

**Plan Bay Area****January 2012 Public Workshops****Participant Comments from main "Comment Session"****Comments are listed by county. The counties are listed in alphabetical order.***Comment Session***County      Comments**

Alameda	Population growth of 2 million -- How do you know?
Alameda	175% wealth distribution -- explain that projection.
Alameda	Do illegal aliens factor into the growth?
Alameda	Are low income people being forced into high income areas?
Alameda	Explain whether financial coercive measures will be used to force local planners to implement the plan.
Alameda	What will be the "floor" for incentive funding to local jurisdictions.
Alameda	I don't want my community involved because we don't want regional control.
Alameda	Graph from Plan Bay Area doesn't show road investment - and it shows housing will be forced into PDAs.
Alameda	Greenbelt Alliance is causing housing to be unaffordable and using tax money to build affordable housing.
Alameda	This started with the UN. This plan is helping the UN. We don't agree with it. Do you want us to live in places with shops on the bottom, no cars and only public transportation?
Alameda	Planning is about control.
Alameda	If most people are against the plan, will you (MTC and ABAG) refuse to support it?
Alameda	Housing is being pushed upon people through regional planning and incentives.
Alameda	I would like this plan to provide cleaner air for myself and my family. I want to meet targets for GHG reductions.
Alameda	I want to live where transit is accessible and my needs are provided for (retail, etc.) in my community.
Alameda	How will change really relate to better air?
Alameda	I would like a civilized debate in this forum.
Alameda	Who is responsible for what's under the plan? Flow chart would be helpful. Who will put them together and when?
Alameda	What role does the state play? Local legislatures? Are the mayors requiring public input?
Alameda	This is a result of SB 375 being passed without a public vote. This will transform the lives of 9 million people and a few public workshops is not enough. It should have been on TV, everywhere and then voted on by the people. Local jurisdictions don't know what the plan is going to do.
Alameda	People are angry because this is the first opportunity to talk about the plan and now we are being told there is no plan. People don't know what they are voting on.
Alameda	Social equity is part of this. No one denies it and it is not in SB 375. This bill requires spending on stack and pack.
Alameda	There are many reasons jurisdictions cant say no - this is all due to social justice and redistribution of wealth.
Alameda	The developers will get CEQA waivers, so how will this reduce GHG?
Alameda	This is social engineering and deciding how we should live and that is wrong.
Alameda	Why was a 2nd Bart station built in Dublin instead of extending to Livermore? It was an inefficient use of funds. Was there public input?

Alameda	I don't want these subsidies. Jerry Brown killed the freeway and now we have 1,000 miles that should be freeways.
Alameda	What about diamond lanes - should buses use them?
Alameda	Transit needs to be accountable to the people.
Alameda	Transit should work like the 1950s when private companies operated it.
Alameda	The PDAs in Millbrae were met with resistance, same as Milpitas.
Alameda	How can we get the plans reworked?
Alameda	What is the next step before people can vote?
Alameda	Greenbelt Alliance has a pro-bicycle agenda.
Alameda	We need more time, the process is too fast, more info is required to vote.
Alameda	I represent all free people and this is social engineering through community manipulation.
Alameda	The developers will profit from economic development; the free market should decide housing and transportation.
Alameda	I grew up under the threat of eminent domain - a freeway was put behind my house and we couldn't sell.
Alameda	Voters should vote you out, 135 out of 200 (employees) make more than \$100K.
Alameda	We are here to take care of those who cannot care for themselves.
Alameda	I am concerned for generations to come. I'm an American, not part of any group.
Alameda	Has been to three meetings and this is the first time we have had questions listened to and answered.
Alameda	The voting is ambiguous.
Alameda	How will you incentivize use of public transportation. Are there dis-incentives to using cars?
Alameda	How will lower income people move up if middle class car use is made more expensive?
Alameda	Livermore BART would have increased housing density and residents were told to shut-up when citizens protested.
Alameda	Livermore hired a consultant to justify bringing BART to downtown Livermore.
Alameda	Urban growth boundary in Livermore is preventing a land owner from using his property freely (e.g. building a house).
Alameda	Measure O doesn't protect private property.
Alameda	Private property should not be voted on. Measure D was an illegal petition.
Alameda	We need a vote. We need a hand vote to see whether there is support.
Alameda	I'm a resident and want to see leadership at all levels and I want to see representation and dialogue.
Alameda	Housing for growing workforce is a big issue. How do we become more competitive?
Alameda	I appreciate the process and believe that the plan needs input for all stakeholders.
Alameda	The draft plan has moved the conversation by providing more housing and transportation choices.
Alameda	I appreciate the forum and have two recommendations: (1) provide more time for activities, this process takes a long time. (2) Provide more funding for PDAs because although they are good conceptually, they do not work without adequate funding.
Alameda	The decisions on this subject have already been made by developers and other interests.
Alameda	We are now expected to vote without enough info and vague voting questions.
Alameda	MTC is not democratically elected and it is not accountable to anyone. MTC doesn't report to citizens or reflect citizens' views.
Alameda	Someone tried to sign up and ended up on Greenbelt Alliance's mailing list.
Alameda	MTC treats the public with contempt at meetings - interruptions and using disrespectful behavior. This process needs to start over.
Alameda	I oppose the plan and the questions are skewed for the results you want.
Alameda	This plan will involve a lot of property and control over property rights.
Alameda	This plan will rezone (land) to mixed use, open space, etc.
Alameda	I request a summary following comments.
Alameda	Communities that are already dense need more livability investments (e.g. parks in Berkeley).

