

Common Transportation Themes

from CAWG and Alameda CTC Board

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CAWG Common Themes

- Maintenance of the existing transportation system and maximizing the efficiency of the system we have
- Priorities include:
 - Maintaining our roadway system for all uses
 - Maintaining all modes of the transportation system, including transit facilities, transit operations, pathways, and roadways.
 - Enhance the utility of existing systems through demand management and systems management.

CAWG Common Themes

- Transit needs to be available, affordable and seamless and integrated with access modes, including:
 - Providing a dedicated stable source of operating funds
 - Reducing the cost of transit especially for students
 - Focusing on frequency and reliability in areas that support high capacity services
 - Improve paratransit and specialized services for seniors and persons with disabilities
 - Prioritize access to transit via walking and biking
 - Enhancing bus stops for improved security and customer experience

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- Education and information needs to be readily available, accessible to all, and should emphasize lifelong healthy and safe travels, including:
 - Safe Routes to schools focusing on walking, biking and transit to school. Build healthy habits as early as possible.
 - Education focusing on a wide range of populations, including seniors, low income residents and other underserved populations, including non-English speakers.
 - Provide tools that can help people make safe and healthy choices more easily

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- Connecting and completing our transportation network, including:
 - Completing trails and a safe network of arterial bikeways
 - Connecting safe walking and biking routes to transit
 - Reducing gaps in the transit network
 - Complete the HOV/HOT network

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- Get incentives right:
 - Work is already happening in the jurisdictions and many are already sustainability leaders
 - Financially reward cities that engage in “good” behavior
 - Revise allocation formulas
 - Develop model ordinances or guidelines that jurisdictions can use
 - Streamline permitting and revise CEQA for model projects
 - Address new BAAQMD rules that appear to undermine TOD efforts

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- The private sector must be at the table:
 - Transportation and land use planning and reform must be placed in larger context that accounts for economic growth and jobs
 - Ensure balance is struck between meeting climate change goals and providing jobs
 - Private sector can play a role in innovative solutions and ensuring their implementation
 - Private sector can contribute to leveraging funding to expand programs and services, such as shuttles and fee transit passes

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- Land use reform is not just about housing:
 - TOD needs to be about creating regional destinations
 - TOD needs to emphasize a balance between transit, housing, retail, employment opportunities and civic uses

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- Need to provide rich and diverse transportation choices:
 - The more housing/job choices that can be provided, the more likely we are to meet regional goals by providing transit to all parts of the county, reducing the trip duration of those that need to drive, and making transit competitive
 - The viability of each mode depends on efficiency and convenience (e.g., must be competitive)
 - Alameda County should work with MTC and the transit sustainability study to ensure outcomes can be implemented and supported

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- Whatever is built, it must also be operated and maintained:
 - This was universally identified as an issue across all Planning Areas
 - Consider legislative changes to prioritize operating and maintenance costs
 - Consider modifying capital investment policies and funding criteria to emphasize “fix it first”

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- New technologies must continue to be developed and utilized:
 - New technologies are presently underutilized and have potential to reduce congestion and generate revenues
 - Areas to apply new technologies include:
 - Freeway and road management
 - Transit
 - Parking management

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- Project and program priorities must emphasize all modes:
 - A wide variety of projects and programs were discussed that were identified as high priority
 - Each planning area addressed multiple modes

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