



Solutions that move you

Santa Clara Community Working Group Meeting

Date of Meeting: April 18, 2019 (4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Followed immediately by a TOD Workshop which has been documented separately)

Attendees:

Members in Attendance: Jack Morash, John Urban, Ana Vargas-Smith, Sudhanshu Jain, Ron Miller, Nick Kasper, and Chris Shay

Members not in Attendance: Curtis Leigh, Luke De Vogelaere, and Elizabeth Monley

Other Speaker Attendees: Jane Shinn (VTA), Gretchen Baisa (VTA), Ron Golem (VTA), Carol Shariat (City of Santa Clara), and Tyler Wacker (Kimley Horn)

Additional Project Team in Attendance: Jill Gibson (VTA), Erica Roecks (VTA), John Davidson (City of Santa Clara), and Eileen Goodwin (Apex Strategies)

Project Team not in Attendance: Charla Gomez (CSJ) and Jessica Zenk (CSJ)

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

Summary:

The Meeting agenda included:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Follow-up Items
- 2016 Measure B Update
- Construction Education and Outreach Plan
- Santa Clara Bicycle Master Plan
- Transit Oriented Communities Strategy Study Update
- Review Action Items and Next Meeting Dates

Next CWG Meeting:

Santa Clara Working Group: June 13, 2019 4:00-6:00 p.m., Santa Clara Senior Center, Room 232, 1303 Fremont Street in Santa Clara

Key Issues/Comments/Questions:

Comment/Question	Response
Follow Up and Work Plan items	
No comments noted.	
2016 Measure B Update	
When will money be released for local road projects and others?	FY 18/19 is already available. FY 20/21 will be made available July 1, 2019 provided the Board adopts these items in their budget.
Is there a list of local street projects?	Each jurisdiction creates their own.
What is the formula for distributing the local money? Is it based on lane miles?	It is based on population and lane miles.
Which pots of money have lists of eligible projects already determined?	Bike/pedestrian projects, county expressway projects, highway interchanges, and transit operations. The grade separation funds can only be expended in Palo Alto, Mountain View, and Sunnyvale.
What about Caltrain South County service?	There is a Caltrain operations category and that service could be partially funded by those funds.
Are there lists for noise abatement projects?	Not yet. It will be a competitive process based on need. It is not automatically divided among the cities and the County.
Would the “innovative” category support a public private partnership if the local city was a partner?	Yes.
What about the Lawrence Expressway project? That was a priority.	That project is on the list. The County staff are doing their prioritization process now. The funds available could be used for that project.
What about using some of this money to offset what will be expensive tickets to ride on BART? I think there should be subsidies. Who sets the fares?	BART set the fares. They are doing an equity study for the current system. We can bring back more information about fares closer to the opening of BART Phase I, so we have current information about the fares in Santa Clara County.
<u>Public Comment</u> : VTA moved the funding for the double tracking to Gilroy and placed it on double tracking in Mountain View to support the Super Bowl event. Diesel has nothing to do with capacity of the line. The VTA also has a 1/8 cent tax earmarked to help subsidize the BART operations in Santa Clara County.	Comment noted.
Construction Education and Outreach Plan	
Has the station name been finalized yet?	No, the VTA Board is expected to consider all station names at the end of the year.
Does the RFP for the Small Business Assistance Study consider local experience?	Yes, VTA does want local knowledge; however, there is no formal requirement that the team be locally based.

Thank you for getting these upcoming community meetings organized.	Thank you and to this CWG for giving us the push to do so.
Real Estate Update	
No comments or questions noted.	
Santa Clara Bicycle Master Plan	
What is the current design for the class IV separated bikeway on El Camino Real? What should people expect? Planters?	It is too early to predict what the barrier will be between the vehicles and bicyclists. The City has not started the project's design. The project is being coordinated with the El Camino Real Specific Plan.
How does the City plan to measure effectiveness of this investment? How will the City make people aware of these routes?	According to the latest American Community Survey (ACS), the City has about 2% utilization of the existing bike lanes. We hope to see a larger share in the next ACS. The City will be getting the word out about the investments as they are opened.
Doubling the miles is fantastic. Class IV on El Camino Real should help make people feel safer when riding. I would love to have the connection to the Guadalupe Trail be made. I would like Santa Clara to coordinate with the City of San Jose and the Airport to get access around the runway.	The cities are coordinating with each other, and we are working on the connection you are speaking about. The City of Santa Clara is also coordinating with Sunnyvale and the County on other projects that are close to jurisdictional borders.
Doesn't Measure B require complete streets?	It does.
Is there a ballpark schedule for the El Camino Real work?	It is not currently funded. We are looking at between five and ten years out.
Why are there no recommendations about the east side of Brokaw?	Those connections that you are referring to are assumed to be funded by the development projects, and therefore, for the purpose of this study effort, they are assumed to be existing conditions.
Transit Oriented Communities Strategy Study	
How will these projects be funded? Will it be a combination of sources?	Yes, grants, developer fees, and value capture are all potential funding sources.

Follow-Up Items:

- Provide more context to BART fare setting and fare equity analysis closer to Phase I opening – this will be included in the update on fare integration that is planned for the September CWG
- CWG Members to review and comment on Station Profiles Draft Document (provided previously via email) by April 30, 2019

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