



TO: Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG
Administrative Committee

DATE: June 5, 2015

FR: MTC Executive Director/ABAG Executive Director

RE: Plan Bay Area Outreach Update

Background:

From late April through May, some 600 Bay Area residents attended a series of open houses hosted by ABAG and MTC to kick off the Plan Bay Area 2040 update. The open houses were designed consistent with the adopted MTC 2015 Public Participation Plan to:

- Introduce the public to the Plan Bay Area 2040 update process, key milestones and issues under consideration
- Review the linkages between the regional plan and local transportation and land use priorities
- Review and seek comments on the goals and performance framework for the 2040 update
- Conduct the open houses in the evenings at convenient, transit-accessible locations
- Maximize interaction with the public, provide personalized attention and gather as much feedback as possible.

Open Houses and Online Forum:

The open-house format with displays encouraged staff and policy board members from both agencies to seek conversation and comments from members of the public. A complementary Plan Bay Area Open Forum allowed residents to view the same information and comment online. Topics included:

- Plan Bay Area 101: conveyed information about the process, schedule and decision milestones.
- Goals and Targets: participants selected their top three personal priorities from the list of current goals and targets for Plan Bay Area, commented on any missing goals and shared challenges facing their community and potential solutions.
- County Focus: presented customized county-based information with socio-economic data, transportation statistics and information on locally nominated Priority Development Areas.
- Transportation: residents viewed information about major regional transportation projects as well as currently planned local projects and programs, then commented on projects that were missing and shared their greatest mobility challenges and ideas for improving trips.
- Looking Ahead: detailed how ABAG develops population and economic forecasts; participants were asked to share their greatest concerns about their community and commented on aspects about the future that show promise.
- Live, Work, Play: Attendees plotted their homes, places of work and favorite leisure destinations on a large map of the region.

Key Messages Heard:

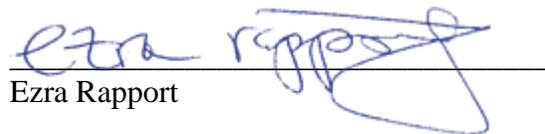
Open house participants posted their comments on display boards, voted for their personal priorities with respect to goals and targets adopted in the current Plan Bay Area, and filled out comment sheets to elaborate on their positions. Major themes from the open houses and online comments include:

- Transportation System Effectiveness ranked as the top priority among current Plan Bay Area goals.
- Adequate Housing was a strong second priority for goals; participants are especially concerned about the affordability and availability of housing, and many expressed concern over the potential for displacement of long-time residents.
- Many noted the lack of housing near available jobs and the resulting need to commute long distances to work, often in heavily congested traffic. Many cited the need for more jobs that pay livable wages.
- For transportation, people would like to see more transit alternatives (especially BART), as well as extended hours of transit service. They prioritized efforts to ensure reliability and connectivity of the transportation network as well as the infrastructure needed to support bicycling and walking.
- Some residents requested goals around prioritizing cars, protecting property rights, and improving education. Others expressed concern about the impact of additional housing growth on infrastructure and services as well as on the environment.
- North Bay counties of Napa, Solano and Sonoma prioritized preservation of agricultural lands and open space as a goal (Solano residents ranked it as the top priority).
- Water supply was the top issue identified by participants as missing from the current goals.
- Some expressed the view that climate protection should be an overall goal and all the other goals should support this. A few noted that the goals seem rather technical and uninspiring.

Attachment 1 provides more detail about the overall approach and what we heard at the various stations at the open houses; Attachment 2 summarizes key messages heard by county. All comments heard from the open houses and online forum and email are available at [PlanBayArea.org: http://planbayarea.org/your-part/your-comments.html](http://planbayarea.org/your-part/your-comments.html). We hope you will find this information instructive as you consider updating the goals and performance targets in the fall for inclusion in Plan Bay Area 2040.



