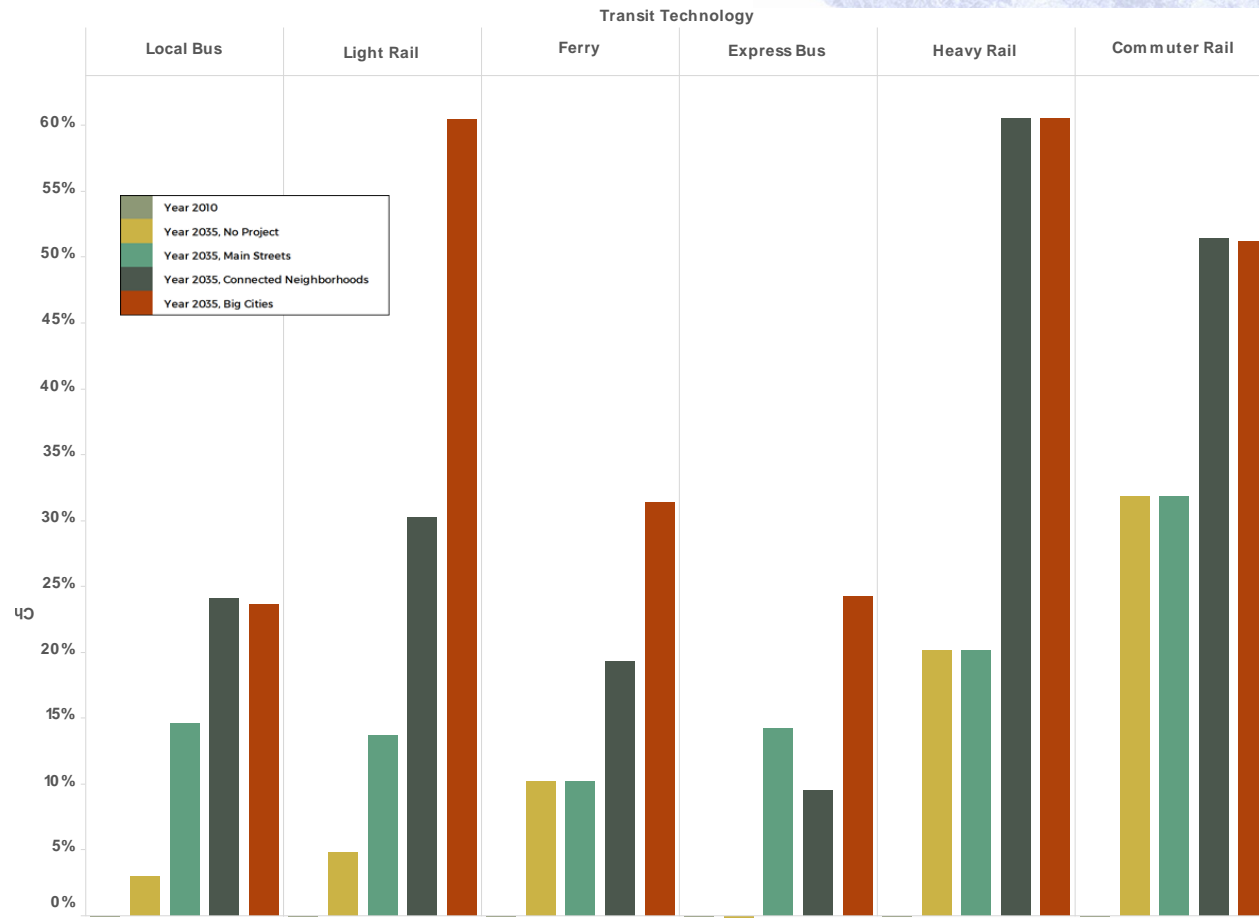


Figure 3: Change in Transit Passenger Seat Miles from Year 2010