Alameda	Second round of plan has improved numbers for Berkeley.
Alameda	70's limits to growth. We need to talk about limits to growth here.
Alameda	It's helpful and educational to hear various concerns.
Alameda	Livable, complete communities are important; look for ways to incentivize.
Alameda	Meetings should be held in communities that will be most affected by these plans.
Alameda	Good transit is important.
Alameda	Consider money to develop schools; give priority over houses.
Alameda	These plans are based on incorrect assumptions, such as "government can create jobs." Texas has been growing jobs due to less regulations. Private business has to make a profit.
Alameda	Developers should be here.
Alameda	If you believe in property rights and freedom, you should be worried.
Alameda	Elected officials should be thinking about the constitution and serving the people they represent.
Alameda	Laws are being enacted that favor environmentalists.
Alameda	I'm disappointed that this side of the hill isn't better represented.
Alameda	Jobs classifications segregate people and communities.
Alameda	East Bay parks confiscate property on the Altamont.
Alameda	Your meeting facilitator should create a safe environment for this meeting.
Alameda	Consider whether you are keeping businesses intact with these plans.
Alameda	Creating class warfare is not helping the poor.
Alameda	Keep California strong by keeping business strong.
Alameda	Get BART around the Bay - use a bond issue.
Alameda	We need evening MTC meetings so people who work can attend.

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<b>County</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Contra Costa	The "Complete Communities" definition needs to address congestion.
Contra Costa	No more building, even if smart growth.
Contra Costa	Doesn't feel that feedback from last time was listened to.
Contra Costa	Doesn't think government involvement is positive.
Contra Costa	Use innovation and technology to build better.
Contra Costa	Believes this is a meeting of government agencies and contractors.
Contra Costa	Invite/involve more public.
Contra Costa	Wants to see public transportation to get young people to jobs.
Contra Costa	Doesn't want to give up his car.
Contra Costa	Infill development closer in.
Contra Costa	More development in other regions.
Contra Costa	In current budget crisis, how will this be implemented?
Contra Costa	World class public transit is needed.
Contra Costa	Wants to live near transit.
Contra Costa	Wants to have more mixed income housing near transit.
Contra Costa	FAQ #14 "social environmental justice" is misleading/prejudiced.
Contra Costa	This is part of Agenda 21-UN plan.
Contra Costa	Compares proposed growth to China.
Contra Costa	Save private property -- doesn't want property in governments hands.
Contra Costa	Where is "regional government" in Constitution?
Contra Costa	Against GHG reduction, SB 375 and Plan Bay Area. Regional boards adopted by counties. Cooperative planning of cities and counties is a positive thing
Contra Costa	Proposed development does not take into account public transit that has recently been eliminated.
Contra Costa	Wants something like "dollar rides" to come back/get started at electric vehicle charging stations.
Contra Costa	The nearest public transit is far from here.
Contra Costa	Younger generations like to walk and not have to use a car.
Contra Costa	Wants better/more bus/public transit in Monument corridor area.
Contra Costa	Need to care about the larger area we live in.
Contra Costa	Developers have to face lots of red tape in development projects.
Contra Costa	Developers are forced to build up density, affordable housing.
Contra Costa	Plan Bay Area can hurt poor people.
Contra Costa	Thinks that Plan Bay Area will take away house, rights etc.
Contra Costa	Wants to keep private property safe.
Contra Costa	GHG from transportation will be non-existent in a few years.
Contra Costa	Need solar on every house.
Contra Costa	Population projections are wrong .
Contra Costa	Stop building so that more people won't come.
Contra Costa	Mentions \$179 million administrative building in San Francisco.
Contra Costa	How will communities opt out?
Contra Costa	Doesn't want to give up personal rights.
Contra Costa	Lived near "key system". Likes BART.
Contra Costa	Appreciates coordinated planning.

Contra Costa	Supports High Speed Rail. Perhaps break into N. and S. projects.
Contra Costa	How will you coordinate with Berkeley lab expansion [in Richmond]? Wants regional agencies to work with the LAB. West County cities along corridor are undergoing a planning process.
Contra Costa	Is Plan based on decreasing GHG?
Contra Costa	How does lowering GHGs bring jobs?
Contra Costa	Environmentalism is killing jobs.
Contra Costa	Build jobs before houses.
Contra Costa	Wants to see a jobs plan.
Contra Costa	Wants to drive car for safety.
Contra Costa	Wants more options.
Contra Costa	Government promises don't live up. These are scare tactics.
Contra Costa	Doesn't like all levels of government.
Contra Costa	Concerned with planning process.
Contra Costa	Resolution 3434 doesn't go far enough.
Contra Costa	Need to bring transit to where jobs are now.
Contra Costa	Needs to build on pre-existing fabrics.
Contra Costa	Private property rights are being affected by this plan.
Contra Costa	Open space is someone's private property.
Contra Costa	People won't be able to afford cars.
Contra Costa	This plan is nothing new.
Contra Costa	What is new is that we may get funding for projects.
Contra Costa	Government is about everyone, not just one little interest group.
Contra Costa	Likes idea of planning.
Contra Costa	Wants diversity of housing choices.
Contra Costa	Put housing with employment with water. Regional planning needs to consider water.
Contra Costa	Employees need to be closer to homes.
Contra Costa	Housing affected by schools, jobs, etc.
Contra Costa	Affordable housing brings crime; needs to be spread out.
Contra Costa	Wants support for existing transit systems that are utilized so that they stay strong
Contra Costa	As projections change, how will the Plan adapt? (Plan will be revisited in 4 years.)
Contra Costa	Who will build homes? Private sector will cover housing production.
Contra Costa	What will options cost for individuals?
Contra Costa	Need financial information to make decisions.
Contra Costa	We don't need more building with all the foreclosures.
Contra Costa	Wants more opportunities to provide feedback.
Contra Costa	Concern with basic premise of population growth.
Contra Costa	Doesn't want growth to happen.
Contra Costa	"Sustainability" and growth are not compatible.
Contra Costa	Wants math and numbers from presentation: Public workshops are just one method for getting feedback from 7million people. Slower growth in region.
Contra Costa	Likes BART, but took too long to get to Alameda.
Contra Costa	Suggests a study on why people aren't using public transit now.
Contra Costa	Direct population increase to more dense areas.
Contra Costa	Believes choices are predetermined. Show how public input is being considered.
Contra Costa	Questions sustainability science.
Contra Costa	Doesn't like government involvement.
Contra Costa	Doesn't like quality of bus drivers.
Contra Costa	Skeptical of population growth; premise of spending on growth plan seems wrong.
Contra Costa	Electric vehicles: How much better are they really?

