



## **Santa Clara Community Working Group Meeting**

**Date of Meeting:** February 9, 2017 (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

### **Attendees:**

Members in Attendance: Jack Morash, John Urban

Members not in Attendance: Sudhanshu Jain, Ron Miller, Richard Fedesco, Chris Shay, Steve Bures, Rahul Chandhok, Denise Harris, and Chris Lepe

Other Speaker Attendees: Jim Unites (VTA), Jill Gibson (VTA), Samantha Swan (VTA) and Brandi Childress (VTA)

Project Team in Attendance: Leyla Hedayat (VTA), Angela Sipp (VTA), Erica Roecks (VTA), John Davidson (City of Santa Clara), Eileen Goodwin (Apex Strategies)

Project Team not in Attendance: None

**Location:** Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street in Santa Clara, CA

### **Summary:**

#### **The Meeting agenda included:**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Follow up items – Facilitator
- Work Plan Update – Facilitator
- Measure B Update – VTA Staff
- Next Network Transit Redesign Update – VTA Staff
- Embark! Community On-boarding plan for BART Silicon Valley – VTA Staff
- Project and Schedule Update – VTA Staff and City Staff
  - Technical Studies Update
  - VTA Process for Evaluating Options for Stations and Tunneling
  - City Process for evaluating proposed station options
  - Diridon Facilities Master Plan Update
- Environmental Document Public Circulation Update – VTA Staff
- Next Steps – Facilitator
- Review Action Items and Next Meeting Dates:

- Regular CWG Meeting April 6, 2017 4 p.m.-6 p.m. – Location: Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street in Santa Clara – Facilitator

**Key Issues/Comments/Questions:**

<b>Comment/Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Follow Up Items/Work Plan</b>	
Why do we consistently have such poor attendance? Should we have different members? More members?	VTA and the City will coordinate and see what can be done.
Can the CWG members get a tour of the Hayward Maintenance facility? I was near there the other day and there is a large buzz, hum and vibration.	Yes, we can schedule a tour for this group.
<b>Schedule Update</b>	
No comments or questions	
<b>Measure B Update</b>	
Is there a category for soundwalls for areas other than Route 85?	Yes, the freeway category specifies that sound mitigation is an eligible expense.
Is anything happening in Sacramento or back in DC related to the BART project we should be aware of?	Yes, we can cover this under the project update and put a regular agenda item for future updates.
<b>Next Network</b>	
Is the LRT and Bus for the rapid service all 15 minute headways?	Yes, or better.
What is going rate for other transit operators?	Most are already at \$2.25 or \$2.50 we are low.
We have low patronage why? Our population is growing.	Ridership took a big dip in 2010. We are hoping the redesign attracts more riders. While population has grown VTA is not where it wants to be on percentage of the population using the service.
Does real time information inspire more riders?	Studies show a marginal increase but we know people feel more secure knowing when the next bus or train is due. VTA is excited about the mobile apps that we have partnered with. They seem to be the wave of the future and more helpful than signage because people need to be at the station to see the signage whereas they can see the information on their phone and accomplish one more thing before getting to the station.
<b>Embark!</b>	
How late in 2017 will Phase I open?	By the end of the year. However, even if it opens beyond that, it remains ahead of the

	FTA schedule which is mid-2018.
<b>Project Update - Risk Analysis</b>	
Do some systems have both single and twin bore? Wouldn't they be good to interview?	Systems do not usually do both.
Are most issues of risk related to construction?	There are some issues related to operations and maintenance as well. The study will look at everything.
<b>Diridon Transportation Facilities Master Plan</b>	
What agencies are coordinating?	Caltrain, VTA, HSR, BART and the City of San Jose are the main ones but ACE, Capitols and Amtrak are also being included.
Are these meetings open to the public?	There is not a formal outreach effort for this phase since it is so technical. Community input will be sought in the next phase when aesthetics, access and design features are considered.
How does this work tie into our BART Phase II?	It is all informing each agencies' planning. There is a lot of coordination and communication occurring. There are additional efforts looking at sequencing, funding and other issues.
Will Santa Clara station have a similar planning effort?	Yes, later in the year that effort will begin. We will be bringing the information to your November CWG meeting as well as the results of the Diridon effort.
<b>Environmental Document Public Circulation Update</b>	
There is a loud hum and buzz at the Hayward yard how does this relate to the Newhall Yard? It is noticeable at 500-600'. When is the peak use for the facility? I think washing facilities are the source of the buzz.	The comment period for the environmental document is open until February 20 <sup>th</sup> . Please formally submit your comments. Speaking here does not put these comments into the official process.

**Follow-Up Items:**

- Follow up with City of Santa Clara re CWG membership and attendance
- Schedule Hayward Maintenance Facility tour
- Add federal funding update to future agendas

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