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Planning for Tomorrow's Transportation



Outreach Summary

Action Plan and Countywide Transportation Plan Updates March - May 2022



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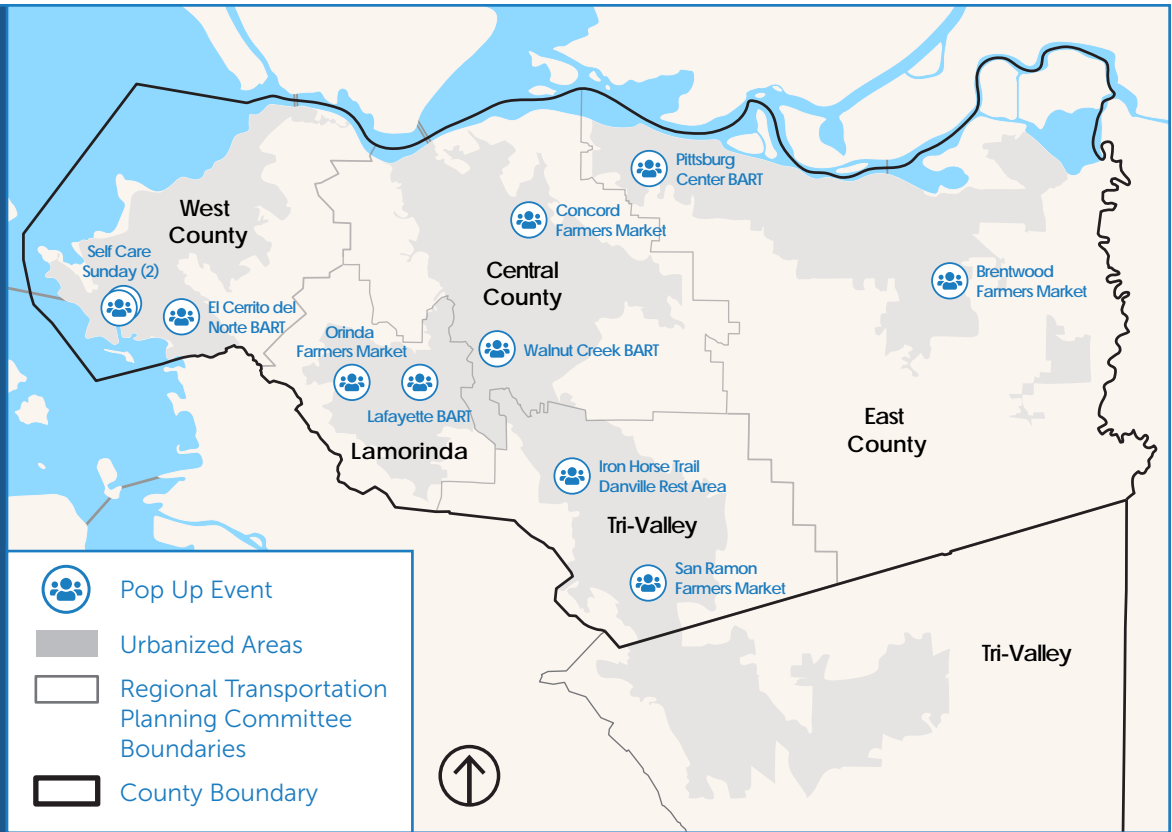


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Introduction

This document outlines the first round of public outreach conducted by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) and its consultants between March and April 2022 for the Action Plan and Countywide Transportation Plan Updates. Outreach was conducted to the general Contra Costa Community and the Alameda County portion of the Tri Valley area. Feedback was collected both in-person and virtually to provide for a variety of feedback channels:

- **11 In-Person Pop Up Events**
- **5 Virtual Workshops**
- **Online Community Forum Survey**
- **421 Project Flyers Distributed!**



Each CCTA subregion had two in-person pop up events and one virtual workshop, except for the West County subregion where a repeated pop up was conducted due to a last-minute rain cancellation. The online community forum survey was available countywide for all residents.



