

Plan Bay Area		
January 2012 Public Workshops		
Open Comment Station -- Oral Comments		
County	Comments	
1	Sonoma	Why is ABAG interested in Sonoma County?
2	Sonoma	Define social equity and sustainability.
3	Sonoma	Why no security at this meeting?
4	Sonoma	I've heard "we're out of money, we need to spend wisely." Why are we spending on mass transit?
5	Sonoma	Support widening of Highway 37.
6	Sonoma	Skaggs Island for Airport
7	Sonoma	Concern about at-grade crossing for SMART
8	Sonoma	How is BCDC involved in this?
9	Sonoma	MTC and ABAG are implementing "U.N. bias."
10	Sonoma	Put this plan to voters.
11	Sonoma	Is this plan using eminent domain?
12	Sonoma	Social equity and sustainability - we need definitions!
13	Sonoma	How is this plan going to be used? Articulate how we are preparing to meet growth while achieving GHG emission reductions.
14	Sonoma	What happens to cities that don't participate?
15	Sonoma	There is a lot of opposition to this process. Let the people vote!
16	Sonoma	What are the sources of funding?
17	Sonoma	I'm concerned about misinformation about this plan. Trying to get the word out to let people know what is at stake.
18	Sonoma	"One Bay Area" is a bad marketing choice. If we can "opt out," why are we calling it "one"? Why insert regional planning at all?
19	Sonoma	Mass transit is subsidized and will never pay for itself. What is the cost?
20	Sonoma	SB 375 requires analysis for all segments of the community. High density housing with subsidies should not be built. No social engineering.
21	Sonoma	No one should be called misinformed.
22	Sonoma	Will there be additional taxes to pay for this plan?
23	Sonoma	Where do the population estimates come from?
24	Sonoma	Santa Rosa has an elderly population. Population will be decreasing.
25	Sonoma	What are the definitions of sustainability and social equity? These are hard to find on the Plan Bay Area website.
26	Sonoma	How can sustainability and social equity not be defined if they are the main goals of the plan? When will we be asked our definition?
27	Sonoma	On website: "individuals must take personal action" - what does that mean?
28	Sonoma	What is the equity scorecard?
29	Sonoma	I use a vehicle everyday and I enjoy it. Why do I have to change? Are you making me?
30	Sonoma	Retail downstairs and apartments upstairs is this plan and it is failing everywhere.
31	Sonoma	I do not want to live densely. It will lead to crime. Why would we continue this type of building? Do not want it in Railroad Square. Developers feel this is the only thing that will be approved. Shouldn't be the case.
32	Sonoma	Elected officials are being misguided. It puts the public at risk. "For the greater good" is a red flag.

33	Sonoma	How are single-family homes not desired and there should only be high density? This is restricting housing to specific locations and is affecting land values all over the region. MTC is ignorant of this.
34	Sonoma	What is the 2005 year for the equity analysis?
35	Sonoma	Why are MTC and ABAG practicing behavior change?
36	Sonoma	Manipulating the public is unacceptable.
37	Sonoma	Only providing money to communities that do what you want hurts people and communities. How are we going to get representation for the people?
38	Sonoma	We should have a debate to be on equal footing.
39	Sonoma	Additional tax burdens to pay for the plan are unacceptable.
40	Sonoma	On the website, please show people who dissent the plan at MTC/ABAG.
41	Sonoma	Social injustice and environmental injustice is being practiced by MTC/ABAG by changing communities and other organizations taking people's land.
42	Sonoma	Equity scorecard: trying to create same conditions for all?
43	Sonoma	Cannot create access to public transit for everyone. Would rather spend money on gas than live on a busy street.
44	Sonoma	Not taking safety into account when forcing people to buy smaller, more efficient cars.
45	Sonoma	What is the process for comments?
46	Sonoma	Adoption of revenue plan: will it occur in Spring 2013 as well? Where will money come from?
47	Sonoma	What are the elements of greenhouse gas that we are concerned with? CO2 is a small percentage of the atmosphere. Plan will take cars away; this is a waste of money.
48	Sonoma	How can we make decisions without knowledge of taxes and bonds for future? These decisions affect future generations.
49	Sonoma	Portland is not sustainable. No freedom, how do 100 people get to vote for 7 million?
50	Sonoma	Confused about process. Lots of vacant houses already.
51	Sonoma	MTC isn't capable of making decisions - the free market is better
52	Sonoma	Define sustainability and equity.
53	Sonoma	CO2 isn't a problem; there is no money to pay for this.
54	Sonoma	This is social engineering - all about CO2.
55	Sonoma	CO2 is used as a mandate.
56	Sonoma	Focus on other sources of CO2 instead. Plan Bay Area will negatively affect society. What are the implications?