Plan Bay Area Spring 2015 Open House Summary

Wednesday, May 6, 2015 7 pm to 9 pm

San Mateo County Event Center Event Pavilion 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo

Approximate Attendance





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Goals and Targets Station Feedback

At the Goals and Targets Station, participants received information about the current goals and targets for Plan Bay Area, as well as the process underway to update them. Participants were asked to select their top three personal priorities from the list of current goals and targets for Plan Bay Area, and to post their other ideas on an adjoining additional board.



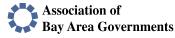
Below is a sampling of the comments that were submitted at the San Mateo County open house. Visit PlanBayArea.org to view the complete list.

Is there anything missing from these goals?



- Good jobs with benefits
- Improved communicate with neighborhoods about project impacts
- Address water needs
- Affordable public transit
- Investment without displacement





What are the biggest challenges facing your community?



- Transportation costs and access
- · Income inequality
- Better bicycle infrastructure
- Funding for affordable housing
- Rent increases

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- Make Clipper card easier to use
- Partner with private sector to address issues of affordable housing
- Rent stabilization and inclusionary housing
- Promote more local agriculture
- Incentives for living closer to work



Transportation Station Feedback

The Transportation Station included displays about currently planned local and regional transportation projects (highways, public transit, bicycle/pedestrian, local road improvements, etc.). On an accompanying board, participants were asked to post ideas for new projects, then to share their biggest transportation challenges and offer solutions for improving their trips.

What projects are missing? What would make it easier for you to get where you need to go?



- · Improve bicycle infrastructure
- Improve 101/92 Interchange
- Smoother links and fare payment between agencies
- Caltrain and BART expansion
- · Rail across Dumbarton Bridge
- · Protected bike trails

What are the biggest transportation challenges in your town? In the Bay Area? What would make it better?

- · Bike safety and infrastructure
- · Jobs and housing near transit
- need one Clipper card for all transit operations around the Bay Area
- Reliable public transportation
- More incentives for carpooling between East Bay and Peninsula



Looking Ahead Station Feedback

At the Looking Ahead Station, participants received information on how ABAG develops population and economy forecasts, as well as how past projections compared to actual numbers. Participants were asked to share their feedback on two key questions:

What concerns you about the future of your community?



- Need inclusive development with affordable housing near transit
- Income inequality/ living wages
- Water supply and natural resources
- · Extend BART or extend
- Caltrain

What possibilities most excite you?

- More awesome new neighborhoods like Bay Meadows
- BART extensions into San Mateo County
- Affordable housing that actually means affordable
- Plans that encourage area standard wages
- Attention to groundwater resources and recycled water