TRI-VALLEY AREA: San Ramon Farmers Market

Saturday, March 5th 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
6000 Bollinger Canyon Road
San Ramon

In-person pop up events included interactive poster boards, surveys, and project flyers while the virtual workshops included a PowerPoint presentation and group discussion. Regardless of the event, participants were asked the same set of questions (*though additional feedback was welcomed and encouraged*):

- **What do you think transportation should look like in the future?**
- **What can we do to help you with your transportation needs?**
- **What is your bright idea for improving transportation in the County?**

A total of 704 comments were collected through this outreach effort. 151 of these comments were made on the online community forum survey, the remaining 553 comments were collected during the pop-up and workshop events.



151
People
Commented
Online

553 People
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In Person

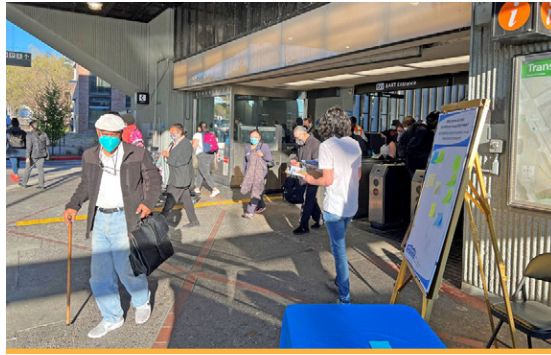




Demographic Breakdown



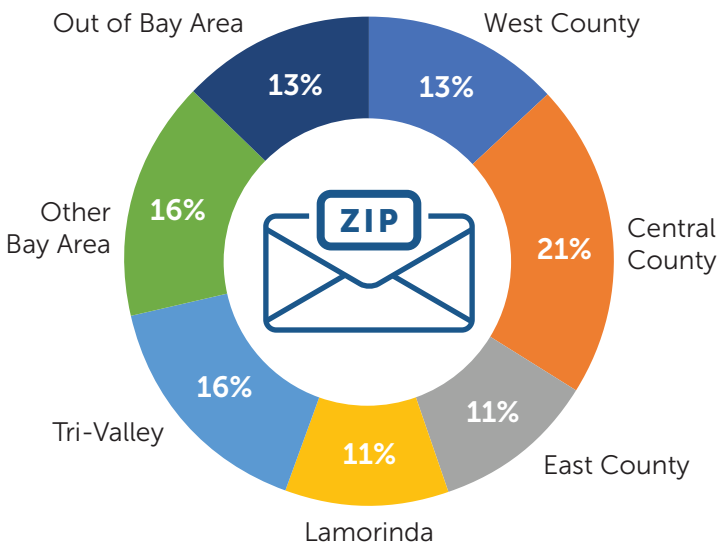
The project team collected optional demographic information on the written surveys at the pop-up events, during registration for the virtual workshops, and on the online community forum survey. Note that not all respondents chose to share demographic information. Percentages shown on this page indicate the percentage of responses in each category, not demographics of all respondents.



