

**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: SONOMA COUNTY**

<b>Transportation Investment Priorities</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Increase the number of freeway lanes for carpoolers and bus riders	2	1%
Expand bicycle and pedestrian routes	36	12%
Extend commuter rail lines, such as BART and Caltrain	37	12%
Maintain highways and local roads, including fixing potholes	79	25%
Provide more frequent bus service	26	8%
Provide financial incentives to cities to build more multi-unit housing near public transit	26	8%
Fund traffic congestion relief projects, such as adding turn lanes on roads, or reconfiguring interchanges and on-ramps on highways	4	1%
Increase public transit service for low income residents who do not have access to a car.	29	9%
Invest in improving speed and reliability in major bus or light-rail corridors.	22	7%
Other:	49	16%

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

<b>County</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1 Sonoma	MTC, ABAG have no right to impose their will on "we the people" (5 tokens)
2 Sonoma	Return money to taxpayers! (10 tokens)
3 Sonoma	Improve roads. More timely improvements

4	Sonoma	Repair roads. Do it quickly. Assist businesses to locate near hirable population. (4 tokens)
5	Sonoma	Provide transit that is effective and change buses if it doesn't meet goals
6	Sonoma	The money goes back to the taxpayer (5 tokens)
7	Sonoma	Over 6000 patents have been stifled. Many can allow individual autos virtually free completely clean. Release them.
8	Sonoma	This endeavor is not serving the uniqueness of the individual city
9	Sonoma	Social equity is not an American concept; it is Marxist. Follow the justice stipulated in the constitution
10	Sonoma	Government at the local level is all the government I need; this endeavor is a sham at take-over via Agenda 21 tactics
11	Sonoma	The constitution and common sense says you cannot predict the future; where is the real facts and figures
12	Sonoma	No regionalization; cities must maintain their controls and heritage
13	Sonoma	Where are these funds coming from in a State that is currently running huge deficits
14	Sonoma	Refund tax dollars. Public transportation of any type is a big black money pit – redistribution of wealth on a European model never works
15	Sonoma	Need to continue to maintain roads, bridges, etc. No money to put this plan through.
16	Sonoma	Bay Area Plan--no (5 tokens)
17	Sonoma	Fix the roads with money and reimburse taxpayers
18	Sonoma	Let the 7 million people vote on the plan themselves
19	Sonoma	Money for maintaining Class 1 Bike (off-street) paths

## 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: SONOMA COUNTY

Policies to Reduce Driving & Greenhouse Gas Emissions	#	%
Encourage 'Smart Driving'	17	6%
Complete the Regional Bicycle Network	39	14%
Expand the Safe Routes to Schools/ Pedestrian Network	38	14%
Increase Vanpool Incentives	10	4%
Expand Electric Vehicle Strategies	34	13%
Develop Commuter Benefit Ordinances	18	7%
Increase Telecommuting	19	7%
Institute Parking Surcharges	10	4%
Freeway speeds at 55 mph	17	6%
Other:	68	25%

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

County	Comment
1 Sonoma	Create car free areas; neighborhoods, downtowns, etc.
2 Sonoma	MTC, ABAG do not have the right to impose their will on me the people (x5)
3 Sonoma	Return money to taxpayers (x10)
4 Sonoma	Rather than trying to reduce total driving, encourage voluntary actions to schedule trips taken to non rush hour times.
5 Sonoma	Congestion pricing has proven to be efficient in reducing traffic and emissions in city centers at other locations around the world. Granted, most of these policies received little public support at first, but studies show that public support has grown over time as benefits become apparent.
6 Sonoma	Coordinated land-use policies that shorten the distance that people have to travel for work commutes and all other daily errands etc. will have a significant impact on the number of VMT's that our roads see. They will also make any transit/bike/ped improvements that are build that much more beneficial.

