

Plan Bay Area		
January 2012 Public Workshops		
Participant Comments from Comment Booklets, as 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 in three areas, or to provide their own idea:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Transportation Investment Priorities ■ Policies to Reduce Driving and Emissions ■ Policies Regarding Public Transit 	
See the PDF titled "Comments on Transportation Trade-Offs " for how participants ranked the transportation investment categories in those three areas, and what "Other" ideas they offered.		
Below are comments provided in the Comment Booklets related to these topics.		
Transportation Investment Priorities		
<i>Participants commented on investment categories important to them.</i>		
	County	Comment
1	Solano	Provide left turn yield lights. Re "Increase the number of lanes for carpoolers and bus riders" -- too many now.
2	Solano	We can not afford \$250b to accomplish anything like this.
3	Solano	Less government is better. No high speed rail.
4	Solano	Move jobs to urban areas.
5	Solano	Arrest everyone who is involved in this plan. I'm not paying for someone else's life.
6	Solano	"A" sounds like a good idea but experience has proven it does not work. All other ideas have failed to produce desired results.
7	Solano	Bus and tax vouchers for low income residents to get to important meetings and appointments.
8		Stay in ICLEI.
9	Solano	Pull out of ICLEI. Keep state and local control and not abdicate planning to the U.N. and their agenda. Jobs, not bike lanes that aren't used just because they are P.C. Agenda 21 should not rule our planning. Climate change is always happening and it's not because I don't use a curly light bulb ad drive a SUV. It's a hoax.
Policies to Reduce Driving and Emissions		
<i>Participants commented on a variety of strategies being considered to encourage the reduction of driving and</i>		

	<i>associated vehicle emissions.</i>	
	County	Comment
10	Solano	No real discussion on cost of this program.
11	Solano	Get rid of ABAG and MTC, STA and all other commie government organizations.
12	Solano	Incentives for businesses to relocate to Solano County cities.
13	Solano	All of the above have failed in government practice except telecommuting. However, that is an investment to be made by the user -- not a government function.
14	Solano	Bring back school buses.
15	Solano	Other: Incentives for fuel efficient cars.
16	Solano	I like the 'more school buses' idea to keep parents off the road.
17	Solano	Local private job creations.
18	Solano	Californians (and me) like their cars.
19	Solano	No parking charges.
Policies Regarding Public Transit		
	<i>Participants considered and commented on a variety of strategies being considered to improve the customer experience on public transit and to operate our existing public transit system more efficiently.</i>	
	County	Comment
20	Solano	My per capita share of \$250 billion is \$39,000 -- are you kidding?
21	Solano	Public transit -- get rid of it.
22	Solano	For forty years, government planners have spent tax money for the above encouragements. Result has been failure. American society continues to desire private travel.
23	Solano	Safer transit entry. Safer vehicles. More security.
24	Solano	Extended routes to outer areas will cause more people to use public transit.
25	Solano	I do not want to ride public transit. I do not feel safe on public transit.
26	Solano	Screw public transit.
27	Solano	Smaller buses, not big empty ones.
28	Solano	Make it is safe to take public transit.
29	Solano	Citizens don't need to or want to give up our automobiles.
30	Solano	I'm too old to ride a bike. Waiting for a bus, van and outdoor transportation in the rain isn't a good choice. Don't force me to live like poverty stricken areas. Let us vote on the whole Plan.
31	Solano	Need more jobs. This should be a city, county, state and individual choices.
32	Solano	Cars!

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	Station B: Quality of Complete Communities	
	<i>Complete communities are places where transit, jobs, schools, recreation and stores are located within walking distance and help bring the community together. New development (housing) and transportation investments need to be carefully designed to maximize benefits for residents. Of the following benefits select your top two priorities:</i>	
	County	Count Potential Benefit
	Solano	6 Safer neighborhoods from lighting, infrastructure improvements and more eyes on the street.
	Solano	2 Improved health through better infrastructure for walking and biking.
	Solano	1 More retail and access to food due to larger population and pedestrian support for retail.
	Solano	2 Increased open space and parks through planning and development impact fees.
	Solano	5 Better schools through communities that attract residents with a mix of incomes; school impact fees; and shared use of city/school facilities.
	Indicate here if you disagree or have other suggestions.	
1	Solano	Without a real cost discussion, this exercise is futile, insulting and very misguided.
2	Solano	Get government out of the public business.
3	Solano	Safe lighting, save electricity. Protect the night sky.
4	Solano	All of you should be put in jail. Keep my rights.
5	Solano	All of the above are desirable goals but local government must make the decisions when money is available.
6	Solano	None of the above, if it conflicts with my right to self-determination.
7	Solano	More neighborhood watch programs.
8	Solano	Walkable communities are very important. New developments should have residential and commercial districts that are walkable - just like old small towns used to.
9	Solano	Too few choices and all are bad.
10	Solano	ABAG is not very well informed about local planning.
11	Solano	Keep agricultural land so we will have food in the future. We need to encourage Sacramento government to support small businesses that will bring jobs and encourage growth to bring about the improvements in the infrastructure.
12	Solano	I think that complete communities are a very poor idea.
13	Solano	Please take illegal aliens out of our cities and schools and we will have safer communities and our tax dollars can be better allocated for our existing communities.

