

Solano County

Date: May 4, 2011

Location/Venue:

Solano County Events Center
601 Texas Street, Conference Room A, Fairfield

Attendance: 86

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

Priorities Results

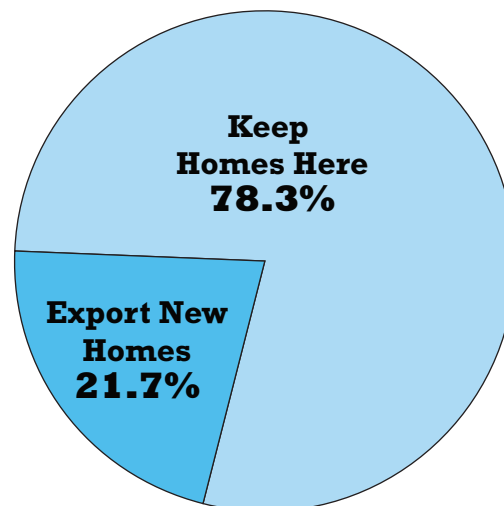
Looking to the future, participants were asked to rank their priorities:

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



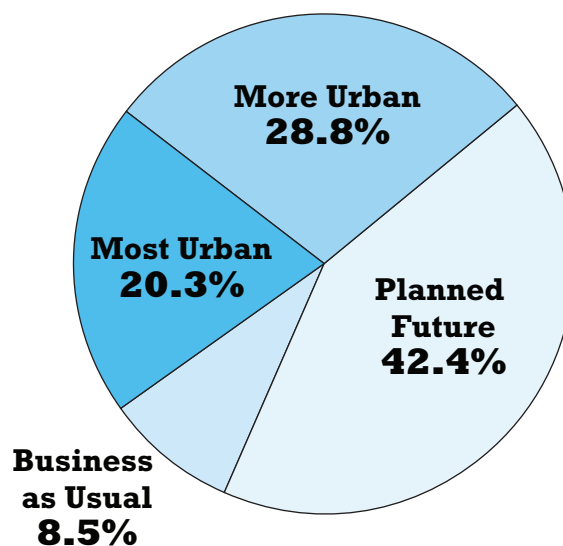
Where do we build?

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	Expand commuter rail services
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	Offer financial incentives to cities that preserve agricultural lands and open space
5	Wild Cards (for ideas not already proposed)
6	Expand express bus and local bus services
7	Increase funding to fix potholes on freeways and local roads
8	Improve bicycle and pedestrian routes
9	Make freeways more efficient through ramp meters and other technologies
10	Increase funding to repair or purchase new buses, train cars, tracks, etc.
11	Widen freeways and local roadways

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

- Funds for cities that build job centers
- Solano has lots of housing, fund incentives for jobs
- Public/private partnerships
- Funding for preventive maintenance
- Fund infrastructure to support density
- Car-sharing programs at transit hubs
- Incentives to integrate regional transit fares, schedules, Clipper passes
- Fund bicycle lanes and bicycle programs
- Fund incentives for clean-fuel 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	Wild Cards (for ideas not already proposed)
2	Economic development (e.g., strategies to protect existing jobs, create new jobs, or preserve warehouse/industrial sites)
3	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.)
4	Electric vehicles (e.g., subsidize the purchase/lease of electric vehicles and hybrids, increase availability of electric vehicle chargers)
5	Other pricing strategies (e.g., charge tolls on new express lanes, or charge a new fee based on annual miles driven)
6	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)
7	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)

Policy Initiatives “Wild Cards” (summary of comments)

- Increase the vehicle registration to fund roads/transit
- Research and implement alternative fuels beyond gas and electric
- Promote reuse of gray water
- New incentives, not requirements, for employers to encourage more sustainable operations and use of alternative modes of travel by workers
- Incentives for jobs over housing
- Incentives for carpooling
- Cut regulations for job-generating projects
- Change law so that revenue increases can be approved by a simple majority vote
- Reduce requirements for employers
- Increase the gas tax
- Implement new green jobs program and pay for it with a carbon tax
- Charge toll on new express lanes
- Cooperative purchasing of new, clean vehicles