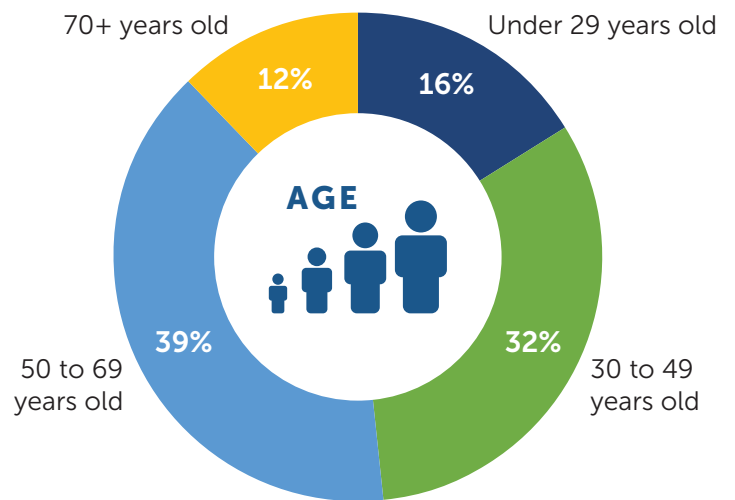
WEST COUNTY: El Cerrito del Norte BART

Tuesday, March 22nd
2022 from 4:00 pm
to 6:00 pm
6400 Cutting Blvd,
El Cerrito

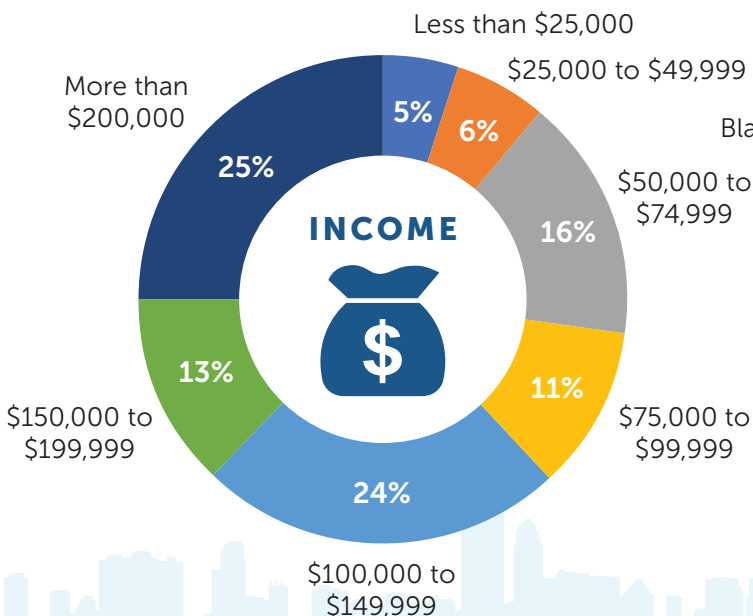
Zip Code - 38 Responses



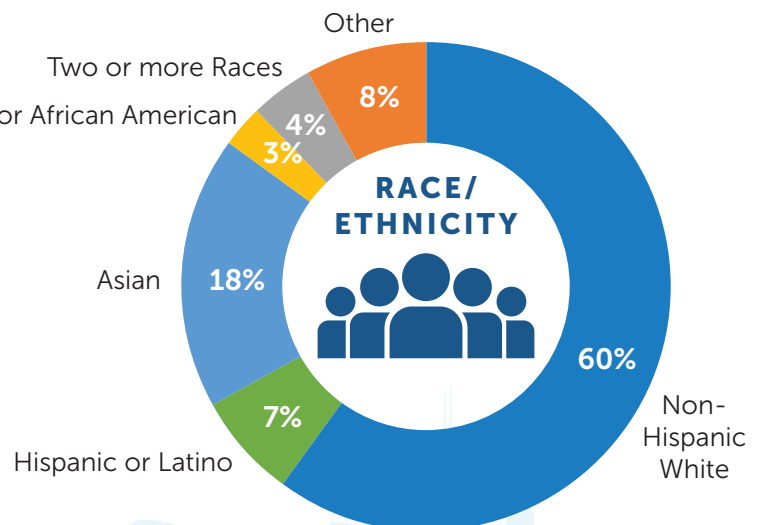
Age - 74 Responses



Household Income - 63 Responses



Race/ Ethnicity - 73 Responses



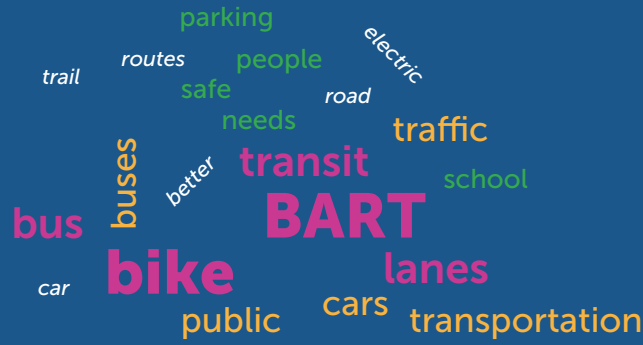
* 0% American Indian or Alaska Native
** 0% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander



General Comments



Of the 704 total comments, 470 of them were general comments about countywide transportation and not focused on improvements in a specific subregion. The most commented words include:



This list of comments includes frequently mentioned topics and ideas but is not an exhaustive list of general comments. Comments are not listed in order of priority.

- Increase walkability and explore pedestrian-only areas
- Increase bikeability, number of bike lanes, and their convenience and safety
- Ensure bicyclists and pedestrians feel safe
- Conduct safety presentations for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers
- Bike and scooter share
- Improve last mile connections to public transit
- Bus express lanes or bus-only lanes on freeways and arterials
- Public transit improvements to frequency, hours of service, reliability, and cleanliness
- Ensure public transportation is accessible for all socioeconomic groups
- Improve paratransit and other accessible transportation options and solutions
- Safety improvements on BART and buses
- Improved parking options at major transit stations
- Plan for regional connections throughout the county and beyond
- Electrify the transportation system (public and private) and improve infrastructure
- Explore autonomous vehicles
- Decrease number of potholes on freeways and major roadways
- Decrease traffic congestion
- Improve the timing of traffic lights



EAST COUNTY: Brentwood Farmers Market

Saturday, March 26th 2022
from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Oak Street and 1st Street,
Brentwood



CENTRAL COUNTY: Concord Farmers Market

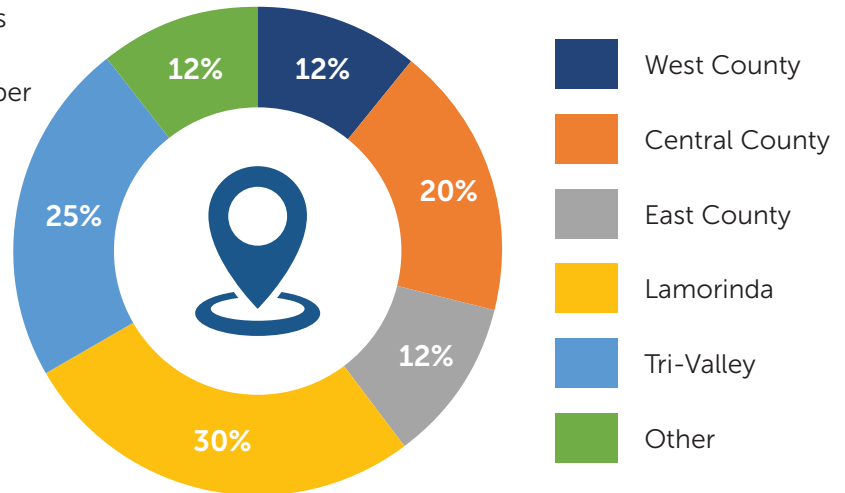
Tuesday, March 8th 2022
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Todos Santos Plaza at 2175
Willow Pass Road,
Concord



Specific Comments

The graph to the right indicates the percent of comments that were collected by subregion, with some subregions more eager to comment than others. Note that the number of comments by subregion does not reflect the number of people engaged with, but rather the number of comments since many participants chose to provide more than one comment.

Of the 704 comments collected, 234 of them were comments made to indicate transportation improvements in a specific subregion. The most frequently mentioned topics and ideas are listed in the following pages. Note that this list is not exhaustive and are not listed in order of priority.



