

## San Francisco Workshop — April 25, 2011

### Plan Bay Area Participant Comment Sheet

#### Step 1: County Growth and Place Types

(A.) Additional comments to population distribution in your county

#### MEETING COMMENT

SF	I wish discussion was regional, not just San Francisco
SF	San Francisco is dense enough. ABAG assigns housing goals with little regard for the current residents. San Francisco is the bedroom community for Google and other Santa Clara/San Mateo county firms. Santa Clara County employment centers should be responsible for their housing quota. Encourage "company town" housing near the work site to reduce/eliminate the daily commute.
SF	We need better transportation connection between the most dense areas (e.g. Park Merced & downtown) to the less dense areas to encourage people to spread out (residence)
SF	It looks reasonable
SF	There should be more increase in density around heavy rail stations (esp. Glen park, Balboa BART; 22nd Street Caltrain) and along outer light rail (N + L trains)
SF	Map lacks central subway — why?
SF	Chinatown density increased by Central Subway. Central Subway is awful project and should be killed.
SF	I think the growth of density should be more along the rail/transit routes than it is represented on the map. Some of the dense purple areas are far from the indicated routes — unless these are mixed use developments with high walkability it appears there will still be traffic issues from people commuting to jobs and driving to other places they need to reach but can't by transit
SF	I don't see how it would be appropriate for the Bayview Hunters point neighborhood to have high density development, unless water-based transit is available in this area
SF	More density on rail; more density on BRT (bus rapid transit) (Van Ness, Geary, Geneva)
SF	Less density on waterfront (global warming = high water)
SF	Can be slightly more dense
SF	Need to make West side of San Francisco more dense, not fair to make East side of San Francisco 'take'/handle all of the density, especially around the bus rapid transit on Geary Blvd., or Van Ness corridor, but I can see that being more difficult because it's also Highway 101
SF	Seems appropriate
SF	Look at ways to incentivize additional units on single lots
SF	Burden of the Southeast neighborhoods to absorb all of the urban growth in San Francisco
SF	Strategies for diversifying mix use throughout the city
SF	More housing that is actually affordable to the average person
SF	Locate more population close to major west side transit lines including future Geary BRT with more mixed use and less parking
SF	The area I live in cannot accommodate more growth. It is already built up to capacity.
SF	How about revitalizing areas in the Sunset, surround N and K light rail lines, and 19th Avenue? These are some of the lowest density areas of the city which could become thriving mixed use TODs surrounding transit centers that <b>already exist</b> . Just because these areas have historically had negative responses to the idea of densifying, I think there is an opportunity for creative zoning reform to accommodate lower income residents (like students commuting to SFSU).
SF	The growth does not seem to be accompanied with new transit
SF	Density correlates with PDAs
SF	High density growth is already planned for East side of town, which is a good match for transit infrastructure
SF	Higher density on West side light rail lines e.g. N-Judah, L-Taraval would be good planning (albeit politically challenging)
SF	Note: map does not reflect Geary and Van Ness BART projects
SF	There is definitely more opportunities for infill growth which is not represented in the map
SF	Surprise that there is no diversification along L and N lines, no indication of any transit improvements required in PDAs
SF	I am curious about proposed density that appears to be centered along Monterey Blvd. It is a wide Blvd., but neighborhood serving retail is limited and I'm not aware of transit or planning proposals that would foster change
SF	We need a seawall or some plan for sea level rise to protect downtown, SOMA, eastern neighborhoods

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SF	Population distribution: more evenly distributed along rail lines
SF	There should be a dark purple circle (high density) around every BART station and not high density where transit does not currently exist.
SF	Put all density around current transit. You have not done this on current map; all density is focused on the East.
SF	There are big projects planned in areas without transit; place types don't have much wiggle room.