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Joint Meeting of ABAG Administrative & MTC Planning Committees
June 12, 2015



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OPEN HOUSE APPROACH

- Nine Open Houses held in all nine Bay Area counties
- Venues were selected for maximum diversity and ease of travel
- Open House format selected to:
 - Maximize MTC and ABAG interaction with the public
 - Ensure individualized attention for each participant
 - Gather as much participant feedback as possible

The collage features several promotional materials for the Plan Bay Area 2040 open houses:

- English Flyer (Top):** Titled "Join us as we host spring Plan Bay Area open houses in each of the Bay Area". It lists dates and venues for Alameda County (April 29, 2015), Contra Costa County (April 29, 2015), Napa County (May 7, 2015), and San Francisco (May 13, 2015). It includes contact information: info@planbayarea.org or call (510) 817-5757.
- Spanish Flyer (Middle):** Titled "¿Necesitas un intérprete o cualquier otra asistencia para participar?". It provides the same event details and contact information in Spanish.
- Chinese Flyer (Bottom):** Titled "規劃灣區2040 策略性更新正在進行中". It includes the same event details and contact information in Chinese.
- Summary Table (Bottom):** A table listing the dates and venues for all nine counties:

| County | Date | Time | Venue |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Alameda County | Wednesday, April 29, 2015 | 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. | Alameda County Fairgrounds, Palm Pavilion, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton |
| Contra Costa County | Wednesday, April 29, 2015 | 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. | Marriott, 2355 North Main Street, Walnut Creek |
| Napa County | Thursday, May 7, 2015 | 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. | Hotel Whitcomb, 2840 Soacal Avenue, Napa |
| San Francisco | Wednesday, May 13, 2015 | 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. | Hotel Whitcomb, 1331 Market Street, San Francisco |
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| Contra Costa County | Wednesday, April 29, 2015 | 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. | Marriott, 2355 North Main Street, Walnut Creek |
| Marin County | Thursday, May 20, 2015 | 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. | San Rafael, location to be determined. Check PlanBayArea.org for updates. |
| Napa County | Thursday, May 7, 2015 | 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. | Hotel Whitcomb, 2840 Soacal Avenue, Napa |
| San Francisco | Wednesday, May 13, 2015 | 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. | Hotel Whitcomb, 1331 Market Street, San Francisco |
| San Mateo County | Wednesday, May 20, 2015 | 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. | San Mateo County Civic Center, Event Pavilion, 1345 Sursumna Drive, San Mateo |
| Santa Clara County | Wednesday, May 6, 2015 | 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. | Deeress Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Road, San Jose |
| Solano County | Thursday, May 7, 2015 | 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. | Historic Garden Inn, 5000 Blunway Court, Fairfield |
| Sonoma County | Thursday, May 7, 2015 | 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. | Freedom Center, 4476 Mayville Avenue, Santa Rosa |

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¡Está en marcha una actualización estratégica!

Ayude a trazar el camino de su comunidad participando en este proceso crítico de planificación colaborativa. Nuestras próximas reuniones proporcionarán el contexto de este esfuerzo importante de planificación y en ellas recibiremos sus comentarios para ayudar a dar forma al futuro de su condado y del Área de la Bahía en general. Acompañenos en las reuniones que ofrecemos esta primavera sobre Plan Bay Area en cada uno de los nueve condados del Área de la Bahía.

¿No podrá asistir a una reunión? Participe en la discusión:

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The Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments will hold an open house in Napa on Thursday to talk about Plan Bay Area 2040, an update to the region's long-range transportation and housing road map.

The meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Napa Elks Lodge, 2840 Soscol Ave.

Participants will have the opportunity to view displays and

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Plan Bay Area shared their event.
Written by Kristina Wenzinger [?] - April 21 - *

Help shape the future of San Mateo County and the Bay Area by attending this open house!



San Mateo County Plan Bay Area 2040 Open House/Public Hearing

Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00pm

San Mateo County Fair in San Mateo, California

8 people went

Join

CONTRA COSTA TIMES

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015

Pleasanton, Walnut Creek host Bay plan meetings Wednesday

By Andrew McGall

Open houses in Walnut Creek and Pleasanton on Wednesday evening have been set to update the public on the Bay Area's long-range plan for transportation and housing.

Alameda County Fairgrounds Palm Pavilion at 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, and at the Walnut Creek Marriott, 2355 North Main St., Walnut Creek. These are the only meetings planned in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

The Bay Area Plan 2040 events will have displays on long-term goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from light-duty trucks, house the region's growing population, and improve public health, m

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Written by Kristina Wenzinger [?] - May 26 at 2:38pm - *

Make your voice heard! Weigh in with your vision for the Bay Area in 2040.

Plan Bay Area Open Forum

April 2015

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Open Houses / Public Hearings

8:00 pm May 6, 2015 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm May 7, 2015 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm May 29, 2015 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

From the Metropolitan Transportation Commission:

Join us as we host spring Plan Bay Area open houses in each of the Bay Area's nine counties!

