



# Horizon Engagement Report

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# Stakeholder Workshop (“Super RAWG”)

Date: March 11, 2019

Location: 375 Beale Street, San Francisco

Attendees: 65



## Strategy Feedback:



**Affordable**

### Most Popular

1. Transform Aging Malls and Office Parks Into Neighborhoods
2. Provide 50% Fare Discount for Low-Income Transit Riders
3. Allow Diverse Housing Around all Major Transit Stops

### Least Popular

Establish Urban Reserves for Housing Development



**Connected**

### Most Popular

1. Increase Capacity and Frequency of Existing Rail Network
2. Build and Operate a Next Generation Bus Rapid Transit Network
3. Complete Regional Bike Networks

### Least Popular

Build a New Transbay Highway Crossing



**Diverse**

### Most Popular

1. Allow Affordable Housing in Areas of High Opportunity
2. Require 20% of all New Housing to be Affordable
3. Increase Renter Protections

### Least Popular

Subsidize Small Businesses Impacted by Transit Projects



**Healthy**

### Most Popular

1. Fully Adapt to Sea Level Rise
2. Establish Vehicle Trip Reduction Requirements for all New Development
3. Expand Financing for Energy, water, Seismic, Fire and Accessibility Improvements

### Least Popular

Pass a Statewide Carbon Tax on Food and Goods



**Vibrant**

### Most Popular

1. Expand Construction Workforce Programs
2. Preserve Agriculture Lands and Jobs
3. Portable Benefits for Part-Time and Freelance Workers

### Least Popular

Develop a State-Level Fund for Automation Induced Job Displacement

## Comments:

The Stakeholder workshop provided staff with specific strategy recommendations. Groups of eight stakeholders representing government and non-governmental organizations worked collaboratively to improve the outcomes in each Future by purchasing a limited set of strategies. The tallies above are the results summed across all futures. In April, MTC /ABAG staff will incorporate specific recommendations of the workshop attendees to develop a set of priority strategies for the second round of Futures analysis.



# Stakeholder Workshop (“Super RAWG”)

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## Key Takeaways:

On March 11, staff hosted a half-day workshop with 65 stakeholders from across the region, comprised mostly of local jurisdiction, transit agency and non-government organization staff. After briefing participants on Horizon and the three Futures, the participants gathered in groups of eight to play the Transform-the-Future game. The game was designed with three goals for participants in mind: (a) learn about the unique opportunities and challenges in each Future; (b) learn about a universe of strategies MTC/ABAG staff can study in the next phase of Futures analysis; and (c) share feedback on which strategies they think will improve outcomes in each future.

Over the course of three hours, the participants in groups of eight, played three rounds of the game - one for each of the three Futures: Rising Tides, Falling Fortunes, Clean and Green and Back to the Future. During each round they were re-introduced to the Future and asked to work collaboratively to purchase strategies. Each participant was given the same number of points, and together participants had to agree on strategies and collectively fund them. At the end of the game, staff tallied which strategies the group had purchased. In total, the game was played 24 times during the workshop, eight times for each Future, with every participant playing each Future once.

For more information on the game, read the Introductory section (pages i - xi) in the [Transform-the-Future Strategy Booklet](#).



# Oakland Public Workshop

Date: March 12, 2019, 6-8 p.m.

Location: Bay Area Rapid Transit, 101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland

Attendees: 90



## Strategy Feedback:



**Affordable**

### Most Popular

1. Transform Aging Malls/Office Parks into Neighborhoods
2. Allow Diverse Housing Around All Major Transit Stops
2. Raise Taxes to Spur Affordable Housing Production & Preservation

### Least Popular

Establish Urban Reserves for Additional Housing Development



**Connected**

### Most Popular

1. Build a New Transbay Rail Crossing
2. Extend the Regional Rail Network
2. Increase Capacity and Frequency by Modernizing Existing Rail Network

### Least Popular

Increase Freeway Capacity and Build Express Lanes to Sacramento/Tracy



**Diverse**

### Most Popular

1. Require 20% of All New Housing to be Affordable
2. Increase Renter Protections
3. Allow Affordable Housing in Areas of High Opportunity

### Least Popular

Develop a Housing Lottery Preference Program



**Healthy**

### Most Popular

1. Fully Adapt to Sea Level Rise
2. Expand/Pool Revolving Green Loan Funds for Existing Building Upgrades
3. Establish Vehicle Trip Reduction Requirements for New Development

### Least Popular

Partially Adapt to Sea Level Rise



**Vibrant**

### Most Popular

1. Implement Incentives and Disincentives to Locate Jobs in Housing-Rich Locations
2. Create Incubator Programs in Economically-Challenged Communities
3. Provide Portable Benefits for Part-Time/Freelance Workers

### Least Popular

Establish Priority Production Areas to Protect Industrial Lands

## Comments:

- Require cities to progress towards jobs/housing balance.
- Protect and incentivize owner-occupied homes, even if there are multiple units on one parcel.
- Regardless of which future, we must walk, bike and ride mass transit MORE, so all these merit further investment and improved safety.
- Require all major employers to invest in workforce housing.
- Ensure all new development occurs within existing urbanized areas to protect natural resources that protect us from impacts of climate change.



