



# San Mateo County

## Plan Bay Area Spring 2016 Open House Summary



**Wednesday, June 1, 2016**  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**City of Burlingame Recreation Center – Auditorium**  
850 Burlingame Avenue  
Burlingame

**Approximate Attendance**  
35



### Scenarios Station Feedback

The Scenarios Station included displays that allowed residents to review the scenarios in detail, with a focus on their county. On accompanying boards, participants were asked to post feedback. Below is a sampling of the comments submitted at the San Mateo County open house. Visit [PlanBayArea.org](http://PlanBayArea.org) to view the complete list.

**Are there aspects of each scenario that, if combined, will help to meet today's challenges while laying the groundwork for future success? If so, which ones?**



- Transit focus of Connected Neighborhoods is also compatible with Big Cities because transit facilities run through connected communities
- Make sure we incorporate elements to deliver vibrant, accessible and affordable downtowns in every city
- More emphasis is needed for smaller communities, like Burlingame, to expand housing through redevelopment
- Ensure social equity and environmental protection in any scenario

**What is the toughest challenge our region will need to address for the next generation?**



- Lack of housing where people want to live
- Displacement of moderate- and low-income residents
- Lack of funding to maintain or improve transportation

**What ideas do you have for helping to address this challenge?**

- Remove parking requirements
- Build more affordable units
- Tie OBAG grants to PDA housing near transit
- Work with business, labor to advocate for needed funding

## How can we help prevent displacement of long-time residents and best address the lack of affordable housing in the Bay Area?



- Regional funds should reward locals that have strong anti-displacement policies (rent control, living wages, just-cause evictions, community workforce agreements)
- More affordable housing requirements, more density, more transit-oriented development
- Large job creators should play more of a role in creating housing; Google is working in the right direction.

## Which present-day transportation investments do you see providing the most benefits for existing and future Bay Area residents?

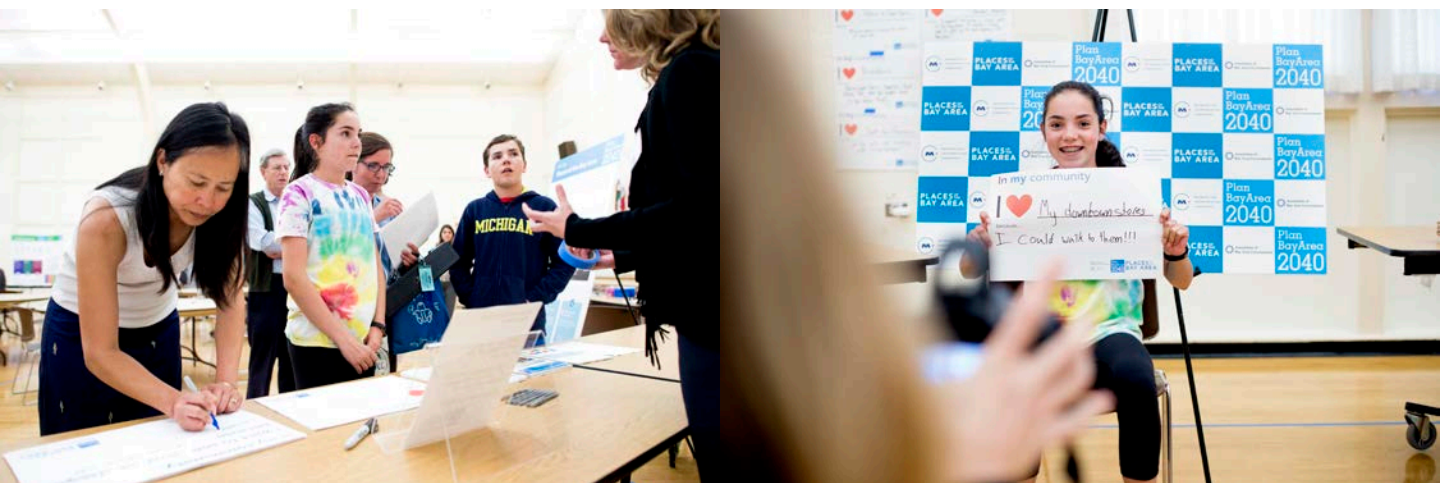


- Focus on walkable communities, housing close to jobs, reduce traffic!
- Dumbarton rail, please!
- Rail systems that actually connect
- BART around the Bay already!
- More ferries from South San Francisco and Redwood City
- Restore Samtrans bus routes cut during the Great Recession



## Places of the Bay Area Station

The Places of the Bay Area Station offered participants an opportunity to participate in a Bay Area-wide initiative to inspire residents in creating and sharing stories about the various places in our lives. Below is a sampling of photos taken at this station at the San Mateo County open house.





