



## **Alum Rock Community Working Group Meeting**

**Date of Meeting:** April 5, 2017 (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

### **Attendees:**

Members in Attendance: Bob Van Cleef, Davide Vieira, Kathy Ericksen, Justin Triano, Geoff Hatchard, Carlos Diaz, RJ Castro, Emily Cunningham

Members not in Attendance: Craig Chivatero, Kelly Daugherty, Terry Christensen, Jeffrey Buchanan

Other Speaking Attendees: Mike Smith (VTA), Kurt Evans (VTA), Krishna Davey (VTA), Samantha Swan (VTA), Brandi Childress (VTA) and Jill Gibson (VTA)

Project Team in Attendance: Leyla Hedayat (VTA), Kevin Kurimoto (VTA), Erica Roecks (VTA), Alex Shoor (VTA), John Ristow (CSJ), Eileen Goodwin (Apex Strategies)

Project Team not in Attendance: Jessica Zenk (CSJ), Ahmad Qayoumi (CSJ) and Rosalynn Hughey (CSJ)

**Location:** Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose CA

### **Summary:**

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

- Welcome and Introductions
- Follow up items – Facilitator
- June Phase I Tour Details – VTA Staff
- Federal Involvement and Financial Update – VTA Staff
- Draft SEIS/SEIR Public Circulation Update – VTA Staff
- Project Update – VTA Staff
  - Will BART Phase I infrastructure preclude the future use of the right-of-way for the northern leg of the Five Wounds Trail across Lower Silver Creek, across the Hwy 101 railroad bridge, and along the right-of-way to Mabury Road and the Berryessa Station?
  - Would VTA entertain the idea of activating the right-of-way from E Julian Street to the Berryessa Station for Phase I? It would be a great way to get patrons to the Berryessa Station until Phase II is built.
  - Didn't VTA commit to replacing the bridge over Lower Silver Creek? What's the update on that?

- Status of Phase II Real Estate Acquisition
- Status of Construction Activities
- Single-Bore Technical Study Summary – VTA Staff
- Single-Bore and Twin-Bore Comparative Analysis Update – VTA Staff
- Diridon Transportation Facilities Master Plan Update – VTA Staff
- Next Steps – Facilitator
- Video
- Review Action Items and Next Meeting Dates:
  - CWG Meeting June 14, 2017 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Location: Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose, Parking Lot facing Alum Rock Avenue

**Key Issues/Comments/Questions:**

<b>Comment/Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Follow up items –</b>	
No comments or questions noted.	
<b>June Phase I Tour Details</b>	
Can we take photos?	Yes. In fact, photos and social media postings are encouraged.
Is there a minimum age limit for the tour?	Yes, 18 years old.
<b>Federal Involvement and Financial Update</b>	
How are the actions going for cap and Trade? I heard it is not going well.	The State had hoped to sell \$1b but has sold \$380m so far. So you are correct, it is tracking under projections due to uncertainties.
You should make some updates to your funding chart to make it more accurate and reflect this information.	Good suggestion.
I used to think the federal money was the big money now it looks like the state might have more opportunities to fund the balance of what is needed.	That might be true.
Where is the lawsuit regarding Cap and Trade?	They are in oral arguments at the Appellate level. We expect it to end up in the Supreme Court if the bills do not pass first which would make the lawsuit a moot point.
If no funding comes through when does VTA look at jettisoning project elements?	Our Board is committed to the full four station project. We are sending that message to FTA. There are no plans to downscale the project. Any significant downsizing would require another environmental process.

