

San Mateo — Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center

Plan Bay Area Community-Based Outreach

Outreach area:

South San Francisco/San Bruno, California

Outreach description:

Partnered with Housing Leadership Council to outreach via four meetings in San Mateo County on May 7 (Redwood City), May 11 (San Bruno), May 19 (South San Francisco), and May 21 (East Palo Alto), 2011

Participants: 19

(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	More transit service to connect housing and jobs
2	Add more bike paths/bike lanes
3	Expand commuter rail services (BART, Caltrain, etc.)
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 to repair or purchase new buses, train cars, tracks, etc.
6	Increase funding to maintain local streets and roads

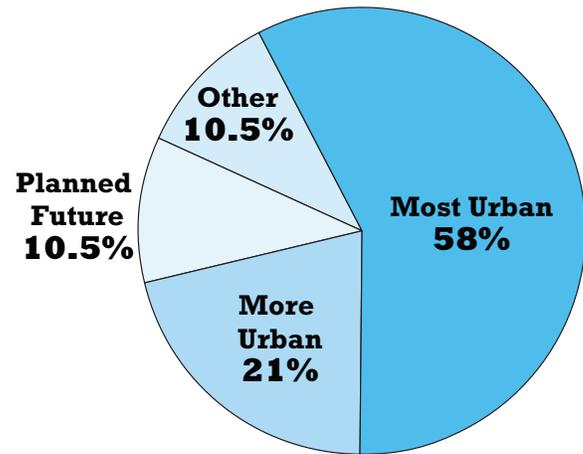
Priority Policy Initiatives

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	Economic strategies (e.g., development strategies to protect existing jobs, create new jobs, or preserve warehouse/industrial sites)
2	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.)
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.

- Expand and improve current bicycle and pedestrian routes
- Improve the frequency and reliability of current transit system options in San Mateo County
- Maintain community's diversity
- Expand walkable downtown areas
- Maintain parks, green space, recreational areas
- Expand BART to San Jose
- Create a single transportation agency to serve needs of the entire Bay Area
- Increase public art and entertainment opportunities
- Eliminate bridge tolls for carpools
- Curb youth violence through additional programs and activities
- Ensure affordable housing remains for middle and low-income residents
- Decrease truck traffic on local roads

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QUESTION 1

How should the Bay Area grow?

COMMENT

More Bed & Breakfasts, lights, and beautification. (Chose between Current Plans and More Urban.)

More green space. More tourist friendly. (Chose between Current Plans and More Urban.)

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QUESTION 2

What are your top transportation investment strategies?

COMMENT

Greater transportation coordination; less transit agencies.

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QUESTION 3

Which initiatives would you most support?

COMMENT

Congestion pricing.

Invest in a transportation system - public transit - provide a viable option for people to get around their communities without getting into their cars.

Merger and consolidation; public and private.

Merger and consolidation. Save \$. Public private partnerships. Public public partnerships. Greater coordination.

Mergers and consolidations.

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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

Casual carpool (I live in East Bay) keep, and increase number of Spare the Air days.

Keep or maintain a mixed-use housing policy.

Green area/residential feel. Access to parks in my neighborhood.

Green spaces. Good public transit, adjacent to housing.

Maintain strong "community" feeling. Centennial Way (S. San Francisco) model for growth. Innovative thinking - the only way forward.

Diversity and neighborhood nodes. Parks.

Don't take away our parks or schools.

Don't take away our schools, and don't take away our parks.

Sense of community, walkability, new businesses, more jobs, new exciting businesses/restaurants.

The part where everybody says hello.

Our homes!

Modal transportation. Community feel.

The one thing in my neighborhood that I would most like to keep is how our community functions. We're a very developed community with many small businesses and "ma and pop" shops. One thing in the Bay Area I would like to keep is the diversity in people, arts and culture.

Night Owl buses - ways to travel during non-peak hours.

Frequent bus and train service. Frequent bicycle use.

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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

Connect transportation hubs to locations of employment.

Less truck traffic along local streets. Robust public transit system.

Expand rail (BART) service hours and expand routes to reach more Bay Area cities. Would like carpools to not have to pay fees on Bay Bridge - or at least carpools using hybrid vehicles.

An upgraded Caltrain station with pedestrian links to our downtown. The current car-dependent mindset.

Higher density housing near transit, as well as neighborhood nodes. Build a more robust transit system.

Rapid transit with shuttles to neighborhoods. Rapid transit throughout Bay Area.

In South San Francisco I would like that there would be more police presence toward youth, and I think that public lighting needs to be brighter. There should be more affordable housing.

I would it for youth to have more activities so that they keep busy on good things, and t hat parents and police are more attentive toward them because they've killed a lot of children and it's not fair. I hope that they stop killing youth in South San Francisco.

Need to be more specific about your meeting.

We need redevelopment that brings in new businesses: revitalizes an area. Improved lighting on El Camino Real.

More lighting along El Camino and San Mateo Avenue in San Bruno. Maybe a museum or some sort of an art wine tasting shop. More retail shops.

Reduction of crime and getting more residents involved with what's going on in the community. I'd like to see more of the officials that we voted for do more than just meet with one another. I'd like to see the community more unified and work together.

More transportation to the hills (E-W). More destinations. More walkability.

One thing I'd like to change in my neighborhood is deforestation. I've noticed that a lot of trees are being taken down to make room for more roads. One thing I'd like to change in the Bay Area is the train. I think it's too expensive.

In both my neighborhood and the greater Bay Area, I would like more public transportation lines so that I can get places without taking two and three lines.

Subsidized public transportation. Integration - economic and service. Better carpool incentives.

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Below are all general comments received.

General Comments

COMMENT

Better outreach (gather minority input) (Input balance: Seniors, youth included

Incentive provided for movement want drag along.

Where and when will residents be able to have input in how MTC and A/BAG spend their moneys and resources? Now that the Governor of California wants local communities/municipalities to pay for their own. How much MTC money will our community get? Communities/municipalities that are not planning for more housing due to a perception of a lowering of property values should be proven as a myth.

Education - Community Education to make everybody aware of what it does mean each improvement and why it is important the everybody knows and participates. By working with small groups, it's possible to sum people who are crucial at this discussions. This is a very short time to think about such big issues. I would like to have time to think about it. Local jobs creation and the use of local resources. Very important to discover key people in the community who have the motivation and willingness to make things happen. You need to help these people.

The most effective strategy against developers who are burying the minority population of East Palo Alto, especially African Americans, is the greed of Wall Street that has most recently affected the global recession. These periodic economic meltdowns have been the most effective barriers. Cowards displacement of the poor and disenfranchised. That is a sad indictment of the empty rhetoric about preserving affordable housing from ABAG and MTC & HI Corp. - San Mateo County. East Palo Alto has been served at least 3 - 4 times thanks to the economy. thinking over the past 20+ years.