Contra Costa	Concerned about private property.
Contra Costa	Wants tax rebates to incentivize businesses.
Contra Costa	Wants to know how many people in room are for the plan.
Contra Costa	Doesn't support politicians who make bad decisions.
Contra Costa	Where will the money come from?
Contra Costa	Doesn't want to spend money we do not have.
Contra Costa	GHG idea is complex -- need to explain it better.
Contra Costa	This is forcing us to plan smarter. Likes that cities need to be active in this process. No planning will be haphazard and inefficient, need to do this so that quality of Bay Area will improve for generations to come.

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Marin	Need safe low income housing.
Marin	Look at alternative ways to manage growth.
Marin	GHG and high density housing not compatible.
Marin	How can one organization make decisions on behalf of 9 million people?
Marin	We need affordable housing.
Marin	Concern that information in email contradicted the meeting.
Marin	Most transit systems are not being utilized.
Marin	Prefers organic approach to growth and less government involvement.
Marin	Rethink CO <sub>2</sub> .
Marin	Build plans from the ground up.
Marin	How can the process be stopped?
Marin	How was feedback last time around taken into account?
Marin	Concern about being able to accommodate growth.
Marin	Please listen.
Marin	Where will money come from?
Marin	Eminent domain concern.
Marin	Using social sympathy for financing growth.
Marin	Concern that outcome is predetermined.
Marin	Doesn't think that public transit will work.
Marin	Values property rights.
Marin	SB 375 has taken away CEQA
Marin	Need housing with parking.
Marin	There are limited water resources; Marin County is almost built-out. Marin is only growing by 1 % as of now.
Marin	Get signatures on the ballot.
Marin	Likes long-term planning.
Marin	Need to involve more lower income and minority populations; make public transit more accessible.
Marin	Need more public-friendly language and translated info.
Marin	Need to define low-income and affordable housing.
Marin	Security is a management issue, not a development issue.
Marin	Is MTC using \$180 million to move?
Marin	Define social and environmental equity.
Marin	Why are we looking out at 2035? That's a long time to plan for.
Marin	Smart Growth and the concept of sustainability is connected to the United Nations.
Marin	The U.S. believes in public property.
Marin	The process for giving feedback unclear.
Marin	Concerns about additional representation on MTC for Oakland, San Jose.
Marin	How can Marin build with no water?
Marin	Don't build on landfill.
Marin	How can you predict what will happen in the next 30-40 years?
Marin	Has little trust in government.

Marin	How will 2 million people fit in PDAs?
Marin	Concern about oppression.
Marin	Prefers free market.
Marin	Concerned about lack of bus riders
Marin	Screaming hinders progress and real comments.
Marin	Wants all questions to be answered.
Marin	Concerned about short period of time for incorporating feedback.
Marin	Unfunded mandates are concerns.
Marin	MTC & ABAG need to plan for housing crisis; address lack of Census information.
Marin	More bike paths and bike friendly infrastructure.
Marin	Concerns about rezoning.
Marin	Local electeds need to express views of people to state legislators.
Marin	Supports regional planning.
Marin	Concerned that public comments will not matter.
Marin	Concerned about goal for GHG emissions reduction..
Marin	Improve public transportation efficiency.
Marin	Wants more information and more time to ask questions and get answers.
Marin	What are "complete communities"?
Marin	Use common sense with respect to sustainability- - believes the Earth will take care of itself.
Marin	Why are Novato's numbers doubled? How can numbers be supported? Where do they come from?
Marin	Doesn't like the plan, wants to be able to drive to grocery store. Wants more time for questions.
Marin	Wants less government involvement so we can grow organically.
Marin	Show an example of sustainability -- a developed city where people like their quality of life.
Marin	What is social justice?
Marin	Novato doesn't have necessary resources -- for research, development, education, etc -- to help come up with a reasonable plan.
Marin	Are we re-engineering society without the vote of the people?
Marin	Need to want to help the community.
Marin	The proposed plan is not a benefit to the community; we need/want the right to choose.
Marin	Opposes federal government spending.
Marin	Regional planning is necessary.
Marin	Mention of a similar project, Envision Utah.
Marin	What is high density? Wants an improved process.
Marin	Wants a unique plan for each city, locality and region.
Marin	Doesn't want Plan to have a negative effect on property rights.
Marin	Believes that property values in non-PDAs will decrease.
Marin	Local land use decisions should come from community.
Marin	Marin County growth is expected to be 1.5%; and an employment increase of 3%.
Marin	Need to have a meaningful conversation.
Marin	Use the approach that one size does not fit all.

