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Upcoming Meetings – Downtown-Diridon

• Upcoming Downtown-Diridon CWG Dates
  - November 17, 2020, 4:00 PM

• VTA Board of Directors vta.org/about/board-and-committees
  - October 1, 2020, 5:30 PM
  - November 5, 2020, 5:30 PM

• Kate will email alerts for other meetings, e.g. Board Workshops
Upcoming Meetings – Santa Clara

• Upcoming Santa Clara CWG Dates
  - November 19, 2020, 4:00 PM

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Follow-Up Items
Gretchen Baisa, VTA
Follow-up Items: Downtown-Diridon

- Send contact information for BART’s Santa Clara County Community Relations Representative ✔

- Share information on fire station development on E Santa Clara Street and 13th Street – *City of San José is evaluating alternatives for how VTA and the City could share the northwest corner of 13th Street and Santa Clara Street. City has committed to working with VTA.*

- Jobs created from Contract 2 (Tunnel & Track Work) – *American Public Transportation Association methodology estimates 24,000 jobs for each billion spent on public transit capital investment. Using this formula, Contract 2 (estimated at $2B) would generate approximately 48,000 jobs.*
Questions
CWG Member Report Back
Report Back

- Larry Clark *Alameda Business Association*
- Chris Morrisey *Arena Authority*
- Nikita Sinha *California Walks*
- Alan Williams *Campus Community Association (Naglee Park)*
- Bert Weaver *Delmas Park Neighborhood Association*
- Elizabeth Chien-Hale *Downtown Residents Association*
- Adina Levin *Friends of Caltrain*
- Dana Grover *Horace Mann Neighborhood Association*

- Scott Knies *San José Downtown Association*
- Charlie Faas *San José State University*
- Jim Goddard *Sharks Sports & Entertainment*
- Carol Austen *Shasta / Hanchett Park Neighborhood Association*
- Teresa Alvarado *SPUR*
- Jeffrey Buchanan *Working Partnerships USA*
Introduction to
San Jose
Downtown Transportation Plan

Eric Eidlin
Station Planning Manager

Wilson Tam
Transportation Planning Manager

VTA’s BART CWG Meeting
September 15, 2020
Project Staff

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Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan (DISC)

Areas of Focus
• Track alignment
• Station footprint
• Station/neighborhood interfaces
• Access planning
• Refined track design

Downtown Transportation Plan (DTP) 2020-2021

Goals
• Support and complement places
• Improve equity & access; circulation & navigability; streetscapes and public life

Key Deliverables
• Engagement Plan
• Equity Framework
• Public Life Assessment
• Parking & Curbside Management Strategy
• Transportation Network Vision
• Prioritized List Of Projects & Programs
• Conceptual Designs

Downtown West (2020)
• Private development
• Mitigation
• Design guidelines

Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP) Update

Key Deliverables
• List of Projects
• TMA/Parking
Process

1. BACKGROUND RESEARCH & ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
   - ENGAGEMENT

2. VISION & KEY PARAMETERS

3. EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

4. PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND DESIGN

5. FINANCING & IMPLEMENTATION

6. DRAFT FINAL PLAN
   - June 2021

CURRENT EFFORTS
- Existing conditions
- Guiding principles
- Speaker series
- Community engagement

We are here
Draft Guiding Principles

• **Equity:** Support equitable, affordable, and inclusive access to places in Downtown San José for all residents, workers, and visitors to San José. Ensure that equity and the needs of vulnerable populations are incorporated into all aspects of the Plan.

• **People-first:** Include a wide variety of individuals who live, work, and play in San José in the planning effort, and particularly to their need for safety, health, dignity, comfort, and enjoyment.

• **Place:** Advance the vision of a vibrant, creative, resilient, and livable downtown with neighborhoods that are complete, unique, and reflective of our City’s diverse history, for all types of people through smart transportation investments.

• **Climate:** Support the City's Climate Smart goals of resiliency, reduce the number of trips taken by single occupancy vehicles, and increase the use of clean travel modes.

