# Transit and the Bay Area's Housing Shortage

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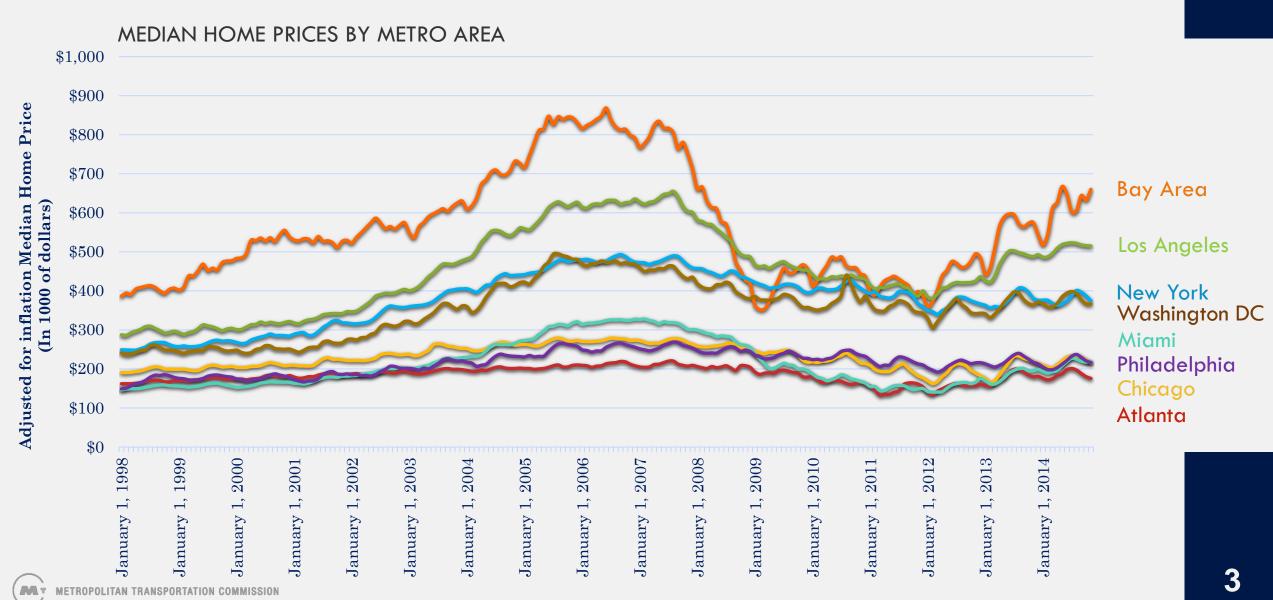
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## **How Hot Is the Bay Area Economy?**



### **Home sale Prices: National Context**



### Bay Area Housing Shortage – A 2+ Decade Crisis

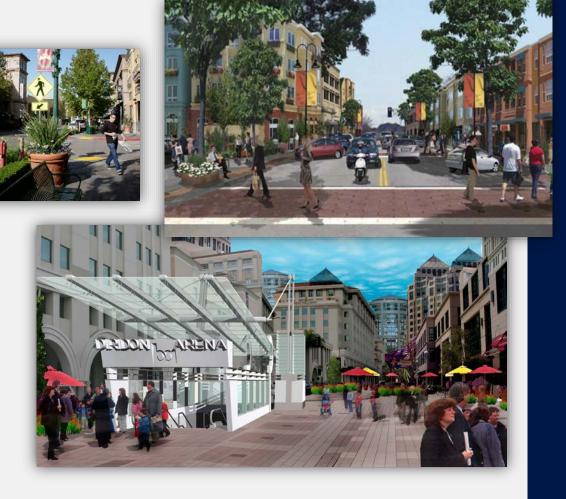
- Bay Area has underbuilt housing for low and moderate income households since the 1980s
  - Since 1990 just 35% of the Region's Moderate Income Housing and only 40% Low Income Housing Need has been built
- Limited supply of Greenfield Sites
- State eliminated Redevelopment and Affordable Housing Funding
- Rapid Job Growth, Technology Boom and Foreign Investment
- Bay Area is the Nation's most expensive housing market

# Build on an Existing Framework

- Priority Development Areas
  - Locally-nominated areas for development
  - Frequent transit service
- Nearly 200 PDAs in the region
- No change to local authority over land use decisions
  - Non-urbanized land
  - Urbanized land
  - PDAs
  - < 5% of region's land</p>
  - 80% of new homes
  - 66% of new jobs

# **PDA Planning Program**

- Comprehensive neighborhood-level planning
- Links local community aspirations and regional objectives
- Include programmatic EIRs to simplify development process
- 51 projects funded to-date
  - 60,000 + housing units
  - 103,000 + new jobs
  - 26 million sq. ft. commercial development

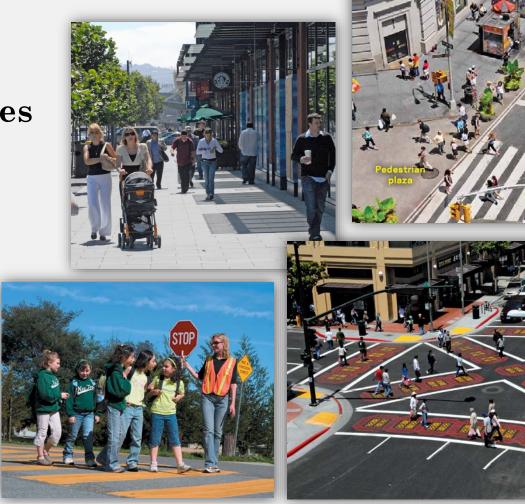


## **OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Program**

Rewards jurisdictions that produce housing near transit and create healthy communities

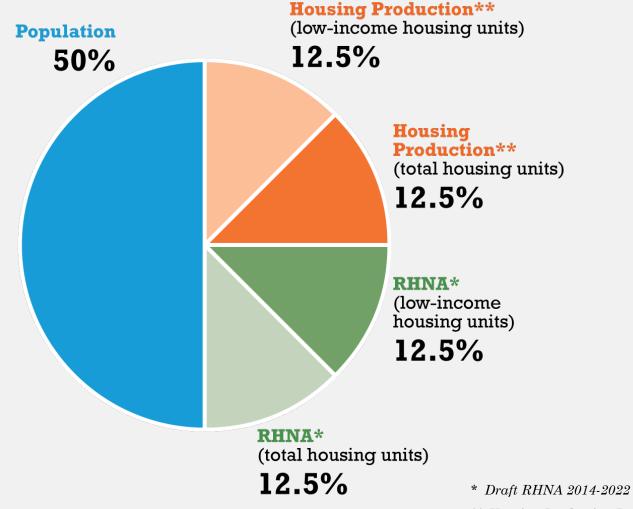
#### Eligible Projects

- Streetscapes
- Bicycle and pedestrians
- Safe routes to schools
- Local streets and roads





## **OBAG County Distribution Formula**



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\*\* Housing Production Report 1999-2006, ABAG

# **OBAG Requirements**

#### Flexibility in distribution, but OBAG requires:

#### Counties

- 70% of funds to be spent in PDAs
- Development of PDA Investment and Growth Strategies

• Cities

- Housing element adoption
- Complete streets resolution or consistency with general plan



### **Transit Oriented Affordable Housing Program (TOAH)**

- \$90 million revolving Loan Fund
- Projects located in PDAs, transit accessible
- Loan products for affordable housing, mixed income & mixed-use projects



Architect's rendering of the Eddy + Taylor Family Housing project slated for construction in San Francisco

### Historical Trend for Housing Growth in the Bay Area