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Napa	Against Plan Bay Area; against regional government.
Napa	Worried about loss of property rights. Take Oregon as an example -- didn't work.
Napa	Believes the plan is part of green movement.
Napa	Supports property rights.
Napa	Worried about loss of property values and rights.
Napa	Concerned with oppression.
Napa	Excited about Plan Bay Area.
Napa	Access and opportunities have a positive affect on health.
Napa	Likes online survey -- wants alternative ways to provide input.
Napa	Feels like planning in Napa is pre-determined.
Napa	Transit makes your life worse.
Napa	Plan doesn't make sense in Napa; doesn't like what happened in Walnut Creek with BART.
Napa	Thinks planning for 3 million people to be served by transit is too much/not workable.
Napa	Local community wants more alternatives to automobile.
Napa	More hiking and biking trails.
Napa	Napa transit investors -- wants more light rail service.
Napa	Wants clarification around terms and concepts, such as parking, electric automobiles, etc.
Napa	Against dense housing.
Napa	Plan is confusing.
Napa	Doesn't want stack and pack housing in Calistoga.
Napa	Wants more public engagement -- online survey, etc. to enrich the conversation.
Napa	Housing closer to workplace makes sense.
Napa	Article indicates that Gen Xers and Gen Y wants more dense/urban development.
Napa	Thankful for opposition to speak.
Napa	Wants this on the ballot; concerned that non-elected officials are making decisions for people.
Napa	Afraid of inconvenience of public transit, green cars and green development.
Napa	Wants sustainable development.
Napa	Bikes are practical niches between walking and cars.
Napa	Bikes eliminate the headache of parking.
Napa	Doesn't want to be oppressed; concerned with loss of property rights; this should be on ballot.
Napa	Wants better advertising for meetings so communities can really be represented.
Napa	Creates niches in society.
Napa	Doesn't necessarily want to give up automobiles, but use alternative modes when you can.
Napa	Empty buses in Napa are a concern.
Napa	What are priority conservation areas?
Napa	Napa wants to stay rural. Is population going up?
Napa	Major reform requires more than just money and building infrastructure; need cultural change such as recycling as a cultural change.
Napa	How do transportation funds flow?
Napa	Worried about money coming from the federal government with strings attached; particularly with respect to land use.

Napa	Concerned with private property and ability to develop one's property.
Napa	Property rights need to be front and center.
Napa	Concerned with distribution of funds in Napa County.
Napa	Wants more info in order to make decisions. Is against the whole plan.
Napa	Concerned with conspiracy theory; doesn't understand where it's coming from.
Napa	Why is money being poured into under-utilized bike paths. There could be better use of the money.
Napa	Likes process; dismayed by cynicism.
Napa	Where does money come from? Why pay for things you don't use?
Napa	Smart growth doesn't work.
Napa	Doesn't feel the 7 million people in the Bay Area are being represented by this process.
Napa	Are you in line with the Republican Resolution?
Napa	Smart growth can create a healthy environment and lifestyle.
Napa	Need to stay involved and create and implement plan.
Napa	Protection of farmlands and watersheds is important.
Napa	Supports the plan.
Napa	This should be a Napa County discussion.
Napa	Napa needs to make decisions for Napa
Napa	Feels that improvement can come naturally.
Napa	To what address should objections be sent?
Napa	Wants to keep local government and state government in place.
Napa	Scared of losing local control; <a href="http://freedomadvocates.org">freedomadvocates.org</a> .

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SF	Basic premise of process is accepting growth; more discussion is needed.
SF	More urban-favored in process; how do comments tonight and the spring input feed into the process?
SF	Concerned that no costs are included in the trade-off discussions.
SF	Percentages are more important than absolute number of votes [in the prioritization exercise].
SF	Please summarize key differences between the spring session and tonight's meeting.
SF	What is the impact of redevelopment areas being eliminated?
SF	How does this process square with the recent \$6 billion for exurban development highway toll lanes?
SF	Concern about assumptions regarding complete communities: People drive because services aren't available, even if they ride transit, too.
SF	Process has contradictions: It's a regional plan that maintains local control. Proposition of preserving neighborhood character vs. redevelopment. Emphasis on transit and housing misses importance of schools and jobs.
SF	Frustrated by process of framing: need more positive framing; i.e., impact on private property rights.
SF	Process does not include costs -- e.g., cost per passenger mile; or for GHG reduction strategies.
SF	Look at Sharon Hudson's new publication, "Urban Bill of Rights" for good questions and information.
SF	Meeting process was superficial and at middle-school level.
SF	Need to take more time for comments.
SF	Not enough emphasis on affordable housing.
SF	Process is too general and high level; no one has signed up to support this.
SF	San Francisco is urban and hasn't grown in 20 years. There are 7 million people in the region living close to the land. This is a "high-performing" area.
SF	The notion of urbanizing suburban areas is madness: 4-story walk-ups are not desirable.
SF	Let's discuss how we capitalize on the region's beauty, high quality and peaceful living.
SF	Not clear in this meeting whether we were to focus on San Francisco or on the region.
SF	The Visitacion Valley exercise didn't synch with how the questions were posed.
SF	A survey of Gen-X and Gen-Y found they want to live in denser neighborhoods.
SF	More people are taking transit so they can use their electronic gadgets.
SF	If you plan for 2 million people, 4 million will come. There will be unintended consequences. Densification theories are based on Europe and won't work here.
SF	Where is growth coming from? Explain why we are doing this.
SF	Noise and air pollution come with density; we need mitigation for neighborhoods that accept growth.
SF	Glad to see this process may address public health issues, such as childhood obesity.
SF	I want to emphasize the importance of education; bring in UC Berkeley's Center for Cities and Schools.
SF	Look at numbers needed to get transit in good repair and operations funding. Plan won't work without the supporting transit service.