# San Jose Public Workshop

Date: March 14, 2019, 6-8 p.m.

Location: San Jose City Hall, Rotunda Building, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose

Attendees: 32



## Strategy Feedback:



**Affordable**

### Most Popular

1. Allow Diverse Housing Around All Major Transit Stops
2. Reuse Excess Parking for Housing
3. Provide 50% Fare Discount for Low Income Transit Riders

### Least Popular

Establish Urban Reserves for Additional Housing Development



**Connected**

### Most Popular

1. Increase Capacity and Frequency by Modernizing Existing Rail Network
2. Complete Regional Bike Networks
3. Extend the Regional Rail Network

### Least Popular

Increase Freeway Capacity and Build Express Lanes to Sacramento/Tracy



**Diverse**

### Most Popular

1. Allow Affordable Housing in Areas of High Opportunity
2. Invest in Free "Last Mile" Service
3. Require 20% of All New Housing to be Affordable

### Least Popular

Develop a Housing Lottery Preference Program



**Healthy**

### Most Popular

1. Fully Adapt to Sea Level Rise
2. Establish Vehicle Trip Reduction Requirements for New Development
3. Expand/Pool Revolving Green Loan Funds for Existing Building Upgrades

### Least Popular

Partially Adapt to Sea Level Rise



**Vibrant**

### Most Popular

1. Implement Incentives and Disincentives to Locate Jobs in Housing-Rich Locations
2. Provide Portable Benefits for Part-Time and Freelance Workers
3. Preserve Agricultural Lands and Jobs

### Least Popular

Establish Priority Production Areas to Protect Industrial Lands

## Comments:

- Institute regional revenue sharing between jobs- and housing-creating cities.
- Increase zoning, mixed use.
- Cap rate of office space growth.
- Make public transit free.
- Re-purpose parking not just for housing.
- Build High Speed Rail or BART across the Bay just north of Hayward-San Mateo Bridge.



# Petaluma Public Workshop

Date: March 16, 2019, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Location: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma

Attendees: 36



## Strategy Feedback:



**Affordable**

### Most Popular

1. Transform Aging Malls and Office Parks into Neighborhoods
2. Streamline Accessory Dwelling Units
3. Allow Diverse Housing Around All Major Transit Stops

### Least Popular

Establish Urban Reserves for Additional Housing Development



**Connected**

### Most Popular

1. Extend the Regional Rail Network
2. Complete Regional Bike Networks
3. Increase Capacity and Frequency by Modernizing Existing Rail Network

### Least Popular

Increase Freeway Capacity and Build Express Lanes to Sacramento/Tracy



**Diverse**

### Most Popular

1. Increase Renter Protections
2. Require 20% of All New Housing to be Affordable
3. Invest in Free "Last Mile" Service

### Least Popular

Develop a Housing Lottery Preference Program



**Healthy**

### Most Popular

1. Fully Adapt to Sea Level Rise
2. Adapt Highway 37 to Sea Level Rise and Expand Bridge/Rail Seismic Programs
3. Expand/Pool Revolving Green Loan Funds for Existing Building Upgrades

### Least Popular

Partially Adapt to Sea Level Rise



**Vibrant**

### Most Popular

1. Preserve Agricultural Lands and Jobs
2. Expand Construction Workforce Programs
3. Implement Incentives and Disincentives to Locate Jobs in Housing-Rich Locations

### Least Popular

Establish Priority Production Areas to Protect Industrial Lands

## Comments:

- With rising tides, stop building in the tide lane and flood way.
- Develop housing around train station but not bus stops; more street cars, fewer busses.
- Consider paths and trails transportation corridors for bike and pedestrian travel.
- Free public transit.
- Repeal Prop. 13 and reinvest the money in our communities.



# San Bruno Public Workshop

Date: March 19, 2019, 6-8 p.m.

Location: Tanforan Mall, Storefront #289, 1150 El Camino Road, San Bruno

Attendees: 30



## Strategy Feedback:



**Affordable**

### Most Popular

1. Transform Aging Malls and Office Parks into Neighborhoods
2. **Allow Diverse Housing Around All Major Transit Stops (tied with 1)**
3. Streamline Accessory Dwelling Units

### Least Popular

Institute a Bay Area Universal Basic Income for Low-Income Households



**Connected**

### Most Popular

1. Increase Capacity and Frequency by Modernizing Existing Rail Network
2. Extend the Regional Rail Network
3. (Tie) Bus Rapid Transit Network/Single Platform to Access all Mobility Options

### Least Popular

Increase Freeway Capacity and Build Express Lanes to Sacramento/Tracy



**Diverse**

### Most Popular

1. Allow Affordable Housing in Areas of High Opportunity
2. Require 20% of All New Housing to be Affordable
3. Expand Support for Low Income Community College Students

### Least Popular

Develop a Housing Lottery Preference Program



**Healthy**

### Most Popular

1. Fully Adapt to Sea Level Rise
2. Pass a Statewide Carbon Tax on Food and Goods
3. Expand/Pool Revolving Green Loan Funds for Existing Building Upgrades