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

MEETING	COMMENT
SF	Muni transit investment necessary into eastern neighborhoods along 16th/3rd street area
SF	The M line seems popular; lots of students & seniors rely on it, yet it is one of the worst, least frequent, shortest trains, least reliable. Schedule-wise.
SF	Instructions were incorrect. The original scenario was supposed to be region wide analysis, not county specific.
SF	Work — San Francisco Regional — expand the regional to the urban area
SF	Place types are hard to distinguish from one another! (bad print job on maps) I mean in color but also in concept. Names & pictures look too similar.
SF	For the Castro and Downtown areas I think development that's proposed is fair.
SF	Fast-track approval for in-fill TOD
SF	Modify CEQA to encourage expand downtown San Francisco Regional Center
SF	Transit Town center all along Geary & Geneva BRT
SF	Hunter's Point & Candlestick have unrealistic density
SF	Outer Richmond appointments
SF	(not legible) neighborhoods. Mixed use (not legible) major corridors.
SF	Noe Valley (my neighborhood) is already kind of mixed use, but affordability is an issue.
SF	Noe Valley could use a better variety of retail (lots of nail shops and women's clothing stores)
SF	Van Ness Avenue should be as shown City Center like as your envision. California Street should also be more urban neighborhood, as envisioned
SF	Work in downtown San Francisco — I can see further densification but I also think special attention should be paid to pedestrian environment.
SF	Mission District - Bay View Hunters Point
SF	*Main concern is gentrification. Need to problem solve the barriers for AA families and existing residents to access even "affordable" and "senior" housing - important work of Jane Jacobs.
SF	Transit is the main plus of this area
SF	Urban neighborhoods good but, if too dense people will react as caged rats!
SF	West Portal can be more dense with mixed use and less parking
SF	Regarding place types close to where live/work: this scenario does not relate to where I live
SF	I live in the Sunset and work in the Richmond. I will soon be moving to Ocean Avenue/Balboa Park area. All three of these are currently designated as 'transit neighborhoods' in the One Bay Area vision scenario. I think all of these areas are opportunities to become mixed use corridors. These areas are thirsty for greater commercial activity and already are served by light rail (though could use more effective bus service).
SF	Colors are difficult to decipher
SF	Urban neighborhood — no mention of diversity of housing types
SF	Mode share not mentioned
SF	The 'urban neighborhood' vs. 'regional centers' distinction in Northeast quadrant seems odd (e.g. Geary Blvd. and Masonic doesn't strike me as a "regional center", but more just mixed use corridor).
SF	Why is Tenderloin/Nob Hill "regional center" vs. "urban neighborhood"? They are neighborhoods, not "primary centers of economic and cultural activity".
SF	Place type distinctions are a little confusing for San Francisco. I am fine with designation of my neighborhood (upper Castro/Market)
SF	Higher density housing along transit lines
SF	Increased density — Transit Town Center should be considered, if not prioritized on Geary and West Portal. Urban Neighborhood should cross 101 to encompass San Bruno Avenue
SF	Potrero Hill generally accurate; will grow even more as Mission Bay and Pier 70 area expands
SF	Assigned place type for Northeast quadrant of SF = regional center
SF	The assigned Regional Center place type is unclear. If the Russian Hill neighborhood is considered a regional center, then its fine, but it's really a mixed use, transit oriented urban neighborhood within the Regional Center. More mixed use would be better.
SF	I live in the Mission. The area is rapidly gentrifying. If development continues, the City/region needs to be concerned about gentrification and displacement. MTC needs to seriously consider mechanisms to reduce or prevent displacement.

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SF | I live in Hayes Valley, please develop as a regional center.

SF | I live in a central SF mixed-use neighborhood. It's close to shopping, transit; it's 3 blocks to 2 parks; has yard space.  
Great!

