

**Plan Bay Area
January 2012 Public Workshops**

Transportation Trade-Offs, Oral and Written Comments, submitted at the workshops

Station A: Transportation Trade-Offs

A number of potential transportation investments will be considered as part of Plan Bay Area. Not all of these items will be funded due to limited resources. At the workshop, participants who visited this station used tokens to "vote" on transportation trade-offs, or to provide their own ideas, in three areas:

- Transportation Investment Priorities
- Policies to Reduce Driving and Emissions
- Policies Regarding Public Transit

Below is the count that shows how participants ranked these potential transportation investment categories in these three areas, followed by the ideas/comments submitted via cards by participants using the "Other" option.

See the PDF titled "Workshop Written Comments" for additional comments submitted by participants for Transportation Trade-Offs.

TOKEN COUNT: MARIN COUNTY

Transportation Investment Priorities	#	%
Increase the number of freeway lanes for carpoolers and bus riders	12	3%
Expand bicycle and pedestrian routes	41	11%
Extend commuter rail lines, such as BART and Caltrain	25	7%
Maintain highways and local roads, including fixing potholes	108	28%
Provide more frequent bus service	42	11%
Provide financial incentives to cities to build more multi-unit housing near public transit	14	4%
Fund traffic congestion relief projects, such as adding turn lanes on roads, or reconfiguring interchanges and on-ramps on highways	16	4%
Increase public transit service for low income residents who do not have access to a car.	18	5%
Invest in improving speed and reliability in major bus or light-rail corridors.	31	8%
Other:	74	19%

Comments on "Other" Cards -- Transportation Investment Priorities

County	Comment
1 Marin	Use no fare for main transit corridors as in Portland Oregon; to encourage short transit trips with parking nodes for distant drives not on bus transit routes
2 Marin	Give the money back to the tax payers. It is obvious that majority of the citizens don't want you or your plan.

3	Marin	Bay Area Plan (x2)
4	Marin	Return \$\$ to tax payers (x5)
5	Marin	I like my car and do not believe at age 68 I will do well on a bicycle. I also believe this would be shared by most people my age. I also believe these 7 million people should have the right to rate themselves on these issues. (5x)
6	Marin	Encourage car manufacturers to better emission standard - and make them affordable - the electric car is not affordable.
7	Marin	Recommend and work to repeal SB 375
8	Marin	Let the market decide!!!
9	Marin	Free your minds from petrol-phobia. There's nothing wrong with personal transportation, AKA the automobile. All over the world, people purchase personal transportation as soon as they can afford it. Example: Motor bikes in Saigon.
10	Marin	Safe routes to school are necessary since there are no longer school buses. Congestion peaks at commuter times and school beginning. Increase safe bike lanes.
11	Marin	Use ferry with increased air quality improvements to have the network of early 20th century routes
12	Marin	Bicycle lanes should be marked no parking and then under State law the police can cite all the cars using this as parking so that bike lanes are really bike lanes.
13	Marin	Complete the bicycle access tunnel, Alto to Larkspur Ferry, have the Larkspur connecting bridge from multi-modal only to include a single rail line that backs up and proceeds on schedule for parents with small children and elderly & disabled.
14	Marin	Increase shuttle and service on demand electric vehicles to make transit "spikes". Do not make the criteria transit corridor - congestion only increases by dense development because destinations cannot be readied in Marin - even in urban areas - regularity of schedules, "missed bus" or too crowded to stop!
15	Marin	Restore carpool lanes for handicapped single drivers.
16	Marin	SMART rail is not even to be welcomed! SMART Rail should not have become a political rallying point in Marin. Placing dense housing in traditionally small recent communities is different in Marin where some rural communities are adversely impacted by the "dream development" if dense up to 35 units per acre. Transportation really is not provided in our old, narrow street early founded unincorporated Marin.
17	Marin	Invest in our ferry system and encourage the creation of compact walkable communities with density in the 25 du/ac range within 1/2 mile of ferry terminals.
18	Marin	Reduce morning commute congestion, caused by slow drivers mis-using lanes (e.g. driving too slow in the left lanes and not going with the flow of traffic). Start citing the too-slow drivers that are clogging up all the lanes, instead of simply using the far-right (slow lane), for their slow pace.
19	Marin	Invest in better cars, trucks, trains - education
20	Marin	Promote EVs (electric vehicles) as a GHG reduction tool
21	Marin	Purchase electric vehicles for public fleets - install charging stations
22	Marin	Fund electric vehicle planning & charging stations
23	Marin	Fund Electric vehicles
24	Marin	Add electric vehicles to public transit

