



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 16, 2008

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

FROM: Tom Fitzwater, Manager
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SUBJECT: Federal EIS Update

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The SVRT Notice of Intent to prepare the SVRT EIS was circulated September 21, 2007, with the comment period ending October 29, 2007. During the comment period, four open houses/public scoping meetings were held in the cities of Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara. Approximately 90 persons attended the scoping meetings with 13 speakers. A number of comments provided support for the project and a disappointment with the length of time before opening day. Another major area of interest related to funding of the project. For the San Jose downtown area, the alignment at Coyote Creek and location of vent structures were a common concern by local residents.

On September 29, 2007, the SVRT Draft Coordination Plan was circulated to various federal, state, regional, and local agencies for a 30-day comment period. This is a new requirement of the federal EIS process. While several agencies reaffirmed their interest in continuing to participate in the environmental process, no specific comments were received on the Plan. The Plan was finalized January 3.

Work is continuing on the preparation of the Administrative Draft EIS. This document is on schedule to be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration on February 29, 2008. Public circulation of the Draft EIS is scheduled for August 2008. The schedule for EIS process is attached.

**SVRT Project Environmental Impact Statement Schedule
(October 5, 2007)**

Task Name	Start	Finish
Prepare Draft EIS	Fri. 6/1/07	Fri. 2/29/08
Notice of Intent	Tues. 8/14/07	Fri. 9/21/07
Scoping Period	Fri. 9/28/07	Mon. 10/29/07
FTA 1 st Review of Draft EIS	Fri. 2/29/08	Thurs. 4/17/08
Revise, FTA Review and Finalize	Fri. 4/18/08	Thurs. 8/7/08
Circulate Draft EIS	Fri. 8/8/08	Mon. 9/22/08
Respond to Comments	Tues. 9/23/08	Tues. 12/2/08
FTA 1 st Review of Final EIS	Tues. 12/2/08	Thurs. 1/1/09
Revise, FTA Review and Finalize	Fri. 1/2/09	Thurs. 3/26/09
Circulate Final EIS	Fri. 3/27/09	Sun. 4/26/09
FTA Record of Decision	Mon. 4/27/09	Fri. 6/26/09