

# VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project

28th Street/Little Portugal  
Community Working Group Meeting

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024



# Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction
- Transit-Oriented Communities Grant Update
- Community Working Group Pulse
- VTA Board Referral
- Early Construction Activities
- CWG Member Report Out
- Next Steps

# 28th Street/Little Portugal CWG Members



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# Transit-Oriented Communities Grant Update

Melissa Cerezo, VTA

# Transit-Oriented Communities Program - Background



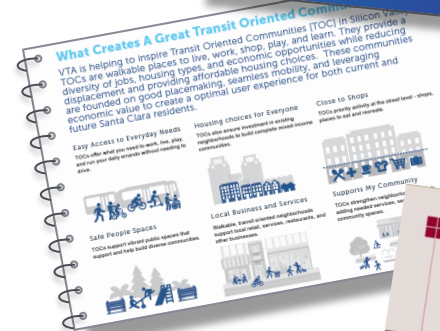
## 2018-2020: VTA TOC Playbooks

- Detailed and implementable recommendations for BART station areas, including addressing displacement of housing and small businesses



## 2002-2010: Community Design and Transportation Manual

- Design guidelines and capital grant program



# VTA's Transit-Oriented Communities Policy



**Goal:** Increase transit ridership & reduce vehicle trips through intensive mixed-use, mixed-income development around transit stations and corridors.

## Approach:

Leverage VTA-owned sites for TOD



Collaborate to accommodate sustainable growth around transit



CURRENT as of 05/15/24 – FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

Address regional priorities



Source: UC Berkley



# Transit-Oriented Communities Program Elements



Grant Partnerships



Regional Leadership



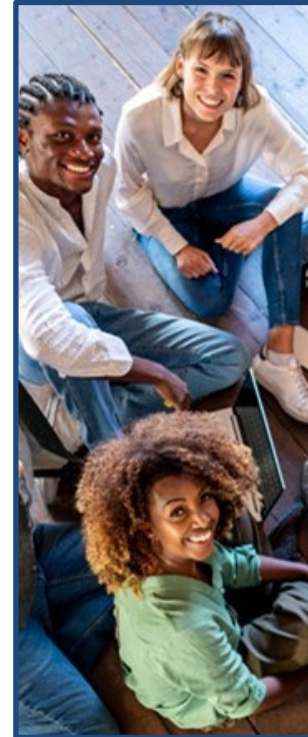
VTA's TOC Grant Program



VTA TOC Working Group



Education and Engagement










Placemaking and Activation



# Transit-Oriented Communities Grant Program Goals



-  Increase VTA ridership and active transportation modes
-  Advance equity and mitigate displacement
-  Advance transit-supportive policy alignment
-  Increase community capacity for housing preservation
-  Empower communities to advocate
-  Overcome barriers to equitable engagement
-  Strengthen community culture and identity

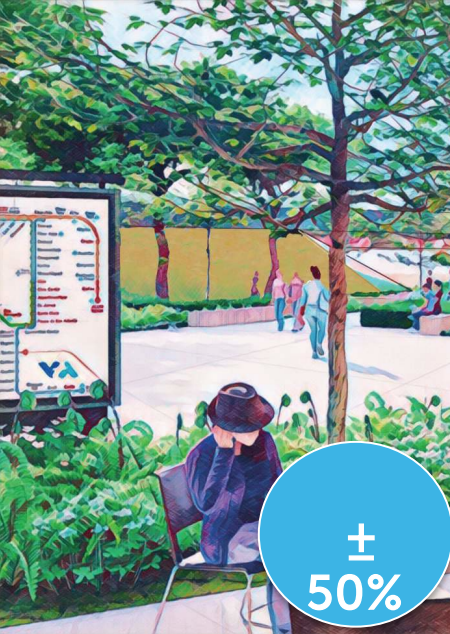


# Transit-Oriented Communities Grant Program



\$750,000 in total funding for the following program areas:

## Planning & Policy Implementation



## Community Resilience



## Education & Engagement



## Placemaking, Arts, and Activation





# VTA Board Referral

Bernice Alaniz, VTA



## VTA Board direction provided at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting

- Provide written report on the stakeholder requests/concerns related to the 28th Street Little Portugal, Downtown San José, and Diridon Stations
- Perform design updates for
  - Above ground facilities at 28th Street Little Portugal Station
  - Added southern entrance at Downtown San José Station
  - Above ground facilities at Diridon Station
- Provide monthly station design updates to VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Oversight Committee.
- **Community Working Group (CWG) meeting process.**
  - Discuss in-person meetings, dedicated staff/consultant support, and review of project documents prior to their presentation to the VTA Board of Directors

*Full Items of Referral can be found listed in the Board Agenda Packet, pg 263-265*



