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Downtown/Diridon Community Working Group Meeting

Date of Meeting: September 11, 2018 (4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Attendees:

Members in Attendance: Asn Ndiaye, Andrew Batchelder for Larry Clark, Chris Morrissey, Chris Johnson, Matt Quevedo, Dana Grover, Alan Williams, Deborah Arant, Jim Goddard, Derrick Seaver, and Teresa Alverado

Members not in Attendance: Charlie Faas, Bert Weaver, Bruce Friesen, Adina Levin, and Eddie Truong

Other Speaker Attendees: Jill Gibson (VTA), Aaron Quigley (VTA), Sharif Abou-Sabh (VTA), Gretchen Baisa (VTA), Adriano Rothschild (VTA), Kathy Bradley (VTA) and Karen Eddleman (AR/WS)

Project Team in Attendance: Erin Sheelen (VTA), Jessica Zenk (CSJ), Charla Gomez (CSJ) and Eileen Goodwin (Apex Strategies)

Project Team not in Attendance: Eric Eidlin (CSJ)

Location: San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Wing 118/119 San Jose CA

Summary:

The Meeting agenda included:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Follow-up Items
- Government Affairs Update
- Phase II Update
- Construction Education and Outreach Plan
- Relocation Planning Presentation
- Transit Oriented Joint Development Strategy and Access Planning Studies Update
- Review Action Items and Next Meeting Dates

Next CWG Meeting:

Downtown/Diridon Working Group: November 13, 2018 City Hall Wing 118/119 Meeting Rooms 200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose CA

Key Issues/Comments/Questions:

Comment/Question	Response
Follow Up	
No comment noted	
Government Affairs	
Why doesn't the Chiu Bill (AB2923) apply?	Because Santa Clara County is not in the BART District. The stations are being built and will be owned by VTA.
We need to make sure Prop 6 (Revokes SB1) doesn't pass.	Comment noted.
Public Comment: At the VTA Board meeting I was asked where I got the numbers I was citing. They are in June Measure A report Attachment B item 9B.	Comment noted.
Phase II	
Will the potholing impact side streets? When will it start?	Yes, side streets are involved. The Diridon area will be in late October and Downtown San Jose in January next year.
What is the difference between DB and DBB?	Design-Build is faster but provides less control over the final product by VTA and BART. Design-bid-build the owner get exactly what they specified but can take longer.
Will the GEC be able to bid on future work on the project?	No.
What does short-term and intermittent mean in this case?	Weekday work from 9am-5pm or for Downtown it is 9am-3pm.
Noise of this work?	It is not that noisy. The noise will be similar to a bus or a lawn mower and other ambient noise levels.
Please give us an update on the Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan effort at the November CWG meeting.	There may not be much to report yet. We can look at the agenda to see if we have time to add a quick update.
Will there be simultaneous work? East to West?	Yes, there will be several crews, and they will be moving around the project alignment, probably 2-3 crews total.
What will happen in the Stockton area?	Utility work (pot holing/boring) north of Taylor. No geotechnical work necessary.
What is the EPD status, any update?	Staff is working with FTA. Nothing new to report yet. We are still on track to submit our Full Funding Grant Agreement application in November 2019.
Who is the GEC for Phase I?	There was no GEC for Phase I. It was all Design-Build.

Will there be geo-tagging of the investigation?	Yes, please spread the word.
Construction Education and Outreach Plan	
How do we sign up for the newsletter?	Please complete the in-take form that can be accessed at http://www.vta.org/phase2info that will get you automatically added to the newsletter list.
How do we get all information about everything?	That is good feedback. All construction activities are available on the project website: www.vta.org/bart/construction .
Can you send us the links to soft copy versions of the fact sheets so we can share them?	All of the fact sheets are on our website: http://www.vta.org/bart/communications/document-library Here are links to the Phase II fact sheets we provided at the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project • VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Project Benefits • VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Tunneling • VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Alum Rock/28th Street Station • VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Downtown San Jose Station • VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Diridon Station • VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Santa Clara Station • VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Newhall Maintenance Facility • VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Ventilation Facility
Please make pre-written social media for us. I really like the photos in this PowerPoint and would like to share them. I want the geotag location on.	We will get you pre-packaged information closer to the start of the field investigations in each of the major project element areas.
Public Comment: Are the meetings you are presenting at open to the public? Why are there no days, times and locations on your slide?	Most of them are. VTA feels it is more appropriate for the hosting group to announce the meeting to the public as VTA as been invited as a guest to the meeting.
Relocation Planning Report —meeting attendees, including CWG members, were told that if they wanted their comments in	

the official document then they needed to fill out a blue comment card	
Do you need help contacting the impacted property owners?	Everyone has been contacted already through certified mail and personal meetings.
What is 'personal property' in this context?	A stored truck on the property for example—it is not a business or a residence but is impacted.
How many folks haven't responded?	At least the nine residences.
VTA needs to be generous and cover all the expenses and learn from the Alum Rock BRT example.	Comment noted.
Does the relocation plan name specific locations and businesses?	It does not.
Public Comment: Why are you doing investigations at Diridon (the two red dots) when the DISC effort is not yet complete?	This effort is looking at groundwater and soils in the construction staging area.
Public Comment: Gas station owner explained to the group his situation and desire for no impact to his property.	Comment noted.
Transit Oriented Joint Development Strategy and Access Planning	
Who is doing the financial part?	Strategic Economics is on the team.

Follow-Up Items:

- Keep CWG members informed of station naming item on future VTA Board agendas opportunities.
- Distribute new funding plan once developed.

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