### Least Popular

Pass a Regional Measure for Parks, Trails, and Greenways



**Vibrant**

### Most Popular

1. Preserve Agricultural Lands and Jobs
2. Implement Incentives and Disincentives to Locate Jobs in Housing-Rich Locations
3. Expand Construction Workforce Programs

### Least Popular

Establish Priority Production Areas to Protect Industrial Lands

## Comments:

- Mandate interconnectivity between all transit providers, coordinate schedules, seamless transitions. Improve signage; improve access; improve real time information.
- Prepare for 5 ft. sea level rise. 3 ft. might be optimistic.
- Build sustainable housing: 1) At least 20% affordable housing; 2) Renter protections; 3) Take away local control near transit; 4) Build higher to meet housing demand.
- Rethink CEQA. It's easier to develop on farmland and greenfield than in already built land.



# Vallejo Public Workshop

Date: March 20, 2019, 6-8 p.m.

Location: Cal Maritime, 253 Georgia Street, Vallejo

Attendees: 60



## Strategy Feedback:



**Affordable**

### Most Popular

1. Allow Diverse Housing Around All Major Transit Stops
2. Transform Aging Malls/Office Parks into Neighborhoods
3. Provide 50% Fare Discount for Low Income Transit Riders

### Least Popular

Establish Urban Reserves for Additional Housing Development



**Connected**

### Most Popular

1. Extend the Regional Rail Network
2. Build and Operate a Next Generation Bus Rapid Transit Network
3. Increase Capacity and Frequency by Modernizing Existing Rail Network

### Least Popular

Increase Freeway Capacity and Build Express Lanes to Sacramento/Tracy



**Diverse**

### Most Popular

1. Require 20% of All New Housing to be Affordable
2. Allow Affordable Housing in Areas of High Opportunity
3. Increase Renter Protections

### Least Popular

Develop a Housing Lottery Preference Program



**Healthy**

### Most Popular

1. Adapt Highway 37 to Sea Level Rise and Expand Bridge/Rail Seismic Programs
2. Fully Adapt to Sea Level Rise
3. Pass a Regional Measure for Parks, Trails, and Greenways

### Least Popular

Purchase Disaster Recovery Financing to Fast-Lane PDA Implementation



**Vibrant**

### Most Popular

1. Implement Incentives and Disincentives to Locate Jobs in Housing-Rich Locations
2. Preserve Agricultural Lands and Jobs
3. Expand Construction Workforce Programs/Create Incubator Programs (tied with 2)

### Least Popular

Establish Priority Production Areas to Protect Industrial Lands

## Comments:

- Continue to use urban growth boundaries to prevent sprawl into our farmlands. Local food will be important in the future!
- No tolls on Highway 37.
- Combine transit agencies across Bay Area to link transit strategy with commutes.
- Affordable means below market rate.
- Craft strategies to increase jobs where people live so they don't have to commute.



# Walnut Creek Public Workshop

Date: March 27, 2019, 6-8 p.m.

Location: Embassy Suites, 1345 Treat Road, Walnut Creek

Attendees: 10



## Strategy Feedback:



**Affordable**

### Most Popular

1. Allow Diverse Housing Around All Major Transit Stops
2. Streamline Accessory Dwelling Units
3. Provide 50% Fare Discount for Low Income Transit Riders

### Least Popular

Establish urban reserves for additional housing development



**Connected**

### Most Popular

1. Build and Operate a Next Generation Bus Rapid Transit Network
2. Build a New Transbay Rail Crossing
3. Increase Capacity and Frequency by Modernizing Existing Rail Network

### Least Popular

(Tie) Build a New Transbay Highway Crossing and Increase Freeway Capacity and Build Express Lanes to Sacramento/Tracy



**Diverse**

### Most Popular

1. Allow Affordable Housing in Areas of High Opportunity
2. Expand the Income Tax Credit for Renters
3. Require 20% of All New Housing to be Affordable
4. Increase Renter Protections (tied with 3)

### Least Popular

Subsidize Small Businesses Impacted by Transit Projects



**Healthy**

### Most Popular

1. Establish Vehicle Trip Reduction Requirements for New Development
2. Expand/Pool Revolving Green Loan Funds for Existing Building Upgrades
3. Partially Adapt to Sea Level Rise

### Least Popular

Pass a Statewide Carbon Tax on Food and Goods



**Vibrant**

### Most Popular

1. Implement Incentives and Disincentives to Locate Jobs in Housing-Rich Locations
2. Create Incubator Programs in Economically-Challenged Communities
3. Expand Construction Workforce Programs

### Least Popular

Preserve Agricultural Lands and Jobs

## Comments:

- Develop a single, unified Bay Area transit operator.
- Do not expand freeway capacity.
- Embed electric car chargers in pavement during infrastructure re-build.
- Expand express buses and infrastructure,
- Many of these strategies should be implemented regardless of which future we find (e.g, Invest in Free "Last Mile" Service, Adapt Highway 37 to Sea Level Rise and Expand Bridge/Rail Seismic Programs, Preserve Agricultural Lands and Jobs, etc.)



