

Analysis of Meeting Exercises

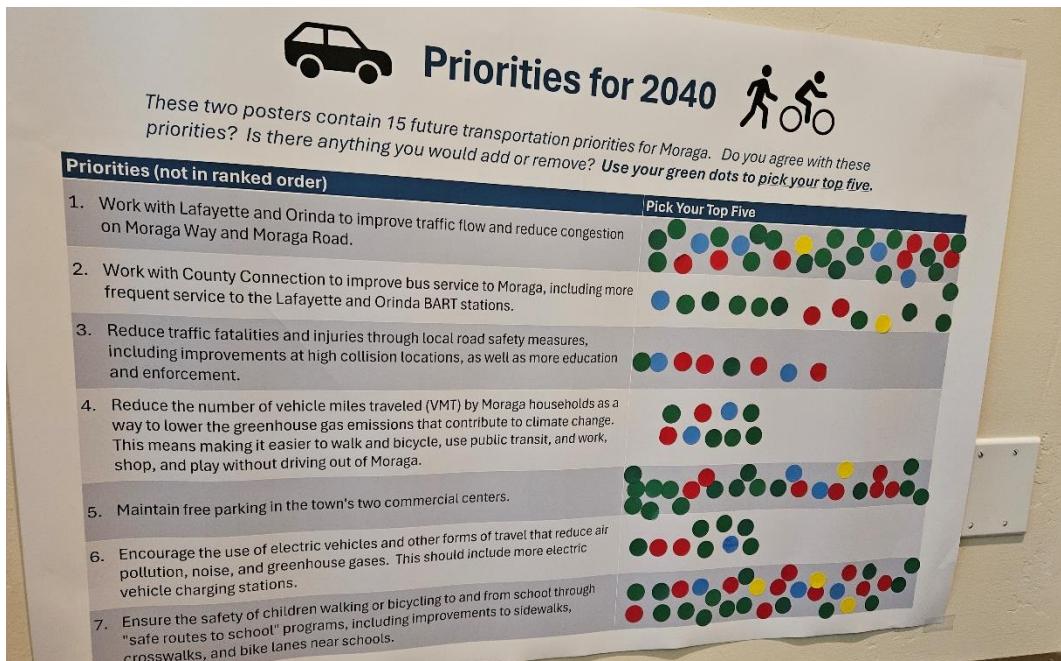
This section of the report describes the outcomes of the various exercises conducted at the meeting. It is organized by “station,” with an additional section on the comment cards, Mad Libs “ice-breaker” activity, and on-line surveys at the end.

The appendices to this report provide detailed transcripts from each station, including comments from post it notes and the “scores” from the dot exercises and Visual Preference Survey.

Transportation

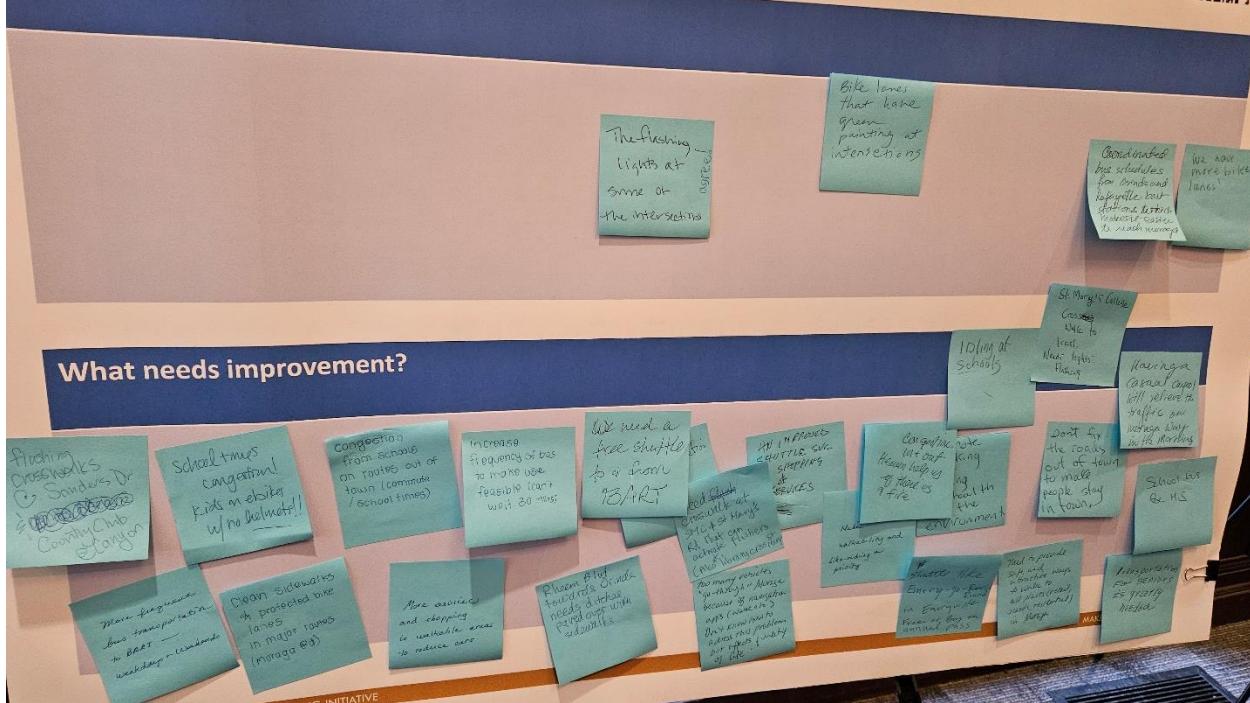
What's Working Well? What's Not Working?

