Connect SoCal 2024 Outreach: Workshop Summary

Ventura County (by board)

Ventura County Office of Education, Camarillo

3 sessions; May 15 (1-3 p.m.; 4-6 p.m.), May 16 (9-11 a.m.)

Total Attendance: 24

Challenges

What challenges do you face today? (written comments)	How might we make the future better? (written comments)
Water Issues/policy - availability - saltwater intrusion (Oxnard) - recapture and reduce - Agriculture and residential - State water project vs. ground water	Mass transit
Transportation connectivity especially to rural communities with less access to vehicles (for those who are transit dependent	Less pollution
We are built out in Port Hueneme. We have very little space for new development	More Eves
Increasing pollution	We need a traffic safety campaign for all modes of transportation
Increasing congestion	more frequent trains
Traffic safety - certain areas of city subject to street racing, donuts and speeding	Better ground transportation
Little or no mass regional transportation that is usable for working adults	Maintain open space
funding for the coming mandates for CA to have an all EV vehicles on the road	Improve transportation connectivity
Equity	Increase zero-emissions vehicle infrastructure
Affordability	water sustainability
Traffic congestion	Job/housing balance
Lack of bike/ped connectivity	safe bike paths to connect cities
Bike and ped safety	Provide grants to bike advocacy orgs to help educate riders
Bike and ped safety	support micro mobility projects
Traffic	Support mixed use development
Housing	Walkable communities - create access to opportunities that don't require driving
Job / housing balance	Build REAL affordable housing and not just a few set-asides in new home construction
Housing	Increase the supply of affordable housing integrated with jobs and retail
Homelessness	Increase activity centers, open space, creative spaces with more public art and active recreation

Equity and Resilience

How can we make the region more equitable? (written comments)	Do you have feed back 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)
Affordable housing	Farm workers are important to CA and Ventura County	More housing options
Safe Alternate transportation	Designated disadvantaged communities	Balanced job/housing ratio
Job variety	Debt to income ratio (in terms of housing or student loans	Complete streets
Affordable housing	Farm workers	Alternate transportation investments
More housing	LGBTQ+ community	Higher paying jobs
Economic diversity	Eliminate real estate speculation	Focus on job creation and retention
Build more transportation options	Income	Actively promote business
Require equitable action and policies in local planes	Combat racial bias in the real estate market	Increase partnership with community Colleges
Increase the supply of transit, bikeways and public infrastructures (such as libraries and community	Middle income households (80-120% AMI)	Be more bike friendly
Identify transportation options for elderly and disabled	Workforce housing	Create walkable communities to eradicate (or Lower) the need for sources of energy , i.e. gas or electricity
School of choice for people to pick where kids go to school	Farm worker populations and unique requirements for this population group	Increase opportunities for higher education near transit centers/downtown. Universities
Re-examine policy and process for unrented consequences and implicit bias		Attract creative class by increasing more jobs
Outreach to marginal groups- car clubs, youth bicycle groups		Stronger open space planning for eco sensitive areas
Affordable housing		programs designed for and that incentivize property owners
		Tool kit for communities w/ high renter population
		How to incentivize resilience with absent property owners
		Educate the public on affordable housing
		Land/property ownership programs for community based non-profits

Community

It's 2050. What do you Want your Community Look Like? (dot voting)	
Housing that is Affordable to people of all Income Levels	9 votes
More commercial Destinations	4 votes
More Parks and Open Space and Preservation of Farm Lands	5 votes
More public safety and health services	2 votes
Better Jobs Closer to Home	14 votes
Any other Solutions?	
Transit with headways and locations provide a viable alternative to car	
Mixed use - business/housing for vibrant urban areas	
Walkable communities	
Generally, centralize and minimize sprawl	
Celebrate local artists, cultural bearers, community events and traditions	
build activity centers near transit centers like Oxnard transit center	
Employment and opportunities for greater educational attainments	
Create more opportunity where residents can participate in health and wellness to promote public safety	
Focus on place making and defining identity/culture of the commercial destination	
Are, Architecture, activity centers, street scape, open space, landscape, jobs…	
Analyze and identify the type of activities offered at parks, open spaces and community centers - open spaces don't necessarily provide activities	
Create places of destination - parks and open spaces can be creative places that attract people.	