# Acterra

Description: Nonprofit providing regional environmental education (Santa Clara & San Mateo Counties).

Date/ Location: February 13, 2019 in East Palo Alto

Attendees: 29



## Strategy Feedback:



### Affordable

#### Most Popular

1. Streamline accessory dwelling units
2. Transform aging malls and office parks into neighborhoods
3. Institute a universal basic income for low-income households

#### Least Popular

Allow diverse housing around all major transit stops



### Connected

#### Most Popular

1. Extend the regional rail network
2. Complete regional bike networks
3. Modernize the existing rail network

#### Least Popular

Apply 10-cent per-mile peak period pricing on freeways



### Diverse

#### Most Popular

1. Require 20% of all new housing to be affordable
2. Increase renter protections
3. Expand support for low-income community college students

#### Least Popular

Subsidize small business impacted by transit projects



### Healthy

#### Most Popular

1. Expand/Pool Revolving Green Loan Funds for Existing Building Upgrades
2. Pass a regional measure for parks, trails, and greenways
3. Adapt the most vulnerable areas to sea level rise

#### Least Popular

Implement parking fees



### Vibrant

#### Most Popular

1. Create small business programs in economically-challenged communities
2. Use incentives/disincentives to locate new jobs in housing-rich locations
3. Provide portable benefits for part-time and freelance workers

#### Least Popular

Create Priority Production Areas to protect industrial lands

## Comments:

When asked what makes it difficult to live in the Bay Area, participants noted that it is difficult to retain neighborhood ethnic and income diversity given the lack of affordability. Age diversity is also impacted with young people unable to return after college and seniors no longer able to afford to stay in the area. With the finite amount of land and resources, there are concerns that the increased population and real estate development will threaten open spaces, agricultural lands, and water resources. The Bel Haven neighborhood was cited as an example of maximized development. Participants also felt that pedestrians are disregarded, especially those who walk with canes or use wheelchairs.

# Community Resources for Independent Living

Description: Peer-based disability resource agency providing resources for persons with disabilities.

Date/ Location: February 12, 2109 in Hayward

Attendees: 12



## Strategy Feedback:



### Affordable

#### Most Popular

1. Allow diverse housing around all major transit stops
2. Tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> - Repurpose public land to build housing
3. Provide 50% fare discount for low-income transit riders
4. Raise taxes to spur affordable housing production & preservation

#### Least Popular

Establish urban reserves for housing development



### Connected

#### Most Popular

1. Develop a single platform to access all mobility options
2. Build and operate a next-generation bus network
3. Extend the regional rail network

#### Least Popular

Apply 10-cent per-mile peak period pricing on freeways



### Diverse

#### Most Popular

1. Tie for 1<sup>st</sup> - Mandate private mobility businesses accommodate the elderly and disabled
2. Increase renter protections
3. Expand the income tax credit for renters
4. Allow affordable housing in areas of opportunity
5. Require 20% of all new housing to be affordable

#### Least Popular

Develop a housing lottery preference program



### Healthy

#### Most Popular

1. Pass a statewide carbon tax on foods and goods
2. Create a regional disaster recovery fund
3. Pass a regional measure for parks, trails, and greenways

#### Least Popular

Implement parking fees



### Vibrant

#### Most Popular

1. Create small business incubator programs in economically-challenged communities
2. Provide portable benefits for part-time and freelance workers
3. Preserve agricultural lands and jobs

#### Least Popular

Create Priority Production Areas to protect industrial lands

## Comments:

When asked what makes it difficult to live in the Bay Area, participants cited the high cost of housing and transportation, especially for residents with disabilities who are on a fixed income. The definition of “affordable” housing is broad and does not take into account what is truly affordable for those who are low-income, very low-income or extremely low-income. The need for efficient multimodal transit is critical and must include paratransit, wide and well maintained sidewalks with clear path of travel, accessible street signage and pedestrian crossing signals and timely road repair. Participants also said that there is a need for public charging stations for electric wheelchairs.

# Community Resources for Independent Living

Description: Peer-based disability resource agency providing resources for persons with disabilities.

Date/ Location: February 12 and 26, 2019 in Hayward (in Spanish)

Attendees: 11



## Strategy Feedback:



### Affordable

#### Most Popular

1. Streamline accessory dwelling units
2. Provide 50% fare discount for low-income transit riders
3. Allow diverse housing around all major transit stops

#### Least Popular

Establish urban reserves for housing development



### Connected

#### Most Popular

1. Provide commuters with incentives to carpool
2. Tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> - Develop a single platform to access all mobility options
3. Complete regional bike networks
4. Increase freeway capacity and build new express lanes
5. Extend the regional rail network
6. Modernize the existing rail network

#### Least Popular

Apply 10-cent per-mile peak period pricing on freeways



### Diverse

#### Most Popular

1. support for low-income community college students
2. Develop a housing lottery preference program
3. Mandate private mobility businesses accommodate the elderly and the disabled

#### Least Popular

Invest in free “last mile” service



### Healthy

#### Most Popular

1. Expand/Pool Revolving Green Loan Funds for Existing Building Upgrades
2. Adapt the most vulnerable areas to sea level rise
3. Create a regional disaster recovery fund

