

# **New General Plan High School Summit Result Summary**

On the morning of March 30<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Fargo of the City of Sacramento sponsored a High School Summit and Press Conference to involve high school student in the New General Plan process. We wanted to know what students thought about housing, transportation and employment in the next 25 years. The input that students provide will influence General Plan policies that will direct the City's future growth.

The Summit and Press Conference, which was held at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria in the Central City, reached 125 students and 16 teachers. Students represented 16 of Sacramento's 30 different high schools. The list includes:

## **Participating High Schools**

American Choice Charter High School  
American Legion Continuation High School  
C.K. McClatchy Senior High School  
Christian Brothers High School  
Discovery Continuation  
High School  
Genesis High School  
Grant Union High School  
Hiram Johnson High School  
Hiram Johnson West High School  
John F. Kennedy High School  
Met Sacramento  
Natomas Charter School #19  
Sacramento High School  
Valley High School  
Jesuit High School  
Sacramento New Technology High School

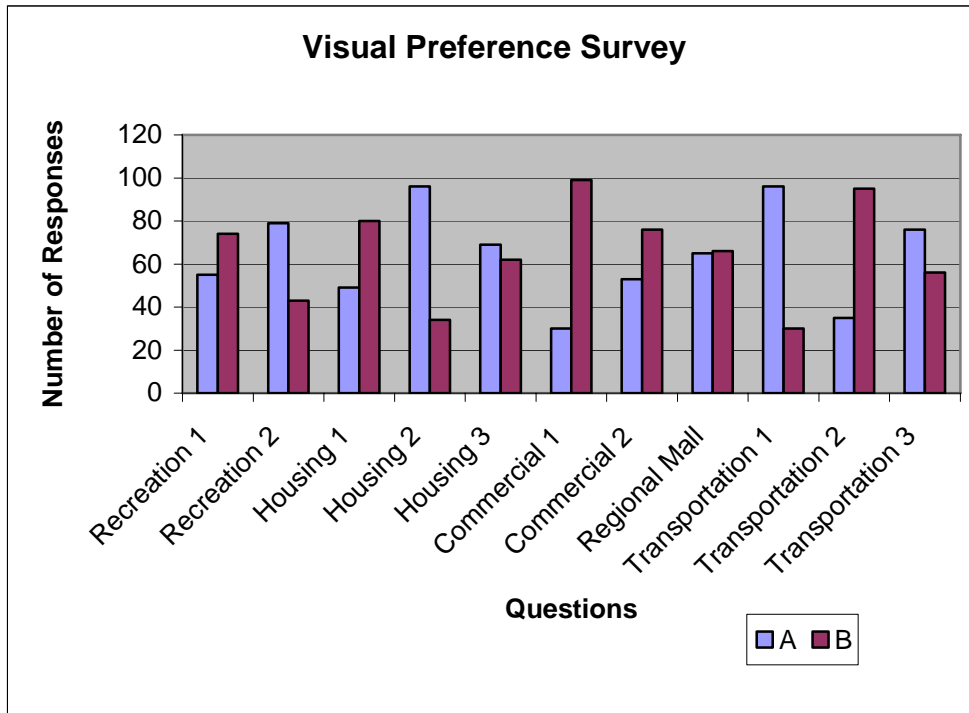
## **The Program**

The morning's program started off with opening remarks by Joe Yee, General Plan Advisory Committee Chair, and Steve Peterson, Senior Planner with Development Services. The Summit exercises were facilitated by Phyllis Newton, also a GPAC member, and Navi Quinones, a McClatchy High School Student and an Urban Land Institute High School Program participant. The first exercise consisted of Visual Preferences Survey that asked students their preferences on transportation, housing and employment choices by looking at different photos and choosing the ones they liked better. The second exercise consisted of three questions that focused on the places students spent time inside and outside their neighborhood and the places they would add to their neighborhood to make it a better place.

The morning activities were capped with a Press Conference with Mayor Fargo where she answered students' questions about the city. Questions touched on different topics, such as air quality, traffic congestion and the role and responsibility of the mayor.

**Results from the two Summit Exercises Follow:**

**1. VISUAL PREFERENCES SURVEY-EXERCISE ONE**



	Total	Total	Total
Place Type	A	B	Votes
Recreation 1	55	74	129
Recreation 2	79	43	122
Housing 1	49	80	129
Housing 2	96	34	130
Housing 3	69	62	131
Commercial 1	30	99	129
Commercial 2	53	76	129
Regional Mall	65	66	131
Transportation 1	96	30	126
Transportation 2	35	95	130
Transportation 3	76	56	132

(Photos on the left is option A, Photo on the Right is option B. Bold type won.)



