



28th Street / Little Portugal Community Working Group Meeting

Date of Meeting: May 13, 2020 (4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Location: GoToWebinar – Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

Members in Attendance: Carlos Diaz, Terry Christensen, Chris Patterson-Simmons, Davide Vieira, Bill Rankin

Members not in Attendance: Connie Alvarez, Elma Arredono, Cobán López, Danny Garza, Ricardo Agredano, Eric Thacker, Justin Triano, Jeff Levine, Kathy Ericksen, Helen Masamori

Speakers: Gretchen Baisa (VTA), Ronak Naik (VTA), Bernice Alaniz (VTA)

Project Team in Attendance: Ron Golem (VTA), Joseph Clayton (VTA), Adriano Rothschild (VTA); Jill Gibson (VTA); Oswaldo Meneses (VTA)

Project Team not in Attendance: Kate Christopherson (VTA), Erica Roecks (VTA), Eileen Goodwin (Apex Strategies)

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Follow-up Items
- CWG Member Report Out
- Phase I Update
- Phase II Update
- Next Step

Follow-Up Items:

- VTA to follow up on progress of the following requests and questions:
 - Tunneling from east to west
 - Opening minimum operable segment
- VTA to follow up on the source of information regarding the 'Plan Bay Area 2050's \$3.2 billion funding'

Comments, Issues and Questions	Response
Follow-Up Items	-
CWG Member Report Out	
The revised BART map with future 28 th Street/Little Portugal Station was posted on the POSSO site and reached 832 hits on postal site and 161 engagements. Have also posted on the and Portuguese Museum website but have not checked yet how many people have reached – anticipate around half of the POSSO site. Will post on the Five Wounds Parish site Facebook page once the religious celebration is complete.	Noted
Working to post information about BART on their Business Association website and newsletter once shelter-in-place is easing up and allowing business to reopen.	Noted
Phase I Update	
Current BART service is still running. Verify that new BART service has not started yet.	Current BART service hours changed during the shelter in place period, every 30 minutes on weekdays and every 24 on weekends.
[Public Comment] There is a better new BART map that carries onto the Valley Fair Cupertino and the maintenance facility that the permanent the Quarry in Cupertino. Link provided to the group.	Noted – The map described is not an official VTA or BART map, and shows an alignment that has not been approved and is not being considered by either agency.
Phase II Update	
Is Downtown San Jose the official name for the Downtown Station?	So far, VTA has gone to the VTA & BART Boards of Directors for the 28 th Street/Little Portugal station name only. We have not gone to the Board for the Downtown Station.
Does concept one change anything on the surface the street level impacts between 28th Street and 17th Street?	The alignment remains under Santa Clara Street has no changes with no impacts.
The project proposed starting the tunnel west to east. Have you consider starting the tunnel from east end to west, not open all station at once, and open 28 th Street first? Will it be considered further?	The project has considered tunneling from either end. Tunneling from the west end provides more efficiency with sufficient existing ROW and power supply. From all the logistics, tunneling from east end has many constraints. The project is currently studying tunneling further and will include consideration for feasibility of tunneling from the east, as requested.
Please be careful as to how the station is being described. The 28 th Street/Little Portugal station was described as being similar to Milpitas, but we are an	Noted - The station will be constructed as an underground station with side platforms, and Milpitas is intended to give an example of how that would look/operate. However, the plan is for the 28 th

underground station. Please take care to describe it appropriately.	Street/Little Portugal station to continue being underground and cut-and-cover will be used to construct it.
When did the twin-bore concept for between end Berryessa station through 28 th Street/Little Portugal to 13 th Street get removed?	The twin-bore concept for the segment in question was not furthered due to challenges with the interface between the twin-bore and the single-bore and track alignment concerns that would require a larger cut and cover.
Can you explain what is the new Plan Bay Areas project item with the opening date of 2040 and requested funding of 3.2 billion dollars?	The \$3.2 Billion item is for the Diridon Integrated Station Concept, this is not a Bart Phase II item.
What are the advantages by going from stacked to side-by-side?	Stacked configuration provides the ability to have platforms within the tunnel. Transitioning from stacked to side-by-side happens at the ventilation facilities, only two locations (versus 4 before). BART operation is more familiar with the side-by-side track alignment.
How long is construction for the portion between Diridon Station and 28 th Street/Little Portugal to be completed and operational? Can segments of the project be opened early before the entire alignment is done?	The Optimized Concept 1 is undergoing cost and schedule analysis. The project will be delivered in its entirety from Santa Clara to Diridon because the Environmental Clearance is for the project and its four stations. Question is noted. Will provide answer when project progresses to that phase.
How much time will the pandemic add to the schedule and milestone of the project?	The pandemic has not affected any of the progress on the project. We're using all resources on advancing concept one through engineering and design. We're still pursuing the expedited project delivery funding through the federal government.
[Public Comment] How do you evacuate a train stuck on a ramp and transfer passengers to another train?	Passengers will access emergency exit ramps to egress facility. Operating procedure should be optimized to ensure facilities function properly. VTA is still working with BART to iron out these details.

Next CWG Meeting:

July (TBD), 4:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

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