

From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 4:32 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: VTA Correspondence: Week ending June 26, 2020

VTA Board of Directors:

We are forwarding to you the following correspondence:

From	Topic
Roland Lebrun, Member of the Public	Comments pertaining to the June 23, 2020 City of San Jose Council meeting
Blair Beekman, Member of the Public	Comments pertaining to the June 4, 2020 VTA Board of Directors meeting

Thank you.

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Conserve paper. Think before you print.

From: Roland Lebrun

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:16 AM

To: city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov

Cc: Caltrain Board <board@caltrain.com>; MTC Info <info@bayareametro.gov>; VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>; CHSRA Board <boardmembers@hsr.ca.gov>

Subject: Item 2.32 San José Diridon Station Integrated Concept Plan.

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council,

Thank you for allocating \$1M to this project <http://sanjose.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?M=F&ID=463b9b93-8419-409b-8862-c61f05dddc49.pdf>

The purpose of this email is to alert you to a specific aspect of "*Specifying the relationship between the station and track approaches*", specifically the Vasona line and the Union Pacific track to Cupertino in particular.

Having worked extensively on the challenges introduced by elevating the station platforms by 20 feet, I do believe that the conflicts with the Vasona line can be resolved, but the final determination of the feasibility of elevating the tracks is going to require some advanced engineering.

It is in this context that I encourage you to direct staff to issue an RFP to study this aspect of the project as a matter of urgency, along the line of this RFP (<https://www.sfcta.org/rfp-1920-07-pennsylvania-avenue-extension-study-project-initiation-report>) which was crafted to study similarly constrained issues in San Francisco.

Finally, I am happy to share our solution which includes VTA light rail grade separations at Lincoln, Auzerais, Sunol and Dupont as well as double-tracking between Race Street and the relocated Diridon light rail station.

Sincerely,

Roland Lebrun

CC

Caltrain Board of Directors

VTA Board of Directors

MTC Commissioners

CHSRA Board of Directors

From: b. beekman

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:35 PM

To: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>

Subject: Blair Beekman. VTA. BoD. Public Comment. June 4, 2020.

Dear community and VTA,

Roland Lebron, offered an interesting letter, in item 8, of the June 2020, G&A committee.

There is clear, California law, that the public, does not have to sign into, the public meeting process.

This should make for, very interesting questions, about the future use of Zoom apps, data collection, and the virtual public meeting process.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:35 PM

To: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>

Subject: Blair Beekman. VTA. BoD. Public Comment. June 4, 2020.

Dear community and VTA,

At public comment, today, I wanted to thank, Elaine Baltao, and the VTA Board Secretary staff, as they wrote back to answer a question i had.

Even before, shelter in place - if I am to write, a polite letter of request, to view previous public meetings,

the VTA Board Secretary, can usually work out a system, I can be emailed, *audio and/or video*, of the VTA public meeting, that I ask for.

I speak of this, at public comment, today, to help with, a more open, understandable, and accessible, VTA public process.

And to acknowledge the questions at Public Comment, during the VTA BoD public meeting, of May 2020.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

From: b. beekman
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:34 PM
To: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>
Subject: Blair Beekman. VTA. BoD. Consent Calendar. June 4, 2020.

Dear community and VTA,

Item 6.3 & 6.4.

I hope, with the MTC, now involved, all Bay Area CHSR options, can now be, a more open shared process, of good thought.

This can include, an express CHSR line, from L.A to Tracy, Or a railway, from Merced to Tracy.

Both, with an SF BART line to Tracy. And some interesting, East Bay mass transit & public transit connections, in between

This can also have - less housing displacement issues, between San Jose, the peninsula, and SF.

Item 6.14 & 6.15.

To give accountable readings, of revenue and quarterly reports, at this time,

Can help all of us, better judge, and follow the path, of Covid-19, for the next few years.

Item 6.7 & 6.9.

I hope the VTA's, own efforts, towards, good public policy with technology, can be respected, at this time.

Looking at, good civil rights and civil protection practices, within u.s. census data collection, at this time, will be important, in this era Covid-19.

As the VTA is acquiring, new signal tech.

And has approved, in public meetings, over 30m, in technology, this past month.

A reminder, that signal timers, and geo-fencing, will have an important role, in the future of data collection, surveillance, and what can be, good minimal use practices.

I hope the VTA, can help, the city of San Jose, learn to talk about these subjects, more openly again, with what can be, good public policies.

Item 6.11

A good luck, that we can all continue VTA supportive housing ideas.

Very low, extremely low, & mixed-income housing, is simply, our good practices.

And how to continue, a good roadmap, toward honest sustainability, social equity, and even ideas, of a more positive, local community energy future, with renewables.

Item 6.16.

Please continue the important balance, the friendly well established ideas of mass transit, with the, continually, more experimental, individual forms, of public transit.

As always, it is good mass transit practices, that can bring good understandings, to experimental ideas.

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blair beekman

From: b. beekman

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 4:37 PM

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Subject: Blair Beekman. BoD. Item. 7.1. June 4, 2020.

2 letters. - blair.

Letter 1.

Dear community and VTA,

In some of my same words, with your recent VTA agreements, with the SJPD.

It feels appropriate, to again consider, a 60-75 day review policy, for more controversial surveillance apps, placed into the Big Belly, smart trash compactors.

And overall, how to continue, to learn to practice, good, open public policy, with technology.

There may be, over 40m, in technology & data collection projects, being approved, by the VTA today.

We are at a time, to honestly try to work together, as both local government and community, can be worried.

I feel, minimal use practices, with technology, can answer, just about as well, the over-deployment of broadband and vision zero technology, into local South Bay neighborhoods, at this time.

As there is a massive push, of new broadband & vision zero technology, in our local neighborhoods, from the federal government, in this new Covid 19 era.

I hope, good, open public policies and guidelines, about VTA technology, will want to be practiced, at this time.

I hope the good standards, and good civil protections, created for 2020 census data, can be very much applied, to a more responsible, democratic, technology future, at this time.

And from this, I feel better ideals can take place, between, city, county, state, and federal agencies, to learn how to better organize, and more openly share data, in terms of good civil rights, and good civil protections.

Thank you once again, to the VTA, for steadily offering, to continually look to update, some of the most recent ideas, in good public policy, for technology.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

Letter 2.

Dear community and VTA,

To speak to, the new Bart openings in San Jose, and the use of VTA ALPR technology, in Bart parking garages

A thank you, in the initial ideas, of the VTA, studying how to reduce, ALPR commercial data collection, from 180 to 90 days.

And that, can hopefully be brought down, to 45 days, in a few years.

These are the ideas, of good civil rights, civil protections, peace, equity, equality, and good democratic ideals.

And specifically meant to address, how to organize an end, to the ideas of u.s. continual war, and its shock doctrine, disaster capitalism practices.

I feel there can be, an exuberance, with its learning process, that can be more, than just regulatory.

And that can allow, programmers, govt. staff, and everyday people, to all contribute ideas, together, at this time.

And to continue, positive, long term, sustainable practices, through a Covid-19 world.

Again, a good luck, in how data can be collected, from ALPR's, at the new BART stations.

I hope the VTA, can connect, with city govts, like Berkeley.

As they have chosen to review, their own surveillance and technology ordinance, and ALPR practices, at this time.

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