Mobility

It's 2050 How do you Want to Get Around in your Community? (dot voting)	
More access to transit options?	11 votes
More comfortable routes for walking, biking, rolling?	7 votes
More Destinations that can be reached by walking, biking or rolling?	7 votes
Reduced Travel Times Regardless of Mode?	9 votes
Improved Street Quality?	7 votes
Improved Street Safety?	9 votes
More Incentives and Infrastructure for Zero Emission Vehicles?	7 votes
Additional comments placed on Mobility station board	
Wouldn't' hurt to see speeds slow - use tech instead	

Comment Card

Public Comment Card Information	
N/A	N/A

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? (dot voting)	
To Reduce Region's Impact on Climate: (dot voting)	
Expand Incentives and Infrastructure for Clean Vehicles, such as Rebates and Chargers	7 votes
Expand Bikeshare, Carshare and Vanpool Programs	1 vote
Improve Pedestrian Infrastructure, Including Adding Trees and Vegetation Near Sidewalks	6 votes
Improve Bicycle Networks	5 votes
Increase Jobs and Housing Near Transit and Within Existing Communities	8 votes
Conserve Natural Lands, Parks, Open Spaces and Areas Where Wildlife Thrives	5 votes
Encourage Future Developments to be Built within Existing Urban and Suburban Areas	8 votes
To Reduce our Regional Risk from Climate Hazards - which are most important to tackle in the next one to five years?	
Ensure Preservation and Resilience of the Transportation System	4 votes
Provide Shade Near Bus Stops and Rail Stations	3 votes
Protect and Maintain Natural and Agricultural Lands	8 votes
Adapt to Sea Level Rise by Protecting Shoreline Communities	6 votes
Retrofit Existing Buildings to withstand climate hazards	2 votes
Reduce Urban Heat Island Effect by Enhancing the Urban Tree Canopy	7 votes
Avoid Growth in Areas at Risk of Wildfires, Sea Level Rise, Flooding, Landslides and Other Natural Disasters	10 votes
Additional comments placed on Environment station board	
N/A	

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Funding to generate affordable housing and provide service to keep people houses	Formula based money - if have a climate action plan
Lack of EV charging stations especially for low-income/multifamily	Workforce development in creative economy sectors
Lack of affordable housing for very low-income	ped/bike connectivity
Our community is primarily housing - most residents commute out Lack of pedestrian/bike connections, especially to/from major transit hubs	More headways to Oxnard (Trains
Lack of shared mobility (zip cars/shuttles)	more headways to Oxnard (Trains)
Lack of coordination and collaboration to improve on highways (buses/trains) and schedules	More headways near downtown (buses), consider shuttles
Fire danger	Build more affordable housing near/adjacent jobs
fire insurance	
Funding for energy efficiency requirements/ on affordable housing projects -	
$'s for renewable and affordable housing	
Laws - integration of requirements w/ existing code requirements	
Lack of high paying jobs	
Thresholds that are not unique to Ventura County - for example, headways at 15 minute intervals - Ventura County doesn't compete. Threshold designed by population/ different approach than the typical	
Equitable education and training opportunities for good paying jobs	
Housing	

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)*
Lack of affordable housing	Education
Lack of high paying jobs close to home	Less red tape and taxes in California Strengthen multi-modal transportation in the region
displacing people from their communities increasing commutes	Reduce emissions
Good jobs close to home se we don't lose young and upcoming talent	Strengthen goods movement sector
Can't afford to live and work in county	Educational success
Fund Ventura County community college districts on a population basis. Currently Oxnard college has less funding of all the community colleges, but Oxnard has largest population	Support community colleges and higher education
Housing affordability	support alternative forms of transportation and non-car dependent development
The high cost of living	More on-ramps to creative education and jobs
Lack of financial education	Less red tape
Sales tax leakage due to more online purchases lack of Ventura County cities "point of sale"	Allow/facilitate business growth
Change in gas tax - impact to municipal revenues with EV and hybrid mandates	Equal/equitable opportunity for all 1. Education 2. Training 3. Resources - loans and grants
Disparity in income	Increase jobs and affordable housing in disadvantaged areas
Need more job centers focused on attracting a creative class	Connectivity to commercial centers
Jobs/housing /activity center linkage	Education
Lack of higher ed	Affordable places to live
Transportation congestion	Jobs
Lack of desirable and affordable housing for working class families	Education and schools of choice
Lack of manufacturing supply chain moving overseas	
affordable housing	
Tech/artificial intelligence disruption	
Lack of affordable housing	
lack of ownership opportunities for moderate income households	
Need for more higher paying jobs	
Transportation infrastructure	
Greater focus in high school and colleges on employable skills - we need a better educated and prepared work force	
Lack of higher education/ more learning opportunities (community centers)	