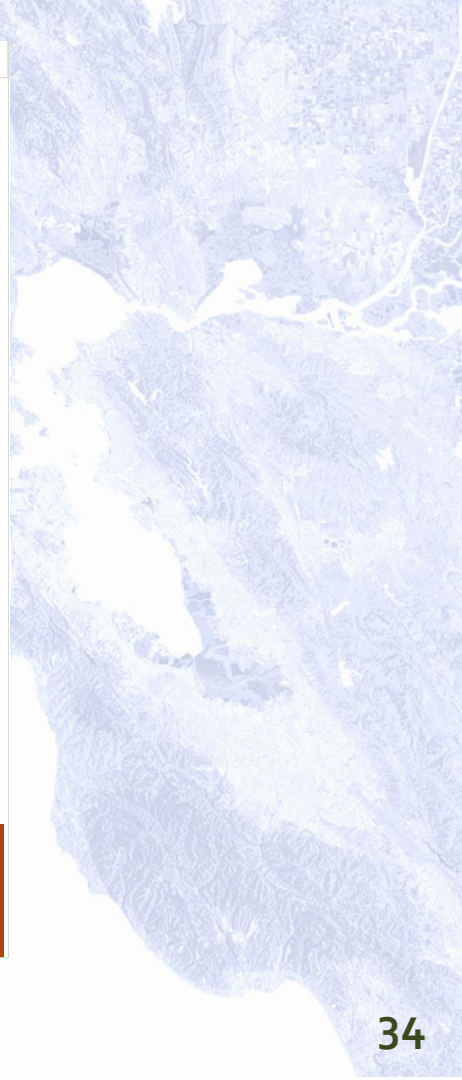
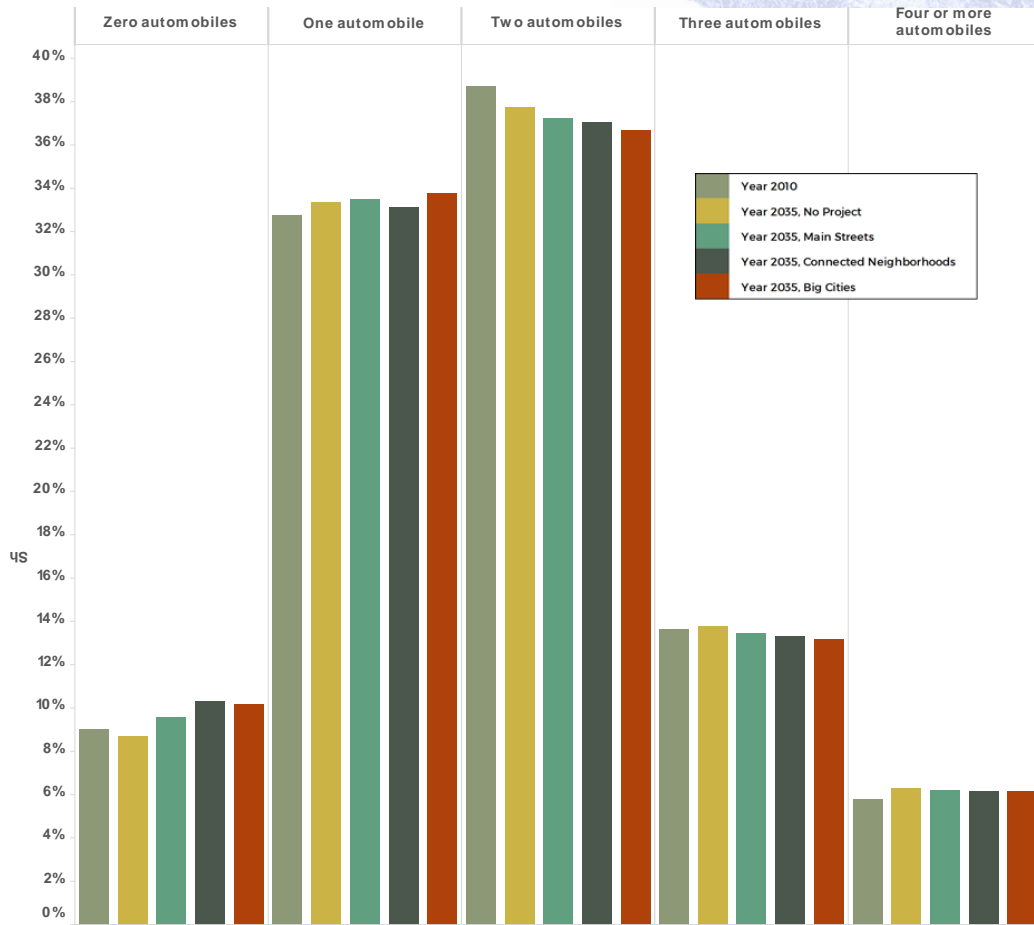


