



Sonoma County

Plan Bay Area Spring 2015 Open House Summary

<p>Thursday, May 7, 2015 6 pm to 8 pm</p>	<p>Friedman Center 4676 Mayette Avenue Santa Rosa</p>	<p>Approximate Attendance 65</p>	
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Goals and Targets Station Feedback

At the Goals and Targets Station, participants received information about the current goals and targets for Plan Bay Area, as well as the process underway to update them. Participants were asked to select their top three personal priorities from the list of current goals and targets for Plan Bay Area, and to post their other ideas on an adjoining additional board.



Below is a sampling of the comments that were submitted at the Sonoma County open house. Visit PlanBayArea.org to view the complete list.

Is there anything missing from these goals?

- Emphasis on active transportation
- Targets for creating living-wage and middle-wage jobs
- Strengthen protections that stop lower- and middle-income families from being driven out of the Bay Area.
- Open space preservation and urban open space preservation
- Include plans for school, police, fire, and water for high density housing complexes

What are the biggest challenges facing your community?



- Affordable housing and local transit
- More emphasis on safe routes for bicycles and kids
- Affordable local transit
- Water supply

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- Collaborating and resource sharing
- Promote active transportation
- Develop “villages” to accommodate services, housing, etc. in a space where walking and biking is convenient



Transportation Station Feedback

The Transportation Station included displays about currently planned local and regional transportation projects (highways, public transit, bicycle/pedestrian, local road improvements, etc.). On an accompanying board, participants were asked to post ideas for new projects, then to share their biggest transportation challenges and offer solutions for improving their trips.

What projects are missing? What would make it easier for you to get where you need to go?



- More emphasis on bicycle paths
- More frequent and better transit
- Interchange at Highway 29/Highway 12 intersection for the long-term plan

What are the biggest transportation challenges in your town? In the Bay Area? What would make it better?

- Dedicated bike paths on major routes through the city
- Buses don't run late enough or come often enough
- Free youth and student bus passes
- Make public transit accessible and affordable



Looking Ahead Station Feedback

At the Looking Ahead Station, participants received information on how ABAG develops population and economy forecasts, as well as how past projections compared to actual numbers. Participants were asked to share their feedback on two key questions:

What concerns you about the future of your community?



- Water
- Wages not keeping pace with cost of living
- Affordable housing
- Jobs
- Quality of transit
- Open space preservation

What possibilities most excite you?

- A strengthened transportation network around the SMART train
- Wages that pay for better housing
- Housing along transit corridors
- A network of bike & pedestrian trails linking our county together
- City-centered growth