

CHAPTER 11: AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

The original Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS) was released for public comment on March 16, 2004. However, no action was taken to finalize the federal document. Meanwhile, state environmental documentation and clearances have been concluded through both the 2004 Final EIR and 2007 Supplemental EIR as discussed below. This chapter includes all agency and community participation conducted for the project to date.

The EIS was prepared on the basis of consultation and coordination with federal, state, and local agencies and with elected officials, community leaders, organizations, and other individuals from the neighborhoods and communities within Milpitas, San Jose, Santa Clara, and the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor (SVRTC). This chapter summarizes the history of that process and describes plans for ongoing and future consultation and coordination efforts.

In addition, in accordance with the Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU 6002), Section 6002, a Coordination Plan has been prepared. The Coordination Plan is designed to promote an efficient and streamlined environmental review process and good management through coordination, scheduling, and early identification and resolution of issues. The draft Coordination Plan was circulated to federal, state, regional, and local public agencies for a 30-day review beginning September 28, 2007. Several agencies expressed an interest in continuing to be participating agencies. There were no comments submitted on the Plan itself.

11.1 SUMMARY OF MAJOR INVESTMENT STUDY/ ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

Prior to the preparation of the 2004 Draft EIS/EIR, VTA conducted extensive public involvement as part of the Major Investment Study/ Alternatives Analysis (MIS/AA). Three rounds of public outreach meetings were held in May, July, and October 2001, which provided important input to the MIS/AA. Each round of meetings consisted of the following events: five Community Working Group (CWG) meetings (Fremont, Milpitas, Hostetter/Berryessa, Downtown San Jose, and Santa Clara), four public open house meetings (Fremont, Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara), and additional stakeholder meetings with various interest groups.

This outreach effort resulted in more than 1,000 public comments. Overall, the public showed support for the BART Alternative and was generally not supportive of adding a new mode or technology in the corridor. VTA considered the public's input when

recommending the BART Alternative as the Preferred Investment Strategy/Recommended Project.

11.2 SUMMARY OF SCOPING

11.2.1 REVISED DRAFT AND FINAL EIS

Notification

The scoping process for the Revised Draft EIS began with formal agency notification. On September 21, 2007, the Notice of Intent (NOI) was printed in the Federal Registrar. The formal comment period was from September 21 to October 29, 2007. Three scoping meetings were held in October 2007 for the Draft EIS and asked the public to provide input on the proposed project's purpose and need, alternatives, environmental and community impacts to be evaluated, and evaluation methodologies. VTA also notified potentially interested organizations and individuals about the Draft EIS and the public scoping meetings. The public meetings were announced through a public notice mailer, display advertisements, a media release and the VTA Web site. The public notice mailer was produced in four languages (English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese) and was mailed to the study mailing list of approximately 5,508 interested businesses and residents. The display advertisements ran in the following periodicals: San Jose Mercury News (published on September 28, 2007), The Milpitas Post (published on September 27, 2007), El Observador (published on September 28, 2007), Thoi Bao (published on September 28, 2007), Santa Clara Weekly (published on October 3, 2007), and the Fremont Argus (published on October 1, 2007). The media release was distributed to approximately 65 radio and newspaper outlets via email and fax.

On March 13, 2009 the availability of the Draft EIS was published in the Federal Register. Approximately 550 CDs were mailed to the distribution list identified in Chapter 12 of the Draft EIS. In addition, a Notice of Availability (NOA) was mailed to over 30,000 businesses and individuals along the alignment and additional names on the mailing list identifying that the Draft EIS was available online and for review at VTA, Fremont Main Library- 2400 Stevenson Boulevard, Fremont, Milpitas Library- 160 North Main Street, Milpitas, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Main Library- 150 East San Fernando Street, San Jose, and Central Park Library- 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara.

Notices were also published in the following newspapers; San Jose Mercury: March 18, 2009, El Observador: March 20, 2009 (translated into Spanish), Thoi Bao: March 21, 2009 (translated into Vietnamese), San Jose Mercury: March 30, 2009, Milpitas Post: April 2, 2009, Fremont Argus: April 6, 2009 and Santa Clara Weekly: April 8, 2009.

Scoping Meetings

Three formal scoping meetings were conducted by VTA to gather input and comments prior to the development of the Draft EIS. VTA held the meetings at 6:30 PM on

October 9, 11, and 18, 2007 in Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara, respectively. The three scoping meetings drew approximately 86 public attendees and 13 speakers. Two comment cards were collected at the meetings.

The public scoping meetings included a PowerPoint presentation followed by formal public comment on the new proposed project's purpose and need, alternatives, environmental and community impacts to be evaluated, and evaluation methodologies. Written comments were accepted at the meetings and by VTA until the comment deadline. The formal comment period was from September 21 to October 29, 2007.

CWG meetings were conducted prior to the public scoping meetings on October 9, 11 and 18, 2007. The CWGs include representatives such as leaders of neighborhood and business associations, community organizations, advocacy groups and planning commissioners.

11.2.2 2007 SUPPLEMENTAL EIR

Notification

On July 21, 2006, VTA distributed a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to advise interested agencies and the public that a Draft SEIR will be prepared and that four public scoping meetings would be held in August 2006. VTA distributed the NOP to a list of 124 agencies, elected officials, and interested parties in the study area. VTA also notified potentially interested organizations and individuals about the Draft SEIR and the schedule of public scoping meetings. The public meetings were announced through a public notice mailer, display advertisements, a media release, and posting on the VTA web site. The public notice mailer was produced in four languages (English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese) and was mailed to approximately 30,400 interested organizations, businesses, and residents. The display advertisements ran in the following periodicals: San Jose Mercury News (published on July 27, 2006 and August 11, 2006); The Milpitas Post (published on July 27, 2006); El Observador (published on August 4, 2006); Thoi Boa (published on August 4, 2006); Santa Clara Weekly (published on August 2, 16, and 23, 2006); and Rose Garden Resident (published on August 17 and 24, 2006). The media release was distributed electronically to approximately 45 news sources.

Scoping Meetings

Each meeting included a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Project design changes, followed by a formal public comment period for interested parties to provide input on study areas to evaluate in the Draft SEIR.

At the meetings, verbal comments were transcribed by a court reporter, and written comments were submitted for VTA's consideration. In total, approximately 84 people attended the meetings, and 30 speaker cards and 9 comment cards were collected. Interested parties were also given the opportunity to submit written comments via email or mail during the formal comment period from July 21, 2006 to September 7, 2006.

Thirty-five written comment letters and emails were received from agencies, stakeholders, interested groups, and the public. The comments addressed a range of issues, including environmental impacts, station and alignment options, and Project alternate design preferences. The formal comment period ended August 25, 2006.

In addition, four informal CWG meetings were also conducted prior to the public scoping meetings on August 8, 14, 15, and 21, 2006. The CWG's include representatives such as leaders of neighborhood and business associations, community organizations, advocacy groups and planning commissioners. CWG members were informed that in order to submit formal scoping comments, they could make a formal comment at the public scoping meetings or submit written comments. Approximately 47 people attended the four CWG meetings.

11.2.3 2004 DRAFT EIS/EIR AND FINAL EIR

Notification

The scoping process for the SVRT project began with formal agency notification. On January 29, 2002, VTA distributed a NOP to advise interested agencies and the public that an EIR would be prepared. VTA distributed the NOP to approximately 93 agencies, elected officials, and interested parties in the study area. On February 6, 2002, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published a NOI in the Federal Register to advise interested agencies and the public that an EIS would be prepared. The formal comment period lasted from February 6 to March 29, 2002. Agency comment letters in response to the NOP or NOI are included in the Environmental Scoping Report, May 2002.

VTA also notified interested organizations and individuals about the study and the public scoping meetings. The public meetings were announced through a general notification mailer produced in four languages (English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese) that were directly mailed to approximately 90,000 interested organizations, businesses, and residents.

Scoping Meetings

VTA conducted four formal and five informal scoping meetings to gather input and comments prior to undertaking the technical studies and developing the Draft EIS/EIR. A formal agency scoping meeting was held on February 13, 2002; public scoping meetings occurred on February 7, 11, and 13, 2002; the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on February 12, 2002; Santa Clara CWG on March 7, 2002; Milpitas CWG on March 11, 2002; Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG on March 13, 2002; and Downtown San Jose CWG on March 14, 2002. Approximately 220 people in all attended the nine meetings. Copies of the presentation slides and other materials from the scoping meetings, written and verbal scoping comments, attendance sheets, and meeting summaries are included in the Environmental Scoping Report, May 2002.

A revised NOP was circulated January 23, 2003 to advise local agencies and others of the need for additional BART core system parking to support the BART Alternative. No

additional meetings were held, but the new NOP solicited comments on this aspect of the environmental analysis. Written comments on the revised NOP were received from the San Francisco RWQCB, BAAQMD, County of Santa Clara, ACCMA, AC Transit, City of Concord, and City of Lafayette. Copies of these agency response letters are included in the Supplemental Environmental Scoping Report, March 2003.

11.3 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC AGENCY COORDINATION

VTA regularly consults with other public agencies through agency committees and through the formal process of securing approvals and permits. This section describes the function and organization of VTA agency committees and provides a record of formal consultations relating to the SVRT project.

11.3.1 AGENCY COMMITTEES

SVRT/WSX Policy Advisory Board

The Policy Advisory Board (PAB) provides important policy guidance and decision-making throughout the project development. PAB meetings provide an important forum for discussing corridor-wide issues that extend beyond city and county boundaries. The Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor and BART's Warm Springs Extension policy advisory boards were recently combined in order to advise more effectively on key policy decisions for both projects. The SVRT/WSX PAB consists of the following representatives:

Ken Yeager, Chairperson, MTC/Santa Clara County/Cities	Bob Franklin, BART
Tom Blalock, Vice Chairperson, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency	Patricia M. Mahan, City of Santa Clara (Alternate)
Bill Harrison, Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority	
Joe Kornder, City of Santa Clara	Anu Natarajan, City of Fremont (Alternate)
Sam Liccardo, VTA	Madison Nguyen, City of San Jose
	John McPartland, BART
Scott Haggerty, MTC/County of Alameda/Cities	Nancy Pyle, VTA
Bob Livengood, City of Milpitas	Bob Wasserman, City of Fremont

VTA/BART Coordination

VTA and BART staffs meet on a regular basis to review detailed aspects of the SVRT project, coordinate issues requiring BART review or input, and address any questions or issues relating to BART operations or requirements.

