TO: Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee

DATE: June 5, 2015

FR: MTC Executive Director/ABAG Executive Director

RE: Plan Bay Area Outreach Update

Background:
From late April through May, some 600 Bay Area residents attended a series of open houses hosted by ABAG and MTC to kick off the Plan Bay Area 2040 update. The open houses were designed consistent with the adopted MTC 2015 Public Participation Plan to:

- Introduce the public to the Plan Bay Area 2040 update process, key milestones and issues under consideration
- Review the linkages between the regional plan and local transportation and land use priorities
- Review and seek comments on the goals and performance framework for the 2040 update
- Conduct the open houses in the evenings at convenient, transit-accessible locations
- Maximize interaction with the public, provide personalized attention and gather as much feedback as possible.

Open Houses and Online Forum:
The open-house format with displays encouraged staff and policy board members from both agencies to seek conversation and comments from members of the public. A complementary Plan Bay Area Open Forum allowed residents to view the same information and comment online. Topics included:

- Plan Bay Area 101: conveyed information about the process, schedule and decision milestones.
- Goals and Targets: participants selected their top three personal priorities from the list of current goals and targets for Plan Bay Area, commented on any missing goals and shared challenges facing their community and potential solutions.
- County Focus: presented customized county-based information with socio-economic data, transportation statistics and information on locally nominated Priority Development Areas.
- Transportation: residents viewed information about major regional transportation projects as well as currently planned local projects and programs, then commented on projects that were missing and shared their greatest mobility challenges and ideas for improving trips.
- Looking Ahead: detailed how ABAG develops population and economic forecasts; participants were asked to share their greatest concerns about their community and commented on aspects about the future that show promise.
- Live, Work, Play: Attendees plotted their homes, places of work and favorite leisure destinations on a large map of the region.
Key Messages Heard:
Open house participants posted their comments on display boards, voted for their personal priorities with respect to goals and targets adopted in the current Plan Bay Area, and filled out comment sheets to elaborate on their positions. Major themes from the open houses and online comments include:

- Transportation System Effectiveness ranked as the top priority among current Plan Bay Area goals.
- Adequate Housing was a strong second priority for goals; participants are especially concerned about the affordability and availability of housing, and many expressed concern over the potential for displacement of long-time residents.
- Many noted the lack of housing near available jobs and the resulting need to commute long distances to work, often in heavily congested traffic. Many cited the need for more jobs that pay livable wages.
- For transportation, people would like to see more transit alternatives (especially BART), as well as extended hours of transit service. They prioritized efforts to ensure reliability and connectivity of the transportation network as well as the infrastructure needed to support bicycling and walking.
- Some residents requested goals around prioritizing cars, protecting property rights, and improving education. Others expressed concern about the impact of additional housing growth on infrastructure and services as well as on the environment.
- North Bay counties of Napa, Solano and Sonoma prioritized preservation of agricultural lands and open space as a goal (Solano residents ranked it as the top priority).
- Water supply was the top issue identified by participants as missing from the current goals.
- Some expressed the view that climate protection should be an overall goal and all the other goals should support this. A few noted that the goals seem rather technical and uninspiring.

Attachment 1 provides more detail about the overall approach and what we heard at the various stations at the open houses; Attachment 2 summarizes key messages heard by county. All comments heard from the open houses and online forum and email are available at PlanBayArea.org: http://planbayarea.org/your-part/your-comments.html. We hope you will find this information instructive as you consider updating the goals and performance targets in the fall for inclusion in Plan Bay Area 2040.

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OPEN HOUSE APPROACH

- Nine Open Houses held in all nine Bay Area counties
- Venues were selected for maximum diversity and ease of travel
- Open House format selected to:
  - Maximize MTC and ABAG interaction with the public
  - Ensure individualized attention for each participant
  - Gather as much participant feedback as possible
CONTRA COSTA TIMES
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Pleasanton, Walnut Creek host Bay plan meetings Wednesday
By Andrew McGall

Open houses in Walnut Creek and Pleasanton on Wednesday evening have been set to update the public on the Bay Area’s long-range plan for transportation and housing.

The Bay Area Plan 2040 events will have displays on long-term goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light-duty trucks, house the region’s growing population, and improve public health.

Alameda County Fairgrounds Palm Pavilion at 4501 Pleasant Ave., Pleasanton, and at the Walnut Creek Marriott, 2355 North Main St., Walnut Creek. These are the only meetings planned in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.
OPEN HOUSES: STATIONS

Welcome!
Get the lay of the land for displays and understand how your comments will help shape Plan Bay Area 2040.

Plan Bay Area 101
Learn about all things Plan Bay Area: schedule and milestones, key terms.