1) RECREATION 1. (suburban recreation – **A. active** vs. B. passive)



2) RECREATION 2. (suburban recreation – **A. active** vs. B. passive)



3) HOUSING 1. (Apartment Buildings – A. single use vs. **B. mixed use**)



4) HOUSING 2. (suburban home – **A. no garage in front; house is the focus** vs. B. single-family home garage in front is the focus)



5) **HOUSING 3.** (higher density condo – **A. condo row housing** vs. **B. urban high-rise condo**)



6) **COMMERCIAL 1.** (grocery store – **A. auto orientated** vs. **B. pedestrian orientated**)



7) **COMMERCIAL 2.** (shopping center – **A. suburban auto orientated** vs. **B. mini-downtown feel pedestrian orientated**)



8) **REGIONAL MALL** (**A. traditional indoor mall** vs. **B. downtown outdoor mall** (and with all same uses as traditional indoor mall))



**9) TRANSPORTATION 1. (A. light rail vs. B. bus)**



**10) TRANSPORTATION 2. (A. biking vs. B. walking)**

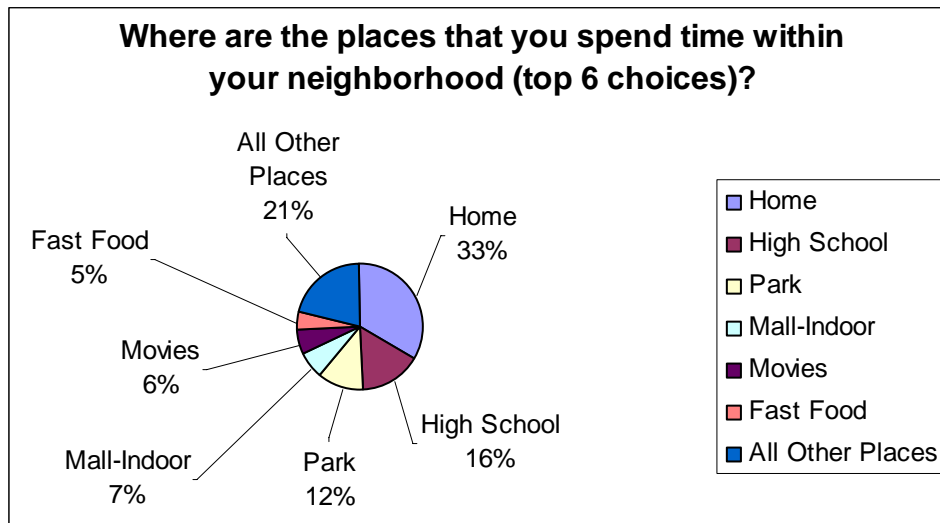


**11) TRANSPORTATION 3. (transit station – A. Transit orientated development [TOD] with mixed-use adjacent vs. B. transit station single-use adjacent)**

## 2. QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD—EXERCISE TWO

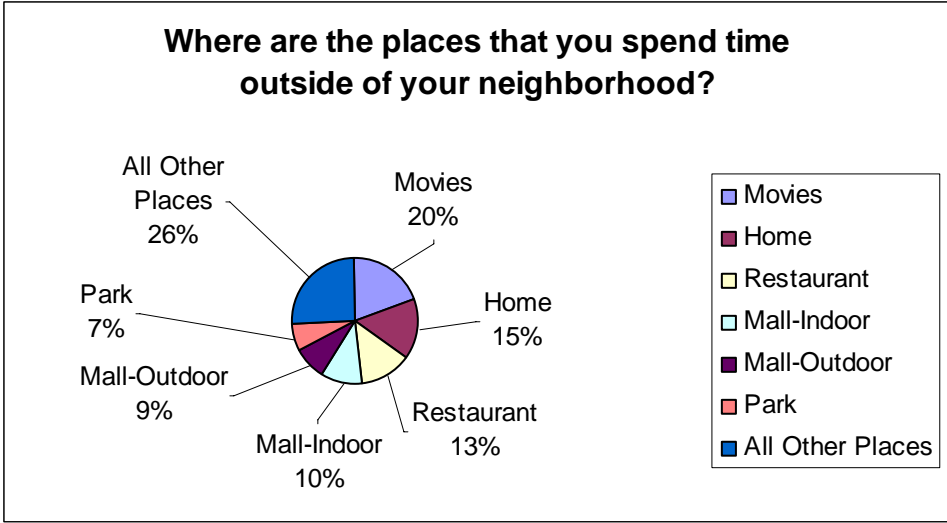
### Where are the places that you spend time within your neighborhood?

The top three responses for this question showed that the sample group spent time within their neighborhood at homes, at high schools and parks. For this question, 33% of respondents spend time at homes, 16% of the respondents spent time at high schools, and 12% spent time at parks. The next three responses included indoor mall, movies and fast food restaurants. This sample group spent the least time at athletic field, coffee house and diners.



### Where are the places that you spend time outside of your neighborhood?

The top three responses for this question showed that the sample group spent time outside their neighborhood at the movies, homes (usually friends' homes) and restaurants. For this question, 20% percent of respondents spend time at the movies, 15% of the respondents spent time at home, and 13% spent time at restaurants. The next three responses included indoor mall, outdoor mall and parks. This sample group spent the least amount of time outside their neighborhood in bowling alleys, community centers inside recreation and at rivers.



**What kind of places do you think should be added to your neighborhood in the future that would make it a better place to live and play?**

The top three responses that would make students’ neighborhood a better place to live and play were places where students could dance, go to concerts and go to restaurants. For this question, 9% percent of participants would add dance places in their neighborhood, 9% would add concerts venues in their neighborhoods, and another 8% would add restaurants in their neighborhoods. The next three responses for places that would make their neighborhoods a better place to live and play included gyms, go-cart places, and cafes. The places that respondents chose the least for making their neighborhood a better place to live and play, included athletic fields, dog parks, and grocery stores.