Plan Bay Area is a roadmap to help Bay Area cities and counties preserve the character of our diverse communities while adapting to the challenges of future population growth. Our upcoming open houses will provide context for this vital planning effort and outline the ways your input can help shape the future of your county and the Bay Area as a whole.

OPEN HOUSES: STATIONS

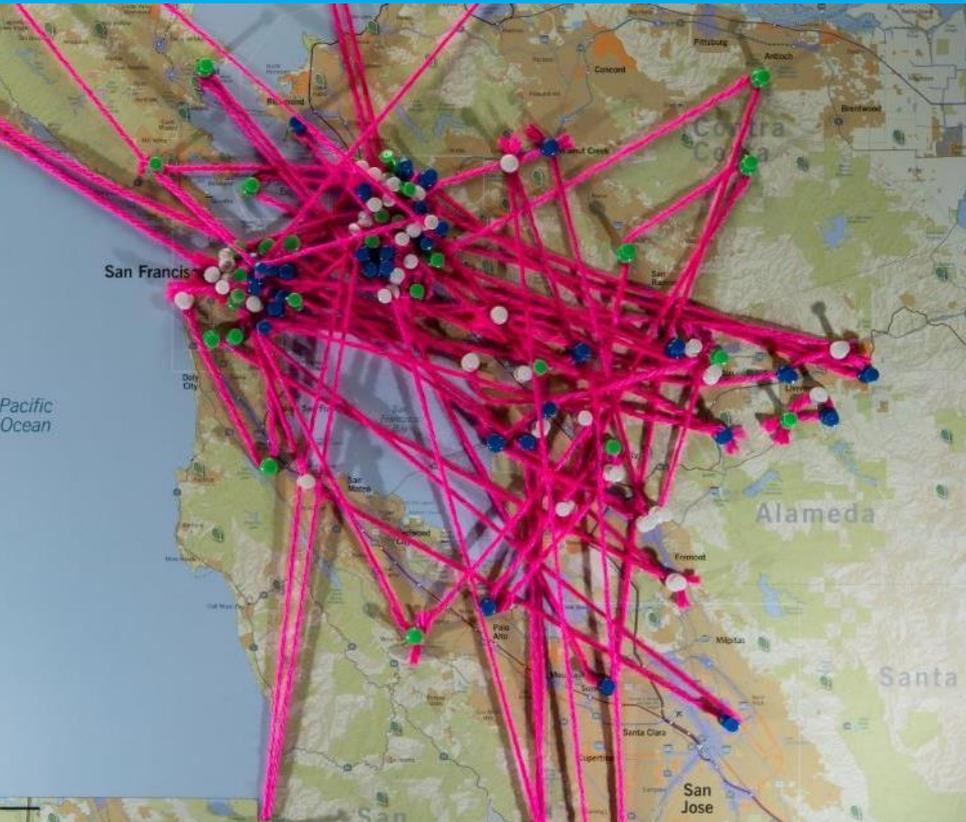


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OPEN HOUSES



GENERAL OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

“Great forum. The setup of having each station accessible at any time with sticky notes to voice personal opinions is a fantastic way to educate the public.”

“This was an excellent format for the 1st public workshop. The boards that were customized to each county are great. The interactive exercises (post dots, post-it comments, etc.) were great.”

