

Contra Costa County — Opportunity West

Plan Bay Area Community-Based Outreach

Outreach area:

Richmond/San Pablo, California

Outreach description:

Outreach in April and May 2011 through various neighborhood and tenant council meetings, a street fair, and one community meeting on May 14, 2011

Participants: 193

(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 commuter rail services (BART, Caltrain, etc.)
2	Invest more transportation funds to support cities that build new housing near transit that is affordable for Bay Area residents with limited income
3	More frequent service on transit routes with high ridership
4	Increase funding to maintain freeways
5	Increase funding to maintain local streets and roads
6	Expand express bus and local bus services

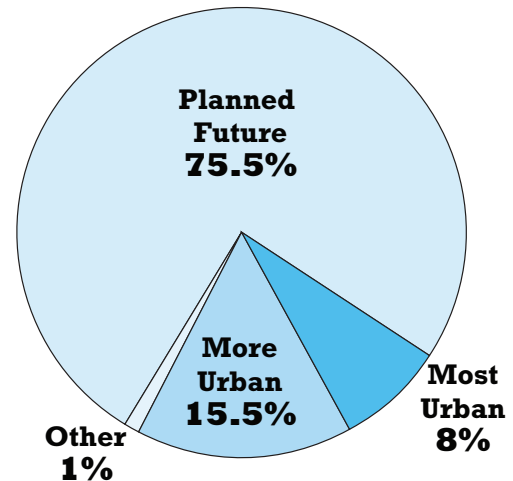
Priority Policy Initiatives

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)

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.

- Ensure safety on public transit through additional lighting and police patrols
- Preserve the current quality of life in Contra Costa County
- Increase job opportunities
- Maintain green spaces, community centers and services
- Increase funding for local public schools to improve quality
- Increase patrol to reduce unsafe driving habits (speeding, running lights, etc)
- Increase volunteerism and compassion for others in the community
- Maintain all current options for public transportation
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle access to get around
- Decrease violence and crime in local communities

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OPPORTUNITY WEST — RICHMOND/SAN PABLO**

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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

- Green Project
- Community Center
- Compassionate people who donate their time and services to meet the needs of those in crisis
- Affordable housing. More jobs and job training
- The Nevin Center
- The grass-roots effort in the neighborhood
- Why do you want me to tell you? I didn't even want to do this, but they gave it to me.
- How it's trying to improve the most possible.
- Community unity. Recreational places and museums.
- Programs for children. Good upkeep of the parks and open spaces where children can play.
- Small town atmosphere
- Parks and existing transportation services
- Pedestrian access
- Pedestrian access
- Free parking at BART stations
- Green space
- Community programs. Programs
- Transportation of the 76 and 71M Bus line
- The Nevin Center
- Diversity in the community
- Sense of community. The new shinning building structures
- Oakland raiders
- Better bus service - why two stops at Hilltop - one for BART busses and across the mall - local busses. Why?
- Street fairs
- Keep and expand BART and other mass transit alternatives.
- St. basketball team
- Green
- BART
- Community policing
- Parks
- Grocery stores.
- Contra Costa college and UC Berkeley
- Improve education in schools
- BART
- parks
- BART
- Bike paths and trails.
- Green open space.
- Trees. Beautiful environment
- Jobs. Community centers
- The Nevin Center
- Rapid transit
- Police, fire, schools, public works
- BART/Amtrak. East Bay Center for Performing Arts (local)
- Everything except the crime and drugs and alcohol. The kindness and friendliness of our people.
- More after school programs to keep minors off the streets. Bay Area - keep roads toll free
- nothing

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COMMENT
BART, bike routes, small rail
Nevin center
Recreation park, thing like non-profit agency that help community like opportunity west.
Keep Point Molate the way it is. No upgrades the land is beautiful and it should stay that way. One thing I would keep is the place itself. Keep it clean for future generations to come.
The time police spend looking after the neighborhood. The amount of spending on new resources in the Bay Area.
I would like to see our schools to stay open and receive more money for education
Do not destroy parks or green areas
There should be a way for us to know when a bus is late or not showing up
More training for young youth
More police work in the community
The residents remain in the community with funds to improve their property.
My transit routes but need to expand. My neighborhood.
The diversity. Land monuments
In the community I want to keep the parks in the Bay Area diversity
I will like to keep the open space like parks, and public areas
The grass-roots spirit in the neighborhood.
Sense of community
Open space
Open space
More services for the community to be able to leave the neighborhood.
After school programs for children.
Community unity. Keep on fighting crime.
More green open space.
I would like streets to be clean and parks to be green.
More parks, safety and lighting.

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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

To have better transit. The littering and dumping.