• **Economy:** Design a resilient multimodal transportation system that supports people of all means and downtown economic development in a fiscally responsible manner.
Engagement Approach
Equity Approach

- **Involving the community** at every stage of the Plan
- Empowering and resourcing **community organizations** - CBOs as engagement leaders and storytellers bringing messages in their own language to their own communities
- **Equity Advisory Committee**
- **Focused outreach** but also **breaking down silos** of communication
- **Taking the time for equitable engagement**, moving at the speed of trust, building empathy and understanding between city and community partners, leaders and residents
- **A feedback loop** that clearly conveys how community recommendations are incorporated
Phase 1 Outreach To Date: Digital Listening Sessions

Scheduled times with project staff for members of the public to ask questions and share ideas over Zoom (for DTP and Diridon).

Equity
  Saturday, July 25, 2020, 10-11 AM

Getting Around Downtown
  Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 12-1 PM

Housing
  Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 5:30-6:30 PM

Building Heights
  Monday, August 10, 2020, 12-1 PM

Parks and Public Space
  Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 5:30-6:30 PM
Phase 1 Outreach To Date: Speaker Series #1

SPUR (7/29)

• Learning from the Best: How Toronto’s Experience Can Shape San José’s Future

**Key Takeaways:**

- **Density:** high density around transit; maintain stable neighborhoods; consider "Missing Middle"
- **Efficient government:** nimble and cross-disciplinary decision-making in public sector.
- **Open space:** Guadalupe River Park offers great potential, as did Bentway in Toronto
Upcoming Outreach & Events

Learn more and register for events at http://movesanjose.org

Speaker Series

• Public Life and Latinx Communities in Downtown – Past & Future (Spanish + English sessions)
• Asian Communities and Transportation in Downtown
• Women's Perspectives on Transportation in Downtown

Upcoming Outreach Activities

• Workshop #1 on October 7th from 5:30 – 7:30pm
• Business Focus Group meetings in late September/October
• Project Logo Contest – follow us on movesanjose social channels!
• Website and online survey at http://movesanjose.org
Questions

Eric Eidlin
Station Planning Manager

Wilson Tam
Transportation Planning Manager

VTA's BART CWG Meeting

September 15, 2020
Phase II Update
Bernice Alaniz, VTA
Background on Downtown San José Station Entrance Locations

1. The approved State and Federal Project (2018) has stacked platforms on the north side of the street with two entrances, also on the northern side, between Market and 2nd Streets.

2. These station entrances meet all station access needs and accommodate all user requirements.

3. Southern entrances along Santa Clara Street are not part of the approved Project.

4. If the VTA Board’s direction is to have entrances from the south side connected to the northern entrances, a separate project will be developed with additional environmental clearance, engineering, constructability and cost estimates prepared through close coordination with the City of San José and BART.

   - Current project “will not preclude” future connections
Approved Station Entrances (Record of Decision)

- Two entrances located less than 80 feet from the southside sidewalk of Santa Clara Street
- 2035 Forecast Year Average Weekday Ridership: approximately 25,000
Southern Entrance Concept Plans

There are several options to provide access from the south side of Santa Clara Street. Combinations of concepts are also possible. The 3 pairs of concepts are shown below.

Concept 1: Crosswalk Improvements
Concept 2: Passenger Overcrossing
Concept 3: Passenger Undercrossing

*Sidewalk bulb out pending coordination with City of San José
Southern Entrance Concept Sections

Concept 1: At Street Level
- Minor public ROW impacts

Concept 2: Above Street Level
- Public ROW impacts including sidewalks and parking spaces
- Environmental Considerations
- Cost and potential schedule implications (if part of Project)

Concept 3: Below Street Level
- Public ROW impacts including sidewalks and parking spaces
- Environmental Considerations
- Cost and potential schedule implications (if part of Project)
Concept 1: Crosswalk Improvements

- Providing these crosswalks at Market Street and Second Street may not require any additional EIS/EIR work.
- Provides benefits to all pedestrians crossing the street.
- If adopted, these improvements would be implemented as part of the current Project.
- Specific designs would be developed for the City’s review and approval and incorporated into the bid package.

