

San Mateo County

Date: April 27, 2011

Location/Venue:

San Mateo Public Library
55 West 3rd Street, San Mateo

Attendance: 94

(Note: not all who attended participated in voting during all workshop segments)

Priorities Results

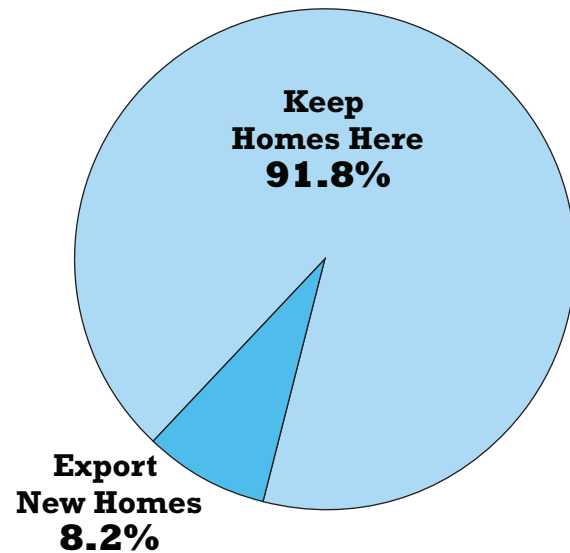
Looking to the future, participants were asked to rank their priorities:

Rank	Priority
1	Daily Needs Close to Home
2	Clean Air
3	Lower Carbon Emissions
4	Conserve Open Space
5	Less Driving Overall
6	Convenient Access to Jobs
7	Conserve Water
8	More Affordable Homes
9	Safer Access to Schools
10	Less Local Traffic
11	Lower Costs and Taxes
12	Keep my Town as it is Today
13	Easy and Low Cost Parking
14	Large Homes with Big Yards



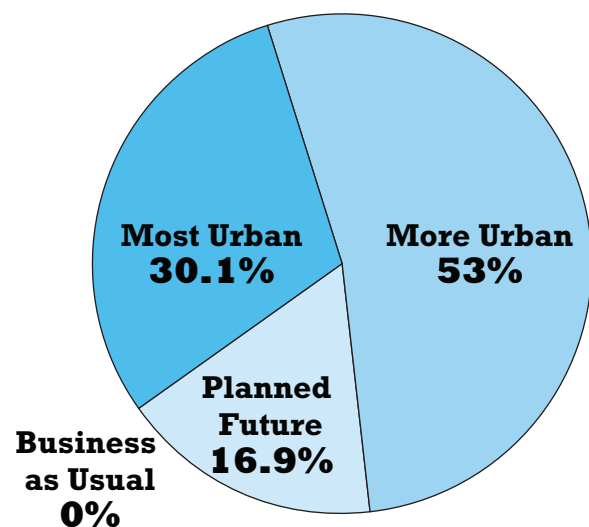
Where do we build?

Participants were asked where to locate new homes to accommodate new growth — export new homes outside the region or build homes here?



How will we grow?

Participants were asked to choose a preferred scenario for future growth, with "Business as Usual" carrying forward past development patterns, "Planned Future" reflecting adopted MTC and ABAG plans, and "More Urban" and "Most Urban" applying increasingly higher concentrations of housing and development.



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Priority Transportation Investment Strategies

Participants were given 11 options for investing future transportation funding and asked to select their top four priorities. One option was a “wild card” to allow for priorities not already listed.

Rank	Strategy
1	Increase funding for most effective transit services
2	Offer more transportation funds to cities that build new housing, and affordable housing, near transit in walkable neighborhoods w/ a range of amenities
3	Improve bicycle and pedestrian routes
4	Expand express bus and local bus services
5	Expand commuter rail services
6	Wild Cards (for ideas not already proposed)
7	Increase funding to repair or purchase new buses, train cars, tracks, etc.
8	Offer financial incentives to cities that preserve agricultural lands and open space
9	Increase funding to fix potholes on freeways and local roads
10	Make freeways more efficient through ramp meters and other technologies
11	Widen freeways and local roadways

Transportation Investment Strategies “Wild Cards” (summary of comments)

- Convert auto lanes for transit and bicycle use
- Restore creek corridors for urban agriculture (reduce freight and create jobs)
- Improve neighborhood, transit security
- More employment-related mixed-use development
- Fund childcare near transit and work sites
- Fund car sharing, more carpool lanes
- Fund workplace shuttles to transit
- Build more electric vehicle charging stations
- More funding for Safe Routes to Schools
- Stop high-speed rail at San Jose and connect to BART
- Capture the increased value from up-zoned real estate near commuter rail and intermodal nodes
- More ferry service

Priority Policy Initiatives

Participants were given 7 options for new policies that could be adopted (at the local, regional, state or federal level) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. One option was a “wild card” to allow for priorities not already listed.

Rank	Initiative
1	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.)
2	Wild Cards (for ideas not already proposed)
3	Electric vehicles (e.g., subsidize the purchase/ lease of electric vehicles and hybrids, increase availability of electric vehicle chargers)
4	Economic development (e.g., strategies to protect existing jobs, create new jobs, or preserve warehouse/industrial sites)
5	Pricing parking (e.g., charge for parking at work sites, charge higher rates during busy periods to free up more spaces and reduce vehicle idling)
6	Other pricing strategies (e.g., charge tolls on new express lanes, or charge a new fee based on annual miles driven)
7	Changing driving habits to conserve fuel & reduce harmful emissions (e.g., reduce maximum speeds to 55 mph, educate drivers to drive at even speeds, remove heavy objects from trunks to save fuel and reduce harmful emissions)

Policy Initiatives “Wild Cards” (summary of comments)

- Unbundle the cost of parking
- Increase the gas tax
- Implement child-friendly policies for transit and development, developer fees for childcare
- Lower parking requirements for new development
- Higher taxes/fees for fuel-inefficient vehicles
- Require gas mileage indicator in all cars to show how to save fuel and curb emissions
- Implement London-style cordon pricing
- Promote 511 public information kiosks at all transit stations
- Develop sustainable funding source for efficient and convenient public transit
- More “carrots” (incentives) for employers and less “sticks” (requirements)
- Institute congestion pricing and tolls and use the revenue for free transit passes for residents in Priority Development Areas and Growth Opportunity Areas
- Subsidize car maintenance
- Promote economic development