Figure 9: Year 2035 Automobile Ownership Results

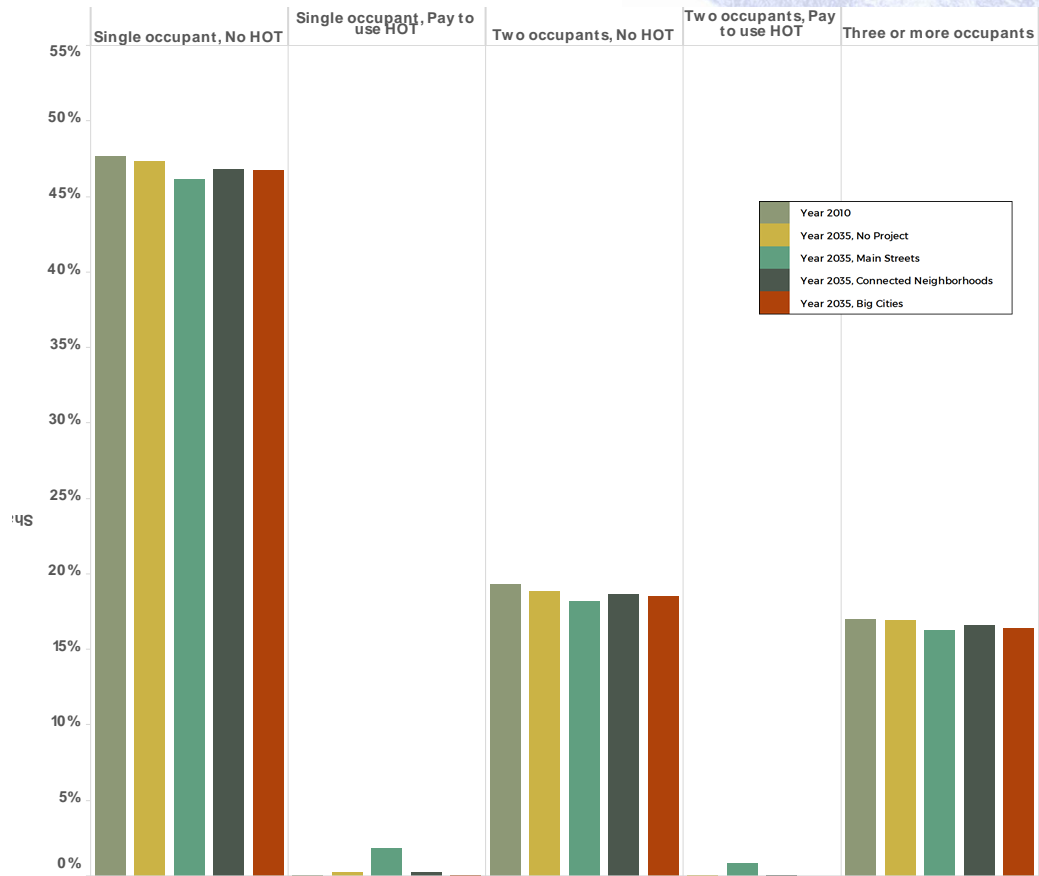


Figure 12: Year 2035 Automobile Mode Shares for All Travel

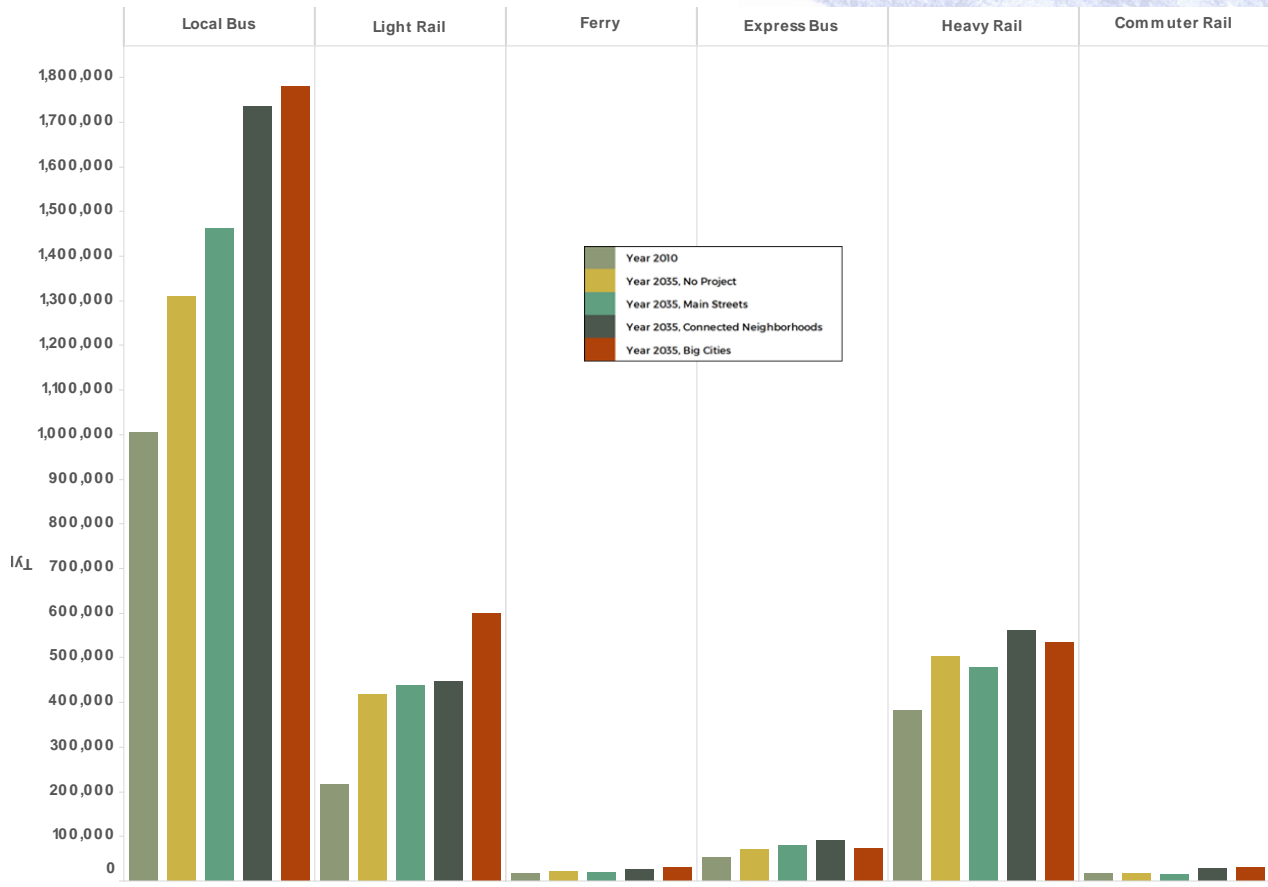


Figure 14: Year 2035 Typical Weekday Transit Boardings by Technology