# Community Working Group Pulse

# Community Working Groups



## Role of the CWGs

- Be project liaisons
- Receive briefings on technical areas
- Receive project updates
- Build an understanding of the project
- Collaborate with VTA
- Contribute to the successful delivery of the project

## Role of CWG Members

- Attend CWG meetings
- Be honest
- Provide feedback
- Get informed
- Disseminate accurate information
- Act as conduits for information to community at large



# How can we improve the CWG meetings?



- Concerns on if member's feedback is impactful
- Holding meetings in person would help with authentic conversations
- Ensuring that the community is aware of things that will impact them
- Overcommunicate upcoming activities/information
- More detail and exhaustive look-aheads
- Set clearer long-term goals for CWG program
- Rethink model
- Evaluate how to empower historically under-represented and low-income communities
- Streamlined communication to CWG members and the community
- Clear point of contact
- Focus on email as the most universal mode of communication
- Calendar to inform the community of meetings, events, construction activities
- Proactive sharing of upcoming construction activities, details, relocation of businesses, securing sites
- Improve transparency on property acquisition





# Community Working Group Discussion & Poll

# Community Working Group Meeting Poll



Would you like to resume in-person CWG meetings? (Select one)

- a) Yes
- b) No

# Community Working Group Meeting Poll



If you would like in-person CWG meetings, how often would you like to attend? (Select all that you prefer)

- a) I would commit to meeting in-person for **every meeting**
- b) I would commit to meeting in-person for **every other meeting**
- c) I would commit to meeting in-person for **one meeting each year**
- d) I'd prefer to keep meeting **virtually** on Zoom
- e) I prefer to have an option between in-person & virtual

# Community Working Group Meeting Poll



This is my preference on the CWG meeting format (Select one)

- a) I like the current meeting format with staff facilitation
- b) I would prefer a shift in meeting format towards external facilitation

# Community Working Group Meeting Poll



Would you be interested in a pre-meeting networking time with CWG members, Project staff, and invited presenters? (Select one)

- a) Yes
- b) No

Would you like to review Project documents prior to the presentation at the Board of Directors meeting? (Select one)

- a) Yes
- b) No

Any other feedback to provide on the CWG meetings?



# 28th Street/Little Portugal Station Facilities – Board Referral



# 28th Street Little Portugal BART Station



1. Locate Back-of-House Facilities (BOH) underground under the plaza
2. If all options in attempt to locate the BOH underground have been exhausted, then:
  - a) Provide an in-depth presentation to the Oversight Committee and 28th/LP Community Working Group on the reasons why; including a comparison with Downtown San José Station and its BOH location;
  - b) Minimize the BOH footprint next to the station headhouse and provide an in-depth presentation to the Oversight Committee on what is included in that BOH facility and what factors influence their placement next to the headhouse versus at the North Vent; and
  - c) Design the Station and surrounding transit-oriented development with a plaza that maximizes opportunities for community activation, recreation, and access to open space



# Early Construction Activities

Erica Roecks, VTA

# Initial Activities at West Portal



- Site grading began in May and may produce vibrations and noise during the day.
- Where applicable, BSV to facilitate ongoing construction coordination and updates between contractor and stakeholders.
- CTMP covering this work was brought to Council and approved in June 2023.



- **WHAT** – summary of construction activity
- **WHERE** – location of construction activity with map
- **WHEN** – include interval of dates and times, include a note if it includes weekend and/or nighttime work
- **WHAT TO EXPECT** – includes information on the activity and impacts (noise, dust, sidewalk closures, parking impacts, bus stop relocations, road detours, etc.)

# Example of a Construction Notice



## VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project



### Notice of Geophysics Work along N 30th St/E St James St 5/20/24 - 5/27/24

#### WHAT

- Contractors will be conducting surface geophysical testing near the intersection of North 30th St and East Saint James St adjacent to the future 28th St/Little Portugal Station to help prepare for VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Project.

#### WHERE

- The work will take place on N 30<sup>th</sup> St. and on E St James Street.

#### WHEN\*

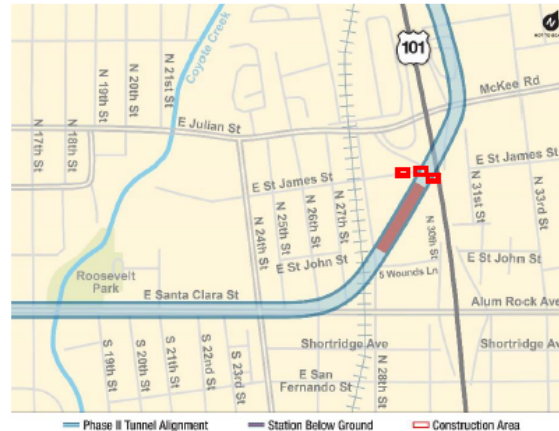
- Work will be conducted as early as Mon. May 20 – Mon. May 27.
- General working hours will be 7:00AM- 5:00 PM.
- \* Please note that timelines for construction activity have some inherent uncertainty and may change depending on field conditions and/or inclement weather.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

- The work activity will include field equipment that includes a control box, electrical wire, and ground probes.
- The equipment will be laid out on the ground over a maximum distance of 60 ft. for each of the three locations.
- This work activity does not typically generate dust.
- This work will temporarily restrict or block access to site driveways and the parking area along N. 30th St.

