

# Connect SoCal 2024 Outreach: Workshop Summary

Orange County (by location + board)

Buena Park Community Center Ballroom

2 sessions; April 20 (12-3 p.m.; 4-6 p.m.)

Total Attendance: 14

Challenges	
What challenges do you face today? (written comments)	How might we make the future better? (written comments)
Housing affordability,	Better use of open empty lots in Santa Ana, especially Bristol could be parks and community centers.
Jobs-housing imbalance, poor housing conditions, affordability,	Free to ride transit.
lack of reliable transit options,	Strong rent protections, just cause for evicting, rent control.
long commute times,	More support for finding CBOs leading such efforts within vulnerable communities.
housing supply to solve affordability.	Free public transit.
Affordable housing,	E-bike regulations.
traffic,	E-bike safety.
open space.	Reform OC sales tax, MPAH and
Echo the housing affordability.	prioritize road types for Bike, walk, transit.
Santa Ana-Lack of recreational open space,	More bike and pedestrian safety funding and collaboration with CBOs.
Air and soil pollution, lead contamination.	Focus on multi-modal and transit equality.
Dangerous major arterial roads.	

Equity and Resilience		
How can we make the region more equitable? (written comments)	Do you have feedback on the above criteria or suggestions for other populations we should focus on? (written comments)	How can we make our region more resilient? (written comments)
make all transit modes free to ride; focus on food injustice; gardens; open space; healthier food options in low income communities	college students;	expand transportation definition to include emergency preparedness; covid;
	youth 18 or younger;	incorporate mobility justice principals into traffic safety;
	LGBTQIA+ Specifically Trans BIPOC;	more \$\$\$ for public health, EJ,
	EJ communities;	community resilience planning;
Center black and indigenous communities		evacuation and disaster planning organizing neighbor jobs to talk about resiliency and just transitioning (this is pretty low-carbon)
		Santa Ana air quality, poisoning unhoused neighbors, etc.
		working on city housing elements

Economy	
What Economic Challenges do you see in the future? (written comments)	How can we Ensure that Benefits of the Growing Economy are Accessible to all? (written comments)
Rising rents pushing people into poverty, homelessness.	By not withholding the benefits from those who cannot afford it.
Criminalizing prohibits uniform economies.	Multimodal options, better infrastructure for transit.
Housing.	Free education for adults. DACA Recipients//undocumented folks, seniors.
Jobs.	More assistance to worker owned cooperative economic models.
Housing costs.	Tax the rich.
Lack of access to media literacy.	Tougher environmental regulations.
Rise in housing costs.	Create pathways to unionize. Penalize union busting tactics.
Infrastructure projects displacing long time residents.	Fix schools.
Lack of affordable housing for all income levels.	Mix income housing developments.
	Some access to multimodal transit.

Community	
It's 2050. What do you Want your Community Look Like? (dot voting)	
Housing that is Affordable to people of all Income Levels	8 votes
More commercial Destinations	4 votes
More Parks and Open Space and Preservation of Farm Lands	5 votes
More public safety and health services	1 vote
Better Jobs Closer to Home	6 votes
Any other Solutions?	
Treat bicycle and pedestrian crashes as public health issues.	
Anti gentrification focus when looking at adding public transit near vulnerable neighborhoods.	
Separate public safety and health services.	
Community resource centers within my city, specific to various neighborhoods to learn about housing, food, health, recreation.	
Empower and decriminalize informal economics. Remove barriers to housing.	
More infill development.	
Transit oriented development. Mixed use.	
Strong renter protections,	
healthy habitable housing.	
I would like to see preservation of state parks and natural plant life to offer an escape from the city.	

Comment Card	
Public Comment Card Information	
N/A	N/A

Mobility	
It's 2050 How do you Want to Get Around in your Community? (dot voting)	
More access to transit options?	8 votes, 1 comment
More comfortable routes for walking, biking, rolling?	7 votes
More Destinations that can be reached by walking, biking or rolling?	1 vote
Reduced Travel Times Regardless of Mode?	2 votes
Improved Street Quality?	1 vote
Improved Street Safety?	7 votes, 1 Comment
More Incentives and Infrastructure for Zero Emission Vehicles?	1 vote
Additional comments placed on Mobility station board	
Limit VMT to Civic Commuters	
Regulate e-bikes	

Environment	
It's 2050. Have we Done Enough to Ensure the Region Remains Vibrant and Healthy? Which are most important to do in the next one to five years?	
To Reduce Region's Impact on Climate: (dot voting)	
Expand Incentives and Infrastructure for Clean Vehicles, such as Rebates and Chargers	2 votes
Expand Bikeshare, Carshare and Vanpool Programs	1 vote
Improve Pedestrian Infrastructure, Including Adding Trees and Vegetation Near Sidewalks	6 votes
Improve Bicycle Networks	3 votes
Increase Jobs and Housing Near Transit and Within Existing Communities	6 votes
Conserve Natural Lands, Parks, Open Spaces and Areas Where Wildlife Thrives	4 votes
Encourage Future Developments to be Built within Existing Urban and Suburban Areas	3 votes
To Reduce our Regional Risk from Climate Hazards - which are most important to tackle in the next one to five years? (dot voting)	
Ensure Preservation and Resilience of the Transportation System	4 votes and 1 comment:
Provide Shade Near Bus Stops and Rail Stations	1 vote and 1 comment:
Protect and Maintain Natural and Agricultural Lands	4 votes
Adapt to Sea Level Rise by Protecting Shoreline Communities	0 votes
Retrofit Existing Buildings to withstand climate hazards	2 votes
Reduce Urban Heat Island Effect by Enhancing the Urban Tree Canopy	1 vote
Avoid Growth in Areas at Risk of Wildfires, Sea Level Rise, Flooding, Landslides and Other Natural Disasters	6 votes and 1 comment:
Additional comments placed on Environment station board	
This was a bit unclear but definitely continuing to fund and update transportation systems that are affordable and accessible	
Would not preserve highways. Freeway 1 already incurring roadway capacity. Would preserve/improve bus services	
Premise of this undermines detailed mitigating plans that make land safe and affordable	