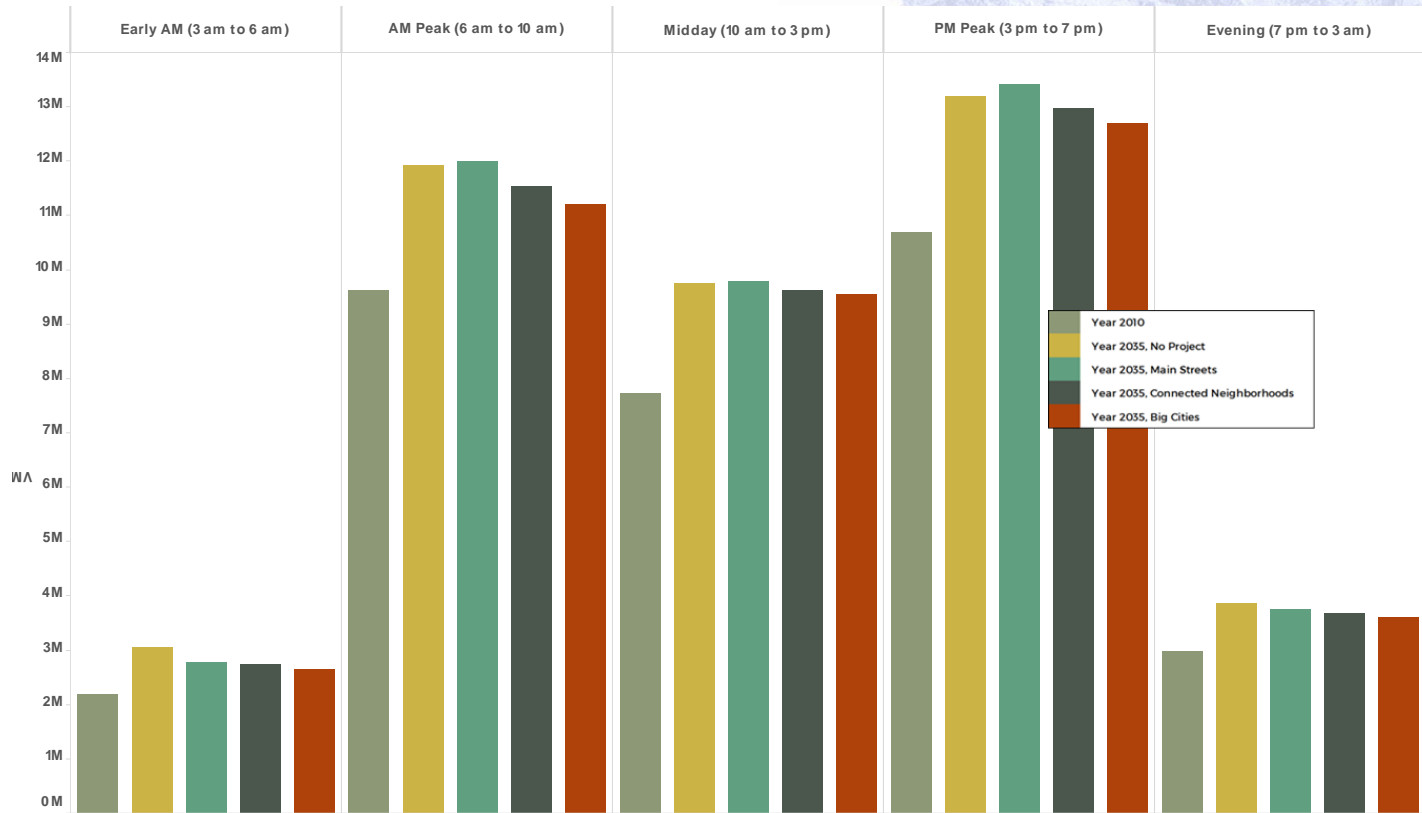


Figure 15: Year 2035 Vehicle Miles Traveled per Hour by Time Period

Table 6: Year 2035 On-Road Mobile Source Emission Estimates for the MTC Air Basin






