

# Marin County — Grassroots Leadership Network of Marin

## Plan Bay Area Community-Based Outreach

### Outreach area:

Marin City and Canal Neighborhood in Marin, California

### Outreach description:

Outreach in April and May 2011 through presentations at other leadership meetings and one community meeting on May 24, 2011

### Participants: 103

(Note: Not everyone voted in all segments of the outreach.)

### Priority Transportation Investment Strategies

Participants were given 21 options for investing future transportation funding and asked to select their top six priorities.

Rank	Strategy
1	Expand express bus and local bus services
2	Widen major local roadways
3	More to connect housing/jobs
4	Invest more transportation funds to support cities that build new housing near transit that is affordable for Bay Area residents with limited income
5	Increase funding for more effective transit services
6	Expand commuter rail services (BART, Caltrain, etc.)*
6	Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety around neighborhood schools*

\* tie vote

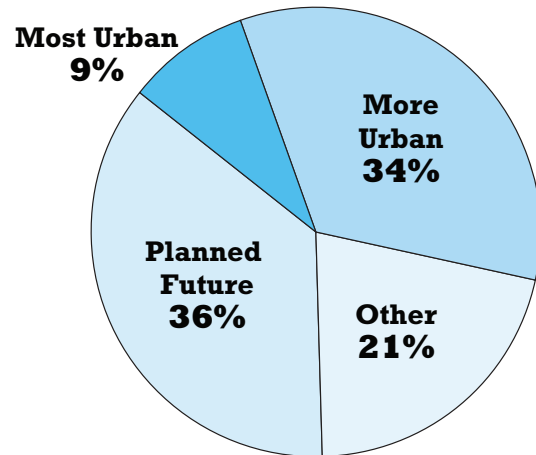
### Priority Policy Initiatives

Participants were given six options for new policies that could be adopted (at the local, regional, state or federal level) and asked to select their top three.

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	Economic strategies (e.g., development strategies to protect existing jobs, create new jobs, or preserve warehouse/industrial sites)
3	Electric vehicles (e.g., subsidize the purchase/lease of electric vehicles and hybrids; increase availability of electric vehicle chargers)*
3	Changing driving habits to conserve fuel & reduce harmful emissions*

### How will we grow?

Participants were asked to choose a preferred scenario for future growth, with "Planned Future" (labeled "current Plans") reflecting adopted MTC and ABAG plans, and "More Urban" and "Most Urban" applying increasingly higher concentrations of housing and development.



### Comments

Participants who took the survey were asked what one thing in their neighborhood (and in the Bay Area) they would like to see changed, and what one thing they would most like to keep. Some participants also submitted general comments on a separate comment card. Below are the most common responses and comments in no particular order.

- Expand current transit system, including options for night travel and to get to the East Bay from Marin
- Increase job opportunities
- Increase youth programs and activities
- Increase affordable housing options throughout the county
- Decrease car traffic
- Expand rail system into Marin and through other Bay Area communities/cities
- Maintain and encourage diversity
- Improve safety
- Maintain open space including parks and playgrounds
- Keep close proximity of public services and basic necessities

**PLAN BAY AREA — SPRING 2011 COMMUNITY-BASED OUTREACH COMMENTS  
GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP NETWORK OF MARIN — MARIN CITY/CANAL NEIGHBORHOOD**

**Below are all comments received in response to the following two-part question.**

**QUESTION 4a**

***What is the one thing in your neighborhood or community that you would most like to **keep**? What one thing in the Bay Area would you like to **keep**?***

**COMMENT**

Housing

More jobs locally

Would like to maintain downtown from being industrialized

The recreation; summer programs; parks

The service of The Village; the closeness, friendships, etc., needs to be kept in

The schools

Having land to walk on and enjoy the land sights

Baseball field/sports/athletic (parks). Shuttle buses for seniors.

Access to the open space. Good shopping. Great bike education & bike facilities.

I would like to see more cultural sites, theaters. Be able to walk the streets with my sweetheart and son.

The schools and keep the Gateway Shopping Center

A better connection for shopping at Market and closer to Marin

Community - Transit hub in Marin City. Bay Area - BART expansion.

More appearance of low key bicycle riding.

Recreation center.

Keep what have

Keep the doctor office, and bus stops, and fire house, and police station.

Beautiful scenery. Cross cultural, open space. Diversities - ethnically, financially, political openness, immigrant population.

