

# Santa Clara County — Vietnamese Voluntary Foundation (VIVO)

## Plan Bay Area Community-Based Outreach

### Outreach area:

San Jose, California

### Outreach description:

Outreach in April and May 2011 through various community and service meetings, a table at the CalWorks Resource Fair, and a community meeting on May 10, 2011

### Participants: 177

(Note: Not everyone voted in all segments of the outreach.)

### Priority Transportation Investment Strategies

Participants were given 21 options for investing future transportation funding and asked to select their top six priorities.

Rank	Strategy
1	Invest more transportation funds to support cities that build new housing near transit that is affordable for Bay Area residents with limited income
2	More frequent service on transit routes with high ridership
3	Expand express bus and local bus services
4	Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety around neighborhood schools
5	Widen major local roadways
6	Improve safety of streets and intersections

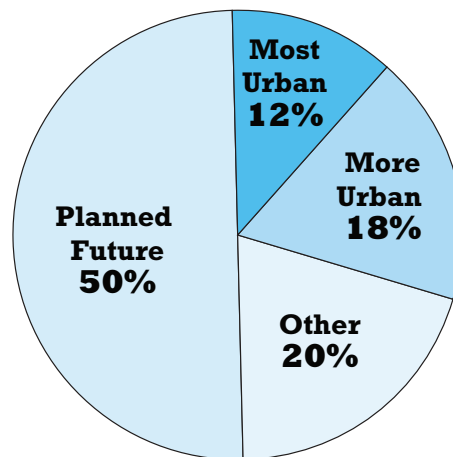
### Priority Policy Initiatives

Participants were given six options for new policies that could be adopted (at the local, regional, state or federal level) and asked to select their top three.

Rank	Initiative
1	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)
2	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.)
3	Electric vehicles (e.g., subsidize the purchase/lease of electric vehicles and hybrids; increase availability of electric vehicle chargers)

### How will we grow?

Participants were asked to choose a preferred scenario for future growth, with "Planned Future" (labeled "current Plans") reflecting adopted MTC and ABAG plans, and "More Urban" and "Most Urban" applying increasingly higher concentrations of housing and development.



### Comments

Participants who took the survey were asked what one thing in their neighborhood (and in the Bay Area) they would like to see changed, and what one thing they would most like to keep. Some participants also submitted general comments on a separate comment card. Below are the most common responses and comments in no particular order.

- Affordable housing was the major concern across the board (and specifically for senior and low-income residents)
- Elderly participants expressed concern about cost of transit, since they do not drive, have limited income and depend on public transportation
- Working participants were in favor of bringing BART to San Jose and other light rail projects
- Traffic, pollution and transportation safety were also issues of concern to participants
- The need for more jobs was also expressed

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VIETNAMESE VOLUNTARY FOUNDATION — SAN JOSE/MILPITAS**

**Below are all comments received in response to the following two-part question.**

**QUESTION 4a**

***What is the one thing in your neighborhood or community that you would most like to keep ? What one thing in the Bay Area would you like to keep ?***

**COMMENT**

Don't want to change.

Electricity system.

Electricity system.

Let's keep whole condition right now; add, but do not decrease.

More employees for safety/security to prevent robbery. Traffic laws should be respected by everyone.

Security in the neighborhood where I currently live.

Safety/security in the neighborhood where I currently live.

Maintain the same way the city is laid out.

Security in the neighborhood.

Do not have anything to change from city suggest.

Keep community in good living.

To me, very enough, so don't want to change.

No

Prevent loitering.

I'm over 70 years old and living in a house. I want housing.

Keep everything that is already available.

No opinion because I'm older.

In this economy, I personally couldn't ask for anything more but a small room that I can live in and don't have to pay much rent. Then the Vietnamese community would be very grateful and wouldn't have to worry.

The education and sanitation is very good I the neighborhood and Bay Area.

I want the Vietnamese community to always unite.

Health insurance for the elderly and children who need it.

Health insurance and benefits for those who need it.

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To build more roads (lanes) because of the traffic hours.

Educational funding.

Parks

Current public routes.

Affordable housing and senior housing near public transportation.

Mutual support between different ethnic groups. Safety net for low-income people. Housing for seniors.

Parks; recreation areas; beaches.

Parks; city gardens.

Parks; trails.

Parks; biking trails.

Trees; nature; parks; preserving natural areas.

New BART plans to Diridon Station - YAY!

Extending BART to San Jose.

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**QUESTION 4b**

***What is the one thing in your neighborhood or community that you would most like to **change**? What one thing in the Bay Area would you like to **change**?***

**COMMENT**

Don't want to change.

Fix crosswalks. More garbage bins. Build more parks.

My suggestion is helping with traffic for safety.

Want to have more jobs, build more houses for areas with low-income.

Suggestion to fix streets that have a lot of holes, for the safety of traffic.

Fix streets. More garbage bins.

More housing for people with low-income; fix more streets that are currently being damaged.

More houses and jobs; convenience for transportation.

Traffic safety.

Sanitary conditions in neighborhood.

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Do not have anything to change.

Expand traffic systems (buses) on electricity, to reduce amount of pollution. Expand and encourage priorities for people to have enough conditions to open businesses (company, corporation, with assets they currently have, etc.)

Sanitary conditions in neighborhood.

Reduce polluted air that causes pollution; advance hybrid cars. Reduce killing animals; eat vegetarian (vegetarian - no meats).

My suggestion is to make transportation more convenient and guarantee security while moving.

Leave in same condition.

Good security.

No

Need to avoid littering. The front of the house should be nice and tidy.

In my opinion is traffic safety.

Increase housing for the elderly. Increase public transportation.

Because of the rise of society.

Produce more employment in the neighborhood. Bring more companies in the neighborhood and Bay Area.

Get rid of bad stuff in society and bring down gas prices.

Get rid of all bad things in society and bring down gas prices.

Safety in the community. (illegible)

More public transportation

More new houses for low-income families, from range \$100,000-200,000.

Lots of people take advantage of the sign "Handicap Parking" and park their car everywhere. They park their cars in front of houses.

Need government to build more low-income housing.

Need government to have low-income housing.

Housing

Decrease cost of public transportation (BART).

Affordable housing. Increase minimum wage to living wage.

Extending BART service to San Jose.

More lights; more grass; less or no potholes.

Safe, accessible and affordable public transportation.

Have light rail in our neighborhood to connect to jobs and downtown. BART to San Jose.

Employment; housing; community safety.

Affordable housing units.

Traffic.

Gas prices.

Neighborhood safety/watch. Multiple burglaries in the neighborhood.

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**COMMENT**

More bus route expansion.

Frequency of transit at existing stops (i.e., light rail to St. Teresa now 30 minutes; would be great if one more per hour, at 20 minute intervals).

Roadblock at rush hour.