#### PROJECT BACKGROUND

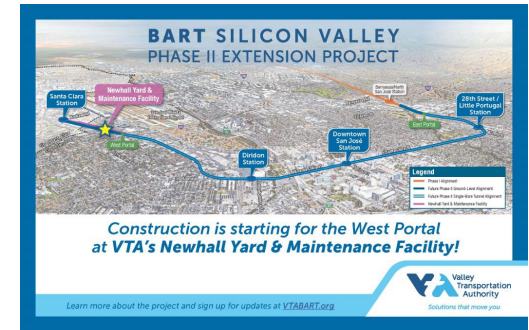
VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension (Phase II Project) is a six-mile, four-station extension of BART from Berryessa / North San José Station (opened 2020) through downtown San José to the City of Santa Clara. The Phase II Project is planned to include an approx. five-mile subway, three stations with underground platforms (28th Street/ Little Portugal, Downtown San José, and Diridon), one ground-level station (Santa Clara), a train maintenance and storage facility, and additional facilities.



*Construction is a dynamic process and information is subject to change without notice.*

## Electronic Distribution

- Email:
  - Distribute via MailChimp to all stakeholders
  - CWG members, City districts, neighborhood associations, targeted stakeholders (e.g., PayPal Park), residents
  - Renotify electronically if changes to start dates
- Post on Project website and Social media
- VTA inputs information in transit apps, 511 & mapping apps
- VTA notifies transit riders for bus stop relocations, etc.



## Physical Distribution

- Physical flyers are distributed to businesses/residences/etc. within a 1,000 ft. radius of the construction activity





# Phase II Update

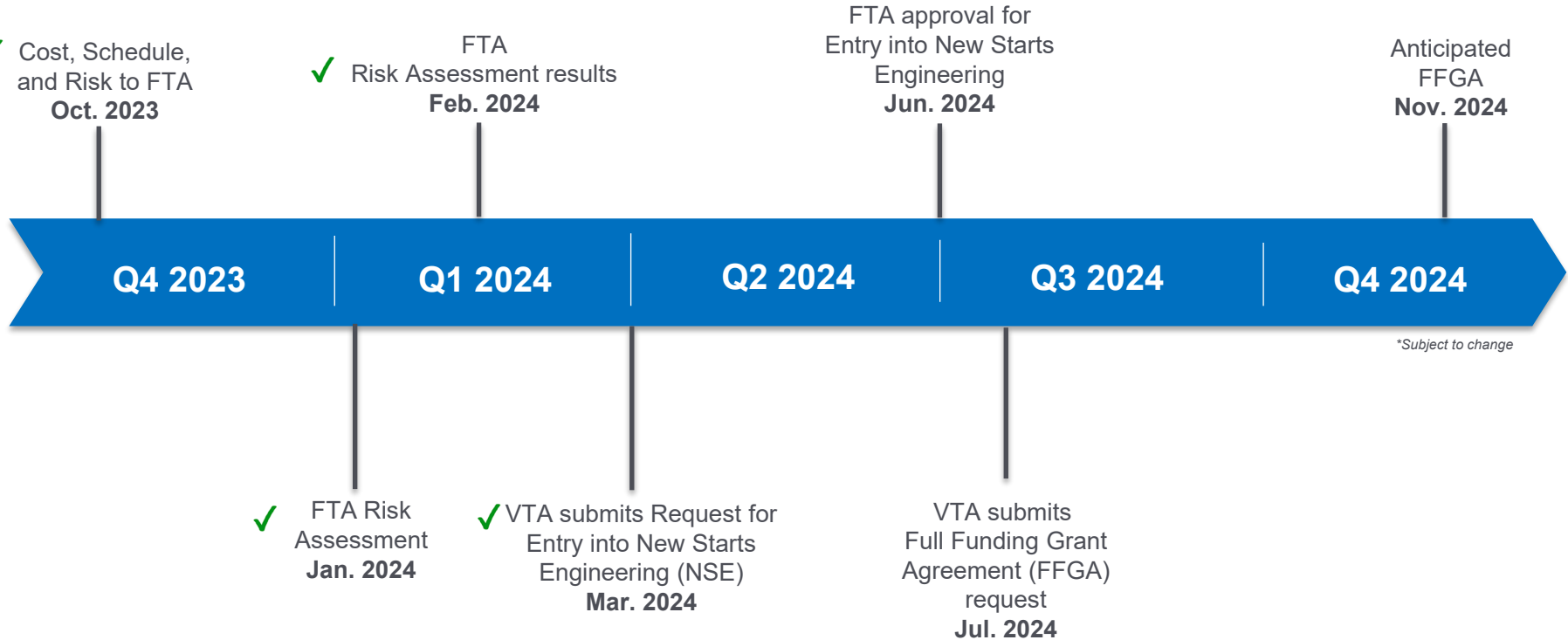
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# Program Schedule