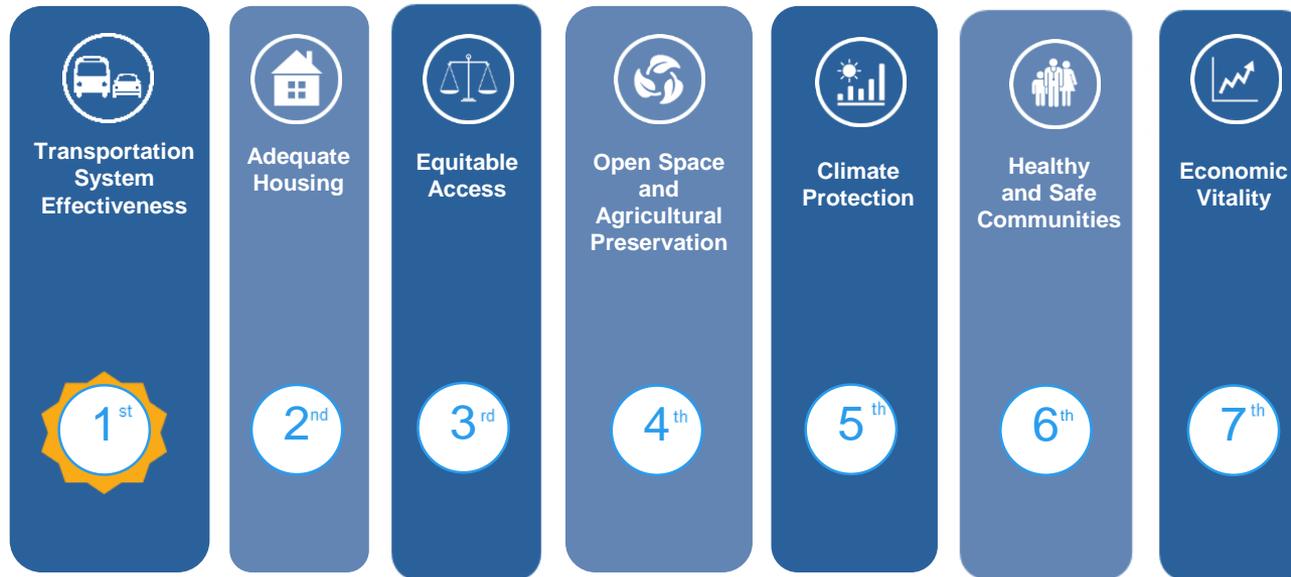
“Hold events closer to transit.”

“Where is the presentation?”

OVERARCHING THEMES

- **Transportation System Effectiveness** ranked as **#1** priority among current Plan Bay Area goals
- **Housing was close behind at #2** for goals; participants were concerned about housing affordability, availability and displacement of long-time residents
- North Bay counties (especially Solano) prioritized **preservation of agricultural lands and open space**
- **Adequate water supply** was identified as a top issue missing from current goals
- Some identified the **jobs/housing imbalance** and the need for **living wages** as challenges
- Many would like more **transit alternatives, extended service hours** and **better reliability** and **system connectivity**
- Some asked for goals **prioritizing autos, protecting private property** and **improving public education**





Some felt that all the goals are important; others felt that Climate Protection should be the overall goal with others supporting it. One noted, “These goals don’t pull at my heartstrings.”

FEEDBACK: MISSING GOALS & TARGETS

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JOBS DEVELOPMENT
PRESERVATION

EXPANSION
PRIVATE-PROPERTY RIGHTS
INTERCONNECTEDNESS
MORE NOTICE
HUMAN COMPONENT
ADEQUATE
FREE
CARS
PLAN
SMART
COMMUNICATION

GOOD
WAGE
RESIDENTIAL
WILDLIFE
WALKING
HOUSING
TRAILS
SEGREGATION
ACCOUNTABILITY

JOBS-HOUSING BALANCE
REALISTIC
NEIGHBORHOOD
COMMUTE
ACCESS
FOOD
PEDESTRIAN
SEA-LEVEL RISE

AFFORDABLE
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LOW-INCOME
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HOMELESSNESS
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SLOWER

We asked: What are the biggest challenges facing your community?

- Overwhelmingly across all counties: the **housing shortage** and **housing affordability**
- **Access to jobs, living wage jobs** and **job training for youth**
- Other challenges identified include:
 - **Access to public transit**
 - **Bicycle/pedestrian improvements and safety**
 - **Displacement of low-income residents**
 - **Safety** -- overall and seismic

We asked: What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- **Walkable communities, housing near transit & jobs, affordable housing, and complete streets**
- **Improve public transit, including:**
 - **Adding BART extensions**
 - **More robust, connected public transit systems**
 - **Rights of way and dedicated lanes for transit**
 - **Smaller buses with more service**
- **Building more and safer bike friendly routes**



We asked: What projects are missing?

- **Transit improvements** were overwhelmingly the most noted transportation need :
 - **Transit coordination**: timed transfers, integrated fares
 - **Greater transit affordability**
 - **Increased transit service** (owl service) and expansion (BART, Caltrain, Amtrak)
 - **Shuttles and other feeder bus services**
- Increased **access to safe biking routes and pedestrian amenities**
- **Highway improvements**, particularly to US-101 and I-280
- **Local road maintenance and expansion requests**
- **Parking and park and ride at major transit stations**

We asked: What are your biggest transportation challenges?