Los Angeles  
Madrid  
Tokyo
Need to address following considerations:

- City of San Jose willingness to allow sidewalk bulb outs along the south side of Santa Clara, up to 130 ft long for vertical circulation touchdowns and structures*

- Whether visual impacts on historic properties can be accepted through an EIS/EIR (separate process)

- Additional engineering required to produce capital cost estimate

* Bulb out would displace approximately six parking spaces and reduces existing sidewalk widths

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Concept 2: Passenger Overcrossing

Toronto Queen Street Bridge  
West Dublin/Pleasanton Bridge  
Montague Expressway Overcrossing
Sidewalk entrances with underground passageways typically connected to mezzanine levels. Single Bore Downtown San José station has no mezzanine level.

Need to address the following:

- City of San José willingness to allow sidewalk bulb outs along the south side of Santa Clara Street, up to 130 ft long for vertical circulation touchdowns and structures*
- ROW, street closures and utilities impacts
- Any impacts on adjacent historic properties
- Separate environmental clearance process
- Additional engineering required to produce capital cost estimates

* Bulb out would displace approximately six parking spaces and reduces existing sidewalk widths
## Southern Entrance Evaluation Chart

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### Key
- **Minimum Impacts**
- **Some Potential Impacts**
- **Significant Impacts**
Next Steps for Downtown San José Station Entrance Locations

• VTA’s Capital Program Committee identified this should be a project separate from the already environmentally-cleared Phase II Project
• Obtain Board of Directors feedback
• Coordinate with the City of San José and BART
• Obtain approvals for a separate project, including any necessary environmental clearance
• Advance engineering design to develop cost estimates and identify funding sources
• Receive VTA Board approval
EPD Program Efforts to Date

- FTA issued the Expedited Project Delivery (EPD) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on July 28, 2020, providing program requirements
- Project Oversight Management Contractor (PMOC) kicked off the EPD oversight process on July 31, 2020
- VTA transmitted 23 documents related to cost, scope, schedule and risk
- Finalizing two NOFO requirements by the end of September to submit application
  1. Public-Private Partnership (P-3)
     - Design-build-finance (DBF) program to reduce/transfer financial risk
     - Transit oriented joint development with Google that would reduce cost
  2. Application of FTA’s Simplified Trips-on-Project Software (STOPS)
Peer Review

As requested by FTA, the **VTA Peer Review Panel** is assembled to review and advise on the project's design, constructability, contract methodology, timeline, and cost in junction with the following Focus Areas:

- Scope
- Schedule
- Budget
- Contracting Plan
- Program Delivery Structure
- Rail System Organization (RSO)
- Systems Project (CP-1)
- Tunnel & Track Project (CP-2)
- Stations Project (CP-3)
- Newhall Yard & Santa Clara Station Project (CP-4)
Framework to Completion

- Preparing to issue **Request for Industry Feedback (RFIF)** for the Tunnel and Systems contracts in September
  - The RFIFs begin the formal process to engage contractors who are interested in proposing on the Project.

![Diagram](image-url)
Questions
Community Engagement
Bernice Alaniz, VTA
Community Engagement

Contracting Community Engagement
• Request for Industry Feedback (RFIF) Announcements

- September 11: Tunnel and Track Work
- Late September: Systems
- Late October: Underground Stations
- Early 2021: Santa Clara Station & Newhall Yard

• Ad campaign, email, website
• Responses will help inform development of Request for Proposals (RFPs)
Small Business Resource Study

- VTA reinitiated the Small Business Resource Study following a hold due to COVID-19 business restrictions
- Case studies have reviewed what assistance was provided as part of other transit and development projects
- Small business survey to be released October 2020 to businesses and organizations along alignment
  - Responses help inform traffic management plan for construction
  - Responses help VTA understand small business health and needs
- Small Business Task Force Meeting – October 7, 2020
Current DISC Activities

1. Updated Cooperative Agreement for Partnership to extend to December 2021 and include MTC as a full Partner

2. Concept Plan Partners coordinating with the City’s Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP) Update and related Downtown West project

3. Engineering verification focused on the Heavy and Light Rail alignments from the Concept Layout

4. Launch of organizational and governance work
Questions
Next Steps

• Next CWG meeting:
  November 17, 4:00 PM, Virtual Meeting
  - CWG Member Report
    Backs
  - Phase II Update
  - Community Engagement
  - Related Planning Efforts
    - Design Development Framework
    - Transit Oriented Communities
    - Government Affairs

• Action Items