*Based on preliminary schedule for planning purposes.*

# Path to FTA Full Funding Grant Agreement



*\*Subject to change*



- **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced that \$500 million is officially in the Federal FY24 budget for this project**
- The next six months are very critical for VTA in securing the Federal funding
- Raising project need, benefits, and visibility from a County, State, and Federal level is critical during this period
- Our Congressional Delegation needs to hear about the tremendous support for this Project from all levels of the community – including residents, community stakeholders, businesses, and elected officials
- The project has had strong local backing since 2000 and VTA is here to deliver it

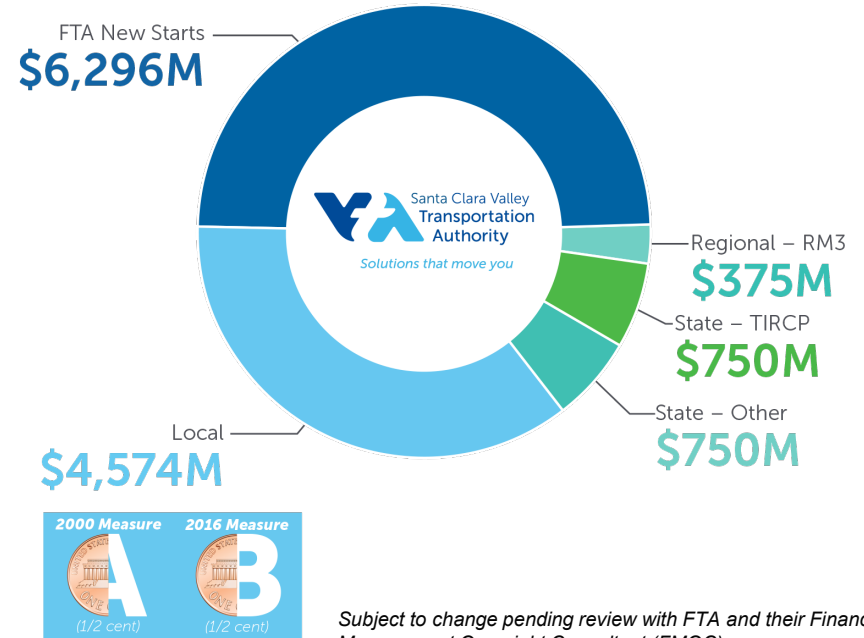
# NSE Application: Cost Estimate & Funding Plan



FTA Standard Cost Category	Estimate (YOE)
10 - GUIDEWAY & TRACK ELEMENTS	\$2,900
20 - STATIONS	\$2,037
30 - YARDS, SHOPS	\$352
40 - SITEWORK & SPECIAL CONDITIONS	\$582
50 - SYSTEMS	\$1,409
60 - ROW, LAND, EXIST. IMPROV.	\$241
70 - VEHICLES	\$205
80 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$2,973
90 - UNALLOCATED CONTINGENCY	\$1,657
100 - FINANCE CHARGES	\$390
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,746</b>

Notes:

- Costs are rounded to millions
- Reflects FTA-PMOC feedback, including changes to allocated/unallocated contingencies
- SCC 80 includes VTA, BART, Consultants (PMT, GEC, CM, others), OCIP, Third Parties, Legal, CP2 Design, IT, Office leases and other supporting costs.



Subject to change pending review with FTA and their Financial Management Oversight Consultant (FMOC)



# CWG Member Report Out

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How have you been sharing information and updates on BSVII with your community?

What have you heard from your communities?

# Upcoming Meetings



- Upcoming CWG Dates
  - *28th Street Little Portugal CWG Meeting: TBD*
  - 28th Street Little Portugal CWG Meeting: September 11, 2024
- VTA Board of Directors [vta.org/about/board-and-committees](https://vta.org/about/board-and-committees)
  - Board of Directors' Meeting: June 6, 2024, 5:30 PM
  - VTA's BSVII Oversight Committee: June 13, 2024, 12:30 PM
  - VTA's BSVII Oversight Committee: July 11, 2024, 12:30 PM
  - Board of Directors' Meeting: August 1, 2024, 5:30 PM
  - VTA's BSVII Oversight Committee: August 8, 2024, 12:30 PM
  - VTA Board of Directors' Meeting: September 5, 2024, 5:30 PM
- Kristen will email alerts for other meetings