#### Least Popular

Pass a statewide carbon tax on food and goods



### Vibrant

#### Most Popular

1. Create small business incubator programs in economically-challenged communities
2. Provide portable benefits for part-time and freelance workers
3. Preserve agricultural lands and jobs

#### Least Popular

Develop state-level wage insurance for workers displaced by automation

## Comments:

When asked what makes it difficult to live in the Bay Area, participants listed the lack of affordable housing, the need for accessible housing, and the increasing commute times and expense because people cannot afford to live close to their jobs. Other obstacles include the lack of connection within Latinx communities to share information and resources regarding community services and affordable housing; the need for greater transit discounts for seniors and persons with disabilities; and language accessibility regarding the voting process.

# Green Hive Spaces

Description: A co-working space in downtown Vallejo.

Date/ Location: February 8, 2019 in Vallejo

Attendees: 14



## Strategy Feedback:



**Affordable**

### Most Popular

1. Streamline accessory dwelling units
2. Repurpose public land to build housing
3. Allow diverse housing around all major transit stops

### Least Popular

Raise taxes to spur affordable housing production & preservation



**Connected**

### Most Popular

1. Develop a single platform to access all mobility options
2. Extend the regional rail network
3. Increase freeway capacity and build new express lanes

### Least Popular

Apply 10-cent per-mile peak period pricing on freeways



**Diverse**

### Most Popular

1. Expand support for low-income community college students
2. Allow affordable housing in areas of opportunity
3. Subsidize small businesses impacted by transit projects

### Least Popular

Increase renter protection



**Healthy**

### Most Popular

1. Finish transportation seismic retrofit programs and adapt Highway 37 to sea level rise
2. Expand/Pool Revolving Green Loan Funds for Existing Building Upgrades
3. Pass a regional measure for parks, trails, and greenways

### Least Popular

Implement parking fees



**Vibrant**

### Most Popular

1. Expand construction workforce programs
2. Create small business incubator programs in economically-challenged communities
3. Preserve agricultural land and jobs

### Least Popular

Preserve agricultural land and jobs

## Comments:

When asked what makes it difficult to live in the Bay Area, the first response highlighted the limited transportation in the area. Participants asked why BART and/or trains were not added to any of the three bridges when they were repaired. They also noted that Vallejo residents resent that their tolls were increased but they do not see any improvements on their roads. Residents who make minimum wage are being forced to pay the higher tolls because there are no jobs in the area. Participants spoke about the high cost of housing and noted that a lot of people are not making enough money to pay rent, forcing them to leave the Bay Area. Lastly, although the Bay Area is diverse, the differences in education and access to food makes it difficult to rise out of poverty and makes the Bay Area a harder place to live.

# Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment

**Description:** A grant-making public charity with youth leadership and environmental justice programs.

**Date/ Location:** February 5, 2019 in Oakland

**Attendees:** 10



## Strategy Feedback:



### Affordable

#### Most Popular

1. Provide 50% fare discount for low-income transit riders
2. Raise taxes to spur affordable housing production & preservation
3. Institute a universal basic income for low-income households

#### Least Popular

1. Establish urban reserves for housing development



### Connected

#### Most Popular

1. Build and operate a next generation bus network
2. Develop a single platform to access all mobility options
3. Tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> - Extend the regional rail network
4. Modernize the existing rail network

#### Least Popular

1. Apply 10-cent per-mile peak period pricing on freeways



### Diverse

#### Most Popular

1. Increase renter protections
2. Expand support for low-income community college students
3. Require 20% of all new housing to be affordable

#### Least Popular

1. Develop a housing lottery preference program



### Healthy

#### Most Popular

1. Finish transportation seismic retrofit programs and adapt Highway 37 to sea level rise
2. Adapt the most vulnerable areas to sea level rise
3. Tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> - Create a regional disaster recovery fund
4. Expand/Pool Revolving Green Loan Funds for Existing Building Upgrades

#### Least Popular

1. Implement parking fees



### Vibrant

#### Most Popular

1. Create small business incubator programs in economically-challenged communities
2. Preserve agricultural lands and jobs
3. Develop state-level wage insurance for workers displaced by automation

#### Least Popular

1. Provide portable benefits for part-time and freelance workers

## Comments:

When asked what makes it difficult to live in the Bay Area, most responded that the expensive housing, high rents and lack of affordable housing are the greatest challenges. The lack of an extensive and reliable regional transportation system makes it harder to live farther from work to avoid the exorbitant rents charged in neighborhoods closer to jobs. It was also noted that the air quality makes it harder to live in certain neighborhoods, and that climate change is real and already affecting Oakland residents. Students were dismayed that many of the proposed strategies for addressing environmental challenges were likely to hurt – rather than help – low-income Bay Area residents and/or low income Californians overall. Students asked that new policies encourage development that incorporates environmentally beneficial amenities along with substantial percentages of affordable housing, including housing for low-income and extremely low-income residents.

