

**Plan Bay Area  
January 2012 Public Workshops**

**Transportation Trade-Offs, Oral and Written Comments, submitted at the workshops**

**Station A: Transportation Trade-Offs**

A number of potential transportation investments will be considered as part of Plan Bay Area. Not all of these items will be funded due to limited resources. At the workshop, participants who visited this station used tokens to "vote" on transportation trade-offs, or to provide their own ideas, in three areas:

- Transportation Investment Priorities
- Policies to Reduce Driving and Emissions
- Policies Regarding Public Transit

Below is the count that shows how participants ranked these potential transportation investment categories in these three areas, followed by the ideas/comments submitted via cards by participants using the "Other" option.

See the PDF titled "Workshop Written Comments" for additional comments submitted by participants for Transportation Trade-Offs.

**TOKEN COUNT: CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

<b>Transportation Investment Priorities</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Increase the number of freeway lanes for carpoolers and bus riders	4	1%
Expand bicycle and pedestrian routes	67	20%
Extend commuter rail lines, such as BART and Caltrain	48	14%
Maintain highways and local roads, including fixing potholes	50	15%
Provide more frequent bus service	23	7%
Provide financial incentives to cities to build more multi-unit housing near public transit	37	11%
Fund traffic congestion relief projects, such as adding turn lanes on roads, or reconfiguring interchanges and on-ramps on highways	33	10%
Increase public transit service for low income residents who do not have access to a car.	38	11%
Invest in improving speed and reliability in major bus or light-rail corridors.	22	6%
Other:	21	6%

**Comments on "Other" Cards -- Transportation Investment Priorities**

<b>County</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1 C Costa	BART is established transportation system - build on it more - more parking at the stations - extend lines.
2 C Costa	You do not want oil based emissions. What research is being done on other fuels?

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3	C Costa	Bus rapid transit - multi unit housing near transit - Eco bus pass for youth & seniors - more frequent service for bus so we can count on it.
4	C Costa	Fund most cost efficient strategies per passenger mile.
5	C Costa	Elimination of planning agencies.
6	C Costa	More access to be for the "real" ordinary people who may work at night and live several blocks off the main lines.
7	C Costa	Scale vehicle registration fees to ensure size (a surcharge for over sizing).
8	C Costa	Ensure efficient connects for Ala/CC residents between BART and High Speed Rail (2 chips).
9	C Costa	Spending \$68 billion on these options hypothetically even is irresponsible at best. Maintaining current system is only sane option given our population decline referenced in New York Times best selling books of 2009-2011.
10	C Costa	Improve freeway, i.e. I-80 between Bay Bridge & Richmond.
11	C Costa	Hire bus drivers who are psychologically fit for the job.
12	C Costa	Increase funding for safety for ped/bikers - safety investments to prevent injuries as walking & biking increases (I-THIM model).
13	C Costa	Transportation for seniors who do not drive.
14	C Costa	Add freeway lanes for <u>all</u> tax payers - raise speed limits.
15	C Costa	Please provide incentives to local governments to put housing in PDA's, but far enough away from freeways and other sources of pollution so that new residents won't be disproportionately burdened.

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## Transportation Trade-Offs *(continued)*

### Policies to Reduce Driving & Greenhouse Gas Emissions

A variety of strategies are being considered to encourage the reduction of driving and associated vehicle emissions. At the workshop, participants who visited this station used tokens to "vote" on a list of potential policies to reduce auto emissions or provided their own ideas.

