

<b>Plan Bay Area</b>		
<b>January 2012 Public Workshops</b>		
<b>Oral Comments: Land Use and Complete Communities</b>		
<b>County</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
1	Santa Clara	Regarding visualization tool, hard to see differentiation and development change. Need more lights and different colors. Gradations are not visible
2	Santa Clara	What was the criteria for locating these buildings in visualization?
3	Santa Clara	Show the impact of growth in areas away from San Jose, at the neighborhood level.
4	Santa Clara	Regarding urban visualization tool -- manipulate it to see my neighborhood. Is it on the web?
5	Santa Clara	What were your assumptions about population? Specifically, what are numbers in downtown San Jose? Is it 38% for Santa Clara County? Need more information.
6	Santa Clara	Explain the calculations you used that buildings and plans need to accommodate.
7	Santa Clara	One constraint can be schools. Housing with no available school sites is problematic.
8	Santa Clara	There should be more emphasis on job growth, not just housing in San Jose.
9	Santa Clara	Job growth is critical, but transit needs to be closer to work/jobs.
10	Santa Clara	Job growth is nexus of any growth -- need employment centers with transportation-transit alternatives.
11	Santa Clara	Regarding Draft Plan: how is this info going to come to cities for them to adopt their housing plans? Timing seems off.
12	Santa Clara	Infrastructure can be a constraint to growth -- sewage/sewer capacity, schools. There may be local voter approved limits. Investment plus possible acceptance could be infill. Continue industrial land re-use opportunities. Rural areas and open space need to be protected.
13	Santa Clara	Need improvements to [presentation] visuals.
14	Santa Clara	Jobs/ housing imbalance needs to be addressed. Concern that presentation doesn't show this differentiation. It needs to be bundled differently to emphasize jobs-housing.
15	Santa Clara	Does not want to see growth in the hills. For any new housing development, make sure it has the important amenities such as parks and bike lanes that support quality communities.
16	Santa Clara	Would disagree that these are based on housing plans from Palo Alto. These are more intense than what Palo Alto has. Preferred scenario will come out and won't have time to view it and evaluate it [too short a window of review].
17	Santa Clara	Will the San Jose 2040 get subsumed into the Plan Bay Area? Is info from San Jose 2040 used, and if so, where specifically?
18	Santa Clara	If decisions are made locally, what does this plan do? Advisory? What's the purpose or level of requirement? A mandate for what?
19	Santa Clara	Limit new housing where there is insufficient school capacity plus limited sites for new schools. Jobs near transit are more important than jobs near housing. Promote more jobs in dense areas.
20	Santa Clara	Make sure the authority of the plan is communicated to local governments and communities, specifically requirements for cities to plan for jobs and population.
21	Santa Clara	How does the loss of redevelopment agencies impact these plans/ forecast? Difficult, but have to find solutions.
22	Santa Clara	Job growth -- how do you mandate that it happen? Plan is a path to move forward.
23	Santa Clara	Sits on County Transportation Committee; finds that the 5 scenarios are failing to meet SB 375 requirements. We should start over. Are we going to admit these are failing or ignore it? Draconian efforts required to make these work and thus will lose local control. If cities don't follow the plan they will lose transportation money and incentives.

24	Santa Clara	Concerns about adequate water -- large developments are being planned but not committed to put in pipes to handle water needs. Not planning for communities, just workers and transit populations. These policies are against creating complete cohesive communities.
25	Santa Clara	Heard plan calls for eliminating single family homes and creating high rises and other dense developments. Is concerned about this approach.
26	Santa Clara	Retail in Sunnyvale: We mostly buy online. Be careful in how you provide for in-person shopping experience. There is 1,000 sq ft of unused empty retail in the community.
27	Santa Clara	What about the area on the other side of the freeway, seen in visioning tool? How is that being developed? Wants to see more specific impacts, details, and Diridon Station area.
28	Santa Clara	Need to have all of these assumptions of air quality and studies of industry growth in order to get results for jobs and housing, There is a gap in this process.
29	Santa Clara	Surprised how little change is shown in Downtown San Jose. Is that all there is? How many new residents? This data will affect storefronts and retail waiting to develop. There is a need for retail plans.
30	Santa Clara	Is this simulation prescriptive?
31	Santa Clara	Address the area at Diridon Station.
32	Santa Clara	The visuals should reflect the city's general plan. San Jose has been a bedroom community for too long. Now the city is bringing its jobs/housing balance into better sync.
33	Santa Clara	Shocked at April Plan...we had 400K in city, that Plan has 300K for County. This is a problem, usurping our local control. We are putting our future at risk if we go along with Plan Bay Area.
34	Santa Clara	Would have liked to see PDAs used in simulation to really see area impact.
35	Santa Clara	Favors adding passenger rail capacity -- continual, incremental improvements. True high speed rail is lacking, need to get on the ball. Need TOD around stations, bike, EV, bus lanes. All are converging. For example, look at the Apple Campus: there is no rail/transit from Cupertino. The way it is now, the passenger rate will not improve. One answer is to have an economic analysis and meetings with Apple/Google and others about their transit needs. What will they contribute/construct. Note that transit is still facing opposition from Palo Alto.
36	Santa Clara	Favors denser development. There are problems with urban sprawl which are not sustainable. A dense urban core is necessary to be more sustainable. Draw firmer lines around development areas is one answer. As for resources and GHG -- we are eating up our lands. Don't extend the development there. Use infill opportunities. Need to preserve farmland. Focus on Urban Areas. Need economic mechanisms to support this urban core -- to be able to preserve ag farmland.
37	Santa Clara	Need a fair market, not taking jobs outside.
38	Santa Clara	We need local farmlands, support ability to grow food locally.
39	Santa Clara	Need community gardens -- small plots will help attract more people. Provide better sense of community, quality of life with community gardens.
40	Santa Clara	Keep farmland open and nearby.
41	Santa Clara	Urban Boundaries -- keep them, they seem to be working. For everywhere else -- specify sectors that more people live in; change the equation with housing closer to jobs and transportation. Think new modes, new technology such as personal rapid transit at the airport (such as at Heathrow) for San Jose Airport, or evacuated tube technology.
42	Santa Clara	Interconnectivity of the transportation modes, automated modes, corridor stuff...see website TriTrack.net for examples.
43	Santa Clara	Simplify EIR review--standardization of procedures.