VTA-City Partnership Meetings

Known as Project Development Team (PDT) meetings until July 2006, VTA-City Partnership meetings have been conducted throughout the Draft EIS, EIR and Supplemental EIR processes to address local issues specific to the various geographic areas along the corridor. Meeting participants include key city staff and key VTA representatives from the Environmental, Planning, Public Affairs and Engineering departments. The purpose of these meetings is to ensure ongoing communication and coordination with VTA and the unique issues to cities along the corridor.

External Technical Advisory Committee (ETAC)

The ETAC provides agency coordination and technical input in the development of the environmental document. The ETAC consists of staff representatives from various agencies including: FTA; VTA; Alameda County Transportation Authority (ACTA)/ACTIA, BART, ACE; Caltrans; the cities of Fremont, Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara; Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC); and others. ETAC meetings have been scheduled quarterly or as needed throughout the study. Current ETAC members are the following, in alphabetical order by agency:

Tony Divito, AC Transit	Jenny Nusbaum, City of San Jose
Nathan Landau, AC Transit	Laurel Prevetti, City of San Jose
Stacey Mortensen, ACE	Ray Salvano, City of San Jose
Brian Schmidt, ACE	Henry Servin, City of San Jose
Dawn Argula, Alameda County Board of Supervisors	Ben Tripousis, City of San Jose
Dennis Fay, ACCMA	Rajeev Batra, City of Santa Clara
Jean Hart, ACCMA	Sayed Fakhry, City of Santa Clara
Diane Stark, ACCMA	Debby Fernandez, City of Santa Clara
Beth Walukas, ACCMA	Dennis Ng, City of Santa Clara
Art Dao, ACTA/ACTIA	Kevin Riley, City of Santa Clara
Rebecca Kohlstrand, EnviroTrans Solutions, ACTA/ACTIA Consultant	Ray Sukys, FTA
Christine Monsen, ACTA/ACTIA	Jerome Wiggins, FTA

Vinod Chopra, BART	Alix Bockelman, MTC
Kathy Mayo, BART	Steven Heminger, MTC
Malcolm Quint, BART	Doug Johnson, MTC
Jim Bass, Caltrans	Therese McMillan, MTC
Gene Gonzalo, Caltrans, District 4	Anne Richman, MTC
Wade Greene, Caltrans, District 4	Stacy Cocke, San Mateo County Transit District
Emily Landin-Lowe, Caltrans, District 4	Anthony Quicho, San Mateo County Transit District
Nick Saleh, Caltrans, District 4	Larry Stueck, San Mateo County Transit District
Molly Graham, CirclePoint	Steven Bui, SCVWD
Martin Boyle, City of Fremont	George Fowler, SCVWD
Kunle Odumade, City of Fremont	Marc Klemencic, SCVWD
Jim Pierson, City of Fremont	Jose Ortiz, SCVWD
Greg Armendariz, City of Milpitas	Sue Tippets, SCVWD
James Lindsay, City of Milpitas	Bill Tuttle, SCVWD
Janice Spuller, City of Milpitas	Samuel Yung, SCVWD
Joe Oliva, City of Milpitas	Bill Tuttle, SJ Water Company
Jaime Rodriguez, City of Milpitas	Brandi Childress, VTA
Julie Waldron, City of Milpitas	John Donahue, VTA
Tom Williams, City of Milpitas	Tom Fitzwater, VTA
Timm Borden, City of San Jose	Carolyn Gonot, VTA
Kelly Doyle, City of San Jose	Scott Haywood, VTA

Bill Ekern, City of San Jose	Leyla Hedayat, VTA
Joe Horwedel, City of San Jose	Kevin Kurimoto, VTA
Heloisa Jones, City of San Jose	Laila Mahroom, VTA
Stan Ketchum, City of San Jose	Brent Pearse, VTA
Dennis Korabiak, City of San Jose	Dennis Ratcliff, VTA
Hans Larsen, City of San Jose	Oxo Slayer, VTA
Fred Moezzi, City of San Jose	Gordon Smith, VTA

ETAC Meetings are listed below:

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August 21, 2007	ETAC Meeting
October 9, 2007	ETAC Meeting
April 8, 2008	ETAC Meeting
December 9, 2008	ETAC Meeting
March 24, 2009	ETAC Meeting

2007 Supplemental EIR - July 21, 2006 - June 7, 2007

January 11, 2005	ETAC Meeting
October 11, 2005	ETAC Meeting
April 11, 2006	ETAC Meeting
July 11, 2006	ETAC Meeting
August 8, 2006	ETAC Meeting
October 10, 2006	ETAC Meeting
January 9, 2007	ETAC Meeting
January 30, 2007	ETAC Meeting
April 17, 2007	ETAC Meeting

2004 Draft EIR - January 29, 2002 - December 9, 2004

April 2001	ETAC Meeting
February 12, 2002	ETAC Scoping Meeting
October 8, 2002	ETAC Meeting
January 14, 2003	ETAC Meeting
April 8, 2003	ETAC Meeting
July 8, 2003	ETAC Meeting
January 13, 2004	ETAC Meeting
April 13, 2004	ETAC Meeting
July 13, 2004	ETAC Meeting

11.3.2 AGENCY CONSULTATIONS RELATED TO NEPA AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

Consultations with Resource Agencies Related to Endangered Species Acts

Consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) and National and Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries under Section 7 of the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) is required if the project will have impacts to special status biological species. On March 13, 2002, prior to conducting the field surveys, team biologists and VTA representatives met with CDFG staff to discuss the project and identify natural resource environmental concerns. A subsequent coordination meeting was held on March 27, 2002 with Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) staff. Brief tours of the major waterways in the corridor were conducted for both agencies prior to the formal fieldwork. In February 2002, USFWS, NOAA Fisheries, and CDFG were contacted to request a listing of rare, threatened, endangered, and candidate species that may occur in the project vicinity. Copies of the USFWS, NOAA Fisheries, and CDFG replies to this request are included in Appendix H, Agency Letters. Notes of agency meetings and personal contacts are included in the Biological and Wetland Resources Technical Report (BWRTR).

The BWRTR and Draft EIR were distributed to USFWS, NOAA Fisheries, ACOE, and CDFG for review. Consultation with USFWS, NOAA Fisheries, and CDFG was carried out in accordance with the terms and requirements of the ESA and CESA and their enabling regulations to address anticipated impacts to California red-legged frog, California tiger Salamander, steelhead, and Chinook salmon, and to develop minimization and compensatory measures to fully address these impacts. USFWS and

NOAA Fisheries reviewed the BWRTR, Biological Assessment and this environmental document to identify the measures to reduce harm or compensate for impacts to the species and stipulate the measures to be carried out and special conditions to be observed in constructing and operating the project.

In April 2007, the USFWS, NOAA Fisheries, and CDFG were contacted to request updated listings of rare, threatened, endangered, and candidate species that may occur in the study area for use in the Supplemental EIR. These agency letters and responses, including species lists, are included in Appendix H, Agency Letters.

In December 2007, the USFWS, NOAA Fisheries, and CDFG were notified of the intent to prepare a revised EIS. USFWS sent in scoping comments related to rare, threatened, endangered, and candidate species that may occur in the Study. NOAA Fisheries current species listing were reviewed to ensure there were no changes in species listings since April 2007. The CDFG's California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) was also accessed to ensure that information on State rare, threatened, endangered, and candidate species was up to date for use in the revised Draft EIS. These agency responses and database outputs, including species lists, are included in Appendix H, Agency Letters.

In 2009, a *Biological Assessment for the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor Project* was prepared for the California tiger salamander and California red-legged frog. USFWS issued a Letter of Concurrence on the assessment on January 29, 2010. The letter states that the project is not likely to adversely affect the California red-legged frog or California tiger salamander, as measures are included to avoid take of these species and compensate for any permanent loss of riparian habitat. The LOC is included in Appendix H.

Also in 2009, a *Biological Assessment and Essential Fish Habitat Assessment for the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor Project* (ICF/Jones & Stokes 2009) was prepared for the Central California Coast steelhead and Chinook salmon, respectively. NOAA Fisheries issued a Letter of Concurrence on these assessments on February 12, 2010. The letter states that the project is not likely to adversely affect the Central California Coast steelhead and designated critical habitat at Upper Penitencia Creek. The LOC is included in Appendix H.

Issuance of these LOCs concludes consultation requirements under the federal ESA. Subsequent to this issuance, CDFG will be requested to issue its determination that the conclusions, minimization measures, and other terms and conditions are consistent with the provisions and requirements of the CESA. Receipt of CDFG's consistency determination will conclude consultations under CESA.

Consultation Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In December 2001 and May 2002, the Native American Heritage Commission (Commission) was consulted to review the Sacred Lands file for an area encompassing the SVRTC. The Commission reported no known Sacred Lands within the

archaeological area of potential effect (APE) and provided a list of 12 Native American contacts that may have knowledge of cultural resources in the SVRTC. A letter was sent and follow-up telephone calls were made asking each contact to share any relevant concerns, information, or recommendations regarding cultural resources. Responses from Native American contacts are included in the Archaeological Survey Short Report (ASSR).

In September 2004, all individuals on the contacts list were sent an invitation to attend a workshop to discuss development of a Cultural Resources Treatment Plan (CRTP) for the project and express additional concerns, share information, and make recommendations concerning the management of cultural resources that might be affected by the project. Follow-up phone call invitations were made to all contacts. Two workshops were held in October and December 2004 and were attended by six members of the Native American community. Minutes of each workshop were circulated to all attendees and interested contacts. The minutes and additional information about these workshops are included in the ASSR.