Can you give even more detail on the Cap and Trade?	More details given regarding timing and the bills in legislature.
<b>Draft SEIS/SEIR Public Circulation Update</b>	
No comments or questions noted.	
<b>Project Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Will BART Phase I infrastructure preclude the future use of the right-of-way for the northern leg of the Five Wounds Trail across Lower Silver Creek, across the Hwy 101 railroad bridge, and along the right-of-way to Mabury Road and the Berryessa Station?</b></li> <li>• <b>Would VTA entertain the idea of activating the right-of-way from E Julian Street to the Berryessa Station for Phase I? It would be a great way to get patrons to the Berryessa Station until Phase II is built.</b></li> <li>• <b>Didn't VTA commit to replacing the bridge over Lower Silver Creek? What's the update on that?</b></li> <li>• <b>Status of Phase II Real Estate Acquisition</b></li> <li>• <b>Status of Construction Activities</b></li> </ul>	
Concerned that there are no plans for replacement being discussed. Something needs to happen to connect the station to the north ultimately. We need to have a discussion about the right-of-way for the trail.	We can have that conversation as part of the station access planning effort. The City of San Jose is interested in having the trail so they will be working on getting it funded and the right-of-way secured.
Can VTA look at early access for that link because it could be a link to the Berryessa Station as well?	Remember VTA needs a lot of the area for construction staging for Phase II so that must be considered. The VTA and the City DOT staff do have a meeting coming up where this and other topics are on the agenda.
What is status of Maybury 101 interchange?	Nothing has changed since the DOT report to the CWG. Caltrans is moving very slowly on this project.
When the VTA no longer needs the right-	There are likely to be many talks and

of-way will they sell it to San Jose for the trail? It should be given to San Jose.	negotiations regarding such details as the project moves forward.
When will right-of-way be acquired?	The VTA expects the right-of-way phase to start in 2018.
When will construction start?	VTA is unlikely to have any construction activities until late 2018 at the earliest.
<b>Single-Bore Technical Study Summary</b>	
When will the decision be made about single versus twin?	The VTA Board will be asked to decide at their September meeting.
Does BART approve the decision? Can BART say no that the staff level?	BART is a partner and has been very involved all the way along the way as VTA has looked at the two technologies. The time for BART staff to say no has passed. Now that will be a VTA Board decision to see this issue to conclusion.
<b>Single-Bore and Twin-Bore Comparative Analysis Update</b>	
Will this information go to the Ad Hoc committee?	Yes, at their August 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting.
Where does the community and business concerns get taken into account in this comparison?	There are criteria to evaluate construction and neighborhood impacts. VTA is absolutely taking those concerns and impacts into consideration that is why the single bore looks so attractive as an option.
Will the disruption of the LRT tacks be considered?	Yes, another factor that makes the single bore technology look very promising.
The people doing the study need to get out on the street. We do not want what happened before with BRT to happen again.	VTA will be using both qualitative and quantitative analysis to help inform the Board. The staff that you see here on the ground are the ones that will be putting the recommendation together. Not the outside consultants.
At what point will there be a best estimate for impacts to the business community?	The VTA will be developing an outreach plan to address helping businesses through construction impacts. There will be outreach work done with the businesses to learn about their issues and concerns, hours of operations etc. We would like to be able to utilize the CWG members to help inform the plan as well. That work will occur in 2018.
<b>Diridon Transportation Facilities Master Plan Update</b>	
Are the Sharks and SAP involved with this	Yes, the VTA and the City are coordinating

planning?	with the SAP and the Sharks especially on parking issues. It is a collaborative process.
By the time some of the projects get finished the Sharks will want a new arena.	Comment noted.
When you speak about gross parking demand is this benchmarked somehow against other stations or similar programs?	Yes, there are 6-8 very similar stations the team is looking at to see some best practices.
What do you do if you are over or under parked?	VTA and its partners like to phase in parking for that reason. That way adjustments can be made so the parking is right sized for the situation.
The slide shows a ballpark? Isn't the ballpark idea dead?	Yes, this map came from a document when that ballpark was still a possibility. It is no longer being planned for.
	We have provide an updated "Future 2040 Transit Transfer Flows" slide at the end of the meeting notes as we received more refined data since the CWG meeting.
<b>Video</b>	
Where is this plaza?	Spain.

**Follow-Up Items:**

- Continue to follow up on legal issues related to license plate technology
- Update funding chart to reflect new funding strategy and funding program names.
- Get CWG members updated real estate fact sheet.

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# Future 2040 Transit Transfer Flows