Scenario	Tons per typical weekday for all vehicles (unless otherwise noted)							
	Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂)†	CO ₂ † Pounds per Capita	Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂)‡	Small Particulate Matter (PM _{2.5})	Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀)*	Winter Nitrous Oxides (NO _x)	Reactive Organic Gases	Carbon Monoxide (CO)
Year 2005	64,640	18.5	64,640	8.54	14.09	221.4	112.0	995.8
Year 2035, No Project	84,780	18.8	65,060	4.60	11.12	24.54	20.91	132.3
Year 2035, Main Streets	83,490	18.5	64,330	4.58	11.09	24.41	20.79	130.4
Year 2035, Connected Neighborhoods	81,100	17.9	62,490	4.47	10.81	23.80	20.26	127.4
Year 2035, Big Cities	79,810	17.7	61,330	4.40	10.64	23.32	20.00	125.4

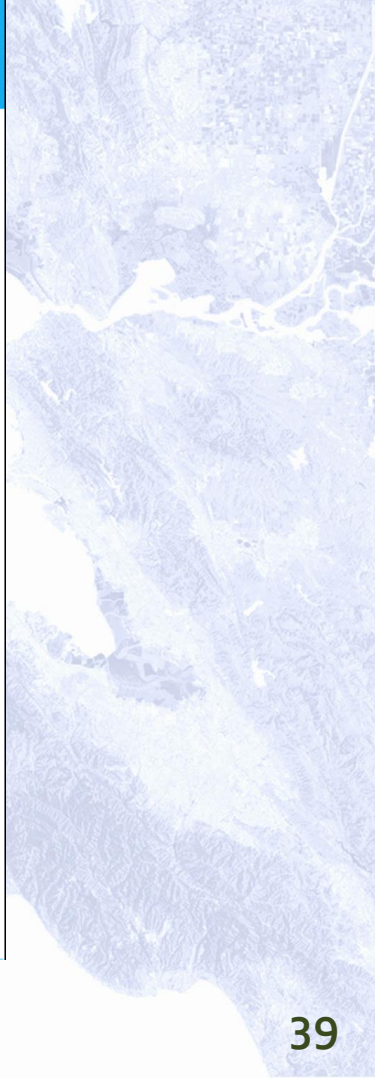
† – Passenger vehicle emissions for the nine-county Bay Area, excluding – per SB 375 – expected reductions from fuel and vehicle regulations. Excludes expected reductions from MTC’s Climate Initiatives program.

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* – Does not include road dust.

