



# Contra Costa County

## Plan Bay Area Spring 2016 Open House Summary



**Thursday, May 26, 2016**  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**East Bay Center for the Performing Arts**  
339 11th Street  
Richmond

**Approximate Attendance**  
25



### 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 Contra Costa 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?**



- Create employment districts near East Bay BART stations in areas with high potential for new housing and economic growth
- Create policy levers to counter the natural tendency of businesses to cluster in traditional job-rich areas
- Create incentives for employees to ride BART in the reverse commute direction

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



- Constant growth and displacement
- The knee-jerk reaction to widen freeways to reduce congestion
- Admitting that perpetual growth is not possible
- Affordability

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

- Accessible transportation above paratransit
- Affordable public transit

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



- Creative housing that is intergenerational and close to services
- Better wages so folks can afford housing
- Support local rent control and just eviction laws
- Strong policies and actual investments for affordable homes

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



- Upgrade BART so there is less noise and less standing on BART; Expand BART
- Focus on building complete streets that serve all people whether they want to drive, walk, bike or ride transit
- Don't forget bikers. There are more electric bikers coming
- Transportation for seniors needs to be better evaluated; silver tsunami



## Places of the Bay Area Station

The Places of the Bay Area Station offered the 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 Contra Costa County open house.





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

### Contra Costa County Open House

May 26, 2016

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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	Create employment districts near East Bay BART stations in areas with high potential for new housing and economic growth. Create policy levers to counter the natural tendency of businesses to cluster in traditional job-rich areas. Create incentives for employees to ride BART in the reverse commute direction.	Contra Costa

	<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	Admitting that perpetual growth is not possible - that there is a maximum number of people that can live in a finite space.	Contra Costa
2	1) Affordable housing, 2) Transit (public) - affordable, 3) Jobs.	Contra Costa
3	Affordability. Prevent sprawl.	Contra Costa
4	This generation accessible transportation above paratransit.	Contra Costa
5	Public safety; Education; Building college-going culture.	Contra Costa
6	Constant growth and displacement and people's knee jerk reaction to widen freeways in order to <u>try</u> to reduce congestion. You get what you build for!	Contra Costa

	<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	Affordable housing needs to be a strong component.	Contra Costa
2	Better wages so folks can afford.	Contra Costa
3	Affordable housing for middle income earner.	Contra Costa
4	Provide for seniors to give up their homes for self-contained aging in place quality ss housing.	Contra Costa
5	Rent control. MTC and ABAG (and Commissioners) should support local rent control and just cause eviction.	Contra Costa

6	Strong policies and actual investments for affordable homes. We also need to make sure people can stay in their homes.	Contra Costa
7	Increase middle-wage jobs (Target 9) through quality jobs standards (targets) on all projects, programs and policies. No grant \$ if job is low (not legible).	Contra Costa

	<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	Transportation for aging population and lower income.	Contra Costa
2	Upgrade BART so that there is less noise and less standing on BART.	Contra Costa
3	Focus on transit, walk/bike on existing system.	Contra Costa
4	BART expansion and focus on building complete streets that serve all people whether they want to drive, walk, bike, or ride transit.	Contra Costa
5	Provide bike lane for people to ride bike from East Bay across SF Bay Bridge.	Contra Costa
6	Extend BART line in West Contra Costa County to Carquinez Bridge.	Contra Costa
7	Don't forget bikers. There are more electric bikes coming.	Contra Costa
8	Transportation for seniors needs to be evaluated better. Silver Tsunami. Go Mobility Matters. <a href="http://www.mobilitymatterscc.com">www.mobilitymatterscc.com</a>	Contra Costa
9	Creative transportation solutions outside the public sector.	Contra Costa
10	Trains	Contra Costa
11	Public transportation. Bus investment.	Contra Costa
12	Free public transportation for students.	Contra Costa
13	Safe bike lanes on Main Street.	Contra Costa

*Comment Forms Submitted at the Open House*

	<b>Comment – Contra Costa County</b>	<b>County/ Source of Comment</b>
1	Please email me the newly released summary of housing and jobs by city.	Contra Costa
2	Transportation issues for older adults and people with disabilities is approaching a critical point. We need to act now to create solutions through mobility management.	Contra Costa
3	The Connected Neighborhood scenarios should utilize CURRENT, public transit systems and providers (AC Transit, County Connection, WestCat, Tri-Delta, etc.). NO new low road, volunteer providers.	Contra Costa
4	Quality jobs (and quality jobs standards) should be baked into every piece. More middle-wage jobs.	Contra Costa
5	This event is great! I absolutely love open house events.	Contra Costa
6	1. Senior transportation/disability transportation/low-income individual transportation needs to be on the agenda for the plan.	Contra Costa
7	2. Public transportation should be looked at in a different way. Creative solutions may be an option for such a creative area. Cars for everyone is not working.	Contra Costa
8	I am disappointed in the lackluster progress in all three scenarios towards achieving significant increases in mode share (Target 2?).	Contra Costa

9	I strongly support staff's recommendation to invest much more aggressively in bike/ped investments.	Contra Costa
10	I strongly disagree with the notion that widening freeways will achieve congestion relief. You get what you build for.	Contra Costa
11	MTC's Climate Initiatives Program: Recommend that the third round continue to focus on parking management.	Contra Costa
12	I encourage cities to switch from studying L.O.S. to V.M.T. as per new CEQA guidelines.	Contra Costa
13	I wished the MTC studied the potential effect of large-scale bike and ped projects as part of PBA.	Contra Costa

### *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 want to see</b> dedicated bike lanes because I love to bike!
2	<b>In my community, I want to see</b> more public input because I'm the only one here!! Stop being secretive!
3	<b>In my community, I want to see</b> public space because it brings people together.
4	<b>In my community, I want to see</b> a brighter future because I believe in a brighter future.
5	<b>In my community, I want to see</b> QUALITY JOBS because equity & opportunity for ALL – build a better Bay Area.
6	<b>In my community, I want to see</b> accessible transport because seniors & people with disabilities matter. Mobility matters!
7	<b>In my community, I want to see</b> justice because I need to know that is can be just & not biased.
8	<b>In my community, I love</b> El Cerrito because of wonderful park, Ohlone Greenway and bike path!
9	<b>In my community, I love</b> my family because they support me in anything I do that is good for me.
10	<b>In my community, I love</b> San Pablo Ave. because of the variety of shops and people.
11	<b>In my community, I love</b> my neighbors because they bring us food. (we bring them food too)
12	<b>In my community, I love</b> Mobility Matters! Because they make a difference in transportation for seniors & people with disabilities!
13	<b>In my community, I love</b> Richmond because it is where I discovered who I want to be.
14	<b>In my community, I love</b> open space trails because...Mt. Diablo – places where we can go to relax with family & friends. Our downtown park and community activities add to our city energy & friendliness.
15	<b>In my community, I love</b> the library because it's a wonderful center of our community where people of all ages gather and connect as a community.
16	<b>In my community, I love</b> Richmond Marina because...*great place to walk & relax *community gathering place

17	<b>In my community, I love</b> Richmond Greenway because... *building community *community gatherings *gardens *murals *pedestrian & bike pathway *play
18	<b>In my community, I love</b> transit villages because I can walk to the coffee shop!
19	<b>In my community, I love</b> the street tree canopy because it provides an oasis in the city.
20	<b>In my community, I love</b> my surroundings because they're aware of their surroundings.