

From “Controversy to Solutions” Series
Breaking the Gridlock:
Moving People to New Mobility Choices
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Public Comments

1. Need linkage fees for transportation for new growth.
2. Need incentives based on costs of linkage.
3. One problem is burdening new arrivals and location choices.
4. COMPACT is a group that meets on transportation issues.
5. When is the City going to install sidewalks in communities like Paradise Hills?
6. Which communities benefit by bicycles?
7. Lobby to divert gas tax except for freeways.
8. Smart exit lanes on freeway
 - Better left turn lanes
 - Better timing of lights
 - Problem of exit only lanes
 - Rail transit – need more of it
9. CALTRANS and other agencies are looking at these operational improvements.
10. Safety of pedestrians – Traffic enforcement team fees would pay for transportation and mobility needed. Free police officers from writing these tickets.
11. Higher power items (e.g., bicycles) take over lower power items (e.g., people).
12. There is a new challenge of new items like Segways. They should not be on sidewalks. Convert streets back to two-way with bicycle lanes.
13. Need respect on the roads – for pedestrian safety.
14. TransNet reauthorization: What should be included? Originally it was highway, transit, street and road- each get 1/3. SANDAG is currently taking comments on that.
15. Transit is not frequent enough. It’s not operated efficiently. First 10 years of TransNet money was spent on operations. Need to do surveys. Services need to be more upscale. They are mostly low end currently. Need dialogue on needs balanced with cost.

16. The automobile is so expensive. It does not pay its own way. Gas is subsidized. Why haven't we learned from Japan? In Japan it costs \$3,000 for a drivers license! They don't allow teenagers to drive. Buses and trolleys come frequently. Need to implement some of the same strategies here to change the mindset about transit. Need friendly bus drivers. Need linear corridors with easy access.
17. Automobile drivers pay for our subsidies. Transit riders don't find their own subsidies.
18. City is built around the car. People can't walk anywhere. Can't use bicycles. We do not have high enough density. One car per licensed driver does not make sense.
19. Consider Skytran, a system of small electric cars and telephone lines that converged into a single system. See www.skytran.net
20. Can't keep spending on everything. \$ 10 Million spent on walkability. SMART Growth: Are we doing it to be more livable or to advertise to bring more people? We cannot sustain an infinite number of people.
21. We need a foundation of walkability. There is no major emphasis on pedestrian facilities. We are not creating pedestrian friendly streets.
22. The City of Villages strives to create pedestrian friendly communities.
 - We need to change mindsets.
 - We need to create communities and to offer multiple solutions and options.
 - The Japanese accept less space.
 - San Diego now has options – just need more affordable housing options.
23. Look at other cities that are pedestrian friendly. We need a plan. We do not have one in San Diego.
24. Is there an end to urban sprawl? Are we going to run out of land?
 - We have less than 10% of available land left.
 - Many older communities have inadequate public facilities.
 - It is a challenge to find available land.
25. People want individual transportation but have to take risks to find it. If we double density and triple transportation needs, the number of automobiles will increase.
26. Density- We should get that choice. We need balance. Many people are choosing density.
27. If you increase density, you do get more cars. We need smarter ways to manage the issue.

28. The future won't look like we imagine it now.
We need to think outside of the box. This will be uncomfortable but we will be fine.
29. We need to spend money differently in the future. We need to invest in moving the most people possible. We need more education and to hear from the public like we are tonight. We need to hear what changes you (the public) would like to see.
30. Communities need to make choices that work for them.
31. There is an illusion of knowledge. Much more has to be done in organizing city living
– Polished choice to remain engaged.
32. We need more class one bike paths.