25	Marin	Help local jurisdictions plan for and accommodate EV charging
26	Marin	Let people decide for themselves when/where/if to reduce driving - no compulsory reduction!!
27	Marin	Create a subsidy program for people to purchase electric & battery assisted automobiles for those who live/work in Bay Area.
28	Marin	Carpool incentives and help (x2)
29	Marin	Give fed and state funds back for priorities in education, research and development. Change process - for investment in each city - not one size fits all.
30	Marin	Make electric cars more affordable and charge with solar & wind. Change toll on GG bridge to 1 or 2 dollars, 24/7 for carpools 2 or more persons. Charge pedestrians and walkers 1 dollar to cross.
31	Marin	Make electric car more affordable, and charging. Charge pedestrians & bicyclists a \$2.00 fee to cross the Golden Gate Bridge. GG toll reduce for carpool.
32	Marin	Accept lower LOS in certain areas where impacts to environmental resources & established communities are excessive.
33	Marin	Promote the use of electric vehicles (x5).
34	Marin	Install Electric vehicle charging connections.
35	Marin	Install Electric charging stations.
36	Marin	Create incentives to expand and modernize existing large urban (100K+) city capacity for housing and complementary amenities to incentivize inner city living utilizing existing transportation facilities at a minimum cost and minimum impact on the environment.
37	Marin	It is difficult in Marin because of hills -- but transportation need to be more accessible to senior & disabled. What can be done?
38	Marin	If public transportation is any good, why can't it pay it's own way -- if it's so wanted -- it would make money.
39	Marin	School buses are top need! Single drivers taking kids to school clogs our roads - greenhouse gas. Small buses for special needs students are horrible diesel buses - very bad emissions & vulnerable passengers. All students should have free bus to school!
40	Marin	Investment - Taxes. Expected funds - what's this?
41	Marin	(Transinvestment Prio) J. Subsidize alternative fuel conversions, specifically use of new engines for trucks, cars that burn natural gas, (not electrical).
42	Marin	What does open space mean?
43	Marin	This is socialism, they already have a plan.
44	Marin	Stop U.N. Agenda 21.

Transportation Trade-Offs *(continued)*

Policies to Reduce Driving & Greenhouse Gas Emissions

A variety of strategies are being considered to encourage the reduction of driving and associated vehicle emissions. At the workshop, participants who visited this station used tokens to "vote" on a list of potential policies to reduce auto emissions or provided their own ideas.

TOKEN COUNT: MARIN COUNTY

Policies to Reduce Driving & Greenhouse Gas Emissions	#	%
Encourage 'Smart Driving'	21	6%
Complete the Regional Bicycle Network	38	12%
Expand the Safe Routes to Schools/ Pedestrian Network	46	14%
Increase Vanpool Incentives	21	6%
Expand Electric Vehicle Strategies	57	17%
Develop Commuter Benefit Ordinances	13	4%
Increase Telecommuting	31	10%
Institute Parking Surcharges	16	5%
Freeway speeds at 55 mph	8	2%
Other:	75	23%

Comments from "Other" Cards -- Policies to Reduce Driving & Greenhouse Gas Emissions

County	Comment
1 Marin	Please stop dismantling our bus service in Marin. In many ways it is the only sensible form of mass transit in Marin.
2 Marin	Transportation improvements - widen 101 - more green tech buses.
3 Marin	Use traffic calming on arterials as well as on neighborhood streets.
4 Marin	Where is the constitution authority to presume the legitimacy of ABAG
5 Marin	I like my car and don't believe we should be forced out of them. We should also have all 7 million of the residents of the Bay Area vote on this. We do not have the right to vote for them. 5x
6 Marin	Give the money back to the taxpayers. We do not want you or your plan!
7 Marin	You assume that I want you (ABAG) to tax me for your utopian dreams.
8 Marin	Complete transit hubs: (drawing w/ 6 bubbles): Housing, Regional Transit, Local Transit, Multi-use development, Car Shares, Bike Paths.
9 Marin	The choice is a farce. It assumes that ABAG is a legitimate gov't body
10 Marin	Make local transit more user friendly (NextBus, wi-fi) safe and attractive transit hubs
11 Marin	Return \$\$ to tax payers (x5)

12	Marin	Bay Area Plan
13	Marin	As a cyclist, I think bike lanes are a waste of transportation dollars. Spend \$ on roads (bike friendly)
14	Marin	3 Tokens: Recommend & work to repeal SB 375
15	Marin	More frequent & reliable bus service
16	Marin	Let drivers decide what is best for themselves
17	Marin	I disagree w/ this plan - overall. What I'm getting is that it is a plan to control our lives as in Big Brother. People are being inconvenienced thru regulations etc., & forced to move to big cities - where we will all live in small stacked apts (no yards), neighbors all too close, etc. This is all a scheme from sustainable (lie) development under AGENDA 21 that is improvised to our detriment. Already our counties are being ordered under the U.N. not our constitution. We will eventually lose our sovereignty and become a one world order. I say NO!
18	Marin	Dramatically increase fuel efficiency standards
19	Marin	Fuel efficiency in vehicles 2-3x current standards
20	Marin	In the plenary session, we were reminded that we built the GG bridge and the Caldecott Tunnel during the Great Depression. Did MTC and ABAG plan those?
21	Marin	Tax gasoline for transit
22	Marin	Provide additional robust capacity in other public transit modes
23	Marin	Ensure adequate operating costs for transit/light rail extensions - allow for reduced fares to ride transit
24	Marin	Decrease the population through birth control and decrease illegal immigration.
25	Marin	Let individuals decide when/where/if to reduce driving - no forcing behaviors!
26	Marin	1) Make electric cars more affordable. Also make car manufacturers increase gas mileage for new cars to 40-50 MPG. 2) Give incentives to businesses who allow people to telecommute from home. 3) Charge bridge tolls on all bridges to allow for more per car. Charge pedestrians & bicyclists 1 or 2 dollars
27	Marin	Carpool incentives & help (x2)
28	Marin	Create a subsidy program to assist people who purchase electric or battery assisted automobiles and live/work in the Bay Area.
29	Marin	Disagree with premise - need for better fuel driven cars & trucks, trains, etc.
30	Marin	Policies to reduce driving - J. Expand non-electric, natural gas burning engines for existing and new vehicles.
31	Marin	None of the above.

