



# Alameda County

## Spring 2017 Public Engagement: Comments from Alameda County

### Alameda County Open House -- Thursday, May 4, 2017

Fremont City Hall – Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

#### ACTION PLAN STATION FEEDBACK

The **Action Plan Station** described proposed actions outlined in Draft Plan Bay Area 2040 to specifically address housing, economic development and resiliency. On three accompanying boards, participants were asked their ideas and encouraged to post their feedback. Below are the comments submitted at the boards for Housing, Economic Development and Resiliency.

#### *Housing*

- 1 Run express trains from Stockton to San Jose. Plenty of room around Stockton station for TOD cheap housing.
- 2 Make inclusionary housing data available for unincorporated areas.
- 3 We need MTC and ABAG to lobby in Sacramento for the ability to have inclusionary zoning.
- 4 School development in conjunction with growth. Aging school development/redevelopment.
- 5 Light rail from Pleasanton, San Ramon, Dublin to Santa Clara, Sunnyvale.
- 6 Incentivize density/ inclusionary housing bonuses for developers.

#### *Economic Development*

- 7 Connect ACE and BART transfer only station at Shinn Road in Fremont
- 8 Extend ACE across Dumbarton then south to Santa Clara and from Santa Clara to Redwood City out to Livermore
- 9 Increase pressure for CRA (Community Reinvestment Act) officers to maximize banking investment in region
- 10 No more BART extensions. No new tube. Spend the money on extending all Capitol Corridor and San Joaquin to San Jose
- 11 BART should run 24 hours so that it could service people that work in the evenings.

#### *Resiliency*

- 12 Find a way to act faster by unifying everyone towards one achievable goal instead of a bunch of money pit-never achievable ones
- 13 Address water consumption and availability with possible drought years ahead

## ACTIVITY STATION FEEDBACK

The **Activity Station** offered participants seven prompts to share additional ideas for how to address housing, economic development and resiliency. Below are the comments received at the Alameda County open house.

*The best way to create more housing in the Bay Area is...*

- 1 Rezone for higher density (more) around transportation; less parking in new developments.
- 2 To build it!
- 3 Build more housing!

*To keep the region's economy growing, we should...*

- 4 Have more transit that is more efficient.

*To solve the Bay Area housing crisis, I recommend that we...*

- 5 Require all big developments to include affordable housing.
- 6 Make profits a priority behind finding all American citizens a home and refugees, too.
- 7 Prioritize and increase peoples' rights as renters.
- 8 Have inclusionary housing data available for unincorporated areas.

*We can create a more resilient Bay Area by...*

- 9 Coordinating school development/infrastructure to expected population growth.
- 10 Strengthening community connections.
- 11 Engaging and teaching the community.

*We need a transportation system that...*

- 12 Is accessible to All!
- 13 Is affordable and reliable.
- 14 Won't come to a screeching halt upon the appearance of a sinkhole.
- 15 Is equitable!
- 16 Has a light rail from Pleasanton to Palo Alto/Santa Clara area
- 17 Improves ACE from Stockton and Tri Valley across the Dumbarton Rail Bridge along the Peninsula.
- 18 Considers the drivers' ability to get around as well as other modes of transportation.
- 19 Makes the trip on bus shorter (in time) than the trip by car.
- 20 Is a comprehensive system so that I can leave my car at home.

## FEEDBACK VIA WRITTEN COMMENT FORMS

Some participants submitted additional comments via a comment form available at the open houses. Below are comments received at the Alameda County Open House.

- 1 For air quality, more emphasis should be on the "other" solar power. Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) is where ground mounted mirrors focus sunlight on a tower with a steam turbine. They use molten salt to store the heat to generate steam at night, 24 hours per day. It is cheaper and more efficient than photo voltaic cells (PV). Companies are Bright Source in Oakland and Solar Reserve in Southern California. This can and should be used for electrifying the railroads.

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- 2 I learned the plan is updated every four years, which is very good. I appreciated knowing the long-term plans are not set in stone if technology like self-driving vehicles dramatically changes commuting patterns. I am surprised the draft has zero mention of self-driving technology. It will happen sooner or later and will change carpool lane use dramatically.  
In 1957 Sputnik launched. Imagine if in 1957 an organization planned infrastructure needs in telecommunications, weather prediction and spy surveillance for the year 1980 but didn't include the impact satellites would have in those fields?
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- 3 Need to tie together school accommodation of projected population growth! Fremont has become an extreme failure where development was okayed with non-reasonable expectations on school resources. Fremont schools are overcrowded, dilapidated institutions.
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- 4 Need light rail from Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon to Santa Clara, Sunnyvale and Palo Alto. Too many people on I-680 and Rte. 84 and cutting through Fremont.
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- 5 I wish someone would introduce the "Affordable Living Act." If you don't have a place to live nothing else matters.
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- 6 Fremont is already overcrowded. The additional housing will further the problem in our schools. You need to coordinate with the school system and plan school occupancy so that it can accommodate the massive population increase that is bound to happen.
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- 7 Great job and all looks good. In the draft binder on pag 2.1-5 AC Transit annual ridership figure is listed as 180,000 (for 2015) using AC Transit riders figure for years ending 2014-2015. But does the 180,000 figure repret to include AC Transit transbay riders and AC Transit Dumbarton Express service on the lines DB and DB1? I do feel (not legible) the report should make some type of statment or footnote the 180,000 figure. This figure does or does not include AC Transit Transbay or Dumbarton Express bus service.
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- 8 All prospective and new arrivals to the Alameda County and Bay Area (including people getting out of jail and prison) should go through some orientation meeting and process and on how to use public transit. The people would get funneled through (apt. and leasing, realty firms, mortgage, banks and the employers). The employer says to the job applicant: Where do you live and how long do you plan to stay there. Because they the employer needs 8/10 hours of productive work from them and they can't be burnt out commuting long distances and getting all stressed out and frazzled and then be unproductive. If you fail you will now have created the new homeless people.
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- 9 On the new west side of the current Union City BART station was designed to be a "finger island" type design right in front of the BART fare gates with saw tooth bus bays on both sides of the finger island type design we would all be talking a different tune and no (not legible) ... got its way and put in a long dog leg to the right and the current Union City BART station with bus stops a football field away from the fare gates and platforms and also from pressure from developers and SB375 and others. Please take up my comments to the BART director, Union City and AC Transit and others.
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- 10 I do think in my opinion that all of the most all of the 'crisis' problematic problems were mostly caused by from top down the federal banking system, the state banking system and the county government. In mostly Alameda, Contra Costa, SF, San Mateo , Marin, and other county for not to put pressure on the Holy Roman Catholic Church through its arch diocese of Oakland, to educate its/her members with church not to get into buying homes and taking out risky mortgages and loans (knowing that they will not be able to afford them and pay them off and getting easy credit). Knowing the loss of a bread winner due to drugs, DUI, bad marriage, divorce, etc. (not legible)
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