14	Solano		Planning is good and necessary but damaging the carrot of money coercion through regulation is not the way. Socialist methods have not worked in the past, and won't work here.
15	Solano		Preserve our agricultural lands - one of Solano County's greatest assets. Local access to local grain food.
	<i>Are jobs and housing converging in the right places in your county? Can this convergence support greater access to jobs and housing, particularly for low-income and moderate-income populations?</i>		
16	Solano		<i>Not government jobs.</i>
17	Solano		You people are socialists and will be held accountable for your crimes. We are watching you!
18	Solano		<i>We need more jobs in Solano County where the housing is. We need high density downtowns. Housing downtown can create the customers for downtown businesses, sometimes that business needs help.</i>
19	Solano		Solano County is trying to balance urban and rural priorities, growing the economy with quality of life.
20	Solano		<i>Seems like more high income jobs are needed. The low and moderate income jobs will follow.</i>
21	Solano		Yes, thus there is no real need for an over-arching plan that will be forced on local governments in the usual political bribing process, i.e., your city gets no funds unless your city plays ball with MTC and ABAG.
22	Solano		<i>No regional government.</i>
23	Solano		They don't need to. We can not continue to support and fund every low income person. People commute from Vacaville to work by and large.
24	Solano		<i>No they are not! Current Federal and State regulations, policy and taxation have run business out of California - not to be returning any time soon.</i>
25	Solano		Based upon your map, yes. Vacaville's General Plan update would be in opposition to this plan.
26	Solano		<i>Keep our own open ground and let us vote politically for all decisions. I want local planning. Local voting. Not U.N. voice.</i>

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Station C: The San Francisco Bay Area -- 2040		
How should the region accommodate projected growth? (Indicate your level of support for each potential option.)		
A. Allow new housing, offices and shops to be built in the centers of cities and town near public transit.	B. Build more affordable housing near public transit for residents without cars who depend on public transit, while preserving the character of single-family residential neighborhoods.	C. Build more affordable housing in existing communities that already have a strong job base.
1. Support Strongly 2 3 4 5. Oppose Strongly 0. No Opinion	1. Support Strongly 2 3 4 5. Oppose Strongly 0. No Opinion	1. Support Strongly 2 3 4 5. Oppose Strongly 0. No Opinion
Solano County -- Count		
1) three	1) four	1) five
2) four	2) five	2) three
3) three	3) two	3) two
4)	4)	4) three
5) seven	5) seven	5) six
0) one	0)	0)
<i>If you opposed the three growth patterns above, offer your suggestions on how the region can accommodate projected growth.</i>		
Solano County Comments		
1	The free market will take care of it.	
2	<i>Get people in government that believe in capitalism, not socialism.</i>	
3	Get out of our way. Don't tough our property rights or try tell us what to do. Socialism equals Nazi. You are being watched.	
4	<i>Let commercial and private groups make these decisions.</i>	

5	Projected growth model assumptions are incorrect. Jobs attract people, incentive (less regulation) small businesses to move out of urban areas.	
6	<i>Affordable housing is needed in every community, whether more jobs are developed or not.</i>	
7	Solano County has issues with "affordable housing" vis-a-verse other North Bay counties. Need some better enforcement policies.	
8	<i>Not an ABAG decision, let the local community government. Honor its uniqueness.</i>	
9	No social justice.	
10	<i>A plan is good, but free market forces should be allowed to prevail.</i>	
11	Stop Agenda 21.	
12	<i>No housing built in the centers of cities and towns! Regarding Option B [affordable housing near public transit for residents without cars] if this is the whole truth and the public wants it for those without cars. Regarding Option C Focus on strong job base --- affordable housing ok if it doesn't entail tearing down personal homes and stores.</i>	

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Do you support development of Plan Bay Area?		
<i>Plan Bay Area is along-term strategy for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area that is currently being developed. The idea is to accommodate the region's housing and transportation needs for the next 30 years and reduce the region's auto dependence. Plan Bay Area is focused on: improving the local economy, reducing driving and greenhouse gases, and providing access to housing and transportation for everyone who needs it.</i>		
1. In general, do you support the establishment of this type of a regional plan?		3. Changes will be needed in my community and in my lifestyle to improve the quality of life in the Bay Area in the future.
1. Support Strongly 2 3 4 5. Oppose Strongly 0. No Opinion		1. Agree Strongly 2 3 4 5. Disagree Strongly 0. No Opinion
Solano County		
1) four		1) one
2) four		2) three
3) two		3) three
4)		4) one
5) eleven		5) twelve
0) one		0)
2. Why it that?		
1	No Opinion: We don't need Agenda 21. We don't need socialism or one world government. We don't need unelected organizations such as ABAG and MTC. We don't need bicycle paths and buses that don't pay their own way. We don't need government in the housing business or so called affordable stack and pack housing.	

