

**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: SOLANO COUNTY

Transportation Investment Priorities	#	%
Increase the number of freeway lanes for carpoolers and bus riders	2	2%
Expand bicycle and pedestrian routes	6	5%
Extend commuter rail lines, such as BART and Caltrain	20	16%
Maintain highways and local roads, including fixing potholes	30	23%
Provide more frequent bus service	6	5%
Provide financial incentives to cities to build more multi-unit housing near public transit	6	5%
Fund traffic congestion relief projects, such as adding turn lanes on roads, or reconfiguring interchanges and on-ramps on highways	18	14%
Increase public transit service for low income residents who do not have access to a car.	10	8%
Invest in improving speed and reliability in major bus or light-rail corridors.	8	6%
Other:	22	17%

Comments on "Other" Cards -- Transportation Investment Priorities

County	Comment
1 Solano	Preserve our Agricultural lands, particularly in Solano County. By farming, harvesting, processing & selling locally, you reduce the costs/emissions of transportation. Save your dollars to fix the roads.

2	Solano	What jobs are suitable for high-density residential communities? Are they reasonably numerous enough to employ sufficient workers in those high-density communities? This sounds like a social utopia.
3	Solano	Incentives for bringing jobs to suburban locations (x2).
4	Solano	Bus/Taxi vouchers for low-income to get to needed appointments/meetings.
5	Solano	<u>ALL</u> programs <u>must not</u> conflict with my ability for "self determination" as guaranteed by the Constitution.
6	Solano	Move jobs to urban areas.
7	Solano	This all leads to a controlled environment that reduces my choices - in the end development will be directed towards planned areas with minimal transportation alternatives except public transit or bicycles.

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: SOLANO COUNTY

Policies to Reduce Driving & Greenhouse Gas Emissions	#	%
Encourage 'Smart Driving'	6	5%
Complete the Regional Bicycle Network	5	4%
Expand the Safe Routes to Schools/ Pedestrian Network	9	7%
Increase Vanpool Incentives	11	9%
Expand Electric Vehicle Strategies	8	7%
Develop Commuter Benefit Ordinances	4	3%
Increase Telecommuting	22	18%
Institute Parking Surcharges	2	2%
Freeway speeds at 55 mph	4	3%
Other:	50	41%

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

County	Comment
1 Solano	Do not agree that we should be expected to agree with the options presented.
2 Solano	Incentives for businesses to re-locate to Solano county cities
3 Solano	ALL programs must not conflict with my ability for "self determination" as guaranteed by the Constitution.
4 Solano	Put money towards fuel cell cars - it is not fair to tax people who don't want to conform to the decisions of MTC. Local jobs...
5 Solano	By funding local job development you will reduce the need to commute. Local sustainable jobs that provide a solid middle class income. Then you will have less emissions.
6 Solano	<u>Secure the borders.</u> If one calculated the CO2 emitted by the 10 million+ who have crossed the border illegally, the reduction in CO2 in CA by their absence would meet the state's goals of reducing CO2 emissions. In the alternative, outlaw bean and cheese burritos to reduce methane emissions.
7 Solano	Increase gas tax by \$1 per gallon.
8 Solano	Eliminate MTC and ABAG. Cut taxes by the amount these agencies consume; we'll take care of our own roads.

9	Solano	Bring back school buses in <u>all communities</u> - 2 chips
10	Solano	Incentives for more fuel efficient cars
11	Solano	Incentives for more fuel efficient cars, i.e. lower registration taxes for smaller cars perhaps higher fuel taxes
12	Solano	Fund broadband to rural area to help telecommuting - x10
13	Solano	Improve vehicle emission reduction by designing vehicles that emit less at higher speed -- research funding
14	Solano	Work from home - zoning policy changes

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: SOLANO COUNTY

Policies Regarding Public Transit	#	%
Better-timed connections	13	15%
More real-time information	2	2%
Cleaner/new vehicles and cleaner stations	6	7%
Standard fare policies across the region	6	7%
Fixed-price monthly pass valid on all trains, buses and ferries	7	8%
More frequent and faster transit service	14	16%
Better on-time performance	8	9%
More customer amenities such as WiFi on buses and trains	13	15%
Other	17	20%

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

1	Solano	Safer transit/bus stops, safer vehicles, more security - 2 chips
2	Solano	Although it is expensive, rail lines & bus lines should be extended to other areas.
3	Solano	Improve capital corridor increased service
4	Solano	ALL programs must not conflict with my ability for "self determination" as guaranteed by the Constitution.
5	Solano	Give incentives to growers, farmers, ranchers to produce, process and sell local = less greenhouse gas, less road repair.
6	Solano	All programs are in conflict with my basic belief that this program should not be implemented.

Transportation Trade-Offs, Oral Comments

	County	Comments
7	Solano	What are strategies to employ if GHG targets are not met?
8	Solano	What is happening with I-80/680?
9	Solano	Would parking surcharge apply to BART parking lots?
10	Solano	What are relative costs of alternative strategies?

11	Solano	\$68 billion is not enough money.
12	Solano	Increase gas tax to solve problem (to \$5/gallon).
13	Solano	Maintain highways/roads.
14	Solano	Extend rail lines/more frequent buses.
15	Solano	Bring BART to Solano County.
16	Solano	Bring jobs to suburban areas -- use incentives.
17	Solano	Bring back school buses.
18	Solano	Lower registration fees for fuel-efficient vehicles.
19	Solano	Frequent bus service and better connections (and Sunday service).
20	Solano	Does smart driving impinge on citizen's rights?
21	Solano	"Expand electric vehicle strategies" -- What does this mean?
22	Solano	Who is MIG?
23	Solano	Items on list have already failed.
24	Solano	Plan needs a jobs development program.
25	Solano	Local food production can result in lower GHG emissions. Need agriculture incentives.
26	Solano	Telecommuting is not a government province.
27	Solano	Priority development areas will drive down nearby housing prices.
28	Solano	Bike/pedestrian routes improve a community.
29	Solano	Need to maintain current infrastructure.
30	Solano	Smart driving - doesn't cost public funds, but may not work.
31	Solano	Don't reduce speed limit to 55 mph.
32	Solano	Parking surcharges not a good idea.
33	Solano	Incentives for cargo by rail (not trucks).
34	Solano	Additional taxes for gasoline cars.
35	Solano	Extend Wi-Fi throughout cities.
36	Solano	Highways and traffic congestion project are most efficient.
37	Solano	BART made false promises. Also high-speed rail and Bay Bridge - mismanaged.
38	Solano	Maintain roads and highways. Californians won't give up their cars.
39	Solano	SMART train uses an existing rail line, but needs new tracks.
40	Solano	Hard to do this (reduce driving) if you work around the Bay Area.
41	Solano	Will GHG reduction effort impinge on ability to pull a camp trailer to go camping?
42	Solano	Over-regulation may kill business formation in CA.