# Sacred Heart Community Service

**Description:** Non-profit that provides services and self-sufficiency programs for individuals and families in need.

**Date/ Location:** February 22, 2019 in San Jose

**Attendees:** 49



## Strategy Feedback:



### Affordable

#### Most Popular

1. Allow diverse housing around all major transit stops
2. Institute a universal basic income for low-income households
3. Provide 50% fare discount for low-income transit riders

#### Least Popular

1. Establish urban reserves for housing development



### Connected

#### Most Popular

1. Extend the regional rail network
2. Modernize the existing rail network
3. Build and operate a next-generation bus network

#### Least Popular

1. Apply 10-cent per-mile peak period pricing on freeways



### Diverse

#### Most Popular

1. Increase renter protections
2. Require 20% of all new housing to be affordable
3. Allow affordable housing in areas of opportunity

#### Least Popular

1. Develop a housing lottery preference program



### Healthy

#### Most Popular

1. Pass a regional measure for parks, trails, and greenways
2. Create a regional disaster recovery fund
3. Adapt the most vulnerable areas to sea level rise

#### Least Popular

1. Implement parking fees



### Vibrant

#### Most Popular

1. Create small business programs in economically-challenged communities
2. Develop state-level wage insurance for workers displaced by automation
3. Provide portable benefits for part-time and freelance workers

#### Least Popular

1. Create Priority Production Areas to protect industrial lands

## Comments:

When asked what makes it difficult to live in the Bay Area, participants responded that it is the high cost of housing and transportation. Transportation is difficult for non-car owners, given the undependable bus system. The city infrastructure is not built for the current level of development, leading to increased congestion. Jobs are not plentiful for non-engineers. Other comments included:

- Housing is a right and should not be subject to a lottery;
- Attendees criticized the proposal to apply 10-cent per-mile peak period pricing on freeways and a statewide carbon tax on food and goods as they will penalize low-income workers; and
- Participants suggested increasing the requirement of 20% of all new housing to be affordable.

# Sound of Hope Chinese Public Radio Network

Description: Non-profit radio network providing news and music to expatriate Chinese in the Bay Area.

Date/ Location: February 16, 2019 in San Francisco

Attendees: 18



## Strategy Feedback:



**Affordable**

### Most Popular

1. Allow diverse housing around all major transit stops
2. Repurpose public land to build housing
3. Transform aging malls and office parks into neighborhoods

### Least Popular

Raise taxes to spur affordable housing production & preservation



**Connected**

### Most Popular

1. Provide commuters with incentives to carpool
2. Develop a single platform to access all mobility options
3. Tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> - Build a new transbay highway crossing
4. Modernize the existing rail network

### Least Popular

Apply 10-cent per-mile peak period pricing on freeways



**Diverse**

### Most Popular

1. Tie for 1<sup>st</sup> - Expand support for low-income community college students
2. Mandate private mobility businesses accommodate the elderly and the disabled
3. Tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> - Invest in free "last mile" service
4. Allow affordable housing in areas of opportunity

### Least Popular

Increase renter protections



**Healthy**

### Most Popular

1. Expand/Pool Revolving Green Loan Funds for Existing Building Upgrades
2. Pass a statewide carbon tax on food and goods
3. Tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> - Implement parking fees
4. Adapt all remaining areas to sea level rise

### Least Popular

Establish vehicle trip reduction requirements for new development



**Vibrant**

### Most Popular

1. Preserve agricultural lands and jobs
2. Expand construction workforce programs
3. Tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> - Create Priority Production Areas to protect industrial lands
4. Create small business incubator programs in economically-challenged communities
5. Develop state-level wage insurance for workers displaced by automation (5 votes in support)

### Least Popular

Use incentives and disincentives to locate new jobs in housing-rich locations

## Comments:

When asked what makes it difficult to live in the Bay Area, participants first spoke about the filth and trash in San Francisco and the homeless population throughout the city. They also expressed the need to greatly increase the availability of affordable housing to reduce wait times for units. Another concern is neighborhood safety with elderly residents feeling targeted by criminals.

# West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project






**Description:** A resident-led, community-based environmental justice organization.

**Date/ Location:** February 15, 2019 in West Oakland

**Attendees:** 15



## Strategy Feedback:

 <b>Affordable</b>	 <b>Connected</b>	 <b>Diverse</b>	 <b>Healthy</b>	 <b>Vibrant</b>
<b>Most Popular</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide 50% fare discount for low-income transit riders</li> <li>2. Tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> - Repurpose public land to build housing</li> <li>3. Transform aging malls and office parks into neighborhoods</li> </ol>	<b>Most Popular</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Modernize the existing rail network</li> <li>2. Extend the regional rail network</li> <li>3. Build and operate a next-generation bus network</li> </ol>	<b>Most Popular</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allow affordable housing in areas of opportunity</li> <li>2. Require 20% of all new housing to be affordable</li> <li>3. Increase renter protections</li> <li>4. Expand the income tax credit for renters</li> </ol>	<b>Most Popular</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expand/Pool Revolving Green Loan Funds for Existing Building Upgrades</li> <li>2. Pass a regional measure for parks, trails, and greenways</li> <li>3. Create a regional disaster recovery fund</li> </ol>	<b>Most Popular</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide portable benefits for part-time and freelance workers</li> <li>2. Create small business incubator programs in economically-challenged communities</li> <li>3. Tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> - Expand construction workforce programs</li> <li>4. Develop state-level wage insurance for workers displaced by automation</li> </ol>
<b>Least Popular</b> (Tie) Raise taxes to spur affordable housing production & preservation; and Establish urban reserves for housing development	<b>Least Popular</b> Apply 10-cent per-mile peak period pricing on freeways	<b>Least Popular</b> (Tie) Develop a housing lottery preference program; and Invest in free "last mile" service	<b>Least Popular</b> Implement parking fees	<b>Least Popular</b> <i>No strategy received more than two votes in opposition</i>

