



**Santa Clara Community Working Group Meeting**

**Date of Meeting:** February 16, 2023 (4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

**Location:** Zoom

**Attendees:**

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

Members not in Attendance: David Schoenwetter, John Urban, & Luke De Vogelaere

Other Speaker Attendees: Doug Moody (VTA), Erica Roecks (VTA), Adriano Rothschild (VTA), Kristen Mei (VTA)

Project Team in Attendance: Joan Lee (VTA)

Project Team not in Attendance: Bernice Alaniz (VTA), Lucas Perez (VTA)

**Meeting Agenda:**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Phase II Update
- 2023 CWG Workplan Review & Discussion
- Downtown & Diridon Station Refinement Update
- Construction Activities
- CWG Member Report Out
- Next Steps

**Follow-Up Items:**

- N/A.

Comment, Issues, and Questions	Response
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	No comments.
<b>Phase II Update</b>	No comments.
<b>2023 CWG Workplan Review &amp; Discussion</b>	-
At one point, there was a discussion about having an underground concourse and some additional connectivity; is that included with any of these updates?	Yes, it will be covered under the Phase II Updates.

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Will this year's community engagement events be similar to last year's in terms of timing?	Yes, we are striving to have a table a minimum of two events a month in different station areas, and we will provide updates on when and where. We are also ramping up our social media so you can stay updated on that front. We are looking at attending the Santa Clara Parade of Champions.
What was the reasoning behind the half mile alignment vs. mile alignment?	<p>The half-mile radius is intended to keep focus on the station areas and the alignment to make sure we're serving the communities in those areas.</p> <p>You can still submit a suggestion if they live between a half mile to mile radius and we can take it into consideration.</p> <p>An organization may also not physically be located there but if they have work that is located within that half mile radius, that works too.</p>
Would you offer a hybrid option for our CWG meetings going forward?	We won't be offering hybrid option. In the past, we have found that it's not the most conducive for either side participating. We are looking into potentially having a mix, so maybe not having all of the meetings virtual or all of them in person.
<b>Downtown &amp; Diridon Station Refinement Update</b>	-
I noticed that there is a lot less focus on TOD and more focus on placemaking and amenities this time around. I'm feeling optimistic that maybe the same is going to happen to Santa Clara station. Is this pattern to continue for Santa Clara?	<p>Downtown and Diridon have so much TOD already planned in the area, so we're focusing more on passenger experience.</p> <p>The City is kicking off the Santa Clara Station Area Specific Plan that will look at development in the area to advance TOD in the area separate from the BART project. There isn't going to be any TOD at the Santa Clara station, as the station will be co-located with the yard. But there will be lots of TOD in the area around the station that is being studied in the plan.</p>

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<p>I appreciate that you're looking at passenger experience and improving connectivity. I hope we apply these principles to the Santa Clara project. On the TOD thing, it looks like there were some nice refinements there that we were actually able to put some TOD back in where it was getting excluded. I think we shouldn't discount TOD, as we have a lot of space with that yard.</p>	<p>There will not be any TOD over the Newhall Yard and Maintenance Facility moving forward. There will be a lot of potential TOD in the area, but TOD over the yard is not something that is being explored or will occur.</p>
<p><b>Construction Activities</b></p>	<p>No comments.</p>
<p><b>CWG Member Report Back</b></p>	<p>-</p>
<p>In terms of potential members, TikTok is now a tenant on the Coleman Highline campus. They are scaling up and hiring aggressively, aiming to have 3,500 employees soon. It might be an interesting stakeholder to have in this group, given that they're going to be a significant user. Roku could also be a nice addition from a corporate user perspective. For context, TikTok is subleasing space from Yahoo.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>We are happy with the speed of things regarding the revitalization of our downtown. The timeline indicates that the EIR for the Downtown Precise Plan should be completed by June and by August 2023, we can present the 10-block master plan to city council. We want to continue the connectivity between our groups, the future looks bright. The update on our end for the downtown looks like it's going to be mixed use (residential above commercial) which will be advantageous for BART. We're excited for the refinements and amenities you're proposing for the BART station.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>We are looking to schedule the next OQRA meeting soon and we'll be giving an update on the BART project to our members sometime in March. If you have any materials that you'd like to have me share, please send them my way.</p>	<p>We will reach out to you about this.</p>

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<p>We are in the process of finding the next CEO for the Chamber. But in the meantime, we do have a business council that meets next month. It might be a good idea to have you give a short presentation for the business council at the chamber. Please let me know your availability for the next 3 months, and I can facilitate that.</p>	<p>We will reach out to you about this.</p>

**Next CWG Meeting:** May 18th 2023, 4:00 PM, Zoom

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