#### TOKEN COUNT: CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Policies to Reduce Driving & Greenhouse Gas Emissions	#	%
Encourage 'Smart Driving'	14	4%
Complete the Regional Bicycle Network	55	16%
Expand the Safe Routes to Schools/ Pedestrian Network	88	26%
Increase Vanpool Incentives	10	3%
Expand Electric Vehicle Strategies	37	11%
Develop Commuter Benefit Ordinances	19	6%
Increase Telecommuting	16	5%
Institute Parking Surcharges	22	6%
Freeway speeds at 55 mph	31	9%
Other:	50	15%

#### Comments from "Other" Cards -- Policies to Reduce Driving & Greenhouse Gas Emissions

County	Comment
1 C Costa	Use most cost efficient per passenger mile
2 C Costa	Wait to see if better cars are built
3 C Costa	Fund transit friendly improvements in existing neighborhoods - shelters, improve sidewalks, bus stops which don't block traffic (3 chips)
4 C Costa	Money should not be spent on Smart Driving- this is happening today without spending 68 billion!
5 C Costa	Improve freeways
6 C Costa	Gas taxes and rebates
7 C Costa	Higher gas tax / vehicle registration fees (to fund other programs)
8 C Costa	Better late night / weekend BART / Caltrain service
9 C Costa	Congestion pricing in central cities & encourage more "Sunday Streets" days without motor vehicles in areas that draw many people
10 C Costa	Promote making things more efficient - roads, signals, bridge toll booths, cars, trucks. Have truck only lanes on I-80 to Oakland
11 C Costa	Safe routes to schools are good - don't let cities use the money for other things

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12	C Costa	Implement existing local bike & pedestrian plans and encourage cities that don't have them by funding the consultants necessary to create them.
13	C Costa	Eliminate freeway bottlenecks increase speed limits - shorten carpool lane hours
14	C Costa	Funding to expand/enhance walkable communities through land use changes (e.g. 20 min neighborhoods like Portland)
15	C Costa	Campaign to encourage residents to take alternative transportation
16	C Costa	Transit to priority project development areas. Regional Bike Network. Safe routes to schools. Eco Bus Pass for youth & seniors. More corridor plans. More parks integrated w/ transit.

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## Transportation Trade-Offs *(continued)*

### Policies Regarding Public Transit

A variety of strategies are being considered to improve the customer experience on public transit and to operate our existing public transit system more efficiently. At the workshop, participants who visited this station used tokens to identify four policies important to them to improve public transit. Participants also were able to provide their own ideas under the "Other" category.

#### TOKEN COUNT: CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Policies Regarding Public Transit	#	%
Better-timed connections	51	19%
More real-time information	18	7%
Cleaner/new vehicles and cleaner stations	14	5%
Standard fare policies across the region	21	8%
Fixed-price monthly pass valid on all trains, buses and ferries	26	9%
More frequent and faster transit service	77	28%
Better on-time performance	23	8%
More customer amenities such as WiFi on buses and trains	8	3%
Other	37	13%

#### Comments from "Other" Cards -- Policies Regarding Public Transit

County	Comment
1	C Costa Use most cost efficient strategies per passenger mile
2	C Costa Put the money in the most cost efficient method of transit per passenger mile, including cars
3	C Costa Use most cost efficient methods of transport including cars per passenger mile
4	C Costa Use most cost efficient per passenger mile
5	C Costa More frequent faster transit - yet safer - whether by volunteers or public awareness and tips. Security if not corrupt.
6	C Costa Privatize transit
7	C Costa Support convenient coordinated connections or transfers between BART & High Speed Rail (2 chips)
8	C Costa There needs to be routes off the main roads so more people have access and don't have to walk so far to the bus.
9	C Costa This whole plan is rigged. Leave my property right alone. A lot of State parks have been closed in Calif. I do not want to give anymore of my tax dollars.
10	C Costa Increase transit in remote areas hillsides - unincorporated areas (x10)
11	C Costa We need transportation in hillside areas
12	C Costa Increase core transit in urban low income areas. 30 min headway 24 x 7 within 1/3 mile of all low income residents.

13	C Costa	More BRT or "fixed" rail type of transit
14	C Costa	Do not license persons psychologically unfit to drive
15	C Costa	More accommodation for bikes on public transit & Caltrain (but more cars)
16	C Costa	More transit discounts to incentivize travel without cars & trucks
17	C Costa	Make transit funding come 100% from farebox - no subsidies
18	C Costa	Fill in the public transportation gaps w/ Jitney services or other types of van pool options.
19	C Costa	Please plan for frail, isolated seniors that are coming up in mass. Volunteers (trained) can do a door to door assistance for them: See Contra Costa - Senior Helpline Services (284-6699) & John Muir Health Senior Rides
20	C Costa	Free or low cost youth passes for public transit
21	C Costa	Free or low cost youth passes for public transit
22	C Costa	Look at Bogota, Columbia - many places have Bus Rapid Transit on corridors. Use technology to offer information on connections - get schools, hospitals, and jobs linked to transit.