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San Mateo	What policies prevent development on sensitive lands with transportation funding?
San Mateo	What is social equity?
San Mateo	Whose backyard will be affected?
San Mateo	Eminent domain equals local decision deniability for regional government.
San Mateo	Who is doing the plan?
San Mateo	Where does funding come from? Funding is a motivator.
San Mateo	Concern that regional government is overtaking local control.
San Mateo	Population growth: where would it come from?
San Mateo	What is an equity analysis?
San Mateo	Social equity vs. equality; benefits should be equal for all people - this is manipulation.
San Mateo	Concerned with the impact of property rezoning - land use at local level relies on targets.
San Mateo	This is manipulation by regulation.
San Mateo	We need more Q&A time.
San Mateo	Support local control.
San Mateo	AB 32 hurts farmlands.
San Mateo	Elderly and minorities will be forced into high density housing.
San Mateo	There are no more redevelopment funds available.
San Mateo	We can't get a water permit due to regulation.
San Mateo	Regulation is excessive; free enterprise is better - this doesn't help homeowners.
San Mateo	Rising sea level - no change during CO2 increases; BCDC is focused on protecting the bay
San Mateo	Jobs are leaving California. Why add burdens? Let free market decide.
San Mateo	What are the sources of your growth projections?
San Mateo	What happens if growth doesn't occur?
San Mateo	Policies will use exclusionary zoning.
San Mateo	Zoning to stop building forces people out of the hills into high density housing.
San Mateo	Support a local versus regional policy.
San Mateo	Portland did this - it fails.
San Mateo	Population growth, emissions and carbon footprint: flawed basis for a plan.
San Mateo	Solar is not viable; our economy is poor (not growing); you cannot take property without due process.
San Mateo	Concern that the state will default. Cost of regulations; can't attract business; the plan contributes to problem; past regulations have done this.
San Mateo	Need roads and bridges - transit is an ineffective approach.
San Mateo	Money isn't there for the plan.
San Mateo	Global warming isn't real. Therefore there will be no sea level rise.
San Mateo	Who writes report? You need local buy-in.
San Mateo	I can't have small car.
San Mateo	What if cities do not comply?
San Mateo	Government planning doesn't work as well (e.g. Germany).
San Mateo	This plan is Marxism - government creates poverty and USA is not competitive.
San Mateo	Housing segregation is a bad idea.
San Mateo	Housing is not affordable.
San Mateo	Government is not responsible with the people's money.

San Mateo	Open systems need incremental solutions.
San Mateo	"One size fits all" doesn't work.
San Mateo	Cars are necessary.
San Mateo	Need facts on global warming; no impact based on research. Human contribution is small.
San Mateo	Greenhouse effect is real; human contribution is small.
San Mateo	China and India are creating lots of CO2. California cannot affect this.
San Mateo	Transit systems don't coordinate because of multiple agencies.
San Mateo	ABAG housing allocations: Is this process really worthwhile? What is the net benefit?
San Mateo	Pensions costs are a concern.
San Mateo	Competitiveness and debt are key issues.
San Mateo	Is it the government's job to decide home and work locations?
San Mateo	I do not like public transit. Prefer cars.
San Mateo	Choices are not fair in workshops. We need to protect everyone's choices.
San Mateo	Public transit needs to move to alternate funding method; support public-private partnerships for transportation - we need more innovative transportation options.
San Mateo	People need options for transportation and lifestyle.
San Mateo	Population growth should be based on the expected employment growth.
San Mateo	Disagree with population growth premise - especially in a recession.
San Mateo	Need more information to make good choices.
San Mateo	Don't want eminent domain - think it's unfair and unconstitutional.
San Mateo	Where is population growth coming from?
San Mateo	Supportive of high-speed rail and Light rail.
San Mateo	I support free enterprise and individual initiative.
San Mateo	We need east-west connections in San Mateo (buses).
San Mateo	What will we do if state goes bankrupt?
San Mateo	How will you reconcile all comments and feedback from all sessions?
San Mateo	Where do baseline assumptions in this plan come from?
San Mateo	What is the timeframe for comments?
San Mateo	I support private sector and local government vs. regional government.
San Mateo	Light rail and transportation = eminent domain.
San Mateo	Define social equity and the relationship to transportation.
San Mateo	Land use is local government authority.
San Mateo	Plan should provide options for all groups in the region.