## Plan Bay Area 2040 -- Spring 2016 Public Engagement

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#### *Comments Received at the Scenarios Station on the Feedback Display Boards*

After reviewing several display boards describing Plan Bay Area 2040 and the alternative scenarios for what the Bay Area could look like in 2040, as well as talking with MTC and ABAG staff stationed at the display boards, Open House participants responded to the four questions below.

	<b>Are there aspects of each scenario that, if combined, you feel will help to meet today's challenges while laying the groundwork for future success? If so, which ones?</b>	<b>County/Source of Comment</b>
1	Because each scenario may occur in different areas, aspects will inevitably become combined. The transit focus of Connected Neighborhoods will also be compatible with Big Cities because the transit facility and access corridors connecting the cities would run through the connected communities.	San Mateo
2	Create a vibrant, accessible and affordable downtown in each city.	San Mateo
3	No! More emphasis needs to be given to small communities, like Burlingame, to expand housing through redevelopment.	San Mateo
4	#2 & 3 work well. #1 not so much - leave open space open and focus on cities.	San Mateo
5	Combine 2 & 3.	San Mateo
6	What they said! Combine 2 & 3, ditch 1.	San Mateo
7	Analyze the EEJ (Equity, Environment, Jobs) scenario!	San Mateo

	<b>What is the toughest challenge our region will need to address for the next generation? What ideas do you have for helping to address this challenge?</b>	<b>County/Source of Comment</b>
1	Plan for driverless cars; eliminate all parking requirements.	San Mateo
2	Increase reasonably priced housing	San Mateo
3	The absolute lack of housing development in the areas people want to live. SF and other major cities need to relax restrictions on housing development.	San Mateo
4	Tie OBAG grant to PDA/fund housing near transit. Incentivize cities to build homes near existing transit with \$.	San Mateo
5	Living wage jobs in communities with affordable housing will create family-friendly environments.	San Mateo
6	Create mixed-income communities so people of all income levels can afford to work and live here.	San Mateo
7	Displacement of moderate and low-income residents. Low-income workers access to long commutes, its environmental impacts. Low-income workers access to good jobs. Protecting vulnerable communities from climate change.	San Mateo

8	Work with labor and Bay Area Council to get funding for what we need to maintain and expand housing and transit.	San Mateo
9	\$ for transportation and housing. Go for the regionwide gas tax.	San Mateo
10	Traffic/GHG's - need to take road lanes away from cars to (sic) <u>fast</u> , frequent buses/shuttles.	San Mateo
11	Increase housing supply to maintain some modicum of affordability.	San Mateo
12	Transportation. Get people out of cars. East/west connection across the Bay. Ferry service across and north/south.	San Mateo
13	Housing affordability. Best thing MTC can do is more strongly condition funding on cities' performance building housing at all income levels.	San Mateo

	<b>How can we help prevent displacement of long-time residents and best address the lack of affordable housing in the Bay Area?</b>	<b>County/Source of Comment</b>
1	Give local government "tools" to encourage developers to build different levels of housing.	San Mateo
2	Programs like OBAG should reward jurisdictions that have policies/programs that will reduce displacement of low-income residents (rent stabilization, just-cause eviction, minimum and living wages, community work force agreements, etc.).	San Mateo
3	More density.	San Mateo
4	Large job creators should play more of a role in creating housing. Google is working in the right direction. Jobs and housing located together.	San Mateo
5	Increase supply to better match demand and prices will drop.	San Mateo
6	We need more affordable housing requirements, more density, and better transit. Make it easier for people to live without cars.	San Mateo
7	Build more! Taller, denser. We don't need high-rises, just slightly taller than exists now.	San Mateo
8	Transportation investments should incentivize the creation and preservation of affordable housing near transit and should result in family-supporting jobs (construction and long-term jobs). Reward jurisdictions that have anti-displacement policies.	San Mateo

	<b>Which present-day transportation investments do you see providing the most benefits for existing and future Bay Area residents?</b>	<b>County/Source of Comment</b>
1	Focus on walkable communities, jobs close to housing. Reduce traffic! Coast community has only 1 road, 2 lanes. We cannot handle more housing development. Please consider infrastructure before building!	San Mateo
2	Increase more investment into research on self-driving (autonomous) vehicle technology. Offer tax-break incentives to more ridesharing companies such as Uber and Lyft.	San Mateo
3	Dumbarton Rail, please. Southern connector to Dumbarton Bridge.	San Mateo

