Plan Bay Area Spring 2015 Open House Summary

Wednesday, April 29, 2015 7 pm - 9 pm Alameda County Fairgrounds
Palm Pavilion
4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton

Approximate Attendance 90





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 the Alameda County open house. Visit PlanBayArea.org to view the complete list.

Is there anything missing from these goals?



- Water supply
- · Regional trails for healthy communities
- · Jobs-housing balance to reduce commute trips
- · Interaction of goals for livability/sustainability and safety
- Political choices that benefit the greater good





What are the biggest challenges facing your community?



- AC Transit is a nightmare
- Gentrification
- Education
- · Affordable housing
- Loss of housing \$

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- Provide more funding for Priority Conservation Areas
- More affordable housing
- Community land trusts to encourage affordable housing
- Prioritize economic justice/equity first



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?



- · BART extension to Livermore
- More frequency on buses
- More robust bus rapid transit system on regional scale
- Upgrade ACE and take it across the Dumbarton Rail Bridge

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

- Making bikes and pedestrians more of a priority than vehicles
- Improve AC Transit
- Let bus drivers communicate with each other



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?



- Poor road and bridge infrastructure
- Jobs in the Tri-Valley
- Adequate mass transit
- Suburban sprawl
- Water supply

What possibilities most excite you?

- Massive public transportation projects
- · Preserving agricultural land
- Bring back street cars
- · Get folks out of cars
- Walking, biking to transit, parks and schools