



28th Street/Little Portugal Community Working Group Meeting

Date of Meeting: November 13, 2019 (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Attendees:

Members in Attendance: Connie Alvarez, Carlos Diaz, Danny Garza, Cobán López, Helen Masamori, Chris Patterson-Simmons, Bill Rankin, Eric Thacker, and Davide Vieira

Members not in Attendance: Ricardo Agredano, Craig Chivatero, Terry Christensen, Kathy Ericksen, Jeff Levine, and Justin Triano

Other Speaking Attendees: Gretchen Baisa (VTA), Jill Gibson (VTA), Aaron Quigley (VTA), and Erica Roecks (VTA)

Project Team in Attendance: Kate Christopherson (VTA) and Eileen Goodwin (Apex Strategies)

Project Team not in Attendance: N/A

Location: Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue in San José

Summary:

The meeting agenda included:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Follow-up Items and Draft 2020 Work Plan
- CWG Member Report Outs
- Government Affairs
- Phase I Update
- Recurring Status Updates
- Phase II Update
- Related Planning Efforts
- Construction Education and Outreach Plan
- Next Steps and Review Action Items

Next CWG Meeting:

February 12, 2020 4:00-6:00 p.m.

New Location Roosevelt Community Center, 901 E Santa Clara Street in San José

Key Issues/Comments/Questions:

Comment/Question	Response
Follow-Up Items & Draft 2020 Work Plan	
No questions or comments.	
CWG Member Report Out	
Northside Neighborhood Association posted the new station name to Next Door. People wanted to know why the name changed. Others asked when the Berryessa Extension will open.	Comment noted.
The station name change and the Transit Oriented Communities video were shared on the Five Wounds Church Facebook page. These posts reached over 5,000 people.	Comment noted.
A few CWG members met with the Alum Rock Urban Village Advocates (ARUVA). They are involved with a meeting to discuss the future of the Alum Rock corridor on Saturday, November 16 at the Mexican Heritage Plaza. Member requested that staff share the meeting flier with the group's email list.	Comment noted. Flier emailed out to members on 11/14/2019.
The new Alum Rock Business Network is working on building relationships with small business owners in this area.	Comment noted.
Cristo Rey San José Jesuit High School is focusing on activating families to participate in community events. Parents are	Comment noted.

encouraged to attend the 11/16 meeting.	
Two CWG members met with the City of San José's Office of Economic Development to discuss displacement and relocation.	Comment noted.
The Alum Rock Santa Clara Street Business Association is offering training on financial assistance to members right now.	Comment noted.
Government Affairs	
No questions or comments.	
Phase I Update	
Will VTA be moving the buses serving the Great Mall to the Milpitas Transit Center?	Yes.
The community is under the impression that San José Police are the law enforcement for the Berryessa Transit Center. The community has said there should be no lines and all areas should be open to all enforcement.	San José Police will be at the transit center, in addition to BART police and VTA security. There will be no lines. VTA held safety and security exercises last summer with all three forces to ensure incidents were handled properly. Future exercises are planned. The contract for VTA private security is pending.
Will there be signs in the station areas saying which law enforcement will be present?	We will look into this and add as an action item.
Does VTA know BART travel times yet from these stations?	We're estimating it will take about an hour to reach San Francisco.
How long will these BART prices be the fares?	BART updates its fares about every two years.
How much study has been done on the ride share space? Most new developments redo their curb space to incorporate more space for ride share.	VTA added Berryessa Station Way to increase access. We will add this as an action item.

Will the new BART trains have new signage in them with the updated station name?	BART is currently working on updating their system map. Planned stations are included in the map. BART will use the new 28th Street/Little Portugal name in the updated map.
Recurring Status Updates/Phase II Update	
What will VTA be doing for our elementary school students and their caretakers at the crosswalks near this station?	We're still determining details for pedestrian access. We will add this as an action item and will update you when we have more information.
VTA buses drive really fast on Santa Clara Street. I was giving a tour to a graduate student recently, and we saw a speeding bus run a red light.	VTA Community Outreach and Public Engagement staff are present tonight and will pass along this information to the appropriate staff. Anyone witnessing similar behaviors can submit feedback on VTA's website (link below), and Customer Service will create a ticket. Staff will then investigate the reported incident. http://vtaorg.force.com/feedback
What VTA did at King and McKee, no one knew about. People have been killed near Anne Darling Elementary School trying to cross the street. The community needs your assurance this area will be safe.	Staff are evaluating all means to make this area safe for pedestrians.
Will there be car access on 30th Street once the station is built?	Yes.
Some in the neighborhood wouldn't be upset if 30th Street went away. That area is unsafe.	Comment noted. VTA will conduct a master planning process for this station in 2020. This will be discussed, and you all will be involved with that.
VTA's trucks shouldn't be running through our neighborhoods. VTA needs to keep their equipment on their sites.	Comment noted. Staff noted that VTA will keep their equipment on site.
Will there be a pedestrian bridge at the Diridon BART Station across Santa Clara Street?	No.

If the overall project cost goes up, can VTA ask FTA for more funding?	Yes, but the ask cannot be more than 25 percent of the overall cost. That's a requirement of the Expedited Project Delivery (EPD) Program.
What is VTA doing to ensure there isn't crowding on station platforms or escalators?	VTA projected ridership estimates to 2040 and conducted sensitivity tests. Technical staff will be using best practices and standards to determine platform width based on demand and other factors.
Can VTA share the link for the Industry Forum?	Details for the February 11, 2020 Industry Forum can be found using the following link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vtas-bart-phase-ii-industry-forum-tickets-76347775251
Related Planning Efforts	
What will be the outcome from the city council meeting discussion of the TOC Playbook?	VTA staff are asking the council to endorse a holistic approach for implementing Transit Oriented Communities (TOCs). We are also asking that the cities prioritize the station areas and report out their progress.
[City of San José staff comment] The City is working closely with VTA. These Playbooks are a beginning point. This doesn't replace the urban village plan. It is possible elements of the urban village plan could change. That still needs to be determined.	Comment noted.
There are four urban village plans around this station area. There are non-negotiable items in there, such as building heights around the Five Wounds Church.	Comment noted.
Construction Education and Outreach Plan	
When will VTA open field offices?	Around the time we start construction.
Next Steps	
Facilitator noted the meeting location change for the next meeting. The February 12, 2020 meeting will be held at Roosevelt Community Center.	

Follow-Up Items:

- Research whether signs will be in station areas clarifying which law enforcement body has jurisdiction
- Provide details on how VTA determined ride share curb space at Phase I transit centers
- Send link with Industry Forum information – link provided above
- Research how BART prepares for and operates during special events to avoid overcrowding the platform
- Update CWG members when more station access details are available
- Send December 10th city council agenda and meeting detail

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