

CHAPTER 3.0: COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT SEIR

3.1 PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DRAFT SEIR

The public review and comment period for the Draft SEIR started on January 22, 2007 and ended on March 16, 2007. A Notice of Completion for the draft document was sent to the State Clearinghouse on January 22, 2007 (SCH #2002022004). A Public Notice of Availability was published in local periodicals: *San Jose Mercury News* on January 23, 2007 and February 6, 2007, *Santa Clara Weekly* on January 24, 2007, *Milpitas Post* on January 25, 2007, and *El Observador* (Spanish) and *Thoi Boa* (Vietnamese) on January 26, 2007. A Public Notice of Availability was mailed to approximately 34,000 properties within 1,000 feet of the Project alignment and one half-mile of the Project stations and to interested agencies, organizations, and individuals, as indicated in Chapter 7, Agencies and Organizations, of the Draft SEIR. The Public Notice of Availability was posted on VTA's SVRTC project website.

The Public Notice of Availability included information on four public hearings scheduled during the public review and comment period: San Jose on February 13, 2007 and February 28, 2007, Santa Clara on February 15, 2007, and Milpitas on February 26, 2007. It also included information on where the Draft SEIR could be reviewed by the general public, how to obtain a copy of the document, the availability of the document online at www.vtabart-vta.org, how to submit a comment, and information on ADA and language accommodations.

During the public review period, written comments were received by postal mail, facsimile, e-mail, or comment card, and oral testimony was received at the public hearings. Table 1.2-1 summarizes the total number of commentors by category and the total number of comments received within the categories, as many single letters, facsimiles, and emails included multiple comments and several speakers offered more than one comment. A total of 356 comments were received on the Draft SEIR.

All written and verbal comments are included in this chapter and organized by category: federal agency, state agency, regional agency, local agency, public (individual, organization, business), and public hearing transcript. Each comment letter or public transcript is numbered consecutively, preceded by the category type (e.g., for local: L-1, L-2, etc.). Each comment within each comment letter or public transcript is also numbered consecutively to allow the reader to find the corresponding response, which follows the letter or transcript (e.g., for local: L-1.1, L-1.2, etc.). Table 3.1-1 lists the agency that or individual who submitted the written or verbal comment. The order of the table reflects the order the comments appear in this chapter.

Table 3.1-1: List of Comments by Category		
No.	Date of Comment	Commentor
State Agencies		
S-1	February 23, 2007	California Regional Water Quality Control Board
S-2	February 28, 2007	California Department of Transportation
S-3	March 9, 2007	California Governor's Office of Planning and Research
Regional Agencies		
R-1	February 15, 2007	Alameda County Congestion Management Agency
R-2	March 1, 2007	Santa Clara County, Department of Roads and Airports
R-3	March 13, 2007	Alameda County Water District
R-4	March 15, 2007	Santa Clara Valley Water District
R-5	April 16, 2007	Stanislaus County Environmental Review Committee
Local Agencies		

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No.	Date of Comment	Commentor
L-1	February 22, 2007	City of San Jose, Historic Preservation Officer
L-2	March 13, 2007	City of Milpitas
L-3	March 12, 2007	City of Fremont, Transportation and Operations
L-4	March 15, 2007	City of San Jose, Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement
L-5	March 16, 2007	San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission
L-6	March 15, 2007	City of Fremont, Community Development
L-7	March 16, 2007	City of Santa Clara, Planning Division
L-8	March 16, 2007	Alum Rock Unified School District
Public (Individual, Organization, Business)		
P-1	February 6, 2007	Dmitry Tadenev
P-2	February 10, 2007	Dmitry Tadenev
P-3	February 2, 2007	Rajeev Bhargava
P-4	February 10, 2007	Charlie Cameron
P-5	February 28, 2007	Frank De Smidt
P-6	No date	Danny Garza
P-7	March 1, 2007	Rudolf Metz
P-8	January 28, 2007	Brian Pirkil
P-9	March 2, 2007	Rani Nair
P-10	February 26, 2007	Richard Tretten
P-11	January 31, 2007	Syed Malek
P-12	February 16, 2007	Ramya Kathirvelu
P-13	February 3, 2007	Scott McKay
P-14	March 3, 2007	Zhirong Lin
P-15	March 7, 2007	Montague Parkway Associates, LP
P-16	March 5, 2007	John Urban
P-17	February 15, 2007	Robert Allen
P-18	March 13, 2007	Mara Craggs
P-19	March 14, 2007	M.J. Dunbar
P-20	March 16, 2007	Joanne Curme
P-21	March 14, 2007	Yaw Fann
P-22	March 14, 2007	Julie Thompson
P-23	March 16, 2007	John Urban
P-24	March 15, 2007	Chung Wei
P-25	March 16, 2007	Morrison & Foerster
P-26	March 13, 2007	Foley & Lardner LLP
P-27	March 16, 2007	Dalila Rojas
P-28	March 16, 2007	Roy Nakadegawa
P-29	March 16, 2007	Craig Iverson
P-30	March 16, 2007	Carel Boekema

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P-31	March 16, 2007	Jerry Krinock
P-32	March 14, 2007	HP Pavilion
P-33	March 19, 2007	Preservation Action Council of San Jose
P-34	March 16, 2007	San Jose Downtown Association
P-35	February 22, 2007	Susan Bradley
P-36	No date	Richard Tretten
P-37	No date	Robert Van Cleef
P-38	No date	Helen Garza
P-39	No date	Helen Garza
P-40	No date	R.E. Van Cleef
P-41	No date	Danny Garza
P-42	No date	Paula Velsey
P-43	No date	R.E. Van Cleef
P-44	February 28, 2007	Danny Garza
P-45	February 13, 2007	Christopher Frey
P-46	February 15, 2007	Jim Stallman
P-47	No date	Steve Van Pelt
P-48	February 28, 2007	Eli Segall
P-49	No date	The-Vu Nguyen
P-50	No date	D.J. Blanchard
P-51	No date	Joe Witt
P-52	March 3, 2007	Jie Yuan
P-53	No date	Felix J. Reliford
P-54	No date	Monty Britton
P-55	February 10, 2007	Charlie Cameron
P-56	March 14, 2007	San Jose Arena Authority
Transcripts		
<i>T-1 February 13, 2007</i>		
William Garbett		
Christopher Frey		
David Davenport		
Richard Tretten		
Robert Van Cleef		
Helen Garza		
<i>T-2 February 15, 2007</i>		
Bob Blakely		
Ken Sinclair		
Steve Van Pelt		
John Urban		
<i>T-3 February 26, 2007</i>		

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Joe Witt
Robert Allen
Steve Van Pelt
James Murar
The-Vu Nguyen
D.J. Blanchard
Felix Relford
Monty Britton
<i>T-4 February 28, 2007</i>
Danny Garza
Paula Velsey
R.E. Van Cleef
Helen Garza