# VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project

Santa Clara Community Working Group May 14, 2020

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

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## Today's Meeting Format

- Gretchen is facilitating
- Joe is managing the Go to Webinar app
- Microphones will be muted during each agenda item / presentation
- At the end of each agenda item there will be a question round. Joe will unmute members one-by-one during the question round.
  - You can also write in questions using the Questions box on the Go to Webinar app
- Please contact Gretchen after if you have any additional comments or questions.



#### Upcoming Meetings – Santa Clara

- Upcoming Santa Clara CWG Dates
  - July 2020, Date TBD
  - September 17, 2020, 4:00 6:00 PM
  - November 19, 2020, 4:00 6:00 PM
- VTA Board of Directors <u>vta.org/about/board-and-committees</u>
  - May 7, 2020, 5:30 PM
  - June 4, 2020, 5:30 PM
- Gretchen / Kate will email alerts for other meetings, e.g. Board Workshops



#### Follow-Up Items Gretchen Baisa, VTA



#### Follow-up Items – Santa Clara

- Send link to BART Phase II video –
- Send link to playbook once finalized Noted
- Send date for Santa Clara Council Meeting TOC Workshop
   Presentation –
- Send Downtown Precise Plan Community Meeting information to CWG members to distribute to their networks –
- Provide link to Airport RFQ responses in meeting summary –



### Questions



# **CWG Member Report Back**



#### **Report Back**

- Ron Miller Bellarmine College Preparatory
- Curtis Leigh Hunter Storm
- John Urban Newhall Neighborhood Association
- Sudhanshu Jain Old Quad Residents Association
- Ana Vargas-Smith *Reclaiming Our* Downtown

- Luke De Vogelaere San José Earthquakes
- Nick Kaspar Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce
- Chris Shay Santa Clara University
- Eddie Truong *The Silicon Valley Organization*
- Jack Morash *South Bay Historic Railroad Society*



#### Phase I Update Gretchen Baisa, VTA



#### Phase I Update

- Major Milestones:
  - BART started pre-revenue operations on April 20
  - Next Step: CPUC Certification
- BART Service During Shelter in Place Orders:
  - With service reduced during the shelter in place order, trains will run every 30 minutes on weekdays and every 24 minutes on weekends
- Revenue Service Date To Be Announced



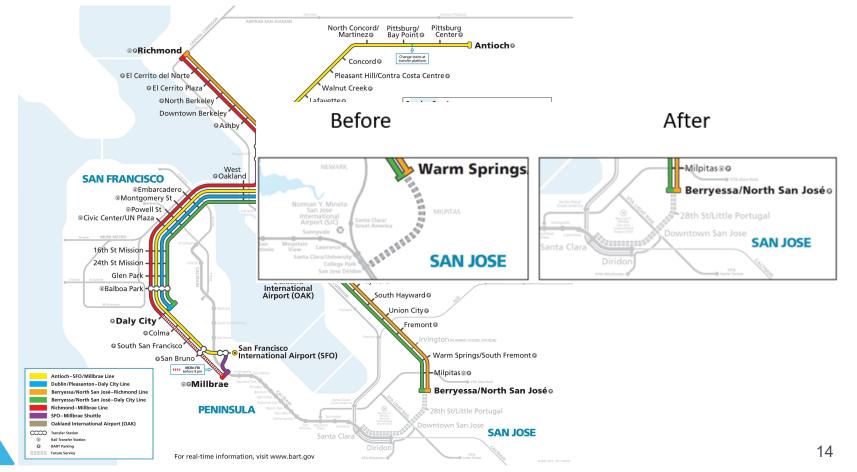
### Framework to Passenger Service

	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT
Discrepancies Resolution								
Traction Power Changes								
Train Control Changes								
Remove Train Control Restrictions				!				
Remaining Testing								
BART Labor Bidding Process for Operations								
Pre-Revenue Training, Operations								
CPUC Safety Certification Review								
VTA-BART Assemble and Submit Safety Certification Report to CPUC								

- Significant progress made in System Safety Certification
- Systems Safety Certification Verification Report will be submitted 21 days prior to revenue service