In September 2007, an update of the Native American contact information for Alameda and Santa Clara counties was obtained from the Commission. In February 2008, an update letter was sent to the Native American contacts which included current project information, updated information on known cultural resources in and near the SVRTC, and a reminder that a CRTP will be developed. Follow-up phone calls were made and emails sent to discuss the updates with the contacts. A summary of these consultation activities is also included in the ASSR.

Letters were also sent to 25 local historical agencies and organizations requesting information regarding known or potential historic resources in the project vicinity. These agencies and organizations included the following:

Santa Clara County Planning Office	San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission
Alameda County Planning Department	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, East
City of San Jose Planning Department	Santa Clara Street Revitalization Committee
City of San Jose Historic Preservation Officer	Los Fundadores–Santa Clara
City of Milpitas Planning Department	Victorian Preservation Association
Alameda County Historical Society	City of Santa Clara
Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Commission	City of Santa Clara Historical and Landmarks Commission
Heritage Council of Santa Clara County	Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society
Milpitas Cultural Resources Preservation Board	South Bay Historical Railroad Society

Milpitas Historical Society	California Trolley and Railroad Corporation
Historical Preservation Society of Santa Clara	National Railroad Historical Society
History San Jose and Historical Association	Central Coast Chapter
Preservation Action Council of San Jose	Caltrain/Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB)

Responses were received from Los Fundadores–Santa Clara and the City of Milpitas. Follow-up meetings were held with the City of San Jose Historic Preservation Officer, Preservation Action Council of San Jose, San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission, City of Santa Clara Historical and Landmarks Commission, South Bay Historical Railroad Society, and JPB. Comment letters related to the 2004 EIR and 2007 Supplemental EIR were received from City of San Jose Planning Department, City of San Jose Historic Preservation Officer, Preservation Action Council of San Jose, San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission, City of Santa Clara Historical and Landmarks Commission, and South Bay Historical Railroad Society. Coordination with the historical agencies and organizations is ongoing.

FTA and VTA are coordinating with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding the inventory of cultural resources within the SVRTC, the eligibility of these resources for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and the impacts of the SVRTC alternatives to such eligible resources. The ASSR and Historic Resources Evaluation Report (HRER) were submitted to SHPO on March 19, 2003. SHPO concurred with the identification efforts and determinations of eligibility completed to date in letters dated June 9, 2003, July 9, 2003, and September 20, 2005. These letters are included in Appendix H, Agency Letters. To account for changes to the project design, a revised ASSR and addendum HRER were prepared and submitted to SHPO on June 25, 2008. With the subsequent identification of the BEP Alternative as the Recommended Project, a letter report summarizing the effects of the BEP Alternative on historic resources was submitted to SHPO on January 18, 2010. Meetings with the SHPO were held on October 30, 2003, January 26, 2009, and December 17, 2009.

On March 25, 2010, SHPO concurred with the identification efforts, determinations of eligibility, and impacts of the BEP Alternative on historic resources by executing a Programmatic Agreement with FTA and VTA. The Programmatic Agreement (PA) and supporting Cultural Resources Treatment Plan (CRTP) were developed in consultation with the Native American community, historical organizations, appropriate city and county historic preservation bodies, SHPO, and American Council on Historic Places (ACHP). The PA and CRTP identify the process for completing the identification and evaluation of cultural resources within the SVRTC and defines the process for addressing impacts and avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating adverse effects. The Final PA is included in Appendix F. Coordination with SHPO is ongoing and will continue through the implementation of the CRTP.

11.3.3 PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Table 11-1 summarizes the permits and approvals required for the project evaluated in the Draft EIS.

Table 11-1: Required Permits and Approvals

Agency	BEP Alternative	SVRTP Alternative
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Consultation for effects to federally protected wildlife and critical habitat. Consultation for effects to federally protected plant species. Approve compensation related to effects to federally protected species.	Consultation for effects to federally protected wildlife and critical habitat. Consultation for effects to federally protected plant species. Approve compensation related to effects to federally protected species.
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service	Consultation for effects to federally protected anadromous fish (steelhead and Chinook salmon) and critical habitat. Approve compensation related to effects to federally protected species.	Consultation for effects to federally protected anadromous fish (steelhead and Chinook salmon) and critical habitat. Approve compensation related to effects to federally protected species.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Approve individual Section 404 permit for effects to jurisdictional wetlands and other waters of the U.S. Approve mitigation related to effects to these resources.	Approve individual Section 404 permit for effects to jurisdictional wetlands and other waters of the U.S. Approve mitigation related to effects to these resources.
Federal Railroad Administration	Coordination regarding common corridor and crossing Caltrain/UPRR ROW.	Coordination regarding common corridor and crossing Caltrain/UPRR ROW.
Federal Highway Administration	Approve plans for ramp modifications at US 101 and BART crossings of SR 237.	Approve plans for ramp modifications at US 101 and BART crossings of SR 237, SR 87, SR 82, US 101, and I-880
California Department of Fish and Game	Consultation for effects to state protected fish and wildlife and their habitats. Consultation for effects to state protected plant species. Approve mitigation related to effects to state protected species. Execute Streambed Alteration Agreement for work within creeks.	Consultation for effects to state protected fish and wildlife and their habitats. Consultation for effects to state protected plant species. Approve mitigation related to effects to state protected species. Execute Streambed Alteration Agreement for work within creeks.
California Department of Transportation	Approve plans for ramp modifications at US 101 and BART crossings of SR 237. Encroachment permit for any work or traffic control within the State right-of-way.	Approve plans for ramp modifications at US 101 and BART crossings of SR 237, SR 87, SR 82, US 101, and I-880. Encroachment permit for any work or traffic control within the State right-of-way.

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Agency	BEP Alternative	SVRTP Alternative
State Office of Historic Preservation	Approval and execution of PA and CRTP describing procedures for protection and mitigation of impacts to cultural resources pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800	Approval and execution of PA and CRTP describing procedures for protection and mitigation of impacts to historic and cultural resources pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800.
California Public Utilities Commission	Coordination regarding common corridor.	Coordination regarding common corridor.
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District	Approve project per VTA/BART Comprehensive Agreement	Approve project per VTA/BART Comprehensive Agreement
Regional Water Quality Control Board	Approve Section 401 Water Quality Certification, including Waste Discharge Requirements, if any. Approve mitigation related to effects to waters of the state. Approve Section 402 General Construction Activity NPDES Permit (includes developing and implementing a SWPPP) for construction phase impacts and project-specific compliance measures.	Approve Section 401 Water Quality Certification, including Waste Discharge Requirements, if any. Approve mitigation related to effects to waters of the state. Approve Section 402 General Construction Activity NPDES Permit (includes developing and implementing a SWPPP) for construction phase impacts and project-specific compliance measures.
Santa Clara County	No permitting requirements identified.	No permitting requirements identified.
Santa Clara Valley Water District	Issue encroachment permit if construction comes within specified limits of the top of bank of any Santa Clara County stream. Issue well permits for geotechnical and chemical investigations or groundwater monitoring. Issue permits for monitoring and dewatering well installations and destructions per District Ordinance 90-1.	Issue encroachment permit if construction comes within specified limits of the top of bank of any Santa Clara County stream. Issue well permits for geotechnical and chemical investigations or groundwater monitoring. Issue permits for monitoring and dewatering well installations and destructions per District Ordinance 90-1.
Alameda County Water District	Issue encroachment permit if modifying culverts or drainage channels. Issue well permits for geotechnical and chemical investigations or groundwater monitoring. Issue permits for dewatering well installations and destructions.	Issue encroachment permit if modifying culverts or drainage channels. Issue well permits for geotechnical and chemical investigations or groundwater monitoring. Issue permits for dewatering well installations and destructions.
City of Fremont	Encroachment permit for construction in city ROW.	Encroachment permit for construction in city ROW.
City of Milpitas	Encroachment permit for construction in city ROW.	Encroachment permit for construction in city ROW.
City of San Jose	Encroachment permit for construction in city ROW.	Encroachment permit for construction in city ROW.
City of Santa Clara	N/A	Street opening permit requirement for construction in the city ROW.

Note: N/A = Not Applicable.

11.3.4 AGENCIES CONSULTED DURING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS

Public agencies consulted during the environmental process are the following:

Federal Agencies and Representatives

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Bureau of Indian Affairs	U.S. Department of Agriculture
Council of Environmental Quality	U.S. Department of Commerce
Federal Emergency Management Administration	U.S. Department of Energy
Federal Highway Administration	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Federal Railroad Administration	U.S. Department of the Interior
	U.S. Department of Transportation
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
National Transportation Safety Board	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Surface Transportation Board	U.S. Senators and Representatives

State Agencies and Representatives

Air Resources Board	Native Plant Society
Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 4	Office of Historic Preservation (State Historic Preservation Officer)
Caltrans Division of Rail	Office of Planning and Research
Department of Fish and Game	Public Utilities Commission
Department of Housing and Community Development	State Clearinghouse
Department of Parks and Recreation	State Lands Commission
Department of Water Resources	State Resources Agency
Energy Commission	State Senators and Assembly Members
Native American Heritage Commission	Water Quality Control Board

Local and Regional Agencies

Alameda County	Milpitas Cultural Resources Preservation Board
Alameda County Congestion Management Agency	Milpitas Historical Society
Alameda County Transportation Authority	Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Alameda County Transportation Improvement Agency	Preservation Action Council of San Jose
Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	Regional Water Quality Control Board
Altamont Commuter Express	San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
Bay Area Air Quality Management District	San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
California Trolley and Railroad Corporation	San Jose Redevelopment Agency
City of Fremont	San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission
City of Milpitas	Santa Clara County
City of San Jose	Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Commission
City of Santa Clara	City of Santa Clara Historical and Landmarks Commission
Covenant Holder, South Bay Historical Railroad Society	Santa Clara Valley Water District
Heritage Council of Santa Clara County	Sonoma State University Information Center
Historical Preservation Society of Santa Clara	South Bay Historical Railroad Society
Metropolitan Transportation Commission	Transportation Agency for Monterey County

11.4 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

The public involvement program employs a variety of means, including individual and group contacts, targeted information meetings, workshops, fact sheets and newsletters, circulation of draft documents, and formal public meetings to incorporate the broad community outreach goals of VTA. The activities are:

- Include all the diverse communities, promoting public awareness through each phase of the project.
- Address community needs, issues and concerns.
- Provide timely and accurate project information.
- Enhance communication with schools, businesses, and other groups in the community.
- Build understanding and support for transportation and congestion management programs and projects.
- Revise outreach efforts to meet project and community needs.