Clean streets. Safety

Stores close by, parks, library, transportation

Libraries, buses, free schools

Recreation centers, entertainment centers

Maintain public transportation

The transportation on the avenues/streets and the neighborhood.

The bus, the parks.

The parks and the big/large libraries that are in each city.

Parks for the kids

The clinic for the children

The parks close to my home and the clinics (health).

I like everything in the canal.

The parks and clinic.

The commerce/stores (more), the buses (more), the schools (more).

The community support centers.

I really like the classes at Canal Alliance and the great support they give.

I like the houses and the clinics (dental) and the Canal Alliance classes.

The cleanliness. Safety.

Parks and green spaces.

The jobs/work.

Green areas, parks.

Schools

The schools

I like everything, the community clinic

Recreation parks, clean and big ones.

The bus, Canal Alliance

The medical/health center. The community center for adults.

The community clinic is close to my house

The shopping centers.

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The commerce in my neighborhood (we need to maintain it and improve it). The cleanliness

The help/support that is given to one in this country with food & other basic needs.

Entertainment centers; recreation & parks.

My neighbors are nice.

Respect and cooperation with the people that use bikes.

The community centers (recreation).

The women's clinic.

The educational center at Canal Alliance. The financial support for the students.

I would like the SMART project to get started.

Places that offer support like Canal Alliance.

The safety in the area. The public services that we have.

The school, recreation parks, hospitals for people with low income.

The peaceful nature of the place I live. The courses offered by Canal Alliance.

Maintain local programs in our community that help the needed. Maintain our parks and outdoor activities.

Hygiene

Parks for the kids. Free schools.

Open space.

I am satisfied where I live now.

Need more parks for children and families so they can relax and exercise. Support all activities that benefit our community.

The public transportation is very good. We should keep it.

Buses and ferries.

None.

Everything seems good. Do not need to change anything.

The water is good, clean in the Bay Area.

None.

Transportation in Marin is very good; there are bicycle lanes, buses, bridge to SF. Please keep it the way it is.

Transportation. Bicycle trails. Parks. Reservoirs.

Walking trails. Parks.

The Community Center is a great place to meet and gather for events and programs, and is also free.

Walking trails. Community swimming pools.

Seniors get discount for taking buses or going to movies.

Keep bus and ferry transit.

Parks, walking trails.

No high buildings. Keep nature surrounding our community.

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**QUESTION 4b**

***What is the one thing in your neighborhood or community that you would most like to **change**? What one thing in the Bay Area would you like to **change**?***

**COMMENT**

Better Communication

More flexible bus service

The Community Center

Transit service at night; flexible transit service; more options of connection to the East Bay from Marin

Less vehicles on the roads

More activities; parts in Marin that need to have things for kids.

Job opportunities

More activities for the community to come together

Greater link to water transportation

A place to have animals; maybe space for farm animals too; also keeping natural space

Have BART come to Marin County - connect to the new smart rail system planned; cut down noise pollution of communities by freeways

More available transit/bus routes at night & more jobs; longer term stimulus & permanent employment & training. Programs for Young Adults & seniors to help assist them with transition in jobs, training, education & transportation assistance/donations to help our people in the community get self sufficient. Stipends for child care & transportation (to help also work out something for those with conditions of probation or past records who need housing from homelessness or transitional, teaching them how to complete process to get into the door. Have communities come together with ideas & share how and what works for their community successes. Affordable housing (new development). Swimming pool.

After leaving the main North South bike path it is dangerous to navigate by bike into Marin City. The multipurpose path through the tunnel as you enter Marin City goes up to an intersection not marked for bikes. There is no crosswalk to the opposite side of the road or bike lane so that you can begin to ride on the bike following the rules of the road. The route to schools should be easy for a child by bike.

More business, cultural events, run walks to know the community. BART/SMART transportation. To change the cost of living here; we are being taxed with no end in sight. Prop 13 - this is the result.

More jobs

More activities for the community to come together

The recreation center = #2. 1 - offer more jobs to youth (16-21)

More affordable housing

Community - increased access to public transit. Bay Area - increased public transit options, provided throughout the region.

Bring school buses back into regular use for all schools which would slow many problems during morning and afternoon

More jobs. More recreation

More recreation for children/teens. Tutors. Shuttle within Marin City for those who are disabled/senior citizens/no transportation. Treat Marin City equal. A meat market & grocery store.

More job opportunities

Offer more jobs. I would like for transportation to go a lot of places like making more bus stops in Marin.

More activities for the kids and teenagers.