West County

Incorporated Jurisdictions:

Hercules, Pinole, San Pablo, Richmond, El Cerrito

Feedback regarding West County focused on safe and adequate roadways, transit improvements, bike and pedestrian improvements and safety of all modes. There was little mention of technology, climate change, and equity.

- Desire for well-maintained, continuous, protected/safe/calm bike facilities that cross cities, especially connecting to waterfront destinations and regional routes, with safe and easy freeway crossings
- Need for traffic calming techniques
- Improve transit access for those with mobility needs
- Give bus priority on arterial routes between Alameda County and Contra Costa County
- Provide timed/coordinated service between BART, Amtrak, and various bus agencies to serve long-distance and regional travel
- Ensure public transportation is safe, comfortable, and efficient
- Increase frequency of BART
- Improve streetlight issues throughout Richmond, replace traffic lights, fix potholes and paving issue areas
- Many comments mentioning improvements to specific roadways, including: San Pablo Ave, Cutting Blvd, Central Ave, Canal Blvd, and 15th Street

Central County

Incorporated Jurisdictions:

Martinez, Concord, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, Clayton

Feedback regarding Central County focused on transit improvements, bike and pedestrian sidewalk and intercity access, need for traffic calming, and equity in the transportation system. Few comments are made regarding climate change and technology.

- Address active and public transportation barriers for those with mobility needs, including ADA accessible bike and pedestrian facilities, taxi service with wheelchair access, and extended service hours
- Increase traffic calming techniques along busy roadways
- Desire for safe bike and pedestrian connections across the subregion, particularly when crossing roadways and train tracks
- Provide continuous sidewalks and bike lanes and install lighting for safe travel in the dark
- Provide protected bike lanes to schools
- Improve traffic light cycles and remove unprotected left turns
- Reduce neighborhood cut-through traffic
- Connect trail networks to transit hubs
- Encourage public transit ridership again

East County

Incorporated Jurisdictions:

Pittsburg, Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley

Feedback regarding East County focused on improvements to and extension of the BART system.

- More frequent BART service and extension to Brentwood
- Increased BART connections and access, including parking, carpooling, or commuter buses from outlying communities
- Deploy High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) commuter buses to job centers and BART stations
- Increase off-street bikeways and connections to BART and railroads
- Increase first and last mile connections from residential areas to public transportation
- Increase lighting and shade on trails
- Ensure adequate ADA accessibility on all modes
- Reduce frequency of automobile speeding

Tri-Valley

Incorporated Jurisdictions:

Danville, San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore

Feedback regarding the Tri Valley area focused on I-580/I-680 corridor connections, bike and pedestrian improvements, general equity, and general safety concerns. Climate change was not a specific concern mentioned.

- Increase traffic calming techniques, especially near schools
- Improve crossings of bike and pedestrian facilities with roadways
- Deploy bike and scooter share programs
- Improve bike and pedestrian facilities, especially with better lighting and restroom facilities
- Increase bus service to schools and other major facilities
- Expand BART service through the Tri Valley area
- Examine the success of HOV and toll lanes on I-680

Lamorinda

Incorporated Jurisdictions:

Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda

Feedback regarding the Lamorinda area included safe routes to schools, BART access, transportation electrification, and roadway speeding. Little mention of equity concerns or climate change were given.

- Increase traffic calming solutions around schools and improve general Safe Routes to Schools techniques
- Increase controlled crossings of major roads
- Explore first and last mile connections to BART
- Improve bike and pedestrian facilities with traffic lights and bike activation of traffic signals
- Expand County Connection service to middle and high school students
- Explore small bus options
- Explore feasibility of autonomous vehicles
- Reduce frequency of automobile speeding



LAMORINDA: Orinda Farmers Market

Saturday, March 12th 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Orinda Village at 14 Orinda Way, Orinda



TRI-VALLEY: Iron Horse Trail Danville Rest Area

Sunday, March 6th
2022 from 9:00 am to
12:00 pm