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#### COMMENTS REGARDING PLAN BAY AREA 2040 DRAFT PLAN

Dear Mr. Kirkey and Ms. Chion:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan for Plan Bay Area 2040. On October 12, 2016 the City of Santa Rosa sent a letter providing comments on the Draft Preferred Scenario (see attached). In reviewing the Draft Plan that was released in April 2017, it does not appear that the comments provided in the City's October 2016 letter have been addressed.

Specifically, the number of households projected outside of Santa Rosa's PDAs is still estimated at approximately 25% less than what the General Plan estimates (50,000 units vs. 66,500 units). The Draft Plan also maintains a higher anticipated future household growth in PDAs at about 80%, while Santa Rosa's General Plan anticipates 45% growth in these areas. Finally, job projections are still lower than projected by the General Plan, by approximately 30%.

The Draft Plan should better recognize growth planned within the Urban Growth Boundary outside PDAs, as well as Santa Rosa's role as a job center, with a large number of employed residents who work in the city, as well as people from outside the city traveling to jobs in Santa Rosa. Focus on transit and funding for improvements within Sonoma County would help solidify residents' choice to live and work in the County while reducing vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions.

Santa Rosa continues to be interested in greater eligibility and access to regional transportation funding, which would provide more opportunities in implementing specific plans in the City's PDAs by facilitating development readiness. Inclusion of the state of good repair for local streets and transit and climate strategies to support bicycle and pedestrian projects are important transportation investment strategies for the City.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Jones in the Planning and Economic Development Department at 707-543-3410 or [jjones@srcity.org](mailto:jjones@srcity.org).

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Attachment: Comment Letter, dated October 12, 2016