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Santa Clara	How will we "House 100% of population growth regardless of income"? Will we expand the region?
Santa Clara	Funding is a challenge for housing target.
Santa Clara	Don't like rail on sidewalks; need more convenient access to light rail.
Santa Clara	Portland, Oregon's plan didn't work.
Santa Clara	Subsidizing will create more demand. How is this different from socialism?
Santa Clara	What is the cost? With all the debt, where will money come from?
Santa Clara	What is the price tag per person?
Santa Clara	Why are other transportation options not being considered? For example, personal rapid transit.
Santa Clara	Social equity, sustainability, etc. are ideas from the United Nations.
Santa Clara	What are the 5 plans?
Santa Clara	Let the free market decide. GHG is a fallacy. Why would we believe what you say?
Santa Clara	Why so many empty buses? Want more roads and single family houses in the plan.
Santa Clara	How does the public communicate with ABAG?
Santa Clara	What are social and environmental justice? How do you plan to address the policy?
Santa Clara	How will you make sure voices of people are heard?
Santa Clara	Eliminate Caltrain funding; direct it to BART.
Santa Clara	Define social equity, social justice, burden.
Santa Clara	Where is flow chart? Subsidizing requires money.
Santa Clara	How will you accommodate 9 million people in a small area? Who wants to live in increased density housing?
Santa Clara	People like using cars -- they are more convenient.
Santa Clara	Sea level rise is not happening.
Santa Clara	There are a lack of choices and the choices offered are insufficient.
Santa Clara	How will you make sure the input received is representative of Santa Clara County?
Santa Clara	How will this plan affect local businesses?
Santa Clara	Where will funding come from?
Santa Clara	What will be the impact on individuals?
Santa Clara	What are GHG emissions? Is personal liberty an element of this plan?
Santa Clara	Will San Jose's Vision 2040 plan have an impact?
Santa Clara	Social equity, GHG, etc are related to the United Nations policy.
Santa Clara	Re-evaluate increased density housing as a solution.
Santa Clara	How will you handle private property?
Santa Clara	What kind of housing: Rent? Own? Private? Public?
Santa Clara	Concerned about producing ghettos.
Santa Clara	Doesn't want forced urbanization. Respond to everyone.
Santa Clara	Where does \$256 billion come from? Can we use money to pay off national debt?
Santa Clara	People want to be in cars.
Santa Clara	Who will live in stack-and-pack housing?
Santa Clara	Allow more people to come late to meetings; doors were locked.
Santa Clara	How many people are on CARB? Don't want municipalities to be extorted.

Santa Clara	Where will money come from if businesses leave?
Santa Clara	Allocations are not realistic for Palo Alto. Need more job density.
Santa Clara	Explore the environmental pros and cons of cars and public transit.
Santa Clara	Youth want jobs near public transit. Supports planning. We need to take youth into account -- they'll be affected by the plan.
Santa Clara	5 scenarios- which ones succeed?
Santa Clara	Is it possible to create new scenarios that succeed? If so, can it incorporate free market factors?
Santa Clara	Request to move joint MTC/ABAG meeting to evening (when workshop results are presented).

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Solano	If people are packed into one little area, that's a perfect place to blow up.
Solano	Selling off land, who's getting it?
Solano	Rural land owner: How are they going to get me off my land? If you have a septic system, they will force you to maintain or expand, per regulations.
Solano	When I go to the website and look at the Plan, it talks about GHG emission decreases. If that's true, preserving farm land should be the most important thing.
Solano	Climate change is about redistribution.
Solano	Go to the local planning commission to talk about plans. One Bay Area is the first step to taking away local control.
Solano	I drive a Prius to save money. Don't take my car away.
Solano	We don't want ABAG telling us what our housing allocation is.
Solano	If you want to lower CO2, plant a tree.
Solano	The state is forcing us to take housing allocations.
Solano	I don't think the population is growing. People are leaving the state.
Solano	Come to a city meeting to make a difference.
Solano	Our government is out of control.
Solano	Is the elected official for social justice?
Solano	Vacaville is updating its General Plan. It is hard to sell a high-rise development project in Vacaville.
Solano	Novato - The voters approved SMART and now we are finding out the true cost. The voters feel they were not told the truth. There was only 2 min to comment on properties to be re-zoned for SMART. One person wanted to build a home and was told his property would be re-zoned. A shopping center is going to be razed for low-income housing.
Solano	I am here to speak about Solano. People want local jobs so we don't need to commute. We can then improve air quality and traffic. Local control is very important. No one size fits all. Our train is great and people want to live/work (close together). If development doesn't pencil out, private developers won't build. It is therefore important to have options for everyone
Solano	I heard \$250 billion is to be spent. Divided by 7 million, that is \$40k per person. You could buy a house for a family of four. This is equal to the national debt per person.
Solano	State and Federal taxes, license fees, etc. fund these programs. This disguises the truth that the taxes are taken, then returned only when the states do what they want. Debt and cost over-runs due to crony capitalism makes these projects very expensive. We need a free market approach. Are these programs needed? NO. "Rising sea levels" is Chicken Little and just science used for purposes of tyranny. Socialism is disastrous. Projects in the old days were built to serve capitalism. Revenues have now been hijacked and have increased taxes. Government thinks we are too busy to question where our taxes go. Where are our freedom and liberties?
Solano	I am from Rio Vista. PG & E put a smart meter on my meter. PG & E won't take it off. My grandson is in Afghanistan in the Special Forces. I don't want him coming home to this garbage. We work hard and it is not fair that these "companies" are taking our freedoms away.
Solano	Clean air and water are good, but you are worshipping creation. We worship the Creator. We are supposed to be good stewards. We do a good job at that, but we are One Nation under God and He will be your final judge. Allow us to build on Founder's ideals. We are going to have bigger battles if we don't abide by these principles.

