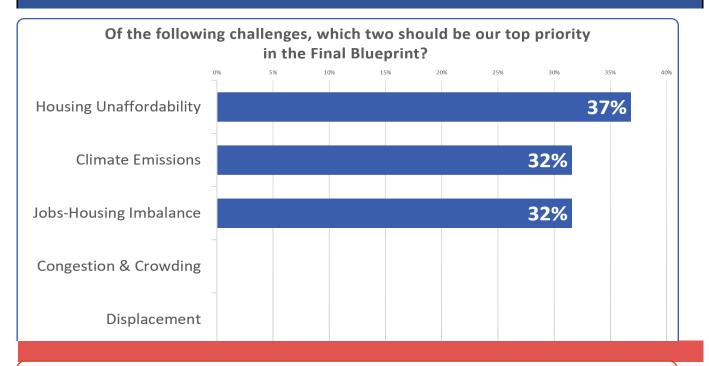
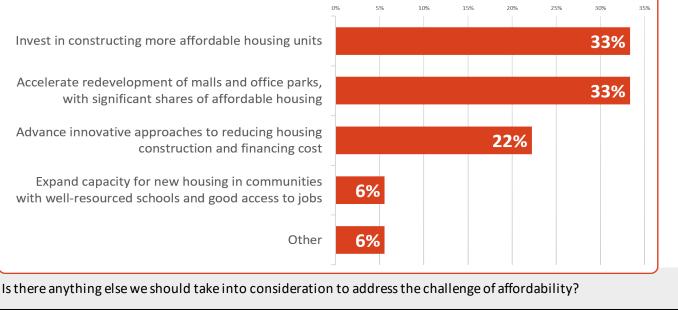
Metropolitan Transportation Commission - Association of Bay Area Governments Plan Bay Area 2050 Public Engagement on Draft Blueprint SOLANO COUNTY DIGITAL WORKSHOP Thursday, July 30, 2020, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Participant responses to a series of questions.



Challenge #1 — What should be included in our strategies to make the Bay Area even more affordable?



Build mixed use housing to insure that affordable housing isn't "ghettoized "

Revitalize town centers by combining retail and residential spaces.

Rent controls.

Controlling permit cost and city red tape

Solano County residents need a school to work pathway, so that they have the ability to earn the kind of income to afford decent housing.

Change bldg. codes to allow manufactured multi-family housing units.

Yes, how will we really pay for all for the all the affordable housing?

Increase affordable housing in city centers and revitalize them and make them walkable.

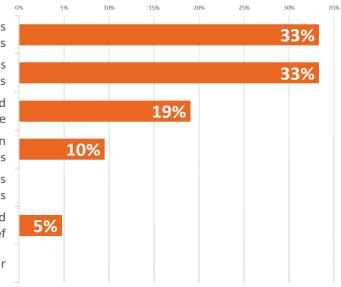
Add green microgrids for energy resilience AND revenue production.

Also, clean electric transportation and green retrofit for older structures.

Enforce state targets for affordable housing with sanctions on communities with exclusionary zoning.

Limit incentives to affordable units

Challenge #2 — What should be included in our strategies to alleviate traffic congestion and reduce overcrowding on transit in the Bay Area?



Redesign transit to offer seamless transfers and focus service on high-frequency routes

Build more Express Lanes with robust express bus services

Extend regional rail services to new communities and increase the frequency of service

Invest more in world-class bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to reduce use of auto for local trips

Implement all-lane tolling on high-traffic freeways with transit alternatives

Widen highways and expand interchanges to yield short-term congestion relief

Other

Is there anything else we should take into consideration to address the challenge of congestion and transit crowding?

Encourage companies to support carpool/vanpool services for employees

More working from home, as is being done now. Also, meetings such as this and others should be held on ZOOM going forward, a great way to allow more participation while decreasing traffic and harmful emissions,

Transit areas need to be safe at all times.

More purposeful working from home.

Subsidize low income wage earners in cities like SF so they can walk to work.

In Solano, more than 100,000 commute out to 24 counties. Help direct more good-paying jobs to Solano. This is about 1/4 of our population.

You seem determined to make cars (and their exhaust and gas usage) more difficult. What will you do with empty buses transiting the area every 10 minutes, spewing exhaust? There are timeframes for most in-person work environments, perhaps you need to take those into account in your planning/thinking.

Regional managed lane network that serves transit

Highway 80 in both directions for Solano County is crowded in certain spots, 7 days a week, going from San Francisco to Sacramento (and Reno/Tahoe). Not much that can happen there to reduce traffic congestion.

All transit parking should have electric charging stations and bike link corrals

More clean transportation with electrification of ALL public transportation and subsidies for using EV.

Also increase EV infrastructure.

Make trains clean more affordable and widespread.

Toll mitigation for low income commuters. The present system is a regressive tax. No Highway 37 tolls without means testing!

Challenge #3 — What should be included in our strategies to address displacement in the Bay Area?

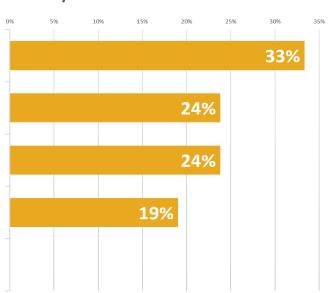
Ensure ample affordable housing is built in communities most at risk of displacement

Expand investment in the preservation of permanently-affordable housing in communities facing displacement

Dedicate and protect ample investments that improve quality of life where displaced residents are moving

Implement workforce training programs to grow the middle class and make it easier to stay in place

Other



Is there anything else we should take into consideration to address displacement in the Bay Area?