2	<i>I support putting you in jail. It is against the U.S. Constitution and violates private property rights and individual freedoms.</i>	
3	Oppose Strongly: Centralized control has failed in every county that tried. This country was founded on principles of individual decision making.	
4	<i>Oppose Strongly: It conflicts with my constitutional guarantee of "self determination".</i>	
5	Support: If no plan our growth will be messy.	
6	Support: Plan Bay Area should just be a regional blueprint that gives local municipalities the wide latitude to adjust the options of their particular needs.	
7	<i>Support Strongly: Counties and cities in the metro area impact each other. People live in one area but often travel to work or the conduct of their business takes them to other metro locations. Likewise, citizens travel to events and activities located throughout the area. I-80, 80 and 680 bus stations. Ridesharing local mobility.</i>	
8	Support: Plan Bay Area should just be a regional blueprint that gives local municipalities the wide latitude to adjust the options to their particular needs.	
9	<i>Support Strongly: Planning is important.</i>	
10	Oppose Strongly: This plan is over-arching government which we, as city citizens, did not sign up to support in any way, shape or form. In addition, the texts containing "social justice, social equity, environmental justice, GHG management" are progressive-collectivist in nature and not in keeping with the intent of the U.S. Constitution. There are un-ICLEI/USA words and statements from the 1992 Rio Agenda 21 40+ chapters.	
11	<i>Support Strongly: You can't move forward without a plan. Then all you are doing is trying to clean up messes. A plan tries to cut down on future messes.</i>	
12	Support: Business is over regulated by government. Keep agricultural land. Crime increase; economy in general is down.	

13	<i>Oppose Strongly: The bus system is not utilized to full potential. No one rides the buses. I do not believe in placing people in high density housing near transportation hubs. Are you trying to make us into a European style country? America was founded with property rights. We need smaller, less intrusive government. The EPA is killing our economy and businesses and we are all paying more than necessary.</i>		
14	Oppose Strongly: This is being mandated outside of our local government with no real. Who will own the buildings in the complete communities. Why is social equity part of the plan?		
15	<i>Oppose Strongly: You do not know what is best for me nor should you have the right to tell me how to live my life.</i>		
16	Oppose Strongly: The problem with the adoption of a "general plan", is that the present practice of "dangling the carrot" is used to force the government's will upon the people, instead of the other way around. Using environmental "crisis" as fear tactics for letting you people run rampant is nauseating.		
17	<i>I prefer less government control but I appreciate orderly growth. I am in strong support of preserving our environment, agricultural lands, and improving our air quality. Bring jobs of quality to local venues, infill, protect agricultural lands and you won't have the traffic problems. Preserving agricultural lands so that food is grown and sold locally, not transported across country borders.</i>		

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Other Comments		
<i>Participants were asked to provide any other comments related to Plan Bay Area:</i>		
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1	Solano	For me it is more that good planning will be needed to preserve the good quality of life in our area.
2	Solano	Yes, but changes must be made only by a local elected official.
3	Solano	Subordinates the sovereignty of local governments.
4	Solano	<i>Stop. Arrest everyone involved as they are violating property rights and personal freedom. They oppose the Constitution and believe in the creation and not the creator.</i>
5	Solano	Basically I am upset about all of the rude, outspoken people at the meeting. We never really got to hear the intended information.
6	Solano	<i>No Agenda 21 or socialism needed. I love capitalism. No global warming or sea level rise garbage science needed.</i>
7	Solano	Give incentives to growers/farmers/ranchers to produce, process and sell local. Less greehhouse gas; less trucking/road use, etc.
8	Solano	<i>Not necessary. Local government can adequately handle planning without Sacramento-driven overseer management via AB32, SB375, CEQA, CARB and BAAQMD plus MTC/ABAG.</i>
9	Solano	Solano County has a unique flavor.
10	Solano	<i>Granny flats -- famly taking care of family. Keep elderly out of nursing homes and builds community.</i>
11	Solano	This is the result of a directive from the U.N. in the 70s. I do not think that my lifestyle needs to change to improve the quality of life. I already use mass transit and do no t believe in the current government's overreach.
12	Solano	<i>Improve our current transportation system with my tax dollars.</i>
13	Solano	Solano County is a housing rich, jobs poor, part of the Bay Area. Local municipalities would need to decide how to balance economic development with quality of life issues.
14	Solano	<i>I like my lifestyle, and I don't believe it's my or anyone's job to try and change people's lifestyle.</i>
15	Solano	This is garbage.
16	Solano	No Plan Bay Area.
17	Solano	Pull out of ICLEI and U.N. Agenda 21.