Interactive Map
Show us how you roll by mapping your trips from home to work and other favorite destinations.

Looking Ahead
Learn about how we forecast population, jobs and travel demand.

Goals & Targets
Review the current goals for Plan Bay Area and tell us what's missing or what should be changed.

Transportation
Learn about projects in the works in your county and throughout the region.

County Focus
Dive deeper into demographics, data and trends in your county.
OPEN HOUSES
“Great forum. The setup of having each station accessible at any time with sticky notes to voice personal opinions is a fantastic way to educate the public.”

“This was an excellent format for the 1st public workshop. The boards that were customized to each county are great. The interactive exercises (post dots, post-it comments, etc.) were great.”

“Hold events closer to transit.”

“Where is the presentation?”
OVERARCHING THEMES

- **Transportation System Effectiveness ranked as #1** priority among current Plan Bay Area goals

- **Housing was close behind at #2** for goals; participants were concerned about housing affordability, availability and displacement of long-time residents

- North Bay counties (especially Solano) prioritized *preservation of agricultural lands and open space*

- **Adequate water supply** was identified as a top issue missing from current goals

- Some identified the *jobs/housing imbalance* and the need for *living wages* as challenges

- Many would like more *transit alternatives, extended service hours* and *better reliability* and *system connectivity*

- Some asked for goals *prioritizing autos, protecting private property* and *improving public education*
Some felt that all the goals are important; others felt that Climate Protection should be the overall goal with others supporting it. One noted, “These goals don’t pull at my heartstrings.”
We asked: What are the biggest challenges facing your community?

- Overwhelmingly across all counties: the housing shortage and housing affordability
- Access to jobs, living wage jobs and job training for youth
- Other challenges identified include:
  - Access to public transit
  - Bicycle/pedestrian improvements and safety
  - Displacement of low-income residents
  - Safety -- overall and seismic

We asked: What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- Walkable communities, housing near transit & jobs, affordable housing, and complete streets
- Improve public transit, including:
  - Adding BART extensions
  - More robust, connected public transit systems
  - Rights of way and dedicated lanes for transit
  - Smaller buses with more service
- Building more and safer bike friendly routes
We asked: What projects are missing?

- Transit improvements were overwhelmingly the most noted transportation need:
  - Transit coordination: timed transfers, integrated fares
  - Greater transit affordability
  - Increased transit service (owl service) and expansion (BART, Caltrain, Amtrak)
  - Shuttles and other feeder bus services

- Increased access to safe biking routes and pedestrian amenities
- Highway improvements, particularly to US-101 and I-280
- Local road maintenance and expansion requests
- Parking and park and ride at major transit stations

We asked: What are your biggest transportation challenges?

- Overwhelmingly and across all counties,:
  - Transit reliability and coordination
  - Lack of options to driving

- Other challenges identified included:
  - Length of commute
  - Quality of local roadways
  - Bike and pedestrian safety
We asked: **What concerns you about the future of your community?**

- Overwhelmingly and across all counties, the **housing shortage** and **housing affordability**
- Access to quality jobs
- Displacement of low-income families
- Water supply
- **Concerns about growth and development** overwhelming services and infrastructure, creating congestion, being incompatible with existing neighborhoods

We asked: **What excites you most about the future of your community?**

- Walkable communities, complete streets and more housing
- **Improvements to public transit** and increased access to carless transportation
- Participants also cited the following:
  - More quality jobs
  - Access to open space
  - Increased attention to water issues
  - Increased bike infrastructure
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Summary of What We Heard by County

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Agenda Item 6, Attachment 2
Goals and Targets Station Feedback

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Below is a sampling of the comments that were submitted at 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
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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

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

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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
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1st Contra Costa County Priorities
- Transportation System Effectiveness
- Adequate Housing
- Healthy and Safe Communities

1st Overall Bay Area Priorities
- Transportation System Effectiveness
- Adequate Housing
- Healthy and Safe Communities

2nd Contra Costa County Priorities
- Equitable Access
- Climate Protection
- Open Space and Agricultural Preservation

2nd Overall Bay Area Priorities
- Equitable Access
- Climate Protection
- Open Space and Agricultural Preservation

3rd Contra Costa County Priorities
- Climate Protection
- Open Space and Agricultural Preservation
- Economic Vitality

3rd Overall Bay Area Priorities
- Climate Protection
- Open Space and Agricultural Preservation
- Economic Vitality

4th Contra Costa County Priorities
- Economic Vitality
- Transportation System Effectiveness

4th Overall Bay Area Priorities
- Economic Vitality
- Transportation System Effectiveness

5th Contra Costa County Priorities
- Adequate Housing
- Open Space and Agricultural Preservation