TARGETS - SUMMARY

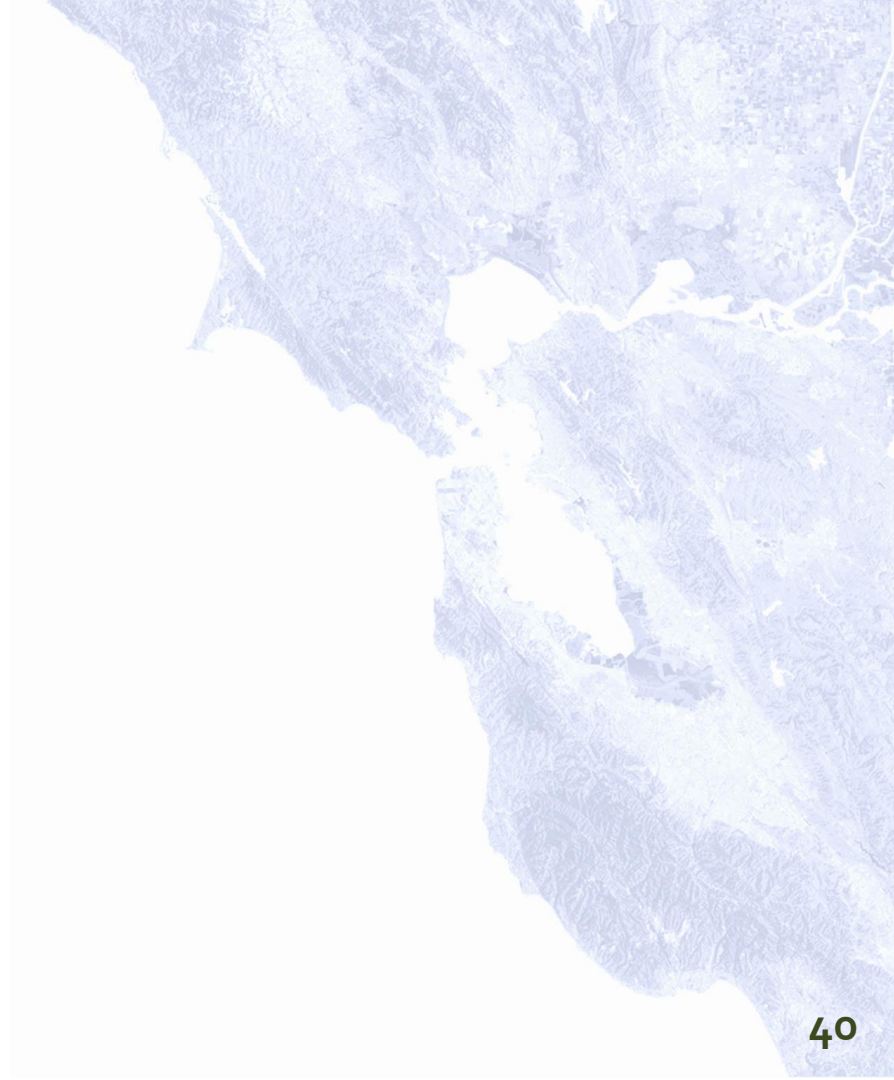
Goal	TARGET	No Project	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	
 Climate Projection	1 Reduce per-capita CO ₂ emissions*	-15%	-3%	-15%	-18%	-20%
 Adequate Housing	2 House the region's population	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
 Healthy and Safe Communities	3 Reduce adverse health impacts	-10%	-0%	-0%	-1%	-1%
 Open Space and Agricultural Preservation	4 Direct development within urban footprint	100%	71%	77%	100%	100%
 Equitable Access	5 Decrease H+T share for lower-income households	-10%	+15%	+13%	+13%	+13%

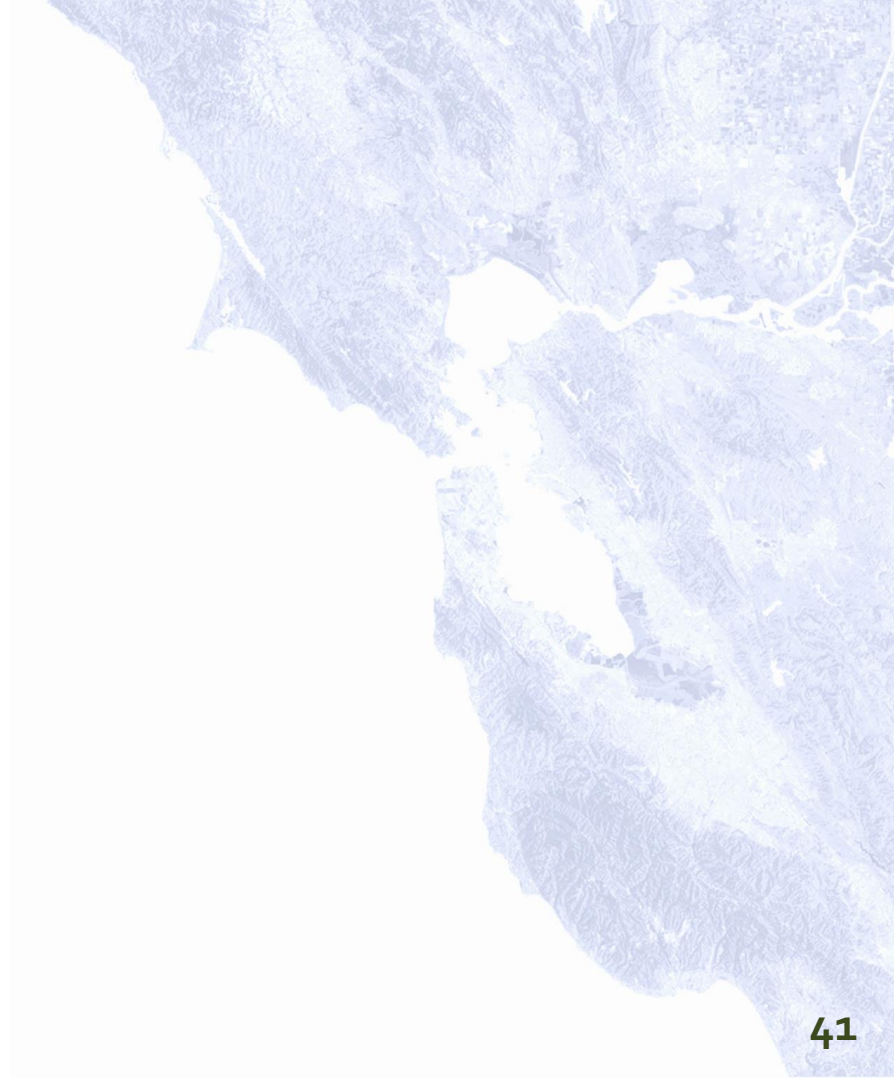


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Land use strategies influence the location of future housing and jobs.

