



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Date: December 17, 2019

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**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County Of Sonoma, State Of California,  
Nominating the Springs Specific Plan Area as a Priority Development Area to the Association  
of Bay Area Governments & Metropolitan Transportation Commission for Inclusion into Plan  
Bay Area 2050.**

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 375, the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008, defines implementation requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles through better coordination between transportation and land use planning; and

**Whereas**, SB 375 requires each regional planning area to prepare a “Sustainable Communities Strategy” (SCS) in the regional transportation plan that demonstrates how the region will meet the greenhouse gas emission targets; and

**Whereas**, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) together are the governmental agencies responsible for planning, financing and coordinating transportation and land use planning for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, including preparation of the SCS; and

**Whereas**, MTC/ABAG adopted Plan Bay Area 2040 on July 26, 2017, the current Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy for the nine-county Bay Area; and

**Whereas**, MTC/ABAG are currently preparing Plan Bay Area 2050 (the Plan), an update to Plan Bay Area 2040 that will outline strategies for growth and investment through 2050; and

**Whereas,** MTC/ABAG are creating a Regional Growth Framework to be used in the Plan;

**Whereas,** this Framework includes locally nominated Priority Development Areas (PDAs) as locations to coordinate local and regional planning for housing, jobs, and future investment; and

**Whereas,** jurisdictions with PDAs have access to regional funding dedicated to planning and infrastructure improvements within PDAs; and

**Whereas,** the Springs Specific Plan Area was previously designated as a “Rural Community Investment Area,” a Priority Development Area placetype; and

**Whereas,** the County was awarded a PDA grant for the development of a Specific Plan for the area and the Springs Specific Plan is currently in process; and

**Whereas,** the Springs Specific Plan area (depicted generally in Exhibit A to this resolution) meets all the required “Connected Community” PDA criteria as follows: (1) the area is within an urbanized area; (2) a Specific Plan for housing growth, including affordable housing, and job growth will be adopted before 2025; (3) the area is served by an existing or planned bus route with peak headways of 30 minutes or less; and (4) the Specific Plan will include two or more policies related to the reduction of vehicle miles traveled.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors submit a nomination to MTC/ABAG to designate the Springs Specific Plan Area as a PDA for inclusion within Plan Bay Area 2050.

**Adopted December 17, 2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma by the following vote:**

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**