

MTC POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Topics from Work Plan Discussion

TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

- Maintain and improve transit infrastructure, especially for senior mobility (and to help get people out of cars)
- More bus improvements (including bus rapid transit)
- Rail improvements and increased rail capacity
- Improve public transit:
 - Shorter headways
 - Lengthen service hours
 - Improve Clipper service
- Disability Access: Need tactile maps; parking meter issues
- Regional connectivity issues (including consolidation where possible); need safe and attractive connections to transit stations and hubs
- Need more transportation choices that connect cities

SMARTH GROWTH

- Need more density near transit (transit-oriented development)
- Educate communities about smart growth
- Address the conflict between environmental/air quality regulations and desired densities for priority development areas

FUNDING

- Need new sources of revenue; some possibilities are:
 - Fuel extraction tax
 - Increase gas tax
 - Increase sales tax
 - Cap and trade funds

HOUSING

- More workforce housing
- Need more affordable housing (very low, low – as opposed to workforce housing)

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

- Encourage corporate vanpools (especially for the labor community)

SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Bike theft at transit stations is a concern (potentially puts bike/transit riders back in cars)
- Need safe, multi-modal systems
- Safety is important (well-lit stops and stations and safe public transportation)
- Pedestrian safety issues:
 - Safer streets
 - Complete streets
 - Work with transportation partners to improve safety
 - Infrastructure improvements

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

- Resistance to growth needs to be addressed via education (about sustainability and Plan Bay Area)
- Educate the public about sharing the road, best bike practices, and “how to get along” (bicyclists vs. drivers)
- Need community-level talking points that define jargon for:
 - Smaller communities (that don’t always feeling the impact)
- Need to reach out to various constituents that affect transportation:
 - Corporations/employers
 - Shuttle companies
 - School districts
- Inclusion of all counties and all communities

MISCELLANEOUS

- Need a holistic approach to transportation planning (housing, job centers, education) and funding (transit, roads, parking, sidewalks, ferries, etc.)
- Align overall objectives/infrastructure with local/city level
- Planning team – need to have on-the-ground experiences for communities they affect
- Open spaces/parks