7	Sonoma	Stop subsidizing any transportation. If you can't make it on there own, they shut down.
8	Sonoma	How do you propose to force businesses to develop and comply with commuter benefits if they don't wish to participate (x5)
9	Sonoma	Require illegals to display license plates
10	Sonoma	Release over 6000 patents stifled by US government. Many facilitate clean, cheap transportation
11	Sonoma	Protect driving rights. Americans love autos. Facilitate keeping them.
12	Sonoma	Japan has a car that runs on water. Build to drive them here!
13	Sonoma	Build double and triple decker freeways
14	Sonoma	Flex commute hours. No diamond lanes
15	Sonoma	Gas credit
16	Sonoma	Free bridge credit
17	Sonoma	Study \$ return for system cost
18	Sonoma	Decrease metro transportation overhead
19	Sonoma	No Plan (x5)
20	Sonoma	Let the 2 million people vote on all these plans themselves. We don't have the right to speak for them. (x5)
21	Sonoma	Less interference, less taxes
22	Sonoma	I don't agree with One Bay Area Plan. Need to let the public know.
23	Sonoma	Back to taxpayers (x5)

## 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: SONOMA COUNTY

Policies Regarding Public Transit	#	%
Better-timed connections	28	13%
More real-time information	10	5%
Cleaner/new vehicles and cleaner stations	7	3%
Standard fare policies across the region	10	5%
Fixed-price monthly pass valid on all trains, buses and ferries	27	13%
More frequent and faster transit service	61	29%
Better on-time performance	12	6%
More customer amenities such as WiFi on buses and trains	7	3%
Other	50	24%

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

1	Sonoma	In Santa Rosa, transit (bus) needs to provide earlier and later daily rides, daily as well as on weekends, especially Sunday mornings to accommodate church goers.
2	Sonoma	MTC, ABAG have no right to impose their will on we the people (5 tokens)
3	Sonoma	Investigate new gas technologies (x2)
4	Sonoma	Return money to taxpayers (10 tokens)
5	Sonoma	It does not appear equitable or fair to vote to force others to use transportation choices I would not use (x4)
6	Sonoma	Facilitate independent individual travel via private autos
7	Sonoma	Let the 2 million people vote on these plans themselves. We don't have the right to speak for them (x5)
8	Sonoma	Bus or rail from Santa Rosa to San Francisco are interchangeable. What is most important is reducing overall trip time and frequency/convenience
9	Sonoma	No Bay Area Plan (5 tokens)
10	Sonoma	All money back to taxpayers (4 tokens)
11	Sonoma	Less local, state, fed control and interference
12	Sonoma	MTC needs to cease and desist. Go away
13	Sonoma	No changes. Get out of local government business.
14	Sonoma	No changes and no interference with the city management
15	Sonoma	City management does this task – not ABAG and not MTC

## Transportation Trade-Offs, Oral Comments

	County	Comments
16	Sonoma	Give back funds to taxpayers.
17	Sonoma	We don't have the right to vote for others.
18	Sonoma	How do you statistically support decisions with this exercise?
19	Sonoma	Fix potholes.
20	Sonoma	Finish and expand bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
21	Sonoma	Expand electric vehicle startegies in order to reduce emissions.
22	Sonoma	Supports Safe Routes to School because it is hard to drop off kids now.
23	Sonoma	Provide safer path for bicycles.
24	Sonoma	Provdie more mass transit.
25	Sonoma	What is safe routes to school? How are you going to do that?
26	Sonoma	How important is the GHG question? What is GHG?
27	Sonoma	Is carbon dioxide bad?
28	Sonoma	Climate change is a hoax. Need to control people instead.
29	Sonoma	Mixed-use development is not a family-friendly environment.
30	Sonoma	Take into consideration children's needs
31	Sonoma	This is ideology driven, not market driven.
32	Sonoma	This is not a local decision. Because of money it is a regional decision.
33	Sonoma	Look at wildlands protection map.
34	Sonoma	Listen to the Urban Land Institute.
35	Sonoma	Young adults don't want to live in single family housing.
36	Sonoma	"SMART" can help land use policies.
37	Sonoma	There is demand for mixed-use/ multi-family housing.
38	Sonoma	Don't need to build any more single family housing.
39	Sonoma	Fix potholes.