5th Overall Bay Area Priorities
- Adequate Housing
- Open Space and Agricultural Preservation

6th Contra Costa County Priorities
- Open Space and Agricultural Preservation
- Economic Vitality

6th Overall Bay Area Priorities
- Open Space and Agricultural Preservation
- Economic Vitality

7th Contra Costa County Priorities
- Economic Vitality
- Transportation System Effectiveness

7th Overall Bay Area Priorities
- Economic Vitality
- Transportation System Effectiveness

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

Is there anything missing from these goals?
- Watershed protection, enhancement and planning
- Food access
- More housing for middle income families
- Accommodate the growth of our K-12 student population with more schools
- Measure transportation “interconnectedness” to eliminate gaps in protected bike lanes, light rail and rapid bus lanes
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- More transit
- More BART parking
- Fix our roads and freeways
- More jobs by transit
- More bikeways in suburban cities like Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Concord

### What are the biggest challenges facing your community?

- Rent control
- Let the people decide on proposed plans
- More walkable neighborhoods
- Build enough parking at BART stations to handle demand by people who don’t live near stations
- Build homes on office parking lots
- Integrate different transit systems

### What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

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

- Lack of active transportation infrastructure
- Link between BART and downtown Pittsburg and Antioch
- Allocate higher percentage of revenues to local road repairs
- Living in Bay Area vs. Central Valley
- Protected bike lanes to all transit centers

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- Finding jobs close to home
- Preserving open space
- More transit options so we can get rid of cars
- More housing that can make rents affordable
- Water resources and development exceeding these resources

### What concerns you about the future of your community?

- High-paying, high-tech jobs in central Contra Costa
- Options for smart growth that provide a mix of housing types
- Being more connected to SF and Oakland
- More jobs closer to workers and bedroom communities
- The growing recognition of natural systems’ (e.g. watersheds) value to economy and quality of life

### What possibilities most excite you?

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

Is there anything missing from these goals?

- Preserving the character of the Bay Area/Marin
- Look at how housing and transportation impact social connections
- Climate Protection – uncertain about whether Plan can yield meaningful reductions in greenhouse gases
- Not overburdening local roads by pursuing too much development
- Water - ensure there is enough
**Transportation Station Feedback**

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- Gaps in mass transit options
- Diverse housing—people are being pushed out
- Finish Bay Trail
- Densification
- Traffic congestion

**What are the biggest challenges facing your community?**

**What are your ideas for solving these challenges?**

- Allow individual counties/cities to manage growth consistent with their goals
- Reframe this discussion in bite-sized pieces
- Local control

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- Water supply
- Affordable housing
- Social cohesion
- Marin forecasting “future”
- Affordable housing population proportionality
- Richmond and Oakland need the money more

**What concerns you about the future of your community?**

**What possibilities most excite you?**

- New transit options
- SMART with Transit Connections
- Expanding this conversation to include nonprofessional/nontechnical people
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Below is a sampling of the comments that were submitted at the Napa County open house. Visit PlanBayArea.org to view the complete list.

Is there anything missing from these goals?

- Preserve hillsides in Napa Valley
- Look at impacts on natural resources and agriculture from scenarios
- Political choices that benefit the greater good
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What are the biggest challenges facing your community?
- Affordable Housing
- Workforce housing
- Farm labor housing
- Sports fields for kids

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?
- More walkable neighborhoods that are affordable
- Bicycle safety – widen shoulders on Highway 29 and on the Silverado Trail

What projects are missing? What would make it easier for you to get where you need to go?
- More protected bikeways
- More frequent transit
- Interchange at Highway 29/Highway 12 intersection

What are the biggest transportation challenges in your town? In the Bay Area? What would make it better?
- 20+ transit agencies are not coordinated
- Four- to six-lane flyover American Canyon SR 29

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What concerns you about the future of your community?
- The affordability of housing
- Lack of affordable housing close to jobs
- Populations being pushed out because of expensive rents
- Not having one transit authority to make things easier

What possibilities most excite you?
- More extended transit in the Bay Area
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Is there anything missing from these goals?