#### **New BART Map**





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## Questions

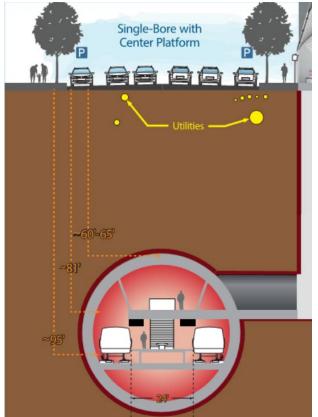


#### Phase II Update Bernice Alaniz, Ronak Naik, VTA



#### Single-Bore with Center Platform

- Concurrent to pursuing Federal funding, VTA and BART explored a larger single-bore tunnel with side-by-side tracks and center platform
- Engineering on the larger single bore with center platform was advanced to 10% design and showed higher projected costs and risks, thus prompting consideration of alternatives



Approximately 56-foot diameter Tunnel Boring Machine



### Criteria for Evaluation of Tunnel Configurations

- 1. Funding constraints
- 2. Federal funding process
- 3. Environmental clearance
- 4. Construction impacts
- 5. Contracting risk
- 6. Innovation opportunities
- 7. Consistency with BART system



#### BART's Operational Concerns for Stacked Configuration

#### **Emergency Egress**

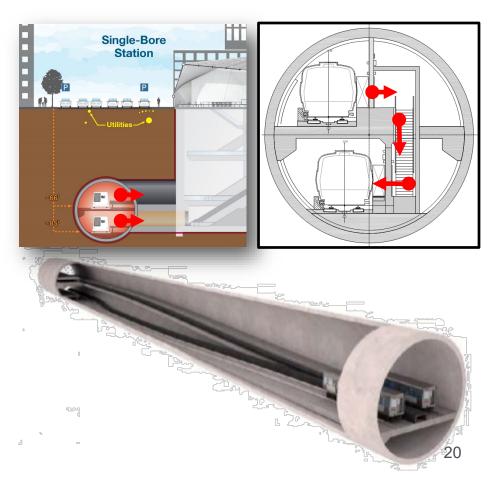
Enclosed stairwells in the tunnel sections as a means for emergency evacuation is not considered intuitive for passengers

#### **Operations**

Challenges with train operations due to ramps/transitions and associated emergency egress

#### Ventilation

Proposed designs differ from typical BART underground system and would require specialized training of employees



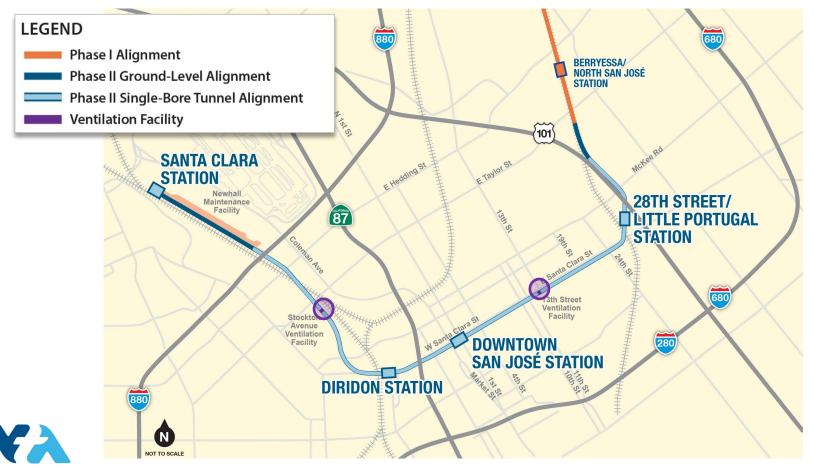


#### Addressing BART's Operational Concerns

- Use 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Stockton Avenue mid-tunnel facilities to optimize ventilation, emergency evacuation, and provide operational flexibility
  - Limit transitions (ramps) between stacked and side-by-side track configurations to two locations (at ventilation facilities)
  - Provide emergency evacuation platforms at ventilation facilities
  - Provide crossovers (switches) for operational flexibility



#### **Project Alignment**



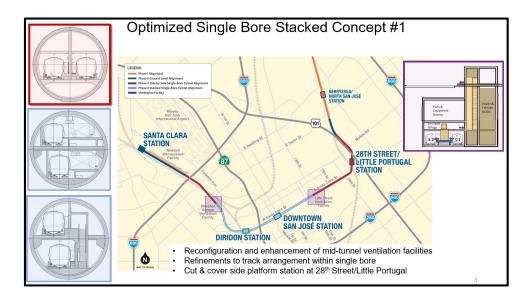
## Summary

- Two optimized concepts presented at the April 17 Board of Directors Special Meeting
- Concepts address BART's main operational concerns for single-bore stacked configuration
- Staff reviewed both concepts through the lens of public and Board feedback including minimizing street level impacts, business/community disruptions, and pre-established criteria (cost, schedule, risks, etc.)