This section describes the organizational structures, meetings, and media through which VTA conducts the outreach and public involvement program for the SVRTC.

11.4.1 COMMUNITY WORKING GROUPS

VTA established four CWGs for the SVRTC when the environmental process was originally initiated. The purpose of the CWGs is to communicate project information to key members of the community and facilitate community input and participation. CWGs were established for the City of Milpitas, the San Jose Hostetter/Alum Rock neighborhood, the Downtown San Jose area, and the City of Santa Clara. A fifth CWG was established to introduce and educate the public, and more specifically City of San Jose's District 3 community, on the tunnel design options and ventilation facility locations at Coyote Creek.

Group members include the leaders of neighborhood and business associations, community organizations, advocacy groups, major property owners, and planning commissioners. Meetings held during the time frame of each document are listed below.

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July 25, 2007 – July 28, 2008

July 25, 2007	Stakeholder meeting with opinion/community leaders, requested participation for a CWG for Coyote Creek
September 10, 2007	Coyote Creek Community Working Group
October 2, 2007	Coyote Creek Community Working Group
October 9, 2007	Milpitas CWG Meeting-Draft EIS Scoping

October 11, 2007	Combined Hostetter-Alum Rock/San Jose CWG Meeting-Draft EIS Scoping
October 18, 2007	Santa Clara CWG Meeting-Draft EIS Scoping
January 29, 2008	Coyote Creek Community Working Group
April 24, 2008	Coyote Creek Community Working Group
May 19, 2008	Coyote Creek Community Working Group
July 28, 2008	Coyote Creek Community Working Group

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July 21, 2006- June 7, 2007

January 31, 2005	Milpitas CWG Meeting (Project Update)
February 2, 2005	San Jose Open House (Project Update)
February 2, 2005	Downtown San Jose CWG Meeting (Project Update)
February 2, 2005	Santa Clara CWG Meeting (Project Update)
February 10, 2005	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG Meeting (Project Update)
April 20, 2005	Downtown San Jose CWG Meeting - Station Consolidation
April 25, 2005	Milpitas CWG Meeting: Montague/Capitol Aerial Alignment
August 8, 2006	Milpitas CWG Scoping Meeting on Draft SEIR
August 14, 2006	Santa Clara CWG Scoping Meeting on Draft SEIR
August 15, 2006	Alum Rock/Hostetter CWG Scoping Meeting on Draft SEIR
August 21, 2006	San Jose CWG Scoping Meeting on Draft SEIR
December 12, 2006	Milpitas CWG Meeting – Station Area Plan
February 13, 2007	San Jose CWG Meeting-DSEIR Public Hearings
February 15, 2007	Santa Clara CWG Meeting-DSEIR Public Hearings
February 26, 2007	Milpitas CWG Meeting-DSEIR Public Hearings
February 28, 2007	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG Meeting-DSEIR Public Hearings
March 14, 2007	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG Meeting – Station Area Planning
March 27, 2007	Santa Clara CWG Meeting
April 10, 2007	Milpitas CWG Meeting

2004 Draft EIS/EIR and Final EIR**January 29, 2002- December 9, 2004**

March 7, 2002	Santa Clara CWG meeting
March 11, 2002	Milpitas CWG meeting
March 13, 2002	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG meeting
March 14, 2002	Downtown San Jose CWG meeting
April 11, 2002	Special CWG/public meeting on the proposed airport connection between Santa Clara/San Jose and SJIA
April 15, 2002	Milpitas CWG/public workshop #1, Milpitas Station and Urban Design
April 17, 2002	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG/public workshop #1, East San Jose Station and Urban Design
April 18, 2002	Downtown San Jose CWG/public workshop #1, Downtown San Jose Station and Urban Design
May 13, 2002	Santa Clara CWG/public meeting
May 15, 2002	Hostetter/Alum Rock, Downtown San Jose CWGs
May 16, 2002	Milpitas CWG/public meeting
June 20, 2002	Milpitas CWG/public workshop #2, Milpitas Station and Urban Design
June 24, 2002	Santa Clara CWG/public workshop # 2, Santa Clara Station and Urban Design
June 26, 2002	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG and public workshop #2, East San Jose Station and Urban Design
June 27, 2002	Downtown San Jose CWG/public workshop #2, Downtown San Jose Station and Urban Design
September 23, 2002	Milpitas CWG/public workshop #3, Milpitas Station and Urban Design
September 30, 2002	Santa Clara CWG/public workshop #3, Santa Clara Station and Urban Design

October 1, 2002	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG/public workshop #3, East San Jose Station and Urban Design
October 2, 2002	Downtown San Jose CWG/public workshop #3, Downtown San Jose Station and Urban Design
December 1, 2002	Published an announcement of meetings and open houses in the San Jose Mercury News
December 4, 2002	Milpitas CWG/public meeting
December 5, 2002	Hostetter/Alum Rock and Downtown San Jose CWGs, Public open house
December 9, 2002	Santa Clara CWG/public meeting
May 12, 2003	Milpitas CWG meeting
May 14, 2003	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG meeting
May 15, 2003	Downtown San Jose CWG meeting
May 19, 2003	Santa Clara CWG meeting
September 8, 2003	Milpitas CWG meeting
September 10, 2003	Downtown San Jose CWG meeting
September 11, 2003	Santa Clara CWG meeting
September 15, 2003	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG meeting
March 29, 2004	Milpitas CWG meeting (Draft EIS/EIR Overview)
April 5, 2004	Santa Clara CWG meeting (Draft EIS/EIR Overview)
April 7, 2004	Downtown San Jose CWG meeting (Draft EIS/EIR Overview)
April 8, 2004	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG meeting (Draft EIS/EIR Overview)

Member affiliates serving on the CWG during the Draft EIS process are listed below:

Milpitas CWG Affiliates

City of Milpitas Bicycle Transportation Advisory Committee	Pioneer Mobile Home Park
Colliers International	Planning Commission
Cornish & Carey Commercial Real Estate	Professional Constructors, Inc./ The Crossings

Custom Drywell	Property Owners
Friendly Village Mobile Home Park	RGC Court Homes
Great Mall	Residents
Heald College	Sister Cities Commission
Marriott International, Inc.	Solectron
Milpitas Chamber of Commerce	Summerfield Homeowners Association
Milpitas Downtown Association	Sunnyhills Homeowners Association
Milpitas Unified School District	Telecommunications Commission

Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG Affiliates

Adobe Systems Incorporated, Mailstop W11	Olinder Neighborhood Food Program
Berryessa Citizens' Advisory Council	Residents
City of San Jose	The Schoennauer Company
The Flea Market, Inc.	Portuguese Chamber of Commerce
Five Wounds/Brookwood Terrace Area	Property Owners
Mexican American Political Association	

Downtown San Jose CWG Affiliates

24th Street Neighborhood Association	Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association
Campus Community Association	Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association
Downtown Leadership Forum	San Jose Arena Authority
Hensley Historic District	San Jose Chamber of Commerce
HP Pavilion at San Jose	San Jose Downtown Association
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	San Jose Downtown Resident Association
Horace Mann Neighborhood Association	Transportation Solutions, San Jose State University
Julian/St. James Neighborhood Association	University Neighborhood Coalition
Market Almaden Neighborhood Association	Vietnamese Community Leader
Northside Neighborhood Association	Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce
Olinder Neighborhood Association	

Santa Clara CWG Affiliates

Alviso Street Neighborhood Group	Residents
Business Owners	Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce
City of Santa Clara Historical and Landmarks Commission	Santa Clara University
Hunter Properties/Tech Station	Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition
Federal Express	South Bay Historic Railroad Society, Inc.
Planning Commission, City of Santa Clara	Transportation and Land Use Coalition

Coyote Creek CWG Affiliates

Naglee Park Neighborhood Group	Stakeholder Advisory Committee
Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association	Julian St. James Neighborhood Association
Campus Community Association	Strong Neighborhood Initiative
University Neighborhood Coalition	13 th Street Neighborhood Association
Northside Neighborhood Association	City of San Jose Historical and Landmarks Commission
Business Owners	Residents
City of San Jose District 3, Council Member Sam Liccardo	San Jose Redevelopment Agency

11.4.2 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Public meetings, workshops, and stakeholder meetings have been conducted and will continue throughout the environmental process to provide project information and receive input. This section summarizes some of the key activities to date. The meetings are announced through media releases, invitations to CWG members, general notification mailers, and the SVRT project website. Meeting announcements are produced in multiple languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese. Interpreters are provided at meetings according to need. The cities of Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara also assist with distribution of notices.

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Berryessa Community Meeting

City of San Jose District 4 Council Member Kansen Chu requested VTA staff to make a presentation about the status of the BART Project at a Berryessa Community Meeting. The meeting was held on May 6, 2009 at the Berryessa Library in San Jose.

Coyote Creek Alignment Meetings

As VTA continued design on the SVRT Project, input was gathered from the community on the proposed BART alignment at Coyote Creek through a series of public meetings. The alignment required bored tunnels to pass under Santa Clara Street and the creek where an existing bridge is located. In July 2007, VTA and City staff met with community leaders to discuss the issues of the alignment, and the concept of a proposed diversion from the existing bridge.

The meetings aimed to make two key decisions: 1) the preferred tunnel alignment at Coyote Creek and 2) the ventilation shaft location(s) required in the vicinity of the creek to exhaust smoke or fumes from the tunnels in the event of an emergency and tunnel maintenance.

