

Napa County

Date: April 28, 2011

Location/Venue:

Elks Lodge
2840 Soscol Avenue, Napa

Attendance: 38

(Note: not all who attended participated in voting during all workshop segments)

Priorities Results

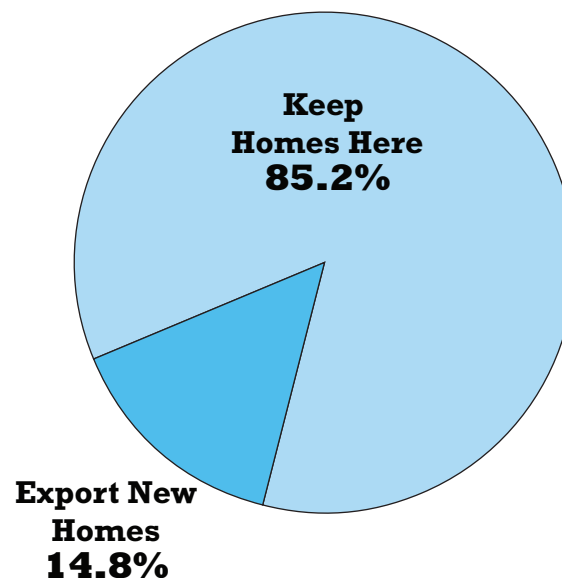
Looking to the future, participants were asked to rank their priorities:

Rank	Priority
1	Conserve Water
2	Conserve Open Space
3	Clean Air
4	Lower Carbon Emissions
5	Less Driving Overall
6	Less Local Traffic
7	Convenient Access to Jobs
8	More Affordable Homes
9	Daily Needs Close to Home
10	Safer Access to Schools
11	Lower Costs and Taxes
12	Keep my Town as it is Today
13	Easy and Low Cost Parking
14	Large Homes with Big Yards



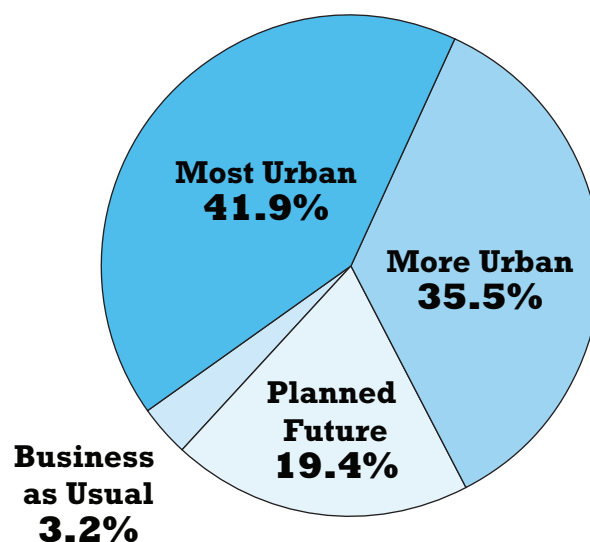
Where do we build?

Participants were asked where to locate new homes to accommodate new growth — export new homes outside the region or build homes here?



How will we grow?

Participants were asked to choose a preferred scenario for future growth, with "Business as Usual" carrying forward past development patterns, "Planned Future" reflecting adopted MTC and ABAG plans, and "More Urban" and "Most Urban" applying increasingly higher concentrations of housing and development.



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Priority Transportation Investment Strategies

Participants were given 11 options for investing future transportation funding and asked to select their top four priorities. One option was a “wild card” to allow for priorities not already listed.

Rank	Strategy
1	Increase funding for most effective transit services
2	Improve bicycle and pedestrian routes
3	Offer more transportation funds to cities that build new housing, and affordable housing, near transit in walkable neighborhoods w/ a range of amenities
4	Expand express bus and local bus services
5	Increase funding to fix potholes on freeways and local roads
6	Expand commuter rail services*
6	Offer financial incentives to cities that preserve agricultural lands and open space*
6	Wild Cards (for ideas not already proposed)*
9	Make freeways more efficient through ramp meters and other technologies
10	Widen freeways and local roadways
11	Increase funding to repair or purchase new buses, train cars, tracks, etc.

* tie vote

Transportation Investment Strategies “Wild Cards” (summary of comments)

- More bike routes
- More pedestrian routes/improved sidewalks
- More incentives to encourage use of public transit
- The less development, the better (support incentives for conservation of ag lands and open space)
- Consolidate or unify transit agencies
- Signal priority for transit vehicles

Priority Policy Initiatives

Participants were given 7 options for new policies that could be adopted (at the local, regional, state or federal level) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. One option was a “wild card” to allow for priorities not already listed.

Rank	Initiative
1	New requirements for employers (e.g. allow employees to work from home one day per week, allow employees to pay for transit with pre-tax dollars, etc.)
2	Electric vehicles (e.g., subsidize the purchase/ lease of electric vehicles and hybrids, increase availability of electric vehicle chargers)
3	Wild Cards (for ideas not already proposed)
4	Economic development (e.g., strategies to protect existing jobs, create new jobs, or preserve warehouse/industrial sites)
5	Pricing parking (e.g., charge for parking at work sites, charge higher rates during busy periods to free up more spaces and reduce vehicle idling)
6	Changing driving habits to conserve fuel & reduce harmful emissions (e.g., reduce maximum speeds to 55 mph, educate drivers to drive at even speeds, remove heavy objects from trunks to save fuel and reduce harmful emissions)
7	Other pricing strategies (e.g., charge tolls on new express lanes, or charge a new fee based on annual miles driven)

Policy Initiatives “Wild Cards” (summary of comments)

- Mandate mixed-use development
- Adopt urban limit lines to preserve ag lands and open space
- Develop policies for transportation and housing that promote public health
- Institute staggered work hours
- Pass a regional gas tax
- More policies to encourage bicycle transportation
- Encourage affordable transit-oriented development
- Not enthused about any of the proposals I’ve heard
- Adopt Business Improvement District or other assessment district to fund public transit infrastructure
- Encourage more housing near jobs
- Provide incentives for employers that locate near housing