## Comments:

When asked what makes it difficult to live in the Bay Area, the cost of housing was cited as the number one concern. Participants stated that local government has allowed corporations and investors to come into West Oakland and displace the most vulnerable residents, noting that West Oakland was a redlined community until San Franciscans began moving in. Other difficulties include job insecurity with a gig economy job market and barriers to high-paying jobs, preventing residents from getting jobs that would allow them to afford to stay in the area.

Oakland's streets are in terrible condition and for people with disabilities; parking is increasingly rare and public transit is difficult. Policymakers need to recognize that everyone cannot ride a bicycle or scooter and that some residents need cars or other viable options. Transportation decisions have adversely impacted the area (e.g., placing a BART station at 7th Street and a freeway through West Oakland, forcing the neighborhood to suffer at the convenience of commuters). Any strategies to improve life in the area must address what West Oakland has lost and the critical need for economic and environmental justice.

# West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project

**Description:** A resident-led, community-based environmental justice organization.

**Date/ Location:** February 24, 2019 in Masjid Al Salam community hall in West Oakland (in Arabic)

**Attendees:** 34



## Strategy Feedback:



**Affordable**

### Most Popular

1. Repurpose public land to build housing
2. Reuse excess parking for housing
3. Establish urban reserves for housing development

### Least Popular

Raise taxes to spur affordable housing production & preservation



**Connected**

### Most Popular

1. Develop a single platform to access all mobility options
2. Increase freeway capacity and build new express lanes
3. Build and operate a next-generation bus network

### Least Popular

Apply 10-cent per-mile peak period pricing on freeways



**Diverse**

### Most Popular

1. Expand support for low-income community college students
2. Require 20% of all new housing to be affordable
3. Subsidize small business impacted by transit projects

### Least Popular

Invest in free “last mile” service



**Healthy**

### Most Popular

1. Expand/Pool Revolving Green Loan Funds for Existing Building Upgrades
2. Finish transportation seismic retrofit programs and adapt Highway 37 to sea level rise
3. Pass a regional measure for parks, trails, and greenways

### Least Popular

Pass a statewide carbon tax on food and goods



**Vibrant**

### Most Popular

1. Expand construction workforce programs
2. Create small business incubator programs in economically-challenged communities
3. Tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> - Provide portable benefits for part-time and freelance workers
4. Develop state-level wage insurance for workers displaced by automation

### Least Popular

Use incentives and disincentives to locate new jobs in housing-rich locations

## Comments:

When asked what makes it difficult to live in the Bay Area, participants stated that the high cost of living is the greatest challenge. Other challenges include the increasing amount of homelessness in Oakland, the lack of safety on public transit, the limited hours of BART service, the demise of small businesses facing competition from large corporations (e.g., Amazon) and the poor air quality in West Oakland.

# Y-PLAN Regional Engagement

Description: Nine school sites, one in each of the Bay Area counties

Date/ Location: October-April 2019

Attendees: More than 350 elementary, middle, and high school students



## Comments:

*Considering the impacts to and from transportation, land use and housing, economic development, and resilience, how can Bay Area schools and communities thrive in the year 2050?*

### Alameda

McClymonds High School, Oakland  
10-12<sup>th</sup> grade, Technology

### Contra Costa

Kennedy High School, Richmond  
12<sup>th</sup> grade, Information Technology

### Marin

Laurel Dell Elementary School, San Rafael  
5<sup>th</sup> grade

### Napa

American Canyon High School, American Canyon  
9-12<sup>th</sup> grade, Leadership