Coyote Creek Alignment community meetings were held on July 25, September 10 and October 16, 2007 and each included a presentation and comment period. Additional community working group meetings were held on January 29, April 24, May 19 and July 28 to receive and incorporate community and stakeholder input on proposed locations and design of the vent structure in the Coyote Creek.

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Santa Clara Station Area Planning

The City of Santa Clara, City of San Jose, and VTA have been working together on a plan for the area around the Santa Clara Transit Center. The Transit Center, which includes several historic buildings, is currently served by Caltrain, Altamont Commuter Express (ACE), and VTA bus lines. Additionally, future plans call for an Automated People Mover (APM) system that would connect Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport with both the Transit Center and VTA's Metro/Airport light rail station. Finally, a major effort is currently underway to extend BART from Fremont to Silicon Valley, with the Santa Clara Transit Center forming the terminus of this extension. With direct rail service to virtually all parts of the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond, the Transit Center will emerge as a key intermodal hub in the region.

The project Planning Area encompasses 432 acres of land in the cities of San Jose and Santa Clara. The Plan will lay the foundation for the development and revitalization of this Planning Area, ensuring a dynamic social and economic environment by cultivating a wide spectrum of uses, including housing, live/work units, shops, and restaurants. The confluence of these activities in proximity to a user-friendly transit hub fosters a thriving environment for residents and visitors to live, work, play, and travel with ease. Additionally, enhanced transit service and linkages will provide convenient connections to surrounding neighborhoods and institutions, such as Santa Clara University.

Outreach to date has included a Santa Clara Station Area Plan Visioning Workshop on August 28, 2006 and a Santa Clara Station Area Plan Alternatives Workshop on March 29, 2007.

Dixon Landing Road Alignment Community Meeting

The City of Milpitas, in coordination with VTA, held a public meeting on March 16, 2005 to present information and receive input regarding two BART alignment options at Dixon Landing Road in Milpitas; BART in a retained-cut and BART at-grade. A project overview, update and comparison of both alignment options were provided. The public was given an opportunity to comment on the alignment options, ask questions and submit written comment cards. Exhibits were available for the public to view and discuss with staff from the City of Milpitas, VTA and the project team.

Downtown San Jose Station Consolidation Community Meeting

A public meeting was held on April 20, 2005 to review VTA's recommendation for a Downtown San Jose station consolidation for the SVRT Project. Exhibits were on display and a PowerPoint presentation was delivered to provide information about the station consolidation recommendation. The public was encouraged to ask questions, present comments and submit written comment cards. VTA staff and project team members were available to discuss exhibits and answer questions from the public.

Montague/Capitol Alignment Public Meeting

The Milpitas community was invited on April 25, 2005 to review VTA's recommendation for an aerial alignment at the Milpitas Station for the SVRT Project. A PowerPoint presentation was delivered and included a project overview, schedule and description of the Aerial Alignment recommendation and station plan concepts. An overview of the City of Milpitas' Transit Sub-area Visioning Project was also provided. The presentation was followed by an open public discussion. The public was encouraged to ask questions, present comments and submit written comment cards. VTA staff and project team members were available to discuss exhibits and answer questions from the public.

Project Update Meetings for the 2007 Supplemental EIR

In February 2005, two public open houses were held to provide updates on the BART Extension Project, including the VTA Board of Director's certification of the Final EIR, status of the environmental process, preliminary engineering activities, and Project schedule.

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Twelve Station and Urban Design Workshops

From April to October 2002, VTA conducted three rounds of community workshops in four areas: Milpitas, Hostetter/Alum Rock, downtown San Jose, and Santa Clara. The twelve workshops were designed to provide information and receive public input to refine station and urban design concepts for the BART stations. The CWGs, the general public and surrounding communities were invited to the workshops and approximately 340 people participated.

The community addressed a wide range of comments, including facility layout, station access, intermodal connectivity, impacts, and land use issues. Community members emphasized the importance of multi-modal access to the stations and efficient connections with other transit modes. Many stressed the need for cooperative development efforts with the cities and neighborhood land use plans. Others requested a thorough evaluation of the station impacts on traffic and circulation, as well as on residences and businesses. The public also recommended that station facility designs complement the unique style of the surrounding community.

Public Meetings on Project Description for the EIR

In May 2002, VTA conducted community meetings and presentations to provide project information and receive public input to further refine the project definition for the EIS/EIR. The public meetings were announced through a media release, a general notification mailer, display advertisements, and the SVRTC project website.

Comments were received from three public and CWG meetings, as follows: Santa Clara CWG/public meeting on May 13, 2002; Hostetter/Alum Rock/Downtown San Jose CWG/San Jose public meeting on May 15, 2002; and Milpitas CWG/public meeting on May 16, 2002.

Community input from the project definition meetings focused on station and alignment options for the BART Alternative. Community members asked for studies regarding construction impacts on the surrounding community. Others expressed the need for thorough public information regarding construction staging locations, hours of construction, emergency vehicle access, and parking and traffic impacts. Some members of the public recommended analysis of tunnel construction impacts on residences, businesses, and the environment in downtown San Jose.

Project Update Community Open Houses

In December 2002, VTA held three community open houses and three CWG meetings to provide project information and receive public input on the alignment and station concepts for the BART Alternative: Milpitas CWG/community open house on December 4, 2002; Hostetter/Alum Rock/Downtown San Jose CWG/San Jose community open house on December 5, 2002; and Santa Clara CWG/community open house on December 9, 2002.

The community open houses were announced through a media release, a general notification mailer, display advertisements, and the SVRTC project website. The public meeting announcement mailer was produced in four languages (English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese) and was mailed to the study mailing list of approximately 76,600 interested organizations, businesses, and residents.

Additional CWG meetings were held in May to present updated project characteristics and preliminary environmental information. The meetings were held in: Milpitas on May

12, 2003; Hostetter/Alum Rock on May 14, 2003; downtown San Jose on May 15, 2003; and Santa Clara on May 19, 2003.

Comments from the community open houses addressed station and alignment options and areas of environmental analysis for the BART Alternative. Community members asked for a thorough evaluation of noise and vibration impacts on residences and businesses along the alignment; impacts to cultural resources, the visual and aesthetic environment, traffic and parking, and property values; and impacts due to construction. Many supported strong intermodal connectivity with light rail and Caltrain. Coordination with local land use plans and development opportunities also was expressed. Some emphasized the importance of access to stations for bicycles, pedestrians, buses, and automobiles.

Other Stakeholder and Community Meetings

In addition to the public meetings, VTA continues to make presentations upon request to community groups and stakeholders. Representative groups where VTA has made presentations include the League of Women Voters, the San Jose Downtown Business Association, the Fourth Annual Neighborhood Summit, SJSU, HP Pavilion, La Raza, and the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative groups.

Individual stakeholder meetings have also been held as requested or appropriate to identify issues affecting the project definition or studies. Some of these meetings have included representatives of the following groups: Sierra Club, San Jose State University Association Student Government, Silicon Valley Leadership Group (formerly the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group), Bay Rail Alliance, Transportation and Land Use Coalition (formerly the Bay Area Transportation and Land Use Coalition), California Alliance for Jobs, League of Women Voters, South Bay Labor Council, Modern Transit Society, and the San Jose Downtown Business Association.

On April 11, 2002, VTA hosted a special CWG meeting on the proposed airport connection between Santa Clara/San Jose and SJIA. Two airport connection options, a direct BART connection and an APM, were presented and comments were taken. Members of the Milpitas, Hostetter/Alum Rock, Downtown San Jose, and Santa Clara CWGs were invited, and approximately 42 people attended.

On April 29, 2002, VTA held a downtown San Jose informational workshop to address tunneling and BART project coordination with the Downtown East Valley Project. The meeting announcement was mailed and e-mailed to CWG members, and a notice was sent to businesses and residents in areas where the BART Alternative would be in tunnel. VTA also worked with the City of San Jose to distribute notices to interested parties. A press release was distributed and the meeting was posted on the SVRTC project website. Approximately 78 people attended this downtown San Jose informational workshop.

VTA hosted two station entrance workshops on September 26 and 30, 2002, at the Theatre on San Pedro Square to discuss the entrances to the Civic Plaza/SJSU and

Market Street stations. The presentation included an overview of the BART project and the types, criteria, and potential locations for station entrances. The meetings, noticed by business associations and San Jose city staff, were targeted for property owners, business owners, and the general public.

Public Meetings on Minimum Operating Segment Scenarios

In September 2003, VTA conducted a series of five public workshops and four CWG meetings to present the minimum operating segment (MOS) scenarios and to receive public input. VTA was also invited to attend a public hearing in Milpitas, a Strong Neighborhoods Initiative meeting in Five-Wounds/Brookwood Terrace, and an East Santa Clara Street Business Association meeting.

Approximately 250 comments were received at these meetings as well as by phone, fax, mail, and e-mail. The comments focused on the need to include a station in east San Jose that would provide access for transit users to the east and alleviate traffic and parking demand in Milpitas. The public also voiced the desire to retain the full-build BART Alternative and look for other funding sources. In addition, the possibility of combining the Civic Plaza/SJSU and Market Street stations was expressed. Community members also asked VTA to confirm ridership, employment projections, and funding constraints in determining a preferred MOS scenario.

On October 6, 2003, VTA brought two new MOS scenarios to the PAB for consideration: MOS-1E and MOS-1F. After reviewing the trade-offs for the six MOS scenarios and in response to public input, the PAB decided to include MOS-1E and MOS-1F as sub-options to the BART Alternative in this EIS/EIR document and the New Starts process.

Meetings on the Alignment and Station Design Option

Four CWG meetings were held to present information and receive input on both the Draft EIR and the alignment and station design options for the BART Alternative. These meetings were scheduled as follows: Milpitas CWG on March 29, 2004; Santa Clara CWG on April 5, 2004; Downtown San Jose CWG on April 7, 2004; and Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG on April 8, 2004. Information on the alignment and station design options was also presented at the four public hearings on the Draft EIS/EIR.

