

Attachment B: Plan Bay Area 2050+ Handout Summarizing Comments Received in March 2026

The table below summarizes comments received following the release of the proposed Final Plan Bay Area 2050+ and the Final Environmental Impact Report for Plan Bay Area 2050+ **between 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026, and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.**

#	Commenter / Date	Topics	Summary of Comments
1	David Stahlberg 03/13/2026 (7:53 a.m.)	Public Transit Service and Bus Operations	The commenter states that rising gasoline prices may increase demand for public transportation and emphasize the importance of maintaining reliable, affordable and frequent bus service.

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Re: Response to your Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+ comments

From David Stahlberg [REDACTED]
Date Fri 2026-03-13 7:53 AM
To Plan BayArea Info <info@planbayarea.org>

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A final thought on your plan; gasoline prices will continue to rise as the war goes on. This will most likely, cause people to rethink using public transportation. A reliable,affordable,clean and frequent bus system would only aid those in need to get around the county and into SF. Golden Gate Transit has been offering this service for decades. If possible let's keep these hard working men and women behind the wheel doing what they do best. The Bay Area deserves it's place in America's transportation infrastructure.

On Mar 9, 2026, at 2:25 PM, Plan BayArea Info <info@planbayarea.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Stahlberg,

Thank you for taking the time to provide comments on Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+. Your insights and concerns are greatly appreciated and were carefully considered by MTC-ABAG planning staff in determining refinements to the plan and accompanying reports.

The plan includes strategies to increase access to transit for residents and visitors across the region, including additional trips on Golden Gate Transit and operators in Sonoma County. The plan also includes the extension of SMART service to Healdsburg and Cloverdale to improve transit access in northern Sonoma County.

The need to expand transit services late at night and earlier in the morning is something we heard during public engagement for Transit 2050+ and Plan Bay Area 2050+. To comply with federal requirements, the projected costs of future investments cannot exceed our anticipated revenues over the course of the plan timeline. Because of this, it is not feasible to expand 24-hour service to the entire region, and it is not currently planned in Marin and Sonoma Counties. However, we continue to invest in 24-hour service in the more urbanized portions of the region, as well as expanding service hours throughout the region. Further increases to 24-hour service could be considered in a future plan.

Thank you again for your thoughtful comments. We hope you will stay involved in the regional planning process as we kick off the next plan update later this year.