



Hostetter/Alum Rock Community Working Group Meeting Summary

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 (5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)

Members in Attendance: John De Tar, Danny Garza, Gary Schoennauer, Michael Valladao, Davide Vieira

Members Not in Attendance: Janet Bailey, Leon Brown, Saroj Dhillon, David Dickey, Gerri Garcia, Armando Gomez, George Honore, Ian Kluff, Maria Mustonen, Dale Osborn, Zuraida Peres, Rey Rodriguez, Erik Schoennauer, Audrey Vargas

Other Attendees: Ben Tripousis, Heloisa Jones

Project Team: Ann Calnan, James Chai, Tom Fitzwater, Melena Gallagher, Molly Graham, Brandi Hall, Jane Kruse, Marian Lee-Skowronek, Mark Robinson, Lupe Solis, Kay Wilson

Location: San Jose High Academy, 275 North 24th Street, San Jose, CA

Summary:

The agenda included:

- Introductions/Welcome
- Agenda Review/Meeting Format
- Approve Meeting Summary from August 15, 2006
- Review CWG Status Report #9
- Receive Presentation on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)
- Receive an Update on Station Site Planning Activities for the Berryessa and Laum Rock BART Station
- Public Comment

Meeting Overview:

Marian Lee-Skowronek welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. Mare provided a status report on the engineering and station area planning, environmental process, public outreach and involvement, project funding and the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts program. There were no changes to the previous meeting summary. The meeting summary was approved. A PowerPoint presentation was delivered by Tom Fitzwater outlining the new information, design changes under consideration, environmental analysis and environmental process and schedule. The presentation was followed by an open discussion. The following summarizes comments received at the meeting.

Key Issues/Comments:

Impacts and Mitigation

- Describe the traffic mitigations during construction. Long term mitigations include adding right and left turn pockets at key intersections. During construction, the project team will work with the city to come up with mutually agreeable detours. A construction impact

mitigation plan (CIMP) will be jointly drafted by the city and VTA, and will outline specific traffic mitigations.

- Consider the traffic impacts to the Maybury interchange.
- Caltrans' input will be solicited during development of the CIMP.
- The City of San Jose and Caltrans are working together to address the Maybury interchange. The interchange improvements are not part of the BART project, and will go through a separate environmental project.

Transit Center and Station Area Parking

- The current parking plan for Alum Rock supports 2,500 stalls, which is 1,500 less than previously considered in the EIR.
- Clarify the types of vehicles that will have access to the transit center.

General

- Some members of the community are opposed to having a BART station at Alum Rock. The project is moving forward without an option to remove the Alum Rock Station from the project.
- Concern that the comments on station options made in the past are being ignored.
- In response to concerns regarding parking and station access, VTA will be examining how the Hostetter / Alum Rock Station fits into the SNI transit village model and will be soliciting community input at upcoming meetings.

Other Projects

- Explain the relationship between BART and the Downtown East Valley Project. Clarify if light rail is necessary for the BART project to proceed.
- An environmental document is being prepared for the Berryessa Master Plan and there will be a public meeting soon.
- Gary Schoennauer provided an update on the zoning process for the Flea Market. There will be a community meeting on March 7th, the EIR will go to the Planning Commission on March 28th, and a hearing will take place in April or May.