

Napa Workshop — April 28, 2011

Plan Bay Area Participant Comment Sheet

Step 1: County Growth and Place Types

(A.) Thoughts and comments about **place types** in area closest to where you live or work

MEETING	COMMENT
Napa	St. Helena, Calistoga Rural Town Center - add more affordable housing
Napa	Napa - Suburban Center - more vibrant downtown
Napa	American Canyon - yes, MUC but improve traffic flow
Napa	Downtown Napa - city center - add housing; link to AE - transit between nodes
Napa	Consider tourist traffic - through traffic -> transit - regional connection
Napa	Rural town center & rural mixed use corridor are most appropriate in Napa County given limited transit options & small communities
Napa	Transit on Hwy 29 isn't only folks traveling within American Canyon so many public transit options (streetcars, buses, etc.) may not solve problem alone
Napa	Vallejo ferry is important to consider with transit
Napa	City of Napa should have a priority development area, potentially downtown
Napa	Need to link American Canyon & downtown Napa via transit
Napa	Need link from Napa/American Canyon to Solano/Vallejo
Napa	Bring BART to Vallejo & light rail link to American Canyon
Napa	American Canyon has the components to meet the definition of a mixed use corridor, but successful implementation will require significant investment in furthering transit modes.
Napa	Downtown Napa is a logical place for a PDA and could link by transit to American Canyon
Napa	Nodes: Vallejo ferry, American Canyon, Napa
Napa	Secondary PDA in Napa
Napa	Re-message our transit: why St. Helena Vine, Napa Vine?
Napa	PDA in American Canyon
Napa	I live in open space and agriculture

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(B.) What are your priorities for conserving land in the county/region?

MEETING COMMENT

Napa	Urban growth boundaries; low development outside them
Napa	Napa's conservation areas should be better illustrated on the maps - they encompass all agriculturally designated
Napa	The need to maintain the Ag. nature of the county is critical.
Napa	In addition, the open space and recreational opportunities in American Canyon must be maximized.
Napa	Conserving land is a great idea in Napa County
Napa	Urban centered development, infill in already developed areas or those with or near infrastructure and services
Napa	Adequate housing and mixed uses in cities
Napa	HIGH - water conservation
Napa	HIGH - view, aesthetics
Napa	Priority number 1
Napa	Continue to conserve agricultural land and other natural open spaces
Napa	Making sure the wine industry preserves its character
Napa	Making sure we have neighborhood [not legible]
Napa	Maintain open spaces
Napa	Get more tax dollars taxed for fuel used for fixing roads
Napa	Agriculture land
Napa	Open space land

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(C.) What resources do you think would be needed to support growth and high-quality development in your community?

MEETING	COMMENT
Napa	Water
Napa	Better streets
Napa	Regional transit & transportation improvements: Vallejo transit; BART to Vallejo
Napa	Funding for transportation & infrastructure (sewer and water)
Napa	Money and visionary thinking
Napa	Small towns, such as American Canyon need support and funding to plan and implement high quality urban development. Have a concern that the small town will not compete with the "big boys"
Napa	Examples of how its worked in other communities
Napa	Money! But (aligning our resources with our priorities) to go along with plans
Napa	Policies to support jurisdictions ability to work together to plan and act
Napa	Involvement - broader collection of ideas
Napa	\$\$ for housing downtown for walk able
Napa	Water and roadways
Napa	Have a way to get input from all land owners of unused land. Find out why they are using their land in the way
Napa	Build a website for them (owners of unused land) to help them use their land to the best for them and all
Napa	We do not want growth. The less growth occurs the better.

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Step 2: Transportation Investment Strategies

Comments about top transportation investment strategies

MEETING COMMENT

Napa	Answer would be different for Napa than for whole Bay Area
Napa	Adding capacity to roads & freeways is warranted when it facilitates additional transit services or improved transit
Napa	Concerned that the city in Napa County that takes the houses will seem insignificant from a regional scale and will
Napa	How is it that the entire country of Italy (or fill in the blank European country) figure out how to invest in and
Napa	BRT - [not legible]
Napa	E. (widen freeways & roadways) should be a last resort; minimizing cars on roads should be the priority
Napa	Growth in jobs does not imply equal amount of office space. Should anticipate a % of workers will work full time out of their homes

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Step 3: Policy Initiatives

Comments about top policy initiatives

MEETING	COMMENT
Napa	#4, 5 & 6 are not very familiar to us in Napa - not sure how they work or what they'd accomplish
Napa	Health
Napa	Non-punitive ideas work better -- incentivize rather than punish
Napa	Item 2 provides false options - driving 55 does not reduce emissions; driving at engine's optimal speed does,
Napa	Couple incentives with mandates; encourage employers to offer flex schedules rather than force them.
Napa	I chose EV's since we realize it's hard to change people's behavior from driving and decreasing VMTs but we can change the vehicle from gas to clean
Napa	Health in all policies came up at our table - I believe this is a valuable component of our planning and we should ensure this is included in any final scenario (CA Strategic Growth Council)
Napa	Health considerations
Napa	There is a lack of understanding of the need to protect agricultural and open space

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WILD CARDS

Step 2: Transportation Investment Strategies

Step 3: Policy Initiatives

MEETING	WILD CARD — Investment Strategies	WILD CARD — Policy Initiatives
Napa		Mandate mixed use development
Napa		Preserve agriculture & open space via urban limit lines
Napa		Mixed uses
Napa		Health in all policies
Napa		Improve transit
Napa		Staggered work hours
Napa		Promote employer-based carpools
Napa	More bike routes	More bike policies
Napa	Add more bike and pedestrian routes	Regional gas tax
Napa	Incentives for people to use public transportation	Encourage/subsidize mixed use and affordable
Napa	The less development the better	Not enthused about any of these policy choices
Napa	Expand public transportation	Adopt BID or other assessment district to fund public transit and infrastructure
Napa	Improve bicycle lanes	Housing near jobs and incentives for employers that
Napa	Build more sidewalks	Mixed land uses to have proximity, less driving
Napa	Expand rail/BART	
Napa	Adopt PDA area within city of Napa	
Napa	Increase transit speed & connectivity	
Napa	Unify transit agencies	
Napa	Transit priority signals	