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

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SF	The country is broke and financing restricted. High quality development? Why not second or third best that is affordable?
SF	Job projection
SF	Demographics (can residents afford to live there?)
SF	Develop housing that are affordable, or rental units
SF	Closer transportation to work areas
SF	Maintaining plus if possible improving transit (more frequency)
SF	Stop destruction of Chinatown. Kill the Central Subway.
SF	Space and support for local businesses to thrive
SF	More affordable housing throughout the city to create diverse neighborhoods.
SF	More outreach to each community would be needed.
SF	TOD neighborhood on rail & BRT
SF	Need superagency to fast track in-fill development
SF	Low interest loans for in-fill development
SF	Mixed use corridors → need stronger Planning Commission to stand up to local opposition
SF	City and community will & better transit (no Muni rail in Richmond District)
SF	More reliable transit (the J. Church street car, #24 bus, and #4 bus all have reliability problems)
SF	Better controls on private shuttles (Google, etc.). They get in the way of public transit, and are dangerous for bikes and pedestrians.
SF	More affordable housing options (not sure how to do that)
SF	Affordable housing
SF	Changed zoning
SF	Downtown SF: improve BART stations (modernize), street cleaning, more sidewalk usage, more truly affordable housing across housing types.
SF	Less mega development; more smaller non-profit developments
SF	Difficult to find one area where there has been a massive increase in high-density development. Need to find more examples and lift up
SF	More public housing; deeper subsidies for affordable housing
SF	More recreation and community activities. Staff Cayoga Rec Center. Open community center at old Muni office building & powerhouse
SF	More funding for BRT and transit priority streets, bus bulbs, low-floor buses; autos second, less stop signs on Muni routes
SF	We need bus bulbs and stoplights at transit stops; traffic calming must be taken seriously.
SF	Increased bus service (28 line! 29!)
SF	Make 19th Ave safe for bicyclists and pedestrians (bike lanes!)
SF	Increase mixed use development (and commercial development) surrounding N and L lines and 19th Avenue
SF	Increase parking cost, do away with parking space/unit of housing zoning requirements
SF	Financially support urban agriculture as one aspect of a "mixed use" neighborhood
SF	Coordination of transport/construction is imperative
SF	Bus bulbs, pedestrian bulbs, <b>real</b> bus only lanes East of Van Ness (e.g. Geary BRT gets 'diluted' to not-true BRT East of Gough, according to current plans, but this is insufficient)
SF	Affordable housing funding
SF	Wider side walks
SF	There are multiple resources that already exist but are not focused on and not effectively utilized. Therefore, I feel like the most important resource for high-quality development is the ability for planning agencies to think about infrastructure and how it can be put to better use.
SF	San Francisco cannot support the additional PDA densities (thou I support doing so!) in absence of greatly improved transit within SF. \$1 spent on transit in SF is much more effective than \$1 spent in Marin for example.
SF	We need to keep a diverse mix of housing, grocery stores, jobs, entertainment in regional transportation centers
SF	By nature of geography and history, SF is focused on smart growth. What is needed is funding for execution.

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**MEETING COMMENT**

SF	Increase density-housing in NCD's along existing transit lines; keep jobs, homes, shops, parks all within walking distance
SF	See B — Lots more affordable housing options. MTC needs to develop a <b>community equity/regional equity workgroup</b> to discuss how SCS can limit the amount of negative impacts on low income or communities of color
SF	Strong planning/design/zoning — public education.
SF	Lift zoning RH1 to RH3 and help people add units/density
SF	Senior housing close to services

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#### Step 2: Transportation Investment Strategies

Comments about top transportation investment strategies

MEETING	COMMENT
SF	Fix what we currently have.
SF	The U.S. is very behind compared to other countries in terms of transit infrastructure. We need fast train, subway, and clean intratransport like Singapore. Too much policy and environmental stoppers. We need to move on as we are way behind!
SF	These are all good options. Given a 5th card, I'd select (F) Expand express bus and local bus.
SF	Stop stupid transportation funding. Stop funding Central Subway. Central Subway increases Muni deficit plus reduces Muni service.
SF	Do the right thing; Don't choose federal dollars to ...
SF	VMT peaked before the recession — MTC needs to change its assumptions
SF	15% reduction in GHG by 2035 is embarrassing. CAFÉ will lead to more.
SF	Not sure what "most effective" meant in A above; still voted for it but needs better explanation
SF	Concern that more funding may not mean better service
SF	Local transit agencies should be regionalized to improve planning. Maintaining local input is helpful if we create a regional transit agency so that local issues are not overlooked
SF	Consolidate regional transit agencies or at least have an oversight agency that can look at regional needs and have the power to move funds.
SF	ABAG and MTC need more control over land use, cannot separate from transit. Local control doesn't work. Low density areas export their problems to Bay Area.
SF	Transportation should have been one of the topics covered in the different scenarios
SF	Much investment is aimed at expansion of transit network at the deficit of existing infrastructure. This attitude should be put to rest, and more innovative uses of existing resources should be encouraged.
SF	Freeway expansion and capacity increases should be discouraged
SF	Current investment strategies reward past bad behavior (like funding related to highway miles). Eliminate those. Eliminate "past commitments" which is the main MTC excuse for inaction.
SF	Concerns about workers transportation options are reflected in these priorities. Workers need affordable and efficient transit
SF	After voting, changed commuter rail expansion to synergistic commuter rail investment with high speed rail
SF	More efficient to increase existing services along current train routes
SF	Need to improve core services of public transit, with some expanded capacity to areas with planned growth.
	Future development should encourage pedestrian orientation/public transportation around existing transit
SF	Maps of San Francisco do not reflect realistic growth/infrastructure opportunities/challenges
SF	I think the entire range of top transp. investment strategies misses the mark. The real solutions lie outside the frame. The real issue is creating and funding a total transportation that minimizes trips via land use/place making, and creates a pattern to make transit work best, and provides access to best transportation mode, including carshare, private vehicles, etc., for the type of trip that's run entirely on renewable energy not GHG emissions. How close will the pre-packaged policies within the given frame get us to meeting this ultimate need? Would it ever get us there?
SF	Supporting the development of HSR in regional investment
SF	Three priorities: 1) consider the job creation impacts of all investments. In other words, highway construction creates lots of good basic crafts jobs. But rehabilitating and expanding transit also creates jobs; 2) consider the development and maintenance of public transit systems. Invest in operations; 3) consider the affordability and efficiency of workers' transportation options. Don't increase tolls and commute hours unless these are effective regional transportation options that will get workers to their jobs.