The **Final Preferred Scenario** has the following key strategies for land use:

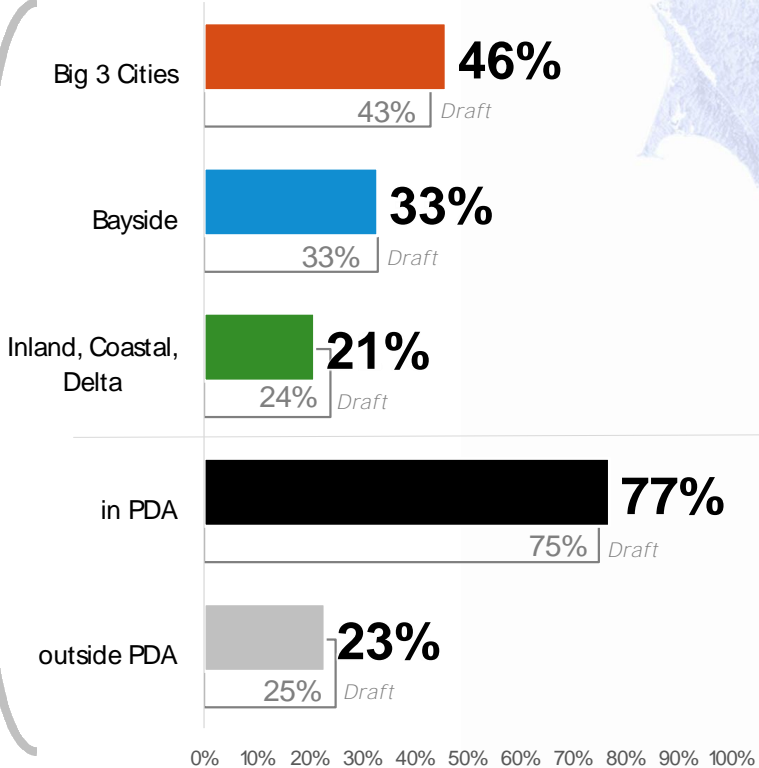
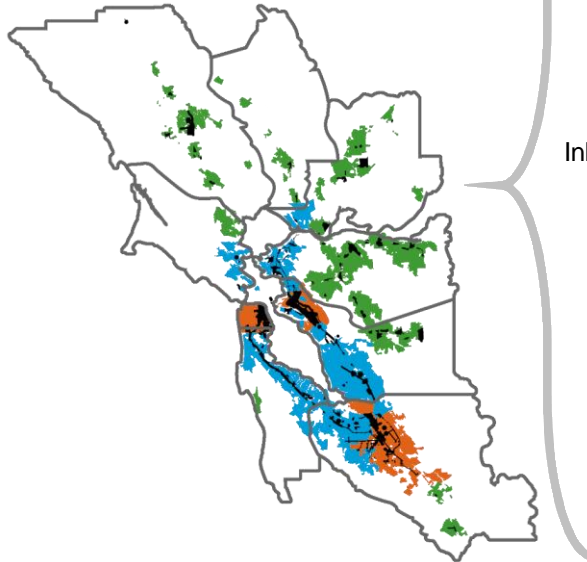
- Assign **higher densities** than currently allowed by cities to select PDAs.
- Keep **current urban growth boundaries** in place.
- Preserve and incorporate **office space caps** in job-rich cities.
- Assume for-profit housing developments make **10 percent of units deed-restricted** in perpetuity.
- Reduce the cost of building in PDAs and TPAs through **eased parking minimums** and **streamlined environmental clearance**.
- Assume **subsidies** stimulate housing and commercial development within PDAs.
- Assess **commercial development fee** based on VMT to improve jobs-housing ratio and to fund affordable housing in PDAs.



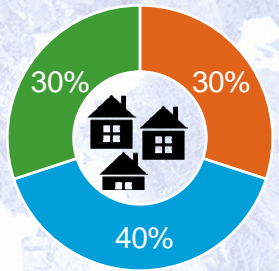
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Compared to the Draft Preferred Scenario, the Final Preferred Scenario boosts housing growth in the “Big 3” cities.