Solano	We pay our County Supervisors a lot of money and we want to know where these elected officials stand. If this is rammed down my throat I want to know who to get out of office.
Solano	Lou is a fine fellow, but he is getting paid to answer our questions. The elected officials should answer the questions. The terms used (GHG, global warming etc.) are not explained by anyone. The public is beginning to wake up.
Solano	Please go to meetings and provide your input. I am getting the same info as you are.
Solano	I have been in Fairfield for 8 years. This plan is expensive. Wherever the money comes from -- Solano, California and USA are broke. We pay taxes. Where do we say "this is what we want" when there is no money to spend.
Solano	What is the name of the new president of ABAG? I am concerned about housing. Mr. Lucci is a Napa County Supervisor and he says he wants to reduce his housing allocations. I am concerned and in Vallejo. If he is President of ABAG, that stinks!
Solano	Why should we support PDA and hooking up a transit system that will result in sprawl? We should connect business with housing better.
Solano	What about my quality of life? Environmental impact studies chase jobs out of the state and out of USA. We can't compete. Non-government officials shouldn't have such powers. You are losing the standard of living for us all. Who is looking out for me? People want to take away what I earned.
Solano	These changes are needed because of environmental concerns -- that is a hoax. Gore's movie should be the Inconsistent Truth. Create a crisis and offer a solution. This is about controlling the people. We need to go to our individual city councils and tell them we are not buying the hoax.
Solano	We are driving business out of California; need jobs. If we are 9 counties, why call it One Bay Area?
Solano	Regarding global warming -- Al Gore's book has no references or truths.
Solano	Challenge panel to watch - "the great global warming swindle"
Solano	This country is going down a path of tyranny.
Solano	Local control is best - communities should take care of each other. People in a community have the rights to decide for themselves.
Solano	The Commission will vote with results from workshops that have 50 voters/meeting. Does that represent all 7 million? We don't want to be told we should have "stack n pack."
Solano	This is a Brown Act meeting and therefore there shouldn't be division in the groups.
Solano	What is social justice?
Solano	How dare you take my car away. You are not taking my house. We will fight you.
Solano	The explanation of Social/Environmental Justice is not adequate.
Solano	What about non-minorities?
Solano	Why is the infrastructure directed to the low-income?
Solano	Social equity was in the Russian Constitution (USSR). That was all about "you" taking "my" stuff and giving it to others. If I have open space the government will take it to give to others. Government is going to tell me I have to have a bike. This is not SB 375 -- this has been going on for 20 years. You will come and knock on my door to make me move to a "Stack n Pack" unit. No to USSR policies!
Solano	Solano County has signed up to ICLEI. See the freedomadvocate.org site and look at the Wildlands Act. Government is firing people and attacking our water. We must say NO to ICLEI and UN.
Solano	Your pictures are being taken.
Solano	Little measures are done by UN. Social justice, etc. is in Agenda 21. MTC/ABAG say they have not heard of Agenda 21. "Individual rights must take a back seat, etc." Other politicians have supported UN 21 and Smart Growth.
Solano	We thought we were immune in our county, but this is "oppression". These meetings have employed the Delphi techniques designed to create a mirage that we approve of, and at the same time separating us into three rooms -- divide and conquer.
Solano	If you are in agriculture, there is an agenda against you. What is really going on is wilder than a "B movie." This is showing our own government is planning for the decline of your property, civil rights.

Solano	If you have your land, you have your own land-use plan. You want to avoid the "Stack n Pack". It is tyranny and molests the property rights of 8 million people. This looks like democracy, but the people aren't falling for it.
Solano	Aren't you now ashamed of what you are doing?
Solano	Agenda 21 uses other people's money and gives preference to minorities and women. This offends me. But I am color blind.
Solano	Fairfield has lots of miles of bike lanes. Does anyone ride their bike to work? No one asked us. They will replace roads with bike lanes. I am a proud mother and I will not ride a bike to the store. Why are we having all these bike lanes?
Solano	I hope the local politicians see that we don't want a communist state and Agenda 21. You are selling out the public for a little federal money. If this keeps up, it will be a Civil War in the U.S.
Solano	I was in Station B and I asked what if the people of Solano County disagree? I was told this will be implemented anyway, "it's the law."
Solano	The press is here, but they won't give a good report. They are liberal.
Solano	Bike lanes are nice, but empty. We are paying lots of money for bike and buses with very few people on them. Potholes are already paid for by taxes. Why ask for more money?
Solano	I wrote a 700-page book about how the U.S. is going the route of the European Union. We are getting on the same socialist page and losing local control.
Solano	Our land will be taken away.
Solano	The dog and pony show was slick, but only 2 were elected officials. How many in this process answer to the voters? Is anyone listening to us? 1st, 2nd and 10th amendments are there and we may have to use them.
Solano	The track record of the MTA is \$65 for a bridge toll ticket. Do not raise the toll. \$140 million for an MTA headquarters? To the elected official - do not subsidize SF with our tolls. We didn't want BART or to pay for ferries. Spend money on roads, highways and schools.
Solano	I am from Vallejo. Napa has not filled its ABAG housing. They are refusing to. Is it true? Is there a compromise with Marin County? It is disproportionate to have Solano meet its housing while other counties do not.
Solano	Napa is proposing a sub-regional approach on their own, as in Solano County. They won't be exempted and are still working with the State. Marin is using an overall regional approach. Under CA law, the state provides allocations and ABAG distributes them. But it is ultimately a local decision/process.
Solano	Allocations will be lower this round because of economic conditions.
Solano	Napa has not met its low/very low housing allocations. There are no penalties. Keak - the law requires jurisdictions plan and put in housing element rules.
Solano	The constitution is the law and you cannot tell communities how many houses they must have.
Solano	If this process is so upsetting, why couldn't we answer, "None of the above"? The question and answers are manipulative. That is what is going on in the other room.
Solano	Social justice -- everyone deserves a home? That will not work, it will drop the value of my house. The train station here is 5 miles from the other station. The Bay Bridge is made in China as are the windmills. I was passed over because of affirmative action. White Americans suffer under Social Justice. My wife is a minority. This is un-American.