More jobs available, bus services in late hours. More police patrol in neighborhood. People should learn how to live with each other in harmony, peacefully

Safety. Police.

Nothing

More cleanliness

Public transportation, safety, civic participation

Have more access to public transportation

Free clinics and free busses. Cheaper/lower prices

Safety of my family.

More safety on the streets

Less crimes in the community

Less discrimination

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**COMMENT**

More safety on the streets

More buses in the city. Spanish

Safety and more recreation areas for all

Help to the elderly/seniors.

More highways and more buses in the canal.

More cleanliness on the canal streets. More free programs for adults.

The education and more safety on the streets. Use community volunteer hours to avoid gangs.

Job opportunities

The car traffic

The Canal Area doesn't have recycling program. The bike paths should be expanded.

Fix the streets

More parks. More lights on the streets at night.

Protection/safety for the kids

More buses, cheaper fares

More affordable health care, more transportation.

Support for Latinos; always have jobs and safety

Less racism against Mexicans

To have more access to information about what is happening. More facilities (public) for adults.

Racism, vandalism, garbage

More security, free college, no differences.

Maybe come up with a better idea to limit parking spaces. Sometimes the canal is full of parking spaces & it is difficult to find parking at night.

More control with the speed of the drivers. More lights on the streets.

The streets could be cleaner and less violence during the evenings.

The safety system; the transportation system.

More protection (safety).

More cleanliness on the Canal streets.

More safety in the neighborhood.

More safety on the streets.

More recreation centers for youth. More transportation with low cost.

I would like a bridge from the Harbor Street over the Freeway.

A system that promotes more commerce.

More efficient public transportation.

I would like better treatment of the authorities with the Latinos, especially the police. They shouldn't be racist. I also would like more jobs around here.

Lower rents, more social & economic opportunities for immigrants.

Cities should reduce compliances on new business. More business in cities creates more jobs. Create a rail system connecting to various cities.

To offer more jobs to the Latino community

More lights on the streets. The public transportation cost.

More funds for affordable housing for Bay Area residents with limited or fixed income. The use of undeveloped land in these areas to impact this Plan.

Companies and factories should hire more local people in order to reduce traffic, air pollution and save time for the workers.

I live in a safe neighborhood with a security guard. I like the way it is because I live in a very secure neighborhood.

I would like to see the Vietnamese community have more events so they could meet and unite as a group to help each other, just like other immigrant groups living in USA.

Auto repair shops should not be allowed to operate near residential areas because of bad air pollution which makes people sick. Need more parks and walking trails.

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**COMMENT**

Plant more trees. Having a sweeping club for people to join to keep the streets clean. Limit people using electronics and watching TV. Need more public laundry.

At the Laundromat, there are not enough machines - only 1 or 2. We must limit people to wash their animals' (dogs and cats) belongings because their hair sometimes sticks in the washer.

Too many people urinate on the streets between Medway and Larkspur. It smells really bad on that block. We need to fix the sanitation issue.

We need more events in the community so that people can learn new things, new cultures, new agencies, new services; and also make more connections.

I do not want to change anything at all. Life is too short, you live today and die tomorrow.

Gather people together so we can carpool at school, church or special events and field trips, etc.

Very good community. Before I used to live in SF. It was very complicated and ugly. Moving back here I really like it.

I need child care. It is a neighborhood where father and mother work. Need playgrounds where they can play football or basketball, etc. After school program. Kids stay home with me, playing games. I do not think it is good for him.

Need to provide access to those low-income families so they are able to visit other cities and learn from each other and also enjoy their trips with each other.

Need more employment in Marin. Need more sidewalks for pedestrians.

Neighbors are not friendly with each other. They don't greet or smile to one another.

When I go to the doctor, I have to wait two to two and a half hours. It makes me more sick when I am already sick. No Asian staff answering the phone - it is hard to communicate.

More mentor programs, ESL programs, workshops, community ethnic help and outreach programs.

More sense of community. People need to know each other. Better public transportation. Need healthy food store in Larkspur.

Parents should teach their kids to keep their school play yards, streets clean. Do not litter, pick up garbage on their own. Give tax deduction - 50% for people who purchase bicycles.

Need jobs in Marin. More lower rent for low-income people.

Lower fees for students taking buses. I am going to SF University. It costs me \$10 a day while I am going to school full time - no job. My mother is a single mom who is low-income.

People don't socialize. They stay in their house. People don't even know their neighbors next door.