



Santa Clara Community Working Group Meeting

Date of Meeting: November 17, 2022 (4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Location: Zoom

Attendees:

Members in Attendance: Ana Vargas-Smith, David Schoenwetter, Jack Morash, Jonathon Evans, & Todd Trekell

Members not in Attendance: Christian Malesic, John Urban, Luke De Vogelaere, & Ron Miller

Other Speaker Attendees: Doug Moody (VTA), Erica Roecks (VTA), Bernice Alaniz (VTA), Lindsey Kiner (VTA), Rebecca Bustos (CSC), Kristen Mei (VTA)

Project Team in Attendance: Marissa Sanchez VTA), Joan Lee (VTA)

Project Team not in Attendance: Lucas Perez (VTA)

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Role of BSV External Affairs Team
- Phase II Update
- TOD Update – SC Station Area Plan
- Outreach & Engagement
- CWG Member Report Out
- Next Steps

Comment, Issues, and Questions	Response
Welcome and Introduction	No comments.
Role of BSV External Affairs Team	No comments.
Phase II Update	-
Where can someone send TIRCP funding letters of support?	We will send you the template, and you can customize it and send it back to us. We plan to submit the package on December 2nd. We need to compile all the letters and attach them to the application. We would greatly appreciate that.

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<p>I read a news article that mentioned the peer review summary and it discussed that there was some previous effort on the twin bore tunnel. Was that considered as part of the peer review summary?</p>	<p>When I first started on this project in 2005, we had a 16-mile project, and we were advancing design. The latest update was 2007, and it would have to be significantly updated for codes, environmental requirements, and plans. Pursuing twin bore would add on an additional 2-3 years to the Project at a minimum.</p>
<p>TOD Update – SC Station Area Plan</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>How does the Downtown Task Force that Santa Clara University is a part of connect to the series of events that Lindsey just briefed? Or looking forward to reaching out to Rebecca to showing how that role connects with all of this. I think the members should have had to go to the council hearing on the 15th, so waiting to hear back and excited to help.</p>	<p>The council hearing was pushed back to December 6th, so we're still waiting on that. We're anticipating task force meetings throughout the process.</p>
<p>I'm excited that this is going forward and I'm looking forward to participating in the process.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>Is there a rough estimate on the housing capacity of the Santa Clara Station Area Plan?</p>	<p>The existing conditions will definitely take stock, but we don't have a number at this time. Step one is getting an inventory of housing, including affordable housing and understanding what sites we have. That's part of the process of developing the plan. This question will be answered in further detail by the study.</p>
<p>Did I hear you correctly, that you're working with the downtown folks on the connectivity of your project to the new downtown?</p>	<p>We didn't say that specifically, but we are intending to have a member of Reclaiming our Downtown on the Santa Clara Station Area Specific Plan Task Force that's going to council on December 6th. I believe Dan's name was put forth.</p> <p>If you look at the map, the two focus areas are close together, and having connectivity from downtown to the station is critical. The Downtown specific plan is further ahead, but we want to integrate what they're doing with what we're doing</p>

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-	in terms of multimodal connectivity and understanding how the two specific plans relate. There will be coordination for sure on understanding how those two areas relate.
Will the attendees be alerted when the presentation recording is ready?	Yes, the attendees will be notified.
2022 Community Engagement Summary	No comments.
Mentimeter Polling Results	-
What other public engagement events should we be participating in?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa Clara Historical Home Tour • DCTF open house at Mission Library 11/19 • Maybe we should set up a Booth at Costco • Farmer's Market • Caltrain Holiday train stops at the SC Depot • Santa Clara tree lighting at Central Park at Dec 2nd 5-8pm – A bonding experience for SC. Great Tabling and sponsorship. SCPOC participated last year
What are other community organizations/agencies/associates/etc. that we should be engaging?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotary Club of San Jose • Santa Clara Historical and Landmarks Commission • Earthquakes Organization • Rotary Club of Santa Clara
Can you share these questions with us?	Yes.
CWG Member Report Back	-
Thank you, Lindsey for the picture of the Depot. Coming up on December 3rd, Caltrain is doing their annual Christmas train, and the Depot will be open from 6-9, so please come down.	Comment noted.
I've been sharing the plans with our organization and getting feedback. Was there an update on the West Side Underground Concourse connectivity? Many of our members are interested in seeing what we can do to make sure that change is part of the project.	We're planning on sharing the concept with the VTA Board at the December meeting, so what Bernice just shared today is the latest.

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Are there additional refinements?	There are updates on Downtown & Diridon Station Refinements, but not Santa Clara.
I sent an email to Kristen about the Santa Clara Downtown Precise Plan and everything. It's an outreach opportunity if you can make it work.	Comment noted.
TikTok is moving its North American headquarters to our campus, and connectivity was one of the main reasons. Kudos to this team for making this happen.	Comment noted.
Next Steps	No comments.

Next CWG Meeting: February 16th 2023, 4:00 PM, Zoom

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