In addition to the information presented at these meetings, VTA prepared an Issue Summary Report for the BART Alignment and Station Design Options. This report included a basic discussion of the 15 alignment and station options for the BART Alternative, including the pros and cons of each. The report was distributed to the members of the CWGs and was made available to the public at the public hearings.

Comments received during the CWG meetings and the public hearings on the alignment and station options were considered during the preparation of VTA staff recommendations to the PAB of the preferred options that would refine the Recommended Project (BART Alternative). On May 26, 2004, the PAB approved these

recommendations, which are listed in Volume II, Chapter 1, Introduction. Volume II, Chapter 1, Section 1.2, Recommended Project, describes the BART Alternative in the context of the preferred alignment and station options.

11.5 PUBLIC HEARINGS

11.5.1 REVISED DRAFT AND FINAL EIS

The official agency and public comment period ended May 8, 2009. At City of San Jose Councilmember Chu's request, an additional week of review was provided to accommodate the Berryessa community and a May 6 information meeting. The public comment period ended on May 15, 2009. This 63-day public comment period exceeds the NEPA requirement that the time period for review and comment on Draft EISs shall not be less than 45 calendar days.

PowerPoint presentations and public hearings were held after publication of the Draft EIS at three locations including April 6 at the San Jose City Hall, April 13 at the Milpitas Unified School District Board Room and April 20 at the Santa Clara Senior Center Auditorium.

11.5.2 2007 DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL EIR

The Draft Supplemental EIR was circulated for the 45 day public review period beginning in January 2007.

A Public Hearing Notice was distributed to announce the February 13, 15, 20, and 28, 2007 public hearing dates for the Draft Supplemental EIR. The public hearings were held to gather input to be included in the Final Supplemental EIR. The public comment review period ended on March 16, 2007.

The public hearings were held to provide an update about the project, and to give the community an opportunity to provide input on project changes in the Draft Supplemental EIR. The meetings began with an open house and were followed by a presentation and public comment period. Prior to each meeting, at 5:00-6:15 PM, were the respective CWG meetings which include representatives such as leaders of neighborhood and business associations, community organizations, advocacy groups and planning commissioners.

11.5.3 2004 DRAFT EIS/EIR

The Draft EIS/EIR was circulated for public review and comment for 60 days from March 16, 2004 through May 14, 2004. A Notice of Completion (NOC) for the draft document was sent to the State Clearinghouse on March 16, 2004. A NOA of the Draft EIR was filed with the Santa Clara County Clerk on March 16, 2004, published in the Federal Register on March 26, 2004, and posted on VTA's SVRTC project website.

The NOA was also published on March 24 and March 25, 2004 in the following publications: Fremont Argus, Milpitas Post, San Jose Mercury News, Santa Clara Weekly, El Observador (Spanish), Sing Tao Daily (Chinese), and Thoi Bao (Vietnamese). NOAs were mailed to interested agencies, organizations, and individuals, as indicated in Chapter 12, Distribution of the Draft EIS. The NOA included information on three public hearings scheduled during the public review and comment period: Santa Clara on April 12, 2004, San Jose on April 14, and Milpitas on April 19, 2004. It also included information on where the Draft EIS/EIR could be reviewed by the general public including select local libraries, VTA's website, and VTA's Environmental Planning Department. Information on how to obtain a hard or CD ROM copy of the document was also provided. A Public Hearing Notice with much of the same information as the NOA was mailed to approximately 55,000 people in VTA's SVRTC project database and included property and business owners and tenants within 1,000 feet from the proposed corridor and ½-mile radius around the proposed stations. Following publication of the NOA, a fourth public hearing was scheduled on May 10, 2004 in San Jose.

In addition to the Draft EIS/EIR, the Citizen's Guide to the Draft Environmental Document provided a user-friendly overview of key environmental considerations that would result from the short-term construction and long-term operation of the BART Alternative. The publication was posted on VTA's website, mailed to interested agencies, organizations, and individuals, as indicated in Chapter 12, Distribution of the Draft EIS, and made available at the public hearings. It was also available upon request by contacting VTA's Environmental Planning Department.

11.5.4 NEWSLETTERS, FACT SHEETS, BROCHURES AND NOTICES

Newsletters are produced to describe the study, notice key milestones, report VTA's efforts to address community issues, and provide information on future activities. The newsletter is the primary tool to summarize corridor-wide issues and activities for a broad audience. Fact sheets are also developed and distributed for broad dissemination of project highlights and to respond to frequently asked questions. Three newsletters and a series of formal fact sheets have been produced to date as follows:

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| September 2007 | – Fact Sheet – Tunnel Information |
| September 2007 | – Fact Sheet – Ventilation Structure Information |
| October 2007 | – Public Notice – Draft EIS |
| April 2008 | – Public Information – Frequently Asked Questions Document |
| October 2008 | – Fact Sheet – BART Project Update |
| April 2009 | – Public Information – Frequently Asked Questions Document |
| April 2009 | – Fact Sheet – BART Project Update |

June 2009 – Brochure – BART Project Update

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February 2005 – Public Notice – February 2005 Open Houses

August 2006 – Public Notice – Supplemental EIR

February 2007 – Brochure – Investing in our Future

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March 2001 – Newsletter Issue 1 - Major Investment Study

April 2001 – Newsletter Issue 1 - Spanish Language

February 2002 – Fact Sheet - Scoping Information

February 2002 – Newsletter Issue 2 - BART Extension Approved by VTA

March 2002 – Fact Sheet - Project Overview (English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Portuguese)

April 2002 – Public Notice - VTA Downtown San Jose Meeting, Featuring Tunneling

April 2002 – Fact Sheet - Subway Overview

April 2002 – Public Notice - Station and Urban Design Workshop 1

May 2002 – Public Notice - Public Meetings

June 2002 – Public Notice - Station and Urban Design Workshop 2

September 2002 – Newsletter Issue 3 - Approved Project Description for Environmental Study

September 2002 – Public Notice - Station and Urban Design Workshop 3

December 2002 – Public Notice - Community Open House Meetings

December 2002 – Fact Sheet - Key Project Phases and Targeted Timeline

December 2002 – Fact Sheet - Key Milestones and the Public Outreach Schedule for Environmental Phase

December 2002 – Fact Sheet - Real Estate Section

December 2002 – Fact Sheet - Frequently Asked Questions December 2002

May 2003 – Fact Sheet - Preparing an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for a Major Transit Project

August 2003 – Newsletter – Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor “Telling the Story”

May 2003	– Fact Sheet - Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Budget Process
September 2003	– Public Notice - Minimum Operating Segment
September 2003	– Fact Sheet - Minimum Operating Segment Scenarios
September 2003	– Fact Sheet – Frequently Asked Questions September 2003
March 2004	– Public Notice – Draft EIS/EIR
March 2004	– Fact Sheet – BART Alignment and Station Design Options Summary of Draft Recommendations
March 2004	– Fact Sheet – Frequently Asked Questions Spring 2004
March 2004	– Fact Sheet – Preliminary Engineering
May 2004	– Public Notice – Draft EIS/EIR
May 2004	– BART Preliminary Engineering: Why Start Now. Spring 2004
August 2004	– Fact Sheet – Frequently Asked Questions Summer 2004
August 2004	– Fact Sheet – Preliminary Engineering Status Report

11.5.5 NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTION LIST

VTA distributes news releases and public notices regarding the SVRTC project to local media outlets. The following lists newspapers that were included in its distribution throughout numerous phases of the project. Because of the time span, some newspapers are no longer in operation and additional media outlets were added as they came into existence.

Alameda Journal	Milpitas Post
Alameda Times-Star	Monterey County Herald
Alianza Metropolitan News	Morgan Hill Times/San Martin News
Almanac	Mountain View Voice
Argus	Newcomer News
Berryessa Sun	Northern California Construction Bulletin
California Voice	Nuevo Mundo
Californian	Oakland Tribune
Campbell Reporter	Palo Alto Daily News
Carmel Pine Cone	Palo Alto Weekly
Castro Valley Forum	Pinnacle

Cupertino Courier	Redwood City Almanac
Daily Review	Redwood City Independent
El Mensajero	Russian Life Newspaper
El Mundo	San Francisco Business Times
El Observador	San Francisco Chronicle
El Sol	San Francisco Examiner
Filipino Guardian	San Jose Business Journal
Free Lance	San Jose Mercury News
Fremont Bulletin	San Mateo County Times
Gilroy Dispatch	Santa Clara Weekly
Hispanic Business Journal	Santa Cruz County Sentinel
Hokubei Mainichi	Saratoga News
India-West	Sing Tao Daily
International Daily News	Sunnyvale Sun
Investor's Business Daily - Silicon Valley Bureau	
Korea Central Daily	Thoi Bao
Korea Community News	Times Newspaper Group
Korea Post	Tri-Valley Herald
La Oferta Review	Vietnam Liberty News
Los Altos Town Crier	Vietnam Daily News
Los Gatos Weekly Times	
Manila Mail	Willow Glen Resident

11.5.6 PROJECT INFORMATION WEBSITE

The project website (www.vta.org/bart) provides information to the public about the SVRTC project. The website is updated on a regular basis to offer the most current project information. The site contains study information, project calendar, newsletters, presentation materials, public meeting summaries, public comment summary reports, and the Final EIS. The site also allows the public to submit comments directly.

11.6 ONGOING PUBLIC OUTREACH

VTA will continue to conduct regular coordination meetings with the CWGs, PAB, BART, VTA/City Partnership meetings and ETAC throughout the environmental process. VTA will provide periodic updates to the VTA/BART Boards of Directors at key milestones and conduct quarterly FTA coordination meetings to provide project updates. VTA will also continue to communicate with corridor property owners. Public presentations will continue to keep stakeholders, the public, and the media informed about the environmental process. Newsletters will continue to be produced to describe the EIS process, notice key milestones, report VTA's efforts to address community issues, and provide information on future activities.