### Transportation Trade-Offs, Oral Comments

	County	Comments
23	C Costa	Wants to hear what people in room think before he votes.
24	C Costa	Happy that there are choices. Seniors need more options. Volunteer drivers are needed. She hasn't seen this listed as an option.
25	C Costa	What are parking surcharges?
26	C Costa	How could public agencies increase telecommuting?
27	C Costa	When is West County going to get a BART extension? They have paid taxes for many years.
28	C Costa	California regs require overtime for work over 8 hours in a day. This undermines flexibility for people to work 12-hr days, 3-and-half days a week.
29	C Costa	Works with schools -- safe routes to schools. What's our interaction?
30	C Costa	Increase public transit options for people without cars.
31	C Costa	Extend bike/ped access. People are happier in countries where lots of people ride bikes.
32	C Costa	Poor bus driver skills are dangerous. Need better training, less jerky driving. Tired of being abused by bus drivers.
33	C Costa	Fund traffic congestion relief.
34	C Costa	Be patient with all modes.
35	C Costa	More investment in safety for bike/ped.
36	C Costa	Need financial incentives for multi-family near transit; seven acres of abandoned land near BART station (<1/2 mile).
37	C Costa	Failed commercial property (blight) needs housing instead.
38	C Costa	Q: Is \$68 billion already dedicated to transportation? A: Yes, but not dedicated to specific purposes.
39	C Costa	Are growth projections realistic? National forecasts show a decline.
40	C Costa	Could eclectic vehicle incentives include national changes or rebates?
41	C Costa	How about a tax refund? Why do we need to use taxes for this?

42	C Costa	Q: If I am a council member, does my ability to access some of the \$68 billion depend on conforming to the One Bay Area growth plan? A: Not yet; that potential policy is still under discussion; might affect a portion of the funds.
43	C Costa	There are gaps in public transit. There are lots of areas in Richmond that aren't served by transit.
44	C Costa	Does MTC plan to use taxpayer funds to provide rebates for EVs?
45	C Costa	Fix potholes!
46	C Costa	Expand BART! If he could take BART to Martinez, he would.
47	C Costa	Fund traffic congestion relief.
48	C Costa	Increase gas tax, but provide income tax rebate (revenue neutral).
49	C Costa	Support EV infrastructure.
50	C Costa	Frequent, faster and more reliable transit.
51	C Costa	Do a better job providing late-night and weekend transit, and recreational trips via transit.
52	C Costa	Increase security on transit. Have better patrols.
53	C Costa	How can we choose what to spend money on without getting details on the cost?
54	C Costa	Biased towards transit since 90% of trips taken are by car.
55	C Costa	What does it mean to increase telecommuting?
56	C Costa	If you continue to build infrastructure for cars, people will continue to drive. But if you invest in bicycles and public transit, people will change their behavior.
57	C Costa	Impact of parking surcharges? What about impact on students and low-income people?
58	C Costa	More bike/ped options will promote them being used more.
59	C Costa	It is great that land use and transit are being brought together.
60	C Costa	Extend commuter rail, esp. BART. It is too crowded, always packed.
61	C Costa	Make transit more accessible for low-income residents. BART is not cheap! 99% can't afford it.
62	C Costa	Need more frequent, faster bus service. Better timed connections.
63	C Costa	Transit investments should be tailored to each community.
64	C Costa	GHG reduction needs to come from cleaner vehicles, EVs.
65	C Costa	Everything here is based on oil. Funds should be put into new systems; none of the plans are addressing alternative fuels.
66	C Costa	Reach out to schools to stop idling cars waiting to pickup students.