- Overwhelmingly and across all counties, :
 - **Transit reliability and coordination**
 - **Lack of options to driving**
- Other challenges identified included:
 - **Length of commute**
 - **Quality of local roadways**
 - **Bike and pedestrian safety**



We asked: **What concerns you about the future of your community?**

- Overwhelmingly and across all counties, the **housing shortage** and **housing affordability**
- **Access to quality jobs**
- **Displacement of low-income families**
- **Water supply**
- **Concerns about growth and development** overwhelming services and infrastructure, creating congestion, being incompatible with existing neighborhoods

We asked: **What excites you most about the future of your community?**

- **Walkable communities, complete streets and more housing**
- **Improvements to public transit and increased access to carless transportation**
- Participants also cited the following:
 - **More quality jobs**
 - **Access to open space**
 - **Increased attention to water issues**
 - **Increased bike infrastructure**





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Thank You





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Summary of What We Heard by County

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Agenda Item 6, Attachment 2

Alameda County

Plan Bay Area Spring 2015 Open House Summary

**Wednesday,
April 29, 2015**
7 pm - 9 pm

Alameda County Fairgrounds
Palm Pavilion
4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton

Approximate Attendance
90



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 the Alameda County open house. Visit PlanBayArea.org to view the complete list.

Is there anything missing from these goals?



- Water supply
- Regional trails for healthy communities
- Jobs-housing balance to reduce commute trips
- Interaction of goals for livability/sustainability and safety
- Political choices that benefit the greater good

What are the biggest challenges facing your community?



- AC Transit is a nightmare
- Gentrification
- Education
- Affordable housing
- Loss of housing \$

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- Provide more funding for Priority Conservation Areas
- More affordable housing
- Community land trusts to encourage affordable housing
- Prioritize economic justice/equity first



Transportation Station Feedback

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



- BART extension to Livermore
- More frequency on buses
- More robust bus rapid transit system on regional scale
- Upgrade ACE and take it across the Dumbarton Rail Bridge

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

- Making bikes and pedestrians more of a priority than vehicles
- Improve AC Transit
- Let bus drivers communicate with each other



Looking Ahead Station Feedback

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What concerns you about the future of your community?



- Poor road and bridge infrastructure
- Jobs in the Tri-Valley
- Adequate mass transit
- Suburban sprawl
- Water supply

What possibilities most excite you?

- Massive public transportation projects
- Preserving agricultural land
- Bring back street cars
- Get folks out of cars
- Walking, biking to transit, parks and schools

Contra Costa County

Plan Bay Area Spring 2015 Open House Summary

**Wednesday,
April 29, 2015**
7 pm to 9 pm

Marriott
2355 North Main Street
Walnut Creek

Approximate Attendance
80



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Contra Costa County Priorities

Overall Bay Area Priorities



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

Is there anything missing from these goals?



- Watershed protection, enhancement and planning
- Food access
- More housing for middle income families
- Accommodate the growth of our K-12 student population with more schools
- Measure transportation “interconnectedness” to eliminate gaps in protected bike lanes, light rail and rapid bus lanes

What are the biggest challenges facing your community?



- Moderately-priced and affordable housing near transit
- Protect agricultural and natural lands from sprawl
- Better pedestrian access
- Lack of infrastructure for active transportation
- Improve connecting transit

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- Rent control
- Let the people decide on proposed plans
- More walkable neighborhoods
- Build enough parking at BART stations to handle demand by people who don't live near stations
- Build homes on office parking lots
- Integrate different transit systems



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



- More transit
- More BART parking
- Fix our roads and freeways
- More jobs by transit
- More bikeways in suburban cities like Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Concord

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

- Lack of active transportation infrastructure
- Link between BART and downtown Pittsburg and Antioch
- Allocate higher percentage of revenues to local road repairs
- Living in Bay Area vs. Central Valley
- Protected bike lanes to all transit centers



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What concerns you about the future of your community?



- Finding jobs close to home
- Preserving open space
- More transit options so we can get rid of cars
- More housing that can make rents affordable
- Water resources and development exceeding these resources

What possibilities most excite you?

