



## **Alum Rock/28<sup>th</sup> Street Community Working Group Meeting**

**Date of Meeting:** April 25, 2018 (4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Followed by TOD Community Workshop)

### **Attendees:**

**Members in Attendance:** Davide Vieira, Terry Christensen, Bill Rankin, Emily Cunningham, Geoff Hatchard, Ricardo Agredano, Kathy Ericksen, and Bob Van Cleef

**Members not in Attendance:** Justin Triano, Carlos Diaz, Craig Chivatero, and RJ Castro

**Other Speaking Attendees:** Jill Gibson (VTA), Aaron Quigley (VTA), Gretchen Baisa (VTA), and Dennis Kearney (VTA)

**Project Team in Attendance:** Erica Roecks (VTA), Tyla Daries (VTA), Karen Gauss (VTA), Adriano Rothschild (VTA), Ahmad Qayoumi (CSJ), and Eileen Goodwin (Apex Strategies)

**Project Team not in Attendance:** Michael Brilliot (CSJ)

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

### **Summary:**

#### **The Meeting Agenda included:**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Follow-up Items
- Status Updates
- Phase II Update
- Government Affairs Update
- New Member Process
- Construction Education and Outreach Plan
- Transit Oriented Development Strategy and Access Planning Studies Update
- Review Action Items and Next Meeting Dates:

CWG Meeting June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose

### **Key Issues/Comments/Questions:**

<b>Comment/Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Follow Up</b>	
The map titles are still off related to Five Wounds School area.	VTA and the City have been working to update relevant maps to reflect “Five Wounds Church & Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School.”
<b>Status Update</b>	
Station naming must be accelerated. People are getting too comfortable with Alum Rock as a name. Alum Rock is further to the east, this name should be replaced.	As mentioned previously, station naming would be addressed post record of decision. We will be coming back at the June CWG to discuss the station naming criteria and process.
<b>Phase II</b>	
Is this Alum Rock/28 <sup>th</sup> Street Station site plan current?	Yes. This is in the final SEIS/SEIR.
For the TOJD, why aren't there higher densities included as a part of the TOJD?	The TOJD cleared in the Environmental Document is intended to be consistent with the land uses, densities and parking requirements from the City of San Jose's General Plan and applicable specific plans. Parking requirements were also an element of the proposed densities of the Alum Rock/28 <sup>th</sup> Street TOJD, and those requirements constrain the development densities. Underground parking was not assumed as it is cost prohibitive. VTA will continue to work with the cities and communities to integrate the TOJD design with the station design to maximize ridership.
Looking at slide 18, When the Five Wounds Urban Village Plan (FWUVP) was created, the station footprint included the triangle parcel just north of East Saint James Street, so the FWUVP included the parking on that triangle parcel. It is not the community's vision to have parking on the main developable parcel. Are you going to position the system facilities to make the site appeal to developers?	Yes, through planning and engineering VTA will configure the system facilities in an optimal way to integrate well with TOD.
I am surprised that the tunnel is always being talked about from the west to the east.	VTA has not determined the direction tunneling will occur. Construction sequencing will be determined with the Contractor.
Public comment: Slide 17 why would VTA	VTA does not own the parcel on the east

use a piece of land on the west side of Mabury that VTA doesn't own as opposed to the triangular parcel on the east side that VTA already owns? All of the construction area should be on the east of the creek.	side of the creek.
Public comment: Will tiny homes go in the area on this land?	This area has been identified as a potential location for a Bridge Housing Community. VTA is working with the City to understand timeline and practicality based on the BART Phase II construction timeline.
<b>Government Affairs Update</b>	
Is there state money in BART Phase II?	Yes, approximately \$910 Million of the expended and projected funding comes from State Congestion Relief Program and the Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP).
Is there an update on Measure B lawsuit?	There is currently no update.
<b>New Member Process</b>	
No comments noted.	
<b>Construction Education and Outreach Plan</b>	
Will there be a field office near 28 <sup>th</sup> Street?	Yes, but the first office will open in downtown in the existing VTA Customer Service Center.
Your postcard is fine for people with internet but a lot of people out near this station do not have access to the internet. At Christo Rey School, 40% of the families do not have access to the internet. A text message would be a better way to communicate.	Thank you. We will consider this technology going forward.
What really happens at the field office? Is it a kiosk?	No, the office will have a staff person for one on one contact as well as small group meetings.
What is the school plan? Are you thinking about outreach to schools?	Yes. There will be outreach to the schools in the 2019 school year when construction is more imminent.
Outreach to Christo Rey school will be key.	Comment noted.
Create programs for the kids that will get parents involved.	Comment noted.
Will you be doing any analysis on what you find in your business survey compared	The data collected in this survey will feed into the construction planning process.

against assumptions used for planning?	
All outreach must be done in multiple languages.	VTA will translate letters and essential materials in additional languages as indicated by Title VI requirements.
<b>Transit Oriented Development Strategy and Access Planning</b>	
Will this effort look beyond just the station footprint denoted as Transit-Oriented Joint Development?	Yes. The team is working on the study boundaries and we will report back with more information in June.
Please post the materials for the community meeting portion.	We will. The presentation has been posted on the TOD/Access Study website ( <a href="http://www.vta.org/bart/tod-access-study">www.vta.org/bart/tod-access-study</a> ) and the maps developed at the workshops will be posted there soon.
Public Comment: Question about parcel layout.	Comment noted.

**Follow-Up Items:**

- Post TOD base maps used at public portion of the meeting.
- Research text notification system as an outreach tool.

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