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Laguna Hills Recreation Center

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<i>Challenges</i>	
<i>What challenges do you face today? (written comments)</i>	<i>How might we make the future better? (written comments)</i>
Housing affordability, especially very low income housing.	Better transit solutions including micro-transit, shuttle system that is organized, specific to e-communities, car renting.
Congestion.	Best practice examples of infill development and strategies to planning in a way that meets regional goals.
Reconfiguring built-out communities in a way that can better meet regional goals.	Train access and availability through the state.
Homelessness.	I am concerned about global warming and access to good water. desalination plants are they planned in the near future?
Housing affordability for low income communities with good resilient units.	Balance development with protection of open space. Don't build in wildland-urban interface.
Clean air.	Housing affordability and zoning for low, very low, extremely low communities in local housing elements.
Clean Water.	Clean air with grants and collaboration with AQMD.
Clean soil.	Clean water with grants--collaboration with INRAC, MWDOC, Sanitation districts.
Climate action plan and clean energy.	Clean soil with grants and collaboration with city, state, county, federal electeds and agencies.
Loss of open space and habitats.	
Too much density.	
Ignoring zoning.	

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local efforts with communities to clean up air, water and soil lead;	job access and	working on city housing elements;
better and climate resilient housing for low-income communities;	how we can create carbon neutral jobs	working with community to clean up EJ issues like soil lead, north OC water basin, Santa Ana air quality, poisoning unhoused neighbors, etc.;
in language and in community workshops to gauge input and answers;	and improve community	equity and resilience included as a part of local review; some jurisdictions dedicate section of report to how certain projects meet these goals; more uniform across regions; encourage analysis; don't take shortcuts on environmental review;
low carbon jobs that pay a living wage and improve communication;		be sure development can be sustained with water provision;
improving mobility across the region and affordable housing (AFFU and more);		don't build in fire hazard areas
integrate housing development (includes market rate and affordable) ;		
hold pubic meetings when most people can attend		

<i>Economy</i>	
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Loss of jobs due to AI technologies.	Deliberate and concrete goals to make sure benefits are accessible to all.
Inequity with opportunities for remote work.	More affordable housing.
Price of Housing a problem.	Low cost education.
Global Warming.	More programs for youth engagement.
Water.	Establishing clean and effective CLE now that the GCPA has new leadership.
Cost of insurance for homes because of fire problems.	Working with community on housing elements and general plans, like the international in-neighborhood workshop co hosted by local leaders and organizations.
Jobs being primarily focused in carbon-intensive industries.	Working with community on water, air, sild remediation efforts in the exact same way as you'd do housing.
Housing project being primarily zoned for medium and above medium income instead of low or very low.	More federal funds to pay for cities and municipalities to expand jobs to do this outreach and research to implement work with community.
Corporate/Private contracts eliminating city and union jobs and privatizing public departments.	Once we discover a problem with housing, development or pollution, immediately talk to and work with the impacted community to be as transparent and constructing and helpful as possible.
Low income communities getting water from north/south OC water basin superfund sites instead of clean tap water like other parts of the county.	Use research and data to set goals and climate goals and work with the community to meet them and create an action plan.
Soil and air quality continuing to be low in poorer communities.	

<i>Community</i>	
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<i>More Parks and Open Space and Preservation of Farm Lands</i>	4 votes
<i>More public safety and health services</i>	1 vote
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<i>Any other Solutions?</i>	
Be sure parks are incorporated into development plans.	
Repurpose commercial buildings into low income housing	

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More light rail options	
safe bike lanes and e-bike regulations	

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N/A	

<i>Comment Card</i>	
<i>Public Comment Card Information</i>	
N/A - contact only	Name: Sarah Mendoza, Rep. Young Kim District Rep
N/A - contact only	Name: Maia Meunier, Dist. Rep, Sen. Catherine Blakespec
N/A - contact only	Name: Terry M. Gohde, Project Executive
N/A - contact only	Name: Gloria Sefton, VP, Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks
Would like more information-opt in	Name: Tiffany Lin, Associate Planner, City of Irvine
Maybe another board talking about local issues happening in your community? With preference for contact info or linking a name to the sign in info for the person. Ideally, that could provide opportunity for more direct input, action step and engagement for participants?	Name: Kayla Asato
I am concerned that water - lack of and condition are not addressed anywhere, but particularly when addressing climate change and resilience	Name: Susan Noegel