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Sonoma	Why is ABAG interested in Sonoma County?
Sonoma	Social equity and sustainability.
Sonoma	Why no security at this meeting?
Sonoma	I've heard "we're out of money, we need to spend wisely." Why are we spending on mass transit?
Sonoma	Support widening of Highway 37.
Sonoma	Skaggs Island for Airport
Sonoma	Concern about at-grade crossing for SMART
Sonoma	How is BCDC involved in this?
Sonoma	MTC and ABAG are implementing "U.N. bias."
Sonoma	Put this plan to voters.
Sonoma	Is this plan using eminent domain?
Sonoma	Social equity and sustainability - we need definitions!
Sonoma	How is this plan going to be used? Articulate how we are preparing to meet growth while achieving GHG emission reductions.
Sonoma	What happens to cities that don't participate?
Sonoma	There is a lot of opposition to this process. Let the people vote!
Sonoma	What are the sources of funding?
Sonoma	I'm concerned about misinformation about this plan. Trying to get the word out to let people know what is at stake.
Sonoma	"One Bay Area" is a bad marketing choice. If we can "opt out," why are we calling it "one"? Why insert regional planning at all?
Sonoma	Mass transit is subsidized and will never pay for itself. What is the cost?
Sonoma	SB 375 requires analysis for all segments of the community. High density housing with subsidies should not be built. No social engineering.
Sonoma	No one should be called misinformed.
Sonoma	Will there be additional taxes to pay for this plan?
Sonoma	Where do the population estimates come from?
Sonoma	Santa Rosa has an elderly population. Population will be decreasing.
Sonoma	What are the definitions of sustainability and social equity? These are hard to find on the Plan Bay Area website.
Sonoma	How can sustainability and social equity not be defined if they are the main goals of the plan? When will we be asked our definition?
Sonoma	On website: "individuals must take personal action" - what does that mean?
Sonoma	What is the equity scorecard?
Sonoma	I use a vehicle everyday and I enjoy it. Why do I have to change? Are you making me?
Sonoma	Retail downstairs and apartments upstairs is this plan and it is failing everywhere.
Sonoma	I do not want to live densely. It will lead to crime. Why would we continue this type of building? Do not want it in Railroad Square. Developers feel this is the only thing that will be approved. Shouldn't be the case.
Sonoma	Elected officials are being misguided. It puts the public at risk. "For the greater good" is a red flag.

Sonoma	How are single-family homes not desired and there should only be high density? This is restricting housing to specific locations and is affecting land values all over the region. MTC is ignorant of this.
Sonoma	What is the 2005 year for the equity analysis?
Sonoma	Why are MTC and ABAG practicing behavior work?
Sonoma	Manipulating the public is unacceptable.
Sonoma	Only providing money to communities that do what you want hurts people and communities. How are we going to get representation for the people?
Sonoma	We should have a debate to be on equal footing.
Sonoma	Additional tax burdens to pay for the plan are unacceptable.
Sonoma	On the website, please show people who dissent the plan at MTC/ABAG.
Sonoma	Social injustice and environmental injustice is being practiced by MTC/ABAG by changing communities and other organizations taking people's land.
Sonoma	Equity scorecard: trying to create same conditions for all?
Sonoma	Cannot create access to public transit for everyone. Would rather spend money on gas than live on a busy street.
Sonoma	Not taking safety into account when forcing people to buy smaller, more efficient cars.
Sonoma	What is the process for comments?
Sonoma	Adoption of revenue plan: will it occur in Spring 2013 as well? Where will money come from?
Sonoma	What are the elements of greenhouse gas that we are concerned with? CO2 is a small percentage of the atmosphere. Plan will take cars away; this is a waste of money.
Sonoma	How can we make decisions without knowledge of taxes and bonds for future? These decisions affect future generations.
Sonoma	Portland is not sustainable. No freedom, how do 100 people get to vote for 7 million?
Sonoma	Confused about process. Lots of vacant houses already.
Sonoma	MTC isn't capable of making decisions - the free market is better
Sonoma	Define sustainability and equity.
Sonoma	CO2 isn't a problem; there is no money to pay for this.
Sonoma	This is social engineering - all about CO2.
Sonoma	CO2 is used as a mandate.
Sonoma	Focus on other sources of CO2 instead. Plan Bay Area will negatively affect society. What are the implications?