- High-paying, high-tech jobs in central Contra Costa
- Options for smart growth that provide a mix of housing types
- Being more connected to SF and Oakland
- More jobs closer to workers and bedroom communities
- The growing recognition of natural systems' (e.g. watersheds) value to economy and quality of life



Marin County

Plan Bay Area Spring 2015 Open House Summary



**Wednesday,
May 28, 2015**
5 pm to 7 pm

Marin County Civic Center
3501 Civic Center Drive
Civic Center Cafe, San Rafael

Approximate Attendance
80



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

Is there anything missing from these goals?



- Preserving the character of the Bay Area/Marin
- Look at how housing and transportation impact social connections
- Climate Protection – uncertain about whether Plan can yield meaningful reductions in greenhouse gases
- Not overburdening local roads by pursuing too much development
- Water - ensure there is enough

What are the biggest challenges facing your community?



- Gaps in mass transit options
- Diverse housing—people are being pushed out
- Finish Bay Trail
- Densification
- Traffic congestion

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- Allow individual counties/cities to manage growth consistent with their goals
- Reframe this discussion in bite-sized pieces
- Local control



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



- Funding for transportation operational projects
- Multiple freeway and frontage road improvements
- More frequent/extended transit (owl service)
- More shuttles and jitnies

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

- Funding for transit
- Greater public education regarding Marin transit options
- Progress on alleviating traffic congestion
- Desperate need for express buses to serve locals
- Build traffic circles



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What concerns you about the future of your community?



- Water supply
- Affordable housing
- Social cohesion
- Marin forecasting "future"
- Affordable housing population proportionality
- Richmond and Oakland need the money more

What possibilities most excite you?

- New transit options
- SMART with Transit Connections
- Expanding this conversation to include nonprofessional/nontechnical people



Napa County

Plan Bay Area Spring 2015 Open House Summary



Thursday,
May 7, 2015
6 pm to 8 pm

Elks Lodge
2840 Soscol Avenue
Napa

Approximate Attendance
35



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

Is there anything missing from these goals?



- Preserve hillsides in Napa Valley
- Look at impacts on natural resources and agriculture from scenarios
- Political choices that benefit the greater good

What are the biggest challenges facing your community?



- Affordable Housing
- Workforce housing
- Farm labor housing
- Sports fields for kids

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- More walkable neighborhoods that are affordable
- Bicycle safety – widen shoulders on Highway 29 and on the Silverado Trail



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



- More protected bikeways
- More frequent transit
- Interchange at Highway 29/ Highway 12 intersection

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

- 20+ transit agencies are not coordinated
- Four- to six-lane flyover American Canyon SR 29



Looking Ahead Station Feedback

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What concerns you about the future of your community?



- The affordability of housing
- Lack of affordable housing close to jobs
- Populations being pushed out because of expensive rents
- Not having one transit authority to make things easier

What possibilities most excite you?

- More extended transit in the Bay Area

San Francisco

Plan Bay Area Spring 2015 Open House Summary

**Wednesday,
May 13, 2015**
7 pm - 9 pm

Hotel Whitcomb
1231 Market Street
San Francisco

Approximate Attendance
85



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

Is there anything missing from these goals?



- Funding plan for affordable housing; stability in housing prices
- Plan for sea level rise
- Water supply
- Sewer, roads
- Preserve neighborhood character
- Housing to match office development

What are the biggest challenges facing your community?



- Affordable housing
- Displacement of low-income people
- Low incentives for bike/ped
- Broken transportation network
- Political difficulties with building dense housing

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- Liberalize zoning
- Incentives for using alternative transit
- Second transbay tube from Oakland to SoMa
- Build housing for future workers to make up for under-building in the past
- More flexibility and forward thinking



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



- More park/ride at all major stations
- Tax incentives for low emissions
- Second transbay BART tube
- Better transit to the Richmond

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

- Improve commute times
- Increase evening transit options
- Better bike, pedestrian and vehicle separation on roads
- Too many transit agencies



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What concerns you about the future of your community?



- Displacement of low-income and communities of color
- Rising housing costs
- Too much traffic
- Inadequate housing, and accessibility for persons with disabilities

What possibilities most excite you?

- Influx of capital
- High density, transit-oriented development
- More bike infrastructure
- Creation of green collar jobs
- Improved transit, making it easier to get around without a car

San Mateo County

Plan Bay Area Spring 2015 Open House Summary

**Wednesday,
May 6, 2015**
7 pm to 9 pm

San Mateo County Event Center
Event Pavilion
1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo

Approximate Attendance
70



Goals and Targets Station Feedback

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

Is there anything missing from these goals?