4	Finish the Bay Trail to encourage more bicycle transportation to transit locations (e.g., Millbrae Intermodal Station).	San Mateo
5	Have more "rail" systems - and make them actually connect to each other.	San Mateo
6	Caltrain! Greater frequency, longer trains (more cars) to handle increased patronage.	San Mateo
7	Provide ferry service to both SFO and OAK airports.	San Mateo
8	Have BART circle the Bay already!	San Mateo
9	Caltrain and BART.	San Mateo
10	Shuttles from PDAs to PCAs - transit to open space. Let people get away from the density and find room to breathe!	San Mateo
11	Caltrain.	San Mateo
12	Identifying last-mile options in areas with inadequate service frequency and/or coverage. Improved parking availability at transit stations and nodes. Higher Caltrain frequencies, especially during commute hours (10-15 minute headways max).	San Mateo
13	More ferries from South San Francisco and Redwood City terminals. Update the status on Dumbarton Rail service between Union City and Millbrae BART stations.	San Mateo
14	Increase funding for bus services (Samtrans) to re-establish lines (e.g., express lines) that were cut few years ago. Free youth bus passes. Better bus connections between east and west county.	San Mateo
15	Electrification of Caltrain. More BART/frequency and expand to outer Bay Area.	San Mateo
16	Ferry. Dumbarton rail.	

*Comment Forms Submitted at the Open House*

	<b>Comment – San Mateo County</b>	<b>County/ Source of Comment</b>
1	C/CAG very supportive of conversion of general purpose lane on Highway 101 from Redwood City to San Francisco to HOV lane so Google and Samtrans buses and carpools can use it without having to widen freeway. Would also support conversion of HOV lane to Express lane to allow SOV drivers to use for a toll to go toward transit.	San Mateo
2	More needs to be done to incentivize growth in the "Connected Neighborhoods" scenario. Smaller cities like Burlingame can be encouraged to do more, perhaps by adding Caltrain service and opening up our Broadway station. The housing crisis is regional. Why should most new housing be confined to the three big cities?	San Mateo
3	Incorporate the Equity Environment Jobs scenario for analysis in the EIR.	San Mateo
4	Given the limitation of UrbanSim, the workshop should include a chance to provide feedback on policies and strategies to reach performance targets.	San Mateo
5	Increase investment into self-driving (autonomous) vehicle technology.	San Mateo
6	Offer free Samtrans monthly passes to seniors and disabled persons in San Mateo County, just as they already do with Muni in San Francisco.	San Mateo
7	What is status with Dumbarton Rail between Union City and Millbrae BART stations?	San Mateo
8	What is the status on the Redwood City ferry terminal for Transbay ferry service?	San Mateo
9	Please email me for feedback on my questions.	San Mateo



## *Places of the Bay Area Station*

Places of the Bay Area is a Bay Area-wide initiative to inspire residents in creating and sharing stories about various places in our lives. Open House participants were asked to complete two statements about their community: “In my community I love \_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_” and “In my community I want to see \_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_.”

	Statements
1	<b>In My Community I Love</b> South San Francisco because of its mix of history with innovation!
2	<b>In My Community I Love</b> Pescadero because of Harley Goat Farm, Duarte’s, that funny bar and the endless coast (+ gas station tacos).
3	<b>In My Community I Love</b> Parks & Open Space because they are places to escape the stress of urban life.
4	<b>In My Community I Love</b> my downtown stores because I can walk to them!!!
5	<b>In My Community I want to see</b> Apartments above our retail avenues, Broadway and Burlingame. One-story retail looks so dull. People go to Santana Row because it’s so attractive, as opposed to a mall-like business district.
6	<b>In My Community I Love</b> the restaurants that I can walk to because I love to eat!
7	<b>In My Community I want to see</b> more money for the Bay Trail because East Palo Alto needs to be connected.
8	<b>In My Community I want to see</b> mixed-use development because we can utilize all available space during the day and off hours.
9	<b>In My Community I Love</b> the coast! Because it is some of the last open, timeless spaces remaining. Please help save it from poorly planned development!
10	<b>In My Community I Love</b> Parks because they give me freedom to run around and have fun with my friends!
11	<b>In My Community I Love</b> basketball hoops because I love playing basketball and there are so many to play with. It is so cool!!
12	<b>In My Community I want to see</b> more trees because they help the environment, shade and look beautiful.
13	<b>In My Community I Love</b> Libraries because they are great places to find information and meet people.