Violence

Equal opportunity for (all) not just mothers and children

People get along and get to know each other better. Police to step-up and slow down all this violence

The crime

More funding for small business development for the neighborhood and the Bay Area

Everything. I don't care.

Repave streets. More safety. More lighting in the streets. Fight crime. More youth centers.

Violence. That streets are more clean and they should have _____. There should be more lighting. There should be more programs for youth.

The police should try to make the people feel safe in their neighborhood, and that the city complies with giving streets good maintenance.

Vacant lots; crime, mortgage foreclosure; I-80 traffic, more economic development

Provide parking areas for church, on residential areas

Fix potholes

The safety for people riding bikes and walking

More busses on SPA during high traffic hours

We need a public gym. More job opportunities

Improve roadways, encourage purchase of electric vehicles

Make more jobs

Violence and violence

Schools - better ones.

More volunteerism

Neighbors take more pride in the area. Make parents more aware of their power within the schools. Create programs to train them to become educators

Improve the streets - bad shape

Increase lighting on the streets

Local bus routes to schools-also for after school activities - some students can't stay after school - activities - no bus service (e.g. De Anza HS)

Many bus routes could be better served by using smaller bus vehicles in greater numbers. In other words, replace one large bus with two smaller ones that drive the route more frequently

Help beautify yards in neighborhood to make it possible for better assessments of property. Cooperative association work together within neighborhood.

The level of crime. Increase police and youth services. More senior housing and activities.

Asphyxiate gang members

Improve lights and education in elementary schools

Jobs.

Jobs.

Entertainment and shows

More bus stops, benches and lights to protect rider of busses

More entry level jobs for young people

Improve bus transportation

More employment opportunities. Retain jobs. More service based jobs.

More jobs for unemployed

Repair the streets. More street lighting.

New neighborhood churches

Secondary education services in the high schools

Improve medical services by reducing costs

QUESTION 4b
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COMMENT
Jobs
Repair our streets
Increase street lights. More police on our streets
More lights on our street
Violence
Need jobs
Jobs.
Jobs.
Daytime burglary because houses are vacant while people work. Traffic is horrible.
Fix streets and sidewalks
Shooting
Stop on the violence
Bus routes
More efficient bus routes on SPA - Herc and Oakland
To put more stop signs in mountain area
Cut wasteful spending. We are broke for a reason
Better roads, more businesses downtown, more grocery stores, we only have 1 (Foods Co). More alternative methods of commuting, more busses, trains, light rail, etc.
I would like to reduce the salaries of our city council members. The Bay Area I would like to see more new and thriving businesses coming in to offer people jobs (real jobs)
I would like more bike lanes for both the safety of drivers and bicyclists. I would like potholes fixed.
More public transportation
The way planning is directed
More small rail lines. More bike transportation
I like change the casino we don't we those kind of businesses around our community. It don't help the people in our community.
I would like to change the overall the peoples moods because there is too much violence and I think its due to the lack of youth programs which they I mean the government is eliminating. Bay Area needs more youth programs. That I would change.
I would change the amount of violence in the Bay. And see the streets and parks more cleaner in my neighborhood.
Making the neighborhood safer. Low the cost of everything so that families with lower incomes can support their families.
Repaving more green areas
I think we need benches at more bus stops
More events that bring the community together
Remind drivers to slow down. It's not a freeway
More security
Increase bus and transit services to this neighborhood
More businesses, better transportation, expansion
More opportunity far as jobs. Able to get to job through public transit.
More job opportunity/on time transportation. Less crime in Bay Area.
One change in the neighborhood or community is more buss stops. One thing in the Bay Area is more affordable housing
I will like the houses that are in bad condition to be rebuild
Need better funding for economic development (small businesses) for both the neighborhood and the Bay Area
Messed up streets. Violence
Better bus stop, shelter from sun, rain, wind.
European style public transit
Streets - I would like them to be better so that the city looks nicer. Repave streets.
I would like there to be and maintain lighting.
More vendors and jobs.

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

Fix streets with potholes and _____ petroleum pollution.

Safety. Police should provide more surveillance and the garbage that is dumped by single family homes.

Whatever affects me and my family.

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General Comments

COMMENT

I would like there to be more programs for family counseling, because most families are currently getting separated. I would also like Latino parents to be forced to study and participate in their children's school so that they can give their children a better example.

They should plan better control of public services. There should be more safety in transportation.

In my opinion I think that money should be invested in an airport, it would bring a lot of opportunities to the city

More transit service in our area

Expansion in transportation and housing. More jobs in the urban cities.

I would like there to be more parks and safety so that we can be safer when we walk and not be afraid to leave your house. Also better lighting. Open/undeveloped lots scare me because there could be people loitering there. And streets that are not paved so that we can walk more.