



Contra Costa County

Plan Bay Area Spring 2015 Open House Summary

<p>Wednesday, April 29, 2015 7 pm to 9 pm</p>	<p>Marriott 2355 North Main Street Walnut Creek</p>	<p>Approximate Attendance 80</p>	
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Goals and Targets Station Feedback

At the Goals and Targets Station, participants received information about the current goals and targets for Plan Bay Area, as well as the process underway to update them. Participants were asked to select their top three personal priorities from the list of current goals and targets for Plan Bay Area, and to post their other ideas on an adjoining additional board.



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

What are the biggest challenges facing your community?



- Moderately-priced and affordable housing near transit
- Protect agricultural and natural lands from sprawl
- Better pedestrian access
- Lack of infrastructure for active transportation
- Improve connecting transit

What are your ideas for solving these challenges?

- 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



Transportation Station Feedback

The Transportation Station included displays about currently planned local and regional transportation projects (highways, public transit, bicycle/pedestrian, local road improvements, etc.). On an accompanying board, participants were asked to post ideas for new projects, then to share their biggest transportation challenges and offer solutions for improving their trips.

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



- 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 transportation challenges in your town? In the Bay Area? What would make it better?

- 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



Looking Ahead Station Feedback

At the Looking Ahead Station, participants received information on how ABAG develops population and economy forecasts, as well as how past projections compared to actual numbers. Participants were asked to share their feedback on two key questions:

What concerns you about the future of your community?



- 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 possibilities most excite you?

- 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