11.7 CHRONOLOGY OF COORDINATION

This section includes a chronology of public outreach and coordination activities conducted to date during preparation of the environmental document.

11.7.1 REVISED DRAFT AND FINAL EIS

June 12, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting - Milpitas
June 13, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
June 27, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
July 10, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting - Milpitas
July 11, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
July 25, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
July 25, 2007	Coyote Creek Alignment Workshop
August 8, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
August 14, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting - Milpitas
August 21, 2007	ETAC/ VTA-City Partnership Meeting

September 10, 2007	Coyote Creek Public Meeting
September 12, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
September 26, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
September 27, 2007	Published DEIS scoping announcement in the Milpitas Post
September 28, 2007	Published DEIS scoping announcement in the San Jose Mercury News
September 28, 2007	Published DEIS scoping announcement in El Observador
September 28, 2007	Published DEIS scoping announcement in the Thoi Bao
October 1, 2007	Published DEIS scoping announcement in the Fremont Argus
October 2, 2007	Coyote Creek Community Working Group
October 3, 2007	Published DEIS scoping announcement in the Santa Clara Weekly
October 9, 2007	ETAC/ VTA-City Partnership Meeting
October 9, 2007	Milpitas CWG Meeting-Draft EIS Public Scoping
October 9, 2007	Milpitas Public Scoping Meeting on the Draft EIS
October 10, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting- San Jose
October 11, 2007	San Jose CWG Meeting-Draft EIS Public Scoping
October 11, 2007	San Jose Public Scoping meeting on the Draft EIS
October 16, 2007	Coyote Creek Public Meeting
October 18, 2007	Santa Clara CWG Meeting-Draft EIS Public Scoping
October 18, 2007	Santa Clara Public Scoping Meeting on the Draft EIS
October 18, 2007	PAB Meeting
November 13, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting - Milpitas
January 14, 2008	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
January 16, 2008	PAB Meeting
January 17, 2008	VTA-City Partnership Meeting - Fremont
January 17, 2008	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Santa Clara
January 29, 2008	Coyote Creek Vent Structure CWG Meeting
February 5, 2008	VTA-City Partnership Meeting - Milpitas

February 13, 2008	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
February 21, 2008	VTA-City Partnership Meeting - Fremont
February 21, 2008	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Santa Clara
March 12, 2008	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
April 8, 2008	ETAC Meeting
April 24, 2008	Coyote Creek Vent Structure CWG BART Facility Tour
May 13, 2008	VTA-City Partnership Meeting - Milpitas
May 14, 2008	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
May 19, 2008	Coyote Creek Vent Structure CWG Meeting
July 2, 2008	PAB Meeting
July 9, 2008	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
July 28, 2008	Coyote Creek Vent Structure CWG Meeting
October 15, 2008	PAB Meeting
December 9, 2008	ETAC Meeting
January 15, 2009	VTA-City Partnership Meeting - Fremont
February 19, 2009	VTA-City Partnership Meeting - Fremont
March 24, 2009	ETAC Meeting
April 16, 2009	VTA-City Partnership Meeting - Fremont
April 16, 2009	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Santa Clara
April 29, 2009	PAB Meeting
May 21, 2009	VTA-City Partnership Meeting - Fremont

11.7.2 2007 SUPPLEMENTAL EIR

January 11, 2005	ETAC Meeting
January 31, 2005	Milpitas CWG Meeting (Project Update)
February 2, 2005	San Jose Open House (Project Update)
February 2, 2005	Downtown San Jose CWG Meeting (Project Update)
February 2, 2005	Santa Clara CWG Meeting (Project Update)
February 10, 2005	Hostetter/Alum Rock Open House (Project Update)
February 10, 2005	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG Meeting (Project Update)
March 16, 2005	Dixon Landing Road Alignment Community Meeting
April 20, 2005	Downtown San Jose CWG Meeting - Station Consolidation

April 20, 2005	Downtown San Jose Station Consolidation Community Meeting
April 21, 2005	PDT Meeting - Milpitas
April 21, 2005	PDT Meeting – San Jose
April 21, 2005	PDT Meeting –Santa Clara
April 25, 2005	Milpitas CWG Meeting: Montague/Capitol Aerial Alignment
April 25, 2005	Milpitas Community Meeting: Capitol/Montague Aerial Alignment
May 23, 2005	Santa Clara Community Meeting: Santa Clara Station Planning
July 21, 2005	PDT Meeting - Milpitas
July 21, 2005	PDT Meeting – San Jose
July 21, 2005	PDT Meeting – Santa Clara
October 11, 2005	ETAC Meeting
October 20, 2005	PDT Meeting – Milpitas
October 20, 2005	PDT Meeting – San Jose
October 20, 2005	PDT Meeting – Santa Clara
January 19, 2006	PDT Meeting – Milpitas, Fremont
January 19, 2006	PDT Meeting – Santa Clara
January 19, 2006	PDT Meeting – San Jose
April 11, 2006	ETAC Meeting
April 20, 2006	PDT Meeting – Milpitas/Fremont
April 20, 2006	PDT Meeting – Santa Clara
July 10, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Santa Clara
July 11, 2006	ETAC Meeting
July 20, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Fremont & Milpitas
July 20, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Santa Clara
July 20, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose, Part I
July 27, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose, Part II
July 21, 2006	Distributed Notice of Preparation for the SEIR
July 27, 2006	Published SEIR scoping display ad in the San Jose Mercury News
July 27, 2006	Published SEIR scoping display ad in the Milpitas Post

August 2, 2006	Published SEIR scoping display ad in Santa Clara Weekly
August 4, 2006	Published SEIR scoping display ad in the Thoi Bao
August 4, 2006	Published SEIR scoping display ad in El Observador
August 8, 2006	ETAC Meeting
August 8, 2006	Public Scoping Meeting on Draft SEIR
August 8, 2006	CWG Scoping Meeting on Draft SEIR
August 11, 2006	Published SEIR scoping display ad in the San Jose Mercury News
August 14, 2006	Public Scoping Meeting on Draft SEIR
August 14, 2006	CWG Scoping Meeting on Draft SEIR
August 15, 2006	Public Scoping Meeting on Draft SEIR
August 15, 2006	CWG Scoping Meeting on Draft SEIR
August 16, 2006	Published SEIR scoping display ad in Santa Clara Weekly
August 17, 2006	Published SEIR scoping display ad in the Rose Garden Resident
August 21, 2006	Public Scoping Meeting on Draft SEIR
August 21, 2006	CWG Scoping Meeting on Draft SEIR
August 23, 2006	Published SEIR scoping display ad in Santa Clara Weekly
August 24, 2006	Published SEIR scoping display ad in the Rose Garden Resident
August 28, 2006	Visioning Workshop for the Santa Clara Station Area Plan
September 21, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Fremont/Milpitas
September 21, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose, Part I
October 5, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose, Part II
October 10, 2006	ETAC/ VTA/City Partnership Meeting-Milpitas
October 19, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
October 19, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Milpitas
October 24, 2006	VTA/Milpitas Action Plan: Montague/Capitol Station Area Concepts
October 30, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Santa Clara
November 6, 2006	VTA & City of San Jose: Stations Coordination
November 6, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose

November 9, 2006	Montague/Capitol Station Area Planning, Station Architecture
November 14, 2006	City/Public Process for Arch Review, BofA and parking plan updates, TCM
November 28, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Santa Clara
November 29, 2006	PAB Meeting
December 4, 2006	ITAC Meeting
December 5, 2006	VTA/property owners in Alum Rock Station
December 5, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Milpitas
December 12, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
December 12, 2006	Milpitas CWG Meeting
December 13, 2006	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Santa Clara
January 9, 2007	ETAC Meeting
January 23, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Milpitas/Fremont
January 24, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
January 30, 2007	ETAC Meeting
February 1, 2007	VTA-City Partnership Meeting – Santa Clara
February 5, 2007	ITAC Meeting
February 13, 2007	San Jose CWG Meeting-DSEIR Public Hearings
February 13, 2007	San Jose Open House and Public Hearing
February 15, 2007	Santa Clara CWG Meeting – DSEIR Public Hearings
February 15, 2007	Santa Clara DSEIR Open House and Public Hearing
February 26, 2007	Milpitas CWG Meeting-DSEIR Public Hearings
February 26, 2007	Milpitas DSEIR Open House and Public Hearing
February 28, 2007	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG Meeting – DSEIR Public Hearings
February 28, 2007	Hostetter/Alum Rock Open House and DSEIR Public Hearings
March 1, 2007	City of Santa Clara Historic Landmark Commission
March 8, 2007	City of San Jose Redevelopment Agency
March 9, 2007	Milpitas City Council
March 12, 2007	SJ DRC
March 14, 2007	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG Meeting
March 16, 2007	San Jose Downtown Association
March 22, 2007	San Jose City Council BART Work Session

March 26, 2007	Milpitas Arts Commission
March 27, 2007	Santa Clara CWG Meeting
March 28, 2007	Milpitas Planning Commission
March 29, 2007	Santa Clara Station Area Transit Plan Workshop #2
April 3, 2007	Santa Clara City Council
April 4, 2007	Presentation to BART
April 5, 2007	Milpitas Transportation Subcommittee
April 10, 2007	Milpitas CWG Meeting
April 13, 2007	San Jose Design Review Council
April 16, 2007	SJ Design Review Committee
April 17, 2007	ETAC/VTA-City Partnership Meeting – San Jose
April 17, 2007	San Jose Downtown Association
April 25, 2007	BART Policy Advisory Board
May 1, 2007	Milpitas City Council
May 17, 2007	Stakeholder Forum
May 22, 2007	San Jose City Council Presentation by City Staff
June 7, 2007	VTA Board Meeting