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#### Step 3: Policy Initiatives

Comments about top policy initiatives

MEETING	COMMENT
SF	Don't punish — incentivize changes you want; all 1,(2,4,5) are intended to cost commuters more.
SF	These policies are too steered to modify people/employers through higher fees
SF	Incentives — carrots may be more productive than sticks (punishing behaviors)
SF	Missing are the policies to promote/create economic development and to encourage our employers/businesses to remain in the area
SF	#6 Eco Development — Don't understand the preservation of warehouse & industrial sites if you can improve them
SF	#3 Electric vehicles — if it is cheaper
SF	I support new requirements for employers, but would prefer incentives to requirements
SF	MTC is an obstacle to intelligent decision-making. Reconstitute MTC so that it reflects an appreciation for transit (instead of politics).
SF	Incentives are preferable to disincentives/punishment
SF	Current vehicle in Bay Area 430 gCO <sub>2</sub> /mi; Prius 178 gCO <sub>2</sub> /mi. By 2040 vehicles will have 1/2 of emissions (even with 15-year turnover).
SF	50% of people work for employers with multi-locations
SF	More frequent buses; BRT and TOD
SF	#3 — needs something added re pollution generated by power plants that generate electricity for the cars.
SF	Expecting employers to force employees to make behavior change has not and will not likely lead to change
SF	Policy/zoning changes will be necessary in SF to accomplish most of the regional plan. This must somehow be incentivized if Nimbi's is not to prevail.
SF	Building types should include units/acre to be more clear
SF	No <b>new</b> HOT lanes (convert existing lanes)
SF	Regional congestion pricing/tolls and SF-focused cordon
SF	Get rid of bad projects i.e. Central subway, BART to San Jose BART to Oakland airport connector
SF	Biggest problem in Bay Area is communist-style pricing policy for road users. Without dealing with social costs (economic/environmental externalities) & internalizing those costs, all other measures are entirely useless
SF	5 — equalize price of driving
SF	Regional gas tax — was suggested after voted! But, would have gotten my vote above all others
SF	I also like carbon tax or cap + dividend strategies. We need economic incentives to encourage public transit over passenger car use = increase tolls, increase parking costs. We also need to make car shares, public transit, walking/biking the easiest and cheapest transportation option.
SF	Price all highway lanes except HOV lanes invest in place making by educating people about place making.
SF	Regional Gas Tax!
SF	In the end, the problem with these exercises is the total disconnect between the public input and MTC's output. MTC collects much public input, yet its decisions are entirely political and unscientific. MTC complains about lack of flexibility and transit funding, yet somehow Europe does more with less. The reason is that European cities simply make better choices in how they spend the funds they have. I see no evidence that MTC will choose better in the future.
SF	Employer supports for worker transportation is necessary.