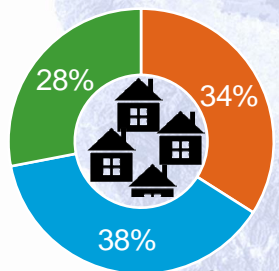
Where will the region plan for the **820,000** new households?



2010: **2.6 million** households

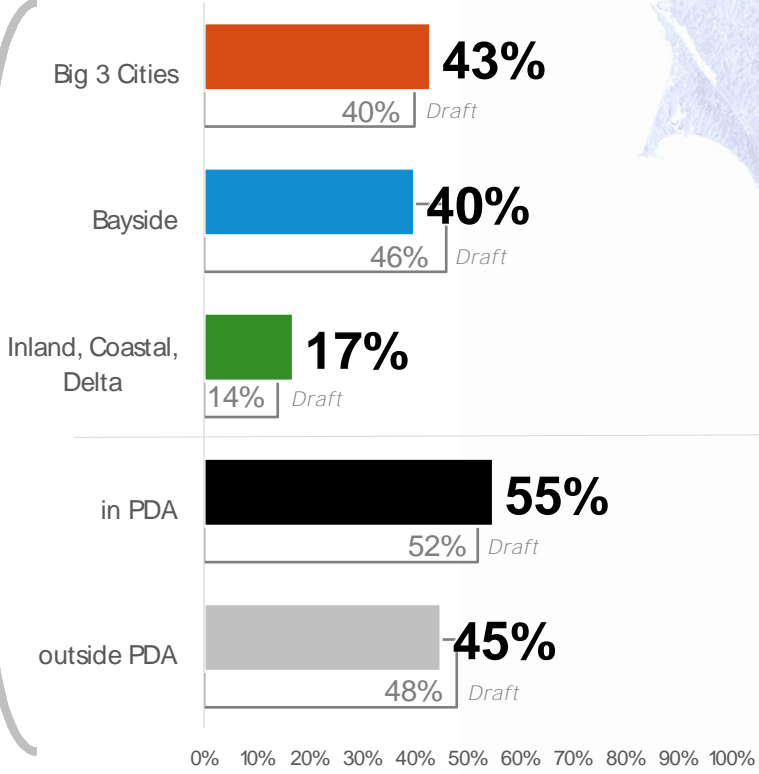
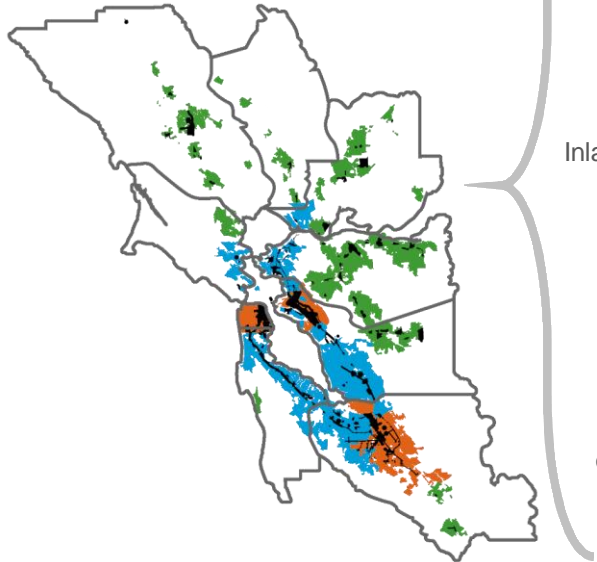


2040: **3.4 million** households

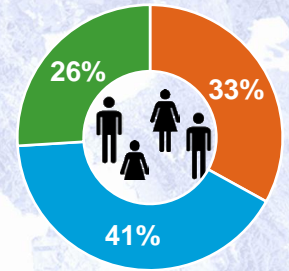


New strategies included in the Final Preferred Scenario shifted some job growth away from Bayside communities.

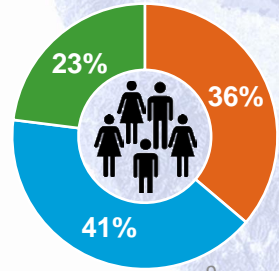
Where will the region plan for the **1.3 million** new jobs?

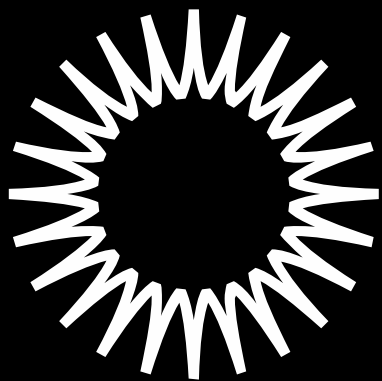


2010: **3.4 million** jobs



2040: **4.7 million** jobs





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