Overall, participants had more feedback on what was not working than what was working. Many of the comments on what was not working related to limited access to BART, lack of pedestrian safety features, poor walkability, school-related congestion and idling, and congestion in general. Suggestions included school buses for the high school, more transportation options for seniors, a BART shuttle, and greater pedestrian improvements such as push-button “HAWK” (High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk) beacons. Other suggestions included more frequent transit, sidewalks and storm drains along Rheem Boulevard, and more bike lanes. Participants were supportive of new bike lanes, coordinated bus schedules, and recent pedestrian safety improvements.



Transportation prioritization exercise

What's working well?



Participants weigh in on transportation needs

Priorities

Approximately 40 people participated in the prioritization exercise (202 dots were placed on the posters). The highest ranked priority was ensuring the safety of children walking or bicycling to school, including improvements to sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes. More than three-quarters of those participating in the exercise listed this as a “top 5” priority (31 votes). Close behind with 30 votes was working with Lafayette and Orinda to improve traffic flow on Moraga Way and Moraga Road. The third highest ranked priority (26 votes) was maintaining free parking in the commercial districts. Rounding out the top five was shuttle service or a “circulator” connecting Saint Mary’s College, Rheem Center, Moraga Center, and BART (19 votes); and road/pavement maintenance (17 votes).

The priorities receiving the fewest votes were updating traffic infrastructure to address driverless vehicles and new technology (zero votes), ensuring that new development pays its way for traffic improvements (3 votes), and traffic calming (6 votes). The low scores for these improvements do not mean they were not supported by participants—they simply were not named “top” priorities. There was a prevailing emphasis on safety and convenience in most of the responses.

Table 1 summarizes the outcome of the dot exercise, including the 15 priorities that were ranked.

Table 1: Transportation Priority Dot Voting Results

Summary: Participants were given this list of 15 potential priorities and asked to pick their top five. The table shows those selected, in descending order.

Rank	Priority	Votes
1	Ensure the safety of children walking or bicycling to and from school through "safe routes to school" programs, including improvements to sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes near schools.	31
2	Work with Lafayette and Orinda to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion on Moraga Way and Moraga Road.	30
3	Maintain free parking in the town's two commercial centers.	26
4	Consider the use of shuttles to connect Saint Mary's College to the town's commercial centers, and to connect the Moraga and Rheem Centers to BART.	19
5	Maintain roads and pavement in excellent condition. Pursue additional funding sources to ensure road maintenance.	17
6	Improve connections between Moraga's two commercial centers and nearby neighborhoods, making it easier to get to these areas without driving.	15
7	Work with County Connection to improve bus service to Moraga, including more frequent service to the Lafayette and Orinda BART stations.	13
8	Reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by Moraga households as a way to lower the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. This means making it easier to walk and bicycle, use public transit, and work, shop, and play without driving out of Moraga.	9
9	Encourage the use of electric vehicles and other forms of travel that reduce air pollution, noise, and greenhouse gases. This should include more electric vehicle charging stations.	9
10	Reduce traffic fatalities and injuries through local road safety measures, including improvements at high collision locations, as well as more education and enforcement.	8
11	Create an interconnected network of bike routes in Moraga, including better connections to Lafayette and Orinda.	8
12	Support County transportation services such as "dial-a-ride" for seniors, disabled persons, and others needing assistance in getting around.	8
13	Take steps to reduce speeding, including traffic "calming" measures such as speed humps, stop signs, special pavement, signage, digital speed indicators, and narrower streets.	6
14	Ensure that new development "pays its way" and addresses its impacts on roads and traffic.	3
15	Modernize Moraga's transportation system over time to address new technologies such as driverless vehicles.	0