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#### WILD CARDS

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Step 3: Policy Initiatives

MEETING	WILD CARD — Investment Strategies	WILD CARD — Policy Initiatives
SF	Align transit spending with current job centers/ employer decisions	Economic incentives
SF	Work with local planners and citizens to change zoning	Reduce transit fares
SF	Prioritize buses over rail and freeways	Tax corporate polluters to pay for public transit
SF	Regional transit czar agency	Not sure but don't really like the others — Gas tax, I guess, but don't like that it's a regressive tax
SF	Prioritize bus ops. re rail-building projects	Financial incentives for TOD
SF	Use funds to engage community regarding zoning	
SF	Eliminate central subway from planned transit	Gasoline tax should be put back in public transit and bike lane development
SF	Distribute funding increase to number of existing and new parking	Reduce minimum number of required parking spaces/unit to zero
SF	ADA consideration in very plan use	Incentivize the construction and affordable housing (housing density) and the diversity of mode share
SF	Smaller buses for neighborhoods	Creative initiatives/regulations for parking i.e. MTC leadership on local incentives for good parking policy and BAAQMD oversight/fees or parking
SF	Expand urban rail transit (Geary subway)	Incentivize transportation agencies to more effectively use existing resources, and infrastructure that are under-used, without reducing service
SF	Make regional investments that support the development & implementation of high speed rail i.e.. Caltrain electrification	Region wide cap & trade system on parking! Eliminate transfer charges for transit
		Promote car sharing & car pooling, particularly with electronic vehicles
	Align transportation funds/spending with current job centers/employer decisions	Economic incentives - economic development
	No cost coordinate regional connections schedules. Avoid just missed connection	Implement a high gas tax with revenue going towards maintaining/improving public transit.
	Require one non-mechanical off-street parking space for each new residential unit in the project to maintain reasonable density.	More mixed use development that places both jobs and housing in same neighborhood
	Synchronize schedules between transit agencies	Promote economic development and new housing using environmentally sustainable methods and practices
	Bus funds prioritized over rail and freeway	Provide financial incentives for development of mixed use projects at transit centers
	Fund citizen process to give input to build support for zoning changes	Reduce transit fare
	Expand urban rail transit (as opposed to commuter/intercity)	Tax corporate polluters to pay for public transit
	Eliminate funding for central subway and bad transit	Gas tax, I guess, but I don't like that it's a regressive tax. Especially because many times the lower cost housing is further from good transit.
	Distribute funding inversely with existing and new parking	Change zoning law in neighborhoods - reduce the minimum required number of parking spaces unit of housing to zero!

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Step 3: Policy Initiatives

MEETING	WILD CARD — Investment Strategies	WILD CARD — Policy Initiatives
	Allocate extra funding to cities that rezones to minimize motorized trip generation, provide 5-min ped access to daily needs, and served by multi-modal transportation system...and that create a 100% jobs/housing balance within commute shed for its jobs at houses affordable to local workers.	Eliminate all parking minimums and replace with low maximums
	Road diets and removal of urban freeways	Convert at least one lane on every freeway and thoroughfare to a HOT lane
	Funding for <u>place making</u> - road diets, sidewalk, streetscapes	As for tolls, use hours as needed - like rush hours only to be more than regular tolls during the rest of the day
	Ensure no displacement of existing residents	Creative policy initiatives/regulations for parking: e.g., MTC regional leadership on local incentives for good parking policy; increase BAAQMD oversight/fees of parking
	Smaller vehicles for neighborhood transportation - use less gas, emissions, better able to use narrow streets!	Gasoline tax to be put back into public transit and bike lane development
		Toll <u>all</u> highway lanes except HOV lanes - (3+ per vehicle). Build enough HOV capacity so that express buses can go 55+. Funds pay for BRT/express bus infrastructure.
		Regional gasoline/carbon tax to pay for sustainable trans., housing, community facilities.
		Limit/eliminate minimum parking requirements in transit-rich areas.
		Implement transportation strategies discussed in exercise 3 to ensure that there are real alternatives for driving
		Prohibit employers from paying for employee parking. Reduced transit cost for employers who stay in city (SF).
		Electric vehicles: subsidize <u>and</u> increase charging stations <u>and</u> discourage other types of fuel.