11.7.3 2004 DRAFT EIS/EIR AND FINAL EIR

March 2001	Published Newsletter Issue 1
April 2001	PAB meeting
April 2001	PAB meeting
April 2001	ETAC meeting
May 2001	PAB meeting
June 2001	PAB meeting
July 2001	Meeting with special-interest regional stakeholders
August 2001	PAB meeting
September 2001	PAB meeting
October 2001	Meeting with special-interest regional stakeholders
January 22, 2002	VTA/BART monthly coordination
January 22, 2002	Meeting with the Alum Rock Strong Neighborhoods Initiative
January 29, 2002	Distributed a Notice of Preparation

January 30, 2002	PAB meeting
January 30, 2002	Published an announcement of scoping meeting in Thoi Boa
January 30, 2002	Published an announcement of scoping meeting in Santa Clara Weekly
January 31, 2002	Published an announcement of scoping meeting in El Observador
January 31, 2002	Published an announcement of scoping meeting in Milpitas Post
February 2002	Published Newsletter Issue 2
February 1, 2002	Published an announcement of scoping meeting in Sing Tao Daily
February 3, 2002	Published an announcement of scoping meeting in the San Jose Mercury News
February 6, 2002	Published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register
February 7, 2002	Public scoping meeting, Milpitas
February 11, 2002	Public scoping meeting, San Jose
February 12, 2002	TAC scoping meeting
February 13, 2002	Agency scoping meeting
February 13, 2002	Public scoping meeting, Santa Clara
February 19, 2002	VTA/BART monthly coordination
March 7, 2002	Santa Clara CWG meeting
March 11, 2002	Milpitas CWG meeting
March 13, 2002	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG meeting
March 13, 2002	Meeting among team biologists and CDFG staff to discuss the project and identify natural resource environmental concerns
March 14, 2002	Downtown San Jose CWG meeting
March 19, 2002	VTA/BART monthly coordination
March 21, 2002	PDT meetings
March 27, 2002	Coordination meeting with ACOE staff
March 27, 2002	PAB meeting
April 2002	Published Subway Overview Fact Sheet
April 6, 2002	Meeting with League of Women Voters
April 11, 2002	Special CWG/public meeting on the proposed airport connection between Santa Clara/San Jose and SJIA

April 15, 2002	Milpitas CWG/public workshop #1, Milpitas Station and Urban Design
April 16, 2002	VTA/BART monthly coordination
April 17, 2002	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG/public workshop #1, East San Jose Station and Urban Design
April 18, 2002	PDT meetings
April 18, 2002	Downtown San Jose CWG/public workshop #1, Downtown San Jose Station and Urban Design
April 22, 2002	Santa Clara CWG/public workshop #1, Santa Clara Station and Urban Design
April 24, 2002	PAB meeting
April 29, 2002	Downtown San Jose informational workshop featuring tunneling, SVRTC Project coordination with the Downtown East Valley Project
May 2, 2002	Published an announcement of public meetings in El Observador
May 3, 2002	Published an announcement of public meetings in Thoi Bao
May 5, 2002	Published an announcement of public meetings in the San Jose Mercury News
May 9, 2002	Published an announcement of public meetings in The Argus, Milpitas Post, and Sing Tao Daily
May 10, 2002	Meeting with the San Jose Downtown Association
May 11, 2002	Presentation at the Fourth Annual Neighborhood Summit
May 13, 2002	Santa Clara CWG/public meeting
May 15, 2002	Public meeting including Hostetter/Alum Rock, Downtown San Jose CWGs
May 16, 2002	Milpitas CWG/public meeting
May 16, 2002	PDT meetings
May 21, 2002	VTA/BART monthly coordination
May 29, 2002	PAB meeting
June 18, 2002	VTA/BART monthly coordination
June 20, 2002	Milpitas CWG/public workshop #2, Milpitas Station and Urban Design
June 24, 2002	Santa Clara CWG/public workshop # 2, Santa Clara Station and Urban Design

June 26, 2002	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG and public workshop #2, East San Jose Station and Urban Design
June 27, 2002	Downtown San Jose CWG/public workshop #2, Downtown San Jose Station and Urban Design
August 15, 2002	PDT meetings
August 28, 2002	Meeting with the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group
September 2002	Published Newsletter Issue 3
September 17, 2002	VTA/BART monthly coordination
September 19, 2002	PDT meetings
September 23, 2002	Milpitas CWG/public workshop #3, Milpitas Station and Urban Design
September 26, 2002	Downtown San Jose Business Community, Station Entrance workshop at the Theatre on San Pedro Square
September 30, 2002	Santa Clara CWG/public workshop #3, Santa Clara Station and Urban Design
October 1, 2002	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG/public workshop #3, East San Jose Station and Urban Design
October 2, 2002	Downtown San Jose CWG/public workshop #3, Downtown San Jose Station and Urban Design
October 8, 2002	TAC meeting
October 15, 2002	VTA/BART monthly coordination
October 17, 2002	PDT meetings
October 30, 2002	PAB meeting
November 19, 2002	VTA/BART monthly coordination
November 21, 2002	PDT meetings
November 27, 2002	Published an announcement of meetings and open houses in Thoi Boa
November 28, 2002	Published an announcement of meetings and open houses in El Observador
November 28, 2002	Published an announcement of meetings and open houses in the Milpitas Post
November 29, 2002	Published an announcement of meetings and open houses in the Sing Tao Daily

December 2002	Published Fact Sheet: Key Project Phases and Targeted Timeline, Published Fact Sheet: Key Milestones and the Public Outreach, Published Fact Sheet: Real Estate Section, Published Fact Sheet: Frequently Asked Questions December 2002, Schedule for Environmental Phase
December 1, 2002	Published an announcement of meetings and open houses in the San Jose Mercury News
December 4, 2002	Milpitas CWG/public open house/project update
December 5, 2002	Meeting with Hostetter/Alum Rock and Downtown San Jose CWGs, Public open house
December 9, 2002	Santa Clara CWG, public open house/project update
January 14, 2003	ETAC meeting
January 16, 2003	PDT meetings
January 21, 2003	VTA/BART monthly coordination
January 23, 2003	Distributed revised Notice of Preparation
JANUARY 27, 2003	Quarterly FTA meeting
February 18, 2003	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
February 20, 2003	PDT meetings
March 18, 2003	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
March 20, 2003	PDT meetings
March 26, 2003	PAB meeting
April 8, 2003	ETAC meeting
April 15, 2003	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
April 17, 2003	PDT meetings
May 2003	Published Fact Sheet: Preparing an Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for a Major Transit Project, Published Fact Sheet Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Budget Process
May 12, 2003	Milpitas CWG meeting
May 14, 2003	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG meeting
May 15, 2003	Downtown San Jose CWG meeting
May 15, 2003	PDT meetings
May 19, 2003	Santa Clara CWG meeting

May 20, 2003	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
May 28, 2003	PAB meeting
June 17, 2003	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
July 8, 2003	TAC meeting
July 15, 2003	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
July 17, 2003	PDT meetings
August 20, 2003	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
August 21, 2003	PDT meetings
September 2003	Published Fact Sheet - Minimum Operating Segment Scenarios
September 2003	Published Fact Sheet - Frequently Asked Questions September 2003
September 5, 2003	PAB meeting
September 6, 2003	Announced community meetings in the San Jose Mercury News
September 8, 2003	Milpitas CWG meeting
September 8, 2003	Milpitas community meeting
September 10, 2003	Downtown San Jose CWG meeting
September 10, 2003	Downtown San Jose community meeting
September 11, 2003	Santa Clara CWG meeting
September 11, 2003	Santa Clara community meeting
September 13, 2003	Announced community meetings in the San Jose Mercury News
September 15, 2003	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG meeting
September 15, 2003	Hostetter/Alum Rock community meeting
September 16, 2003	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
September 16, 2003	Attended Milpitas City Public Hearing
September 18, 2003	PDT meetings
September 18, 2003	Northern San Jose community meeting
September 23, 2003	Attended Five Wounds/Brookwood Terrace Strong Neighborhood Initiative meeting
September 25, 2003	Quarterly FTA meeting
September 30, 2003	Attended East Santa Clara Street Business Association meeting

October 6, 2003	PAB meeting
October 17, 2003	BART Land Use Tour
October 21, 2003	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
November 18, 2003	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
January 13, 2004	TAC meeting
January 15, 2004	PDT meetings
January 20, 2004	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
February 17, 2004	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
February 19, 2004	PDT meetings
February 25, 2004	PAB meeting
March 16, 2004	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
March 18, 2004	PDT meetings
March 24, 2004	Published an announcement of Draft EIS/EIR and public hearings in Milpitas Post
March 24, 2004	Published an announcement of Draft EIS/EIR and public hearings in Santa Clara Weekly
March 25, 2004	Published an announcement of Draft EIS/EIR and public hearings in El Observador
March 25, 2004	Published an announcement of Draft EIS/EIR and public hearings in Fremont Argus
March 25, 2004	Published an announcement of Draft EIS/EIR and public hearings in Sing Tao Daily
March 25, 2004	Published an announcement of Draft EIS/EIR and public hearings in San Jose Mercury
March 25, 2004	Published an announcement of Draft EIS/EIR and public hearings in Thoi Boa
March 26, 2004	Published Notice of Available (NOA) in Federal Register
March 29, 2004	Milpitas CWG meeting
April 5, 2004	Santa Clara CWG meeting
April 7, 2004	Downtown San Jose CWG meeting
April 8, 2004	Hostetter/Alum Rock CWG meeting
April 12, 2004	Santa Clara Public Hearing
April 13, 2004	TAC meeting
April 14, 2004	San Jose Public Hearing

April 15, 2004	PDT meetings
April 19, 2004	Milpitas Public Hearing
April 28, 2004	PAB meeting
April 30, 2004	Attended La Raza Roundtable
May 4, 2004	Attended Milpitas City Council meeting
May 7, 2004	Joint VTA/BART Board meeting
May 10, 2004	San Jose Public Hearing
May 18, 2004	Attended San Jose City Council meeting
May 20, 2004	PDT meetings
May 26, 2004	PAB meeting
June 17, 2004	PDT meetings
July 13, 2004	TAC meeting
July 13, 2004	VTA/BART Monthly Coordination
July 15, 2004	Attended San Jose Downtown Association meeting