



Downtown/Diridon and Santa Clara Community Working Groups Tour

Date of Meeting: June 13, 2017 (12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

Attendees:

Members in Attendance: Alan Williams, Adina Levin, Deborah Arant, Charlie Faas, Bert Weaver, Asn Ndiaye, Jack Morash and John Urban

Members not in Attendance: Scott Knies, Laura Tolkoff, Bruce Friesen, Jim Goddard, Sudhanshu Jain, Chris Shay, Chris Horton, Ron Miller, Richard Fedesco, Steve Bures, Rahul Chandhok, and Chris Lepe

Other Speaker Attendees: Brandi Childress (VTA), Nicole Franklin (VTA), Nicolas Townes (VTA), Oxo Slayer (VTA), and Paul Medved, (BART)

Additional Project Team in Attendance: Leyla Hedayat (VTA), Jill Gibson (VTA), Erica Roecks (VTA), Alex Shoor (VTA), Erin Sheelen (VTA), Tyla Treasure (VTA), Jessica Zenk (CSJ), Ahmad Qayoumi (CSJ), John Davdison (City of Santa Clara), and Eileen Goodwin (Apex Strategies)

Project Team not in Attendance: N/A

Location: 64 N. Market Street, San Jose CA

Summary:

The Meeting agenda included:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Tour:
 - Review of Lessons Learned from Alum Rock BRT Project
 - Warm Springs/South Fremont Station
 - Milpitas Transit Center
 - Berryessa Transit Center
- Review Action Items and Next Meeting Dates:

NEXT CWG Meetings:

Downtown/Diridon Working Group: September 12, 2017 - Chamber offices: 101 W. Santa Clara Street, San Jose CA

Key Issues/Comments/Questions:

Comment/Question	Response
Lessons Learned Alum Rock BRT	
Is it ok to tweet while we are on the tour?	Yes
Warm Springs/South Fremont Station	
Is there retail space here?	Yes (locations pointed out).
I am interested in the bike parking. What if there isn't enough?	We have parking under and on the concourse. There is a rail on the escalator and stairs to help people with bikes.
Bus only?	There are separate areas for kiss and ride, buses, bikes etc. We have tried to separate the modes.
How tall is this station?	23.5 feet
Why are the lights on during the day?	That is an operations decision. I agree it is odd.
How are you dealing with graffiti?	We are using art in many places which is a good deterrent and we have put a treatment coat on other places.
How long will the trip to San Francisco be from this Station?	About 55 minutes.
What about the ridership at this station?	The Station was expected to have 7,000 riders a day. It is carrying 6,000 already and that is with just one line in service not the ultimate two lines.
Are there bike lockers? Is there excess capacity?	Yes, and also bike racks. There is capacity at the moment not everything is full all the time.
What are the testing problems I have read about that had delayed opening this station? Will that happen on the VTA extension?	The issues were related to a new BART system tying into an old infrastructure. The VTA line will be tying in new to new. We are already testing this connection. We are also upgrading the software to know the Warm Springs/South Fremont will no longer be an end of the line station.
When will the VTA BART Phase I be open?	Construction on BART Phase I is 97% complete. VTA is now in the system testing phase where the new extension becomes fully integrated with the existing BART system. During this phase, things can change more frequently and affect the pace of the work. The original project schedule for start of passenger service was summer 2018. VTA has tracked months ahead of schedule for most of the 5 years of construction and was anticipating an opening date of December 2017. However, based on the outcome of the system testing work that both BART and VTA will perform over the next couple of months, we hope to share a reforecast opening

	date this fall.
Will the bus and LRT changes outlined in Next Network happen when the new stations open?	Yes, that is the intent.
Milpitas Station	
Why are there no crosswalks?	There will be a pedestrian overcrossing built to connect the community on the other side of Montague to the station.
How much retail is provided for here at the Station? When will it be open?	Six thousand square feet. It is configured in two or three units. The VTA Real Estate Department will negotiate with tenants about six months ahead of the Station opening.
What is the expected ridership for the Milpitas Station?	The opening day estimate is 12,000 riders a day.
Where is bike storage?	There is a bike storage room in a separate building next to the Station.
How will the electric car charging be handled? I have seen cars hog the chargers.	Vehicles using the electric car charging stations will be allowed to park in the space for the duration of their trip, however long it may be, and they will be charged an hourly rate while their vehicle is charging in addition to the daily parking fee. VTA has the ability to expand the number of electric vehicle charging stations to up to four times as many spaces as each campus will start with.
Berryessa Station	
Are these buildings condos or apartments?	The residential properties along Salamoni Court are townhomes.
Explain why there is a police station building?	Because Berryessa Station is the end of the line station for a period of time.
Will there be more houses around here eventually?	The City of San Jose has approved a plan for housing on the current Flea Market property. The entitlements to build exist. It is up to that private property owner to determine when that housing would be built.
What is the three-story structure?	That is the end of the line operations booth just like the one we saw at the Warm Springs/South Fremont Station.
Are there sustainable features?	Electric car charging, bio-swales for drainage, solar panels, low VOX paint, drought tolerant native landscaping to name some of them.
Why isn't there retail at this station?	In Milpitas it was a requirement and it was not a requirement at this station. Under the old FTA guidelines adding non-required elements negatively impacted a project's rating.

Follow-Up Items:

- None noted.

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