- Good jobs with benefits
- Improved communicate with neighborhoods about project impacts
- Address water needs
- Affordable public transit
- Investment without displacement

What are the biggest challenges facing your community?



- Transportation costs and access
- Income inequality
- Better bicycle infrastructure
- Funding for affordable housing
- Rent increases

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- Make Clipper card easier to use
- Partner with private sector to address issues of affordable housing
- Rent stabilization and inclusionary housing
- Promote more local agriculture
- Incentives for living closer to work



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



- Improve bicycle infrastructure
- Improve 101/92 Interchange
- Smoother links and fare payment between agencies
- Caltrain and BART expansion
- Rail across Dumbarton Bridge
- Protected bike trails

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

- Bike safety and infrastructure
- Jobs and housing near transit
- need one Clipper card for all transit operations around the Bay Area
- Reliable public transportation
- More incentives for carpooling between East Bay and Peninsula



Looking Ahead Station Feedback

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What concerns you about the future of your community?



- Need inclusive development with affordable housing near transit
- Income inequality/ living wages
- Water supply and natural resources
- Extend BART or extend Caltrain

What possibilities most excite you?

- More awesome new neighborhoods like Bay Meadows
- BART extensions into San Mateo County
- Affordable housing that actually means affordable
- Plans that encourage area standard wages
- Attention to groundwater resources and recycled water

Santa Clara County

Plan Bay Area Spring 2015 Open House Summary

**Wednesday,
May 6, 2015**
7 pm to 9 pm

Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road
San Jose

Approximate Attendance
65



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Is there anything missing from these goals?



- Corporate accountability
- Better transit integration across region
- Equitable access to public transportation
- Address homelessness
- Water usage and sustainable irrigation
- Livable-wage jobs

What are the biggest challenges facing your community?



- Displacement of low-income residents
- Inequality of income
- Lack of sustainable good jobs
- Housing supply
- Bicycle safety on downtown streets

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- Regulate affordable housing with rent stabilization and just-cause evictions
- Protect good jobs
- Denser developments
- Secure bike storage in homes and workplaces
- Greater transportation options



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



- Continue coordinating ticket systems between different agencies
- Safe routes to schools
- More bicycle projects
- More attention to public transit

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

- Need all transit agencies to coordinate
- More routes, more service, longer hours for transit, affordable fares for low-income riders
- Widen commercial roads
- Comprehensive bicycle plan



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- Displacement of low-income families
- Housing for middle class
- Income inequality
- Wages and income inequality
- Access to parks, open space and trails
- Housing-job balance

What possibilities most excite you?

- Plan Bay Area's zero sprawl vision and One Bay Area grants
- Tremendous resources available to us in the Bay Area

Solano County

Plan Bay Area Spring 2015 Open House Summary



**Thursday,
May 7, 2015**
6 pm to 8 pm

Hilton Garden Inn
2200 Gateway Court
Fairfield

Approximate Attendance
30



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Is there anything missing from these goals?



- Focus on the drought impact on air quality and health
- Develop connectivity of bike/ped projects to transportation hubs
- Affordable and low-income housing
- Stabilize population

What are the biggest challenges facing your community?



- Affordable housing
- Blighted neighborhoods
- Lack of quality jobs
- Jobs and housing imbalance
- Urban sprawl
- Population growth

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- Integrate affordable housing into development
- Develop small commercial centers among housing developments
- Stabilize population and focus on existing residents
- Dedicate childcare facilities



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



- Repair of old roads
- Longer hours for regional transit
- More ferries
- More buses (and frequency)

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

- Too much congestion on roads
- Need to stabilize population
- Can't get anywhere easily via public transit
- Old roads need to be fixed before new projects are built
- More density would make transit more feasible



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What concerns you about the future of your community?



- Homelessness
- Lack of affordable housing
- Water resources and availability
- Homelessness
- Too much population growth and not enough jobs
- Housing and public transportation for seniors

What possibilities most excite you?

- More emphasis on bike transportation infrastructure
- Green economy boom
- Environmental leaders
- Funding for Priority Conservation Areas, not just Priority Development Areas

Sonoma County

Plan Bay Area Spring 2015 Open House Summary

**Thursday,
May 7, 2015**
6 pm to 8 pm

Friedman Center
4676 Mayette Avenue
Santa Rosa

Approximate Attendance
65



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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



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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



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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