## **Optimized Single-Bore Tunnel Concept**

- Provides the most opportunity to minimize street-level impacts
- Provides opportunity for further optimization
- Addresses BART's operational concerns related to emergency egress, operations, and ventilation

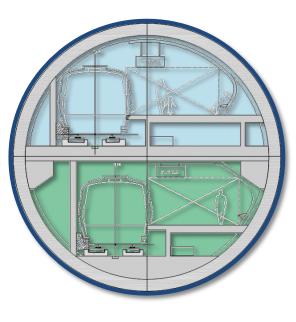




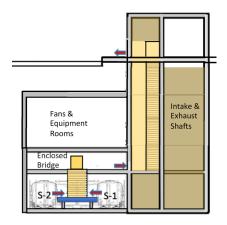


## **Optimized Single-Bore Tunnel**

 Single-bore tunnel with stacked track and platform configuration through downtown segment (13<sup>th</sup> Street to Stockton Avenue)



 Construction of emergency egress center platform adjacent to the ventilation facilities on either end of the Downtown/Diridon segment



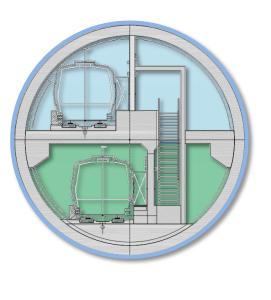
 Cut-and-cover construction of 28<sup>th</sup> Street/Little Portugal Station and emergency egress platforms at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and at Stockton Avenue facilities

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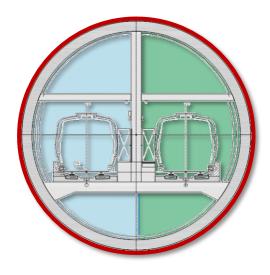


## Track Configuration

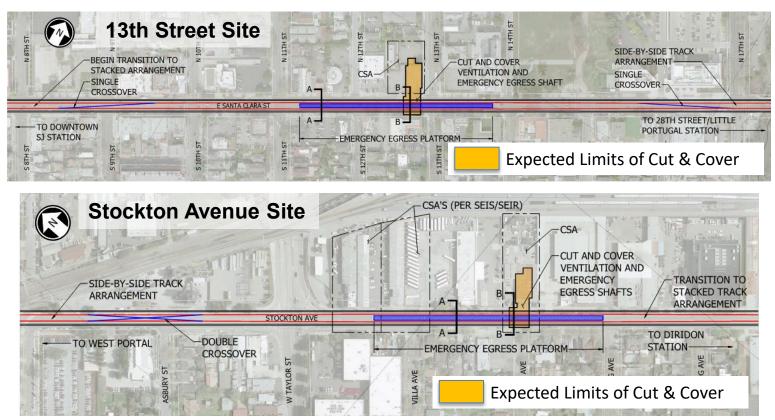
- One single-bore tunnel for entire 5-mile tunnel alignment
- Stacked configuration between 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Stockton Avenue Facilities



 Side-by-side running track configuration east of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and north/west of Taylor Street (along Stockton Avenue)



#### **Emergency Egress/Ventilation Facilities**





Site identified for exhibit purposes only. Final location TBD

#### **Next Steps**

- Advance design of Optimized Single-Bore concept including assessment of any potential environmental, right-of-way, and utility considerations
- Develop cost estimate, schedule, and risk register
- Prepare documents to submit for FTA's Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program



## **Next Steps**

- Next CWG meeting: July (TBD), 4:00 PM, Virtual Meeting
  - CWG Member Report Backs
  - Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan
  - Phase II Update

- Construction Education &
   Outreach Plan
- Related Transportation
   Planning Efforts

• Action Items



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