Transportation Trade-Offs (continued)

Policies Regarding Public Transit

A variety of strategies are being considered to improve the customer experience on public transit and to operate our existing public transit system more efficiently. At the workshop, participants who visited this station used tokens to identify four policies important to them to improve public transit. Participants also were able to provide their own ideas under the "Other" category.

TOKEN COUNT: MARIN COUNTY

Policies Regarding Public Transit	#	%
Better-timed connections	27	11%
More real-time information	19	8%
Cleaner/new vehicles and cleaner stations	22	9%
Standard fare policies across the region	4	2%
Fixed-price monthly pass valid on all trains, buses and ferries	26	10%
More frequent and faster transit service	57	23%
Better on-time performance	27	11%
More customer amenities such as WiFi on buses and trains	7	3%
Other	59	24%

Comments from "Other" Cards -- Policies Regarding Public Transit

County	Comment
1	Marin Bus lines that link up to ferry service in Marin to obviate the need for commuting to the ferry station (and the huge parking lots that go along w/ lack of bus service to ferries)
2	Marin Give the money back to the tax payers. We do not want you or your plan!
3	Marin Bay Area Plan (x4)
4	Marin I never use any transit system. I like my car and would like to have the freedom to still use it x5.
5	Marin Public safety at bus and train stations is key to successful transit. Fear of getting mugged on the Chicago "El" station encouraged people to move to the suburbs during the 1960s. Clustering low income housing projects around train stations will make the stations too dangerous to use.
6	Marin More bus loops - not central hubs (as in San Rafael) which makes connections much more difficult to coordinate.
7	Marin In Finland public busses served fruit juices free
8	Marin 5 tokens: Recommend & work to repeal SB 375
9	Marin Only operate buses that can directly pay for themselves out of fare revenue.
10	Marin Hydrogen buses - shuttle electric for daytime use as main transit alternative is for all persons and school students at 8-9am - 2-4 pm

11	Marin	The limited choices all have one thing in common - that ABAG knows better than us.
12	Marin	Give back money to citizens. The ABAG is anti-democratic. We did not vote for them. They should not spend our taxes.
13	Marin	Stop wasting money on SMART and bike paths. Widen 101. Buy Green tech buses (CNG, hybrid, etc.) Invest in flexible infrastructure not tracks.
14	Marin	Thank you - there is a greater need to spend \$ for policies for better schools, infrastructure, water...and to give back federal funds. There is a need for solar & electric vehicles. This process needs to change.
15	Marin	During commuter hours increase bus times.
16	Marin	"Casual Carpool" pick-up points that cater to peds & bikes going to various areas.
17	Marin	Carpool incentives and ways to connect
18	Marin	Reinstate school bus programs in every bay area school district
19	Marin	Carpool incentives
20	Marin	Natural gas engines for all moving vehicles (not electric 100%) - subsidies for conversion to natural gas
21	Marin	Fund electric buses (x2)
22	Marin	electric trains
23	Marin	Electric buses
24	Marin	Use electric buses (x2)
25	Marin	Utilize electric buses
26	Marin	Most of this whole plan is unsustainable because of the unions. What are your plans for them? More taxes -

Transportation Trade-Offs, Oral Comments

	County	Comments
27	Marin	Are topics the same in Marin meeting as at Santa Rosa, etc.?
28	Marin	Can you define investments? Greenhouse gas? Sustainability?
29	Marin	Fund school buses.
30	Marin	How is the plan funded?
31	Marin	Need more options and frequent bus service.
32	Marin	How does this sample of people represent all of Marin?
33	Marin	Will this plan be on the ballot?
34	Marin	Can we create incentives for urbanization?
35	Marin	What is the benefit of parking surcharges?
36	Marin	How about increasing the MPG of cars?
37	Marin	How was the list of options developed?
38	Marin	How much would options cost for Marin County? We need more cost info for BART, etc.
39	Marin	Where will the \$68 billion come from?
40	Marin	Will new taxes be needed?

41	Marin	Did MTC and ABAG plan the Golden Gate and Bay bridges?
42	Marin	Golden Gate Bridge tolls subsidize their transit system. It creates a financial disincentive to go to San Francisco.
43	Marin	The aging population is not addressed in this video.
44	Marin	Sustainable development is not working in Portland.
45	Marin	Has any other region done this kind of plan?
46	Marin	How do we locate transportation and housing close to each other and not trigger air quality concerns?