- Funding plan for affordable housing; stability in housing prices
- Plan for sea level rise
- Water supply
- Sewer, roads
- Preserve neighborhood character
- Housing to match office development
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What are the biggest challenges facing your community?
- Affordable housing
- Displacement of low-income people
- Low incentives for bike/ped
- Broken transportation network
- Political difficulties with building dense housing

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?
- Liberalize zoning
- Incentives for using alternative transit
- Second transbay tube from Oakland to SoMa
- Build housing for future workers to make up for under-building in the past
- More flexibility and forward thinking

What projects are missing? What would make it easier for you to get where you need to go?
- More park/ride at all major stations
- Tax incentives for low emissions
- Second transbay BART tube
- Better transit to the Richmond

What are the biggest transportation challenges in your town? In the Bay Area? What would make it better?
- Improve commute times
- Increase evening transit options
- Better bike, pedestrian and vehicle separation on roads
- Too many transit agencies

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What concerns you about the future of your community?
- Displacement of low-income and communities of color
- Rising housing costs
- Too much traffic
- Inadequate housing, and accessibility for persons with disabilities

What possibilities most excite you?
- Influx of capital
- High density, transit-oriented development
- More bike infrastructure
- Creation of green collar jobs
- Improved transit, making it easier to get around without a car
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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

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**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

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

Is there anything missing from these goals?

- Corporate accountability
- Better transit integration across region
- Equitable access to public transportation
- Address homelessness
- Water usage and sustainable irrigation
- Livable-wage jobs
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What are the biggest challenges facing your community?
- Displacement of low-income residents
- Inequality of income
- Lack of sustainable good jobs
- Housing supply
- Bicycle safety on downtown streets

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?
- Regulate affordable housing with rent stabilization and just-cause evictions
- Protect good jobs
- Denser developments
- Secure bike storage in homes and workplaces
- Greater transportation options

What projects are missing? What would make it easier for you to get where you need to go?
- Continue coordinating ticket systems between different agencies
- Safe routes to schools
- More bicycle projects
- More attention to public transit

What are the biggest transportation challenges in your town? In the Bay Area? What would make it better?
- Need all transit agencies to coordinate
- More routes, more service, longer hours for transit, affordable fares for low-income riders
- Widen commercial roads
- Comprehensive bicycle plan

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What concerns you about the future of your community?
- Displacement of low-income families
- Housing for middle class
- Income inequality
- Wages and income inequality
- Access to to parks, open space and trails
- Housing-job balance

What possibilities most excite you?
- Plan Bay Area’s zero sprawl vision and One Bay Area grants
- Tremendous resources available to us in the Bay Area
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Below is a sampling of the comments that were submitted at the Solano County open house. Visit PlanBayArea.org to view the complete list.

Is there anything missing from these goals?

- Focus on the drought impact on air quality and health
- Develop connectivity of bike/ped projects to transportation hubs
- Affordable and low-income housing
- Stabilize population
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What are the biggest challenges facing your community?
- Affordable housing
- Blighted neighborhoods
- Lack of quality jobs
- Jobs and housing imbalance
- Urban sprawl
- Population growth

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?
- Integrate affordable housing into development
- Develop small commercial centers among housing developments
- Stabilize population and focus on existing residents
- Dedicate childcare facilities

What projects are missing? What would make it easier for you to get where you need to go?
- Repair of old roads
- Longer hours for regional transit
- More ferries
- More buses (and frequency)

What are the biggest transportation challenges in your town? In the Bay Area? What would make it better?
- Too much congestion on roads
- Need to stabilize population
- Can't get anywhere easily via public transit
- Old roads need to be fixed before new projects are built
- More density would make transit more feasible

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What concerns you about the future of your community?
- Homelessness
- Lack of affordable housing
- Water resources and availability
- Homelessness
- Too much population growth and not enough jobs
- Housing and public transportation for seniors

What possibilities most excite you?
- More emphasis on bike transportation infrastructure
- Green economy boom
- Environmental leaders
- Funding for Priority Conservation Areas, not just Priority Development Areas
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![Sonoma County Priorities]

**Transportation System Effectiveness**
1st (tie)

**Climate Protection**
1st (tie)

**Open Space and Agricultural Preservation**
2nd

**Adequate Housing**
3rd

**Equitable Access**
4th

**Healthy and Safe Communities**
5th

**Economic Vitality**
6th

**Sonoma County Priorities**

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

Is there anything missing from these goals?

- Emphasis on active transportation
- Targets for creating living-wage and middle-wage jobs
- Strengthen protections that stop lower- and middle-income families from being driven out of the Bay Area.
- Open space preservation and urban open space preservation
- Include plans for school, police, fire, and water for high density housing complexes
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- Affordable housing and local transit
- More emphasis on safe routes for bicycles and kids
- Affordable local transit
- Water supply

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- Collaborating and resource sharing
- Promote active transportation
- Develop "villages" to accommodate services, housing, etc. in a space where walking and biking is convenient

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What concerns you about the future of your community?

- Water
- Wages not keeping pace with cost of living
- Affordable housing
- Jobs
- Quality of transit
- Open space preservation

What possibilities most excite you?

- A strengthened transportation network around the SMART train
- Wages that pay for better housing
- Housing along transit corridors
- A network of bike & pedestrian trails linking our county together
- City-centered growth