I think Solano County is where people get displaced. The affordable housing issue in SF and the peninsula is becoming our problem.

Keep green spaces, local farms to aid in mental health and less driving

Create a down payment grant program so renters can become homeowners. Pay for PMI. Prohibit higher interest rates for mortgages for low income. Make ownership as affordable as renting, plus build equity

City government need to communicate where the PDAs and PPAs are located and how were they chosen.

Arrange for an ongoing dialogue between planners and real estate developers to overcome real-world hurdles to building affordable projects.

Diminish the power of CEQA roadblocks to housing construction

Need for older folks for smaller units, affordable and close to historical neighborhoods

Let's consider addressing the historical bias against people of color, and fix it

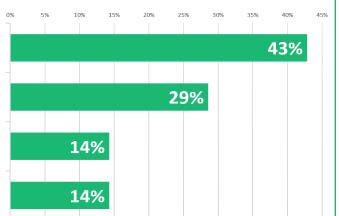
Challenge #4 — What should be included in our strategies to reduce climate emissions in the Bay Area?

Expand electric vehicle and charging infrastructure subsidies, especially for lower-income households

Require employers to implement mandatory work from home policies 2 or 3 days per week

Charge parking fees to disincentivize driving, putting fees towards bicycle giveaways and free shuttles

Postpone highway widening projects until a greater share of vehicles are electric



Other	
there anything else we should take into consideration to address climate emissions in the Bay Area?	
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Renew subsidies for home solar.

Tie transportation incentives to reducing VMT

More locally sourced food,

Tough push for solar panels on parking lots,

Conversion of under used old shopping centers to efficient housing

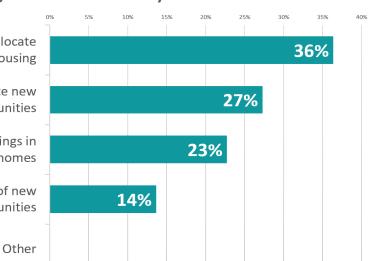
Challenge #5 — What should be included in our strategies to address the jobs-housing imbalance in the Bay Area?

Provide tax subsidies for employers to relocate middle-wage jobs closer to affordable housing

Expand business incubator programs to create new small businesses in housing-rich communities

Prohibit more construction of office buildings in communities that have many more jobs than homes

Increase fees that discourage development of new office parks in jobs-rich, auto-oriented communities



Is there anything else we should take into consideration to address jobs-housing imbalance in the Bay Area?

Encourage employers to pay living wage so people do not need to commute

A consideration in encouraging new employers to move into Solano County (i.e. office buildings) must be to maintain a balance between development and maintaining our rural identity.

If fees are charged in job-rich areas, send the fees to companies that will locate in job-poor areas.

Require large employers in the congested areas to build satellite facilities in housing rich areas

Solano County residents don't know too much about the Moving Solano Forward document, outlining the County's economic growth strategy.

Discourage housing growth if not balanced with local jobs

Regenerate local economy to make more attractive to businesses

Create more green jobs by developing more green infrastructure

Gather support to revise Prop 13 which penalizes housing construction and rewards commercial. Split the rolls: keep low housing property taxes and return commercial to its former scale.

Union jobs that are tied to apprentice opportunities with economic incentives for employers,

Most new jobs are with small businesses. Probably good incubator support could help

Comments from Participants, via Zoom's Q&A Feature -- most questions answered live during workshop

Are you aware of toll mitigations for low income people in Louisville, KY and Norfolk, VA?

How would you enforce the lower speed limits?

How much leverage does MTC/ABAG have over local governments to follow the Plan Bay Area 2050?

Comment-19% reduction in greenhouse gases b y2035 is not enough! May be a state goal, if it's it enough to mitigate static's impacts.

Coronavirus has resulted in much at-home work. Can a new strategy be to partner with business and government to increase % working from home most of the time?

Historically, bay area planning was SF centric. Now we have distributed urban centers that need to be networked together. What are plans to build BART around the entire bay or at least extending BART into Solano County and Napa?

Typo on comment should say is not enough to mitigate....

How will the Plan Bay Area 2050 support for urban growth boundaries be "enforced" or "encouraged" if individual Cities want to let existing urban growth boundaries be weakened?

Some commentators have expressed disappointment in the projected 9% decrease in housing + transportation costs as a percentage of household income, with more for lower income people.. What is holding us back from lowering that percentage further overall?

Also, there has always been a need for a regional airport in the north bay. Thoughts?

Where will funding come from for housing affordability

Underfunded schools in my community of Vallejo is a key driver of poverty and racial injustice. What can this plan do to improve school funding in lower income districts?

What does "affordable housing " mean? Historically it means low income which is needed, but another priority has become houses which new professionals and other workers can afford. We see houses which are too expensive for them, bringing higher wage earners in from out of the area.

How does Plan Bay Area 2050 encourage the tech job creating sectors move jobs to Solano County?

BTW, if I linked into poll via the URL provided in the chat room it worked. If I just typed into my browser, it did not. I am into polling now....just FYI for future meetings

We see a lot of demand for warehouse space, which do not bring jobs. Any thoughts on how to focus on jobs over warehouses?

No comment available so this is my route. Let's reverse the historical racial bias that prevented people of color from buying

The current RHNA process produced virtually no housing at the lower income levels. What will be different in the next iteration

What are the plans for changing/amending NIMBY zoning codes that prevent implementation of some of the proposed strategies.

Governor Newsom has made affordable housing a key issue. Can we get any support from the state?

Schools have been disconnected from land use planning. Is there any regional effort to look at this?

Will the recording be available?