



Santa Clara Community Working Group Meeting Summary

Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2007 (5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

Members in Attendance: Joanne Bruna, Don Carpenter, Ian Champeny, Bob Dolci, Denise Harris, Curtis Leigh

Members Not in Attendance: Stuart Cohen, Beatrice Costa, Ed Costa, Lou Faria, Lorie Garcia, Deke Hunter, Jack Lueder, Chuck Petersen, Scott Shepard, Joe Sugg, Jim Viso, Corinne Winter

Other Attendees: Debby Fernandez, Kevin Riley

Project Team: Hassan Basma, Tom Fitzwater, Molly Graham, Brandi Hall, Leyla Heydayat, Jane Kruse, Les Miller, Rajwinder Sehdev, Mike Tasosa, Kay Wilson

Location: City of Santa Clara Police Department, Community Meeting Room, 601 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA

Summary:

The agenda included:

- Introductions/Welcome
- Agenda Review/Meeting Format
- Approve Meeting Summary from August 14, 2006
- Review CWG Status Report #9
- Receive Presentation on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)
- Receive Overview of the Santa Clara Station Area Plan
- Public Comment

Meeting Overview:

Leyla Heydayat welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. Leyla 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:

General

- Clarify whether the stations along the alignment will open in phases or at the same time. Informed that the stations are planned to all open at the same time.

- Clarify which stations will be analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will cover the geographic region between Warm Springs and Berryessa and will analyze South Calaveras Station and Berryessa Station.

Parking

- Clarify the parking implications from the no-parking option at the Diridon Station. Informed that 800 of the 1300 stalls would be replaced at the Santa Clara Station.
- Clarify impacts to ridership with the no parking option at the Diridon Station.
- A Parking and Implementation Plan is currently being developed to examine ridership, cost and parking demand with the various parking options at Diridon and Santa Clara stations.
- Explain whether the parking garage in Santa Clara would be built simultaneously or in stages. Informed that the plan is to start with surface parking and then build the entire parking structure, as demand increases.
- Clarify if parking at the HP Pavilion is an option for BART patrons using the Diridon Station.

General

- Clarify if the BART Extension project will increase ridership at the Caltrain station in Santa Clara.
- Provide more information on the yard and shops in Santa Clara and whether there will be a test track for BART trains.