### San Francisco

Balboa High School, San Francisco  
12<sup>th</sup> grade, Environmental Science

### Solano

Benicia Middle School, Benicia  
7-8<sup>th</sup> grade, Service Learning

### Sonoma

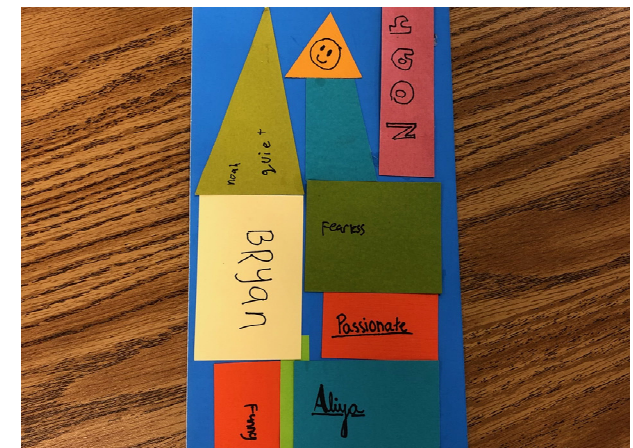
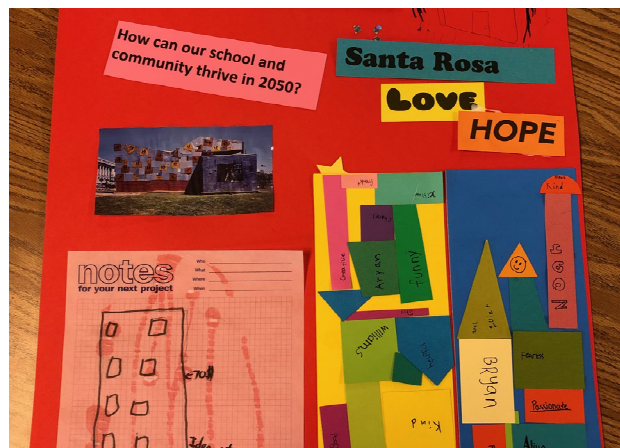
Cesar Chavez Language Academy  
4<sup>th</sup> grade, English and Science

### Santa Clara

Escuela Popular, San Jose  
8<sup>th</sup> grade, English

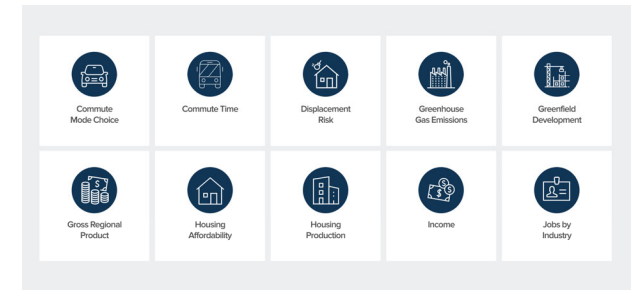
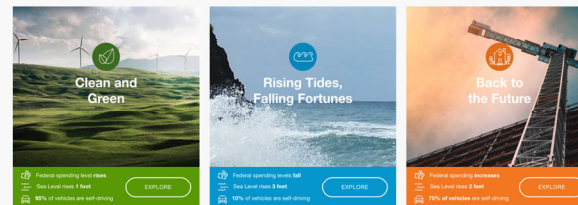
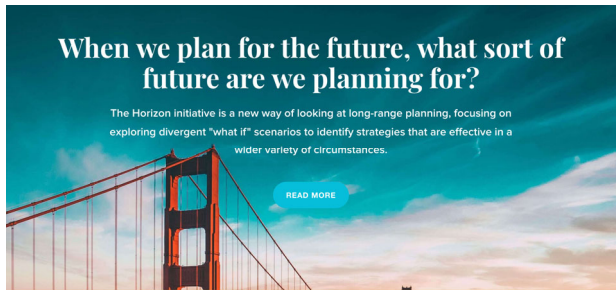
### San Mateo

East Palo Alto Phoenix Academy,  
East Palo Alto  
12<sup>th</sup> grade, AP Environmental Science

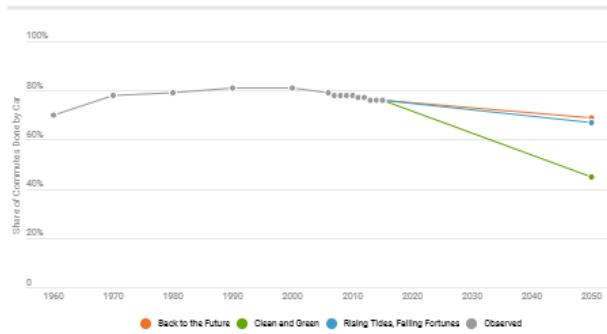


# Vital Signs-Horizon Tool

vitalsigns.mtc.ca.gov/horizon



Auto Commute Mode Share



Which strategies would you recommend to reduce the rate of car commuting in Back to the Future and Rising Tides, Falling Fortunes?

- ☐ Extend the regional rail network: Connect more neighborhoods and communities directly to the region's main rail systems.
- ☐ Apply 10-cent per-mile peak period pricing on freeways: Toll all highways during the morning and evening peak periods at a rate of 10 cents per mile.
- ☐ Build and operate a next-generation bus network: Invest in the development of a more expansive bus rapid transit network, including dedicated lanes and enhanced stations.
- ☐ Modernize the existing rail network: Expanding upon capacity investments currently being made to BART, increase capacity and frequency on Caltrain, VTA, and Muni Metro.

## • Content

- Homepage: introduction to Horizon and the concept of scenario planning
- Future pages: learn more about the external forces that shape the futures and the associated opportunities and challenges
- Indicator pages: explore how current conditions compare to forecasted conditions in the three futures for ten indicators published on Vital Signs; vote on strategies to improve performance for each indicator

## • Engagement to Date (as of March 21, 2019)

- Published on March 8, 2019
- Unique page views: 400
- Survey responses: 136

## • Summary of results to be shared after data collection concludes on April 19, 2019