



**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 17, 2007

**TO:** Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor Policy Advisory Board  
BART Extension to Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara

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**SUBJECT:** State Supplemental EIR and Federal EIS Update

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**State Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)**

The Draft SEIR was circulated for agency and public comments from January 19 to March 16, 2007. Open houses and public hearings were held on February 13, 15, 26, and 28, 2007 to explain the project changes and receive comments. Approximately 75 individuals attended the four meetings. A range of comments were received. Common concerns related to commuter parking and traffic, and impacts to businesses and traffic during construction. Several comments were in support of the grade separations at Warren and Dixon and opposition to the aerial options at the Montague/Capitol Station. Other common comments related to concerns about not providing BART parking at the Diridon Station and suggestions for changing the project alignment and mode of transit.

A total of 69 agencies and individuals submitted written comments on the Draft SEIR. VTA staff and consultants are now in the process of responding to all of the comments. The responses will become part of the Final SEIR. The Final SEIR will be circulated around May 15, 2007 depending on finalization of the responses and printing. The Final SEIR is on schedule to be considered by the VTA Board of Directors on June 7, 2007.

**Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

VTA is continuing to work with the Federal Transit Administration on finalizing the Draft Coordination Plan for federal, state, regional and local agency review. VTA staff is also working with FTA on the publication of the Notice of Intent that is required to initiate the EIS process. Once there is consensus with FTA on these items, VTA will schedule a public scoping meeting. The scoping meeting is planned for Spring 2007.