WELCOME!

Gilroy Station Area Visioning Project
Community Meeting 1
February 18, 2021
Why Are We Here Today?

VTA is considering a new Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) at the Gilroy Transit Center on Monterey between 7th and 9th Street

- Connects to Downtown and will influence Downtown’s future
- Current key transportation hub, future site of High Speed Rail
- Will be a mix of uses (retail, workforce housing, community benefits, etc.)
- Phase 1 will be built by a high-quality non-profit developer to be selected and overseen by VTA and the County

We are here tonight to hear your thoughts about this important project.
How to Participate: Virtual Meeting Etiquette

• Treat all participants with kindness, respect and consideration

• **Type questions and comments in the chat** and we will answer them during the Q&A.

• **Mute** your audio when you are not speaking.

• VTA will not tolerate demeaning, discriminatory or harassing behavior and speech. *VTA staff will remove participants who refuse to adhere to this code.*

*This event is being recorded by VTA for posting on vta.org.*
Today’s Agenda

- Introductions
- About VTA
- Poll/Getting to Know You
- About the Site
- Q&A
- Breakout Rooms
- Report Back
What does VTA do?
VTA’s Core Transit Services

Bus
- 85,000 Weekday Boardings
- 67 Routes
- Newest buses are all electric

Light Rail
- 27,000 Weekday Boardings
- 3 lines
- 61 Stations
- 99 vehicles

Paratransit service
- provided to eligible individuals who cannot use conventional services
- Myaccess.vta.org
VTA’s Transit Oriented Development

• 25 properties throughout Santa Clara County

• Program Goals
  • Develop projects that support transit ridership
  • Attract private investment in surrounding communities (Downtown Gilroy)
  • Generate revenue for transit operations
Land Acknowledgement: Native American Tribal History

Kanyon "Coyote Woman" Sayers-Roods

Kanyon is an Ohlone & Chumash - California Native Woman, and a Catalyst of decolonizing conversations.

Kanyon strives to bridge the gap between indigenous and contemporary value systems, and to make a difference in the lives of others by sharing her life experiences and knowledge about California Native Americans.

Born and raised in Indian Canyon (the only federally recognized “Indian Country” along Central Coastal California) by her mother Ann Marie Sayers, Kanyon continues to be an Ancestor in training by honoring the past to shape the future.

www.indiancanyonlife.org/ksr http://about.me/kanyon.coyotewoman
Community Engagement is Important

• A process that seeks the community’s input to ensure that decision making is well informed

• It means having a meaningful dialogue that is representative of the community

• It is a two-way dialogue that gives everyone an opportunity to propose ideas and to come up with collective solutions

• An effective, inclusive approach to seek diverse opinions

• An ongoing conversation that allows the community to help define and shape the city’s future
Zoom Tips: How to Submit Questions

Step 1: Access the chat window

Step 2: Type Message Here

Step 1: Click “More”

Step 2: Select “Chat”
Who Are We

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Janet Smith-Heimer
Janice Soriano
Aiko Cuenco
Lola Torney
Kathleen Podrasky
Jolene Bradford
VTA Equity and Inclusion
VTA’s Affordable Housing Policy

• On all VTA TOD sites with housing, at least 20% of units must be affordable to households earning 60% or less of Area Median Income

• Overall we will plan for at least 35% of housing on our lands to be affordable

• VTA has partnered with Santa Clara County’s Office of Supportive Housing to help fund housing for people who live or work in Gilroy
Housing Needs in Gilroy

A family of four with two working adults (teacher and bank teller) earning $117,000 per year are eligible for affordable housing (75% AMI).

- Gilroy needs housing that all residents can afford, including residents who are unhoused, at risk of losing their housing, and working people struggling to pay for housing.
- Over 1,600 low-income households in Gilroy pay more than half of their income for housing.
- In Gilroy, a site like this could accommodate families of 4 earning between $47,000 and $126,000.
- For example, rents could range from $1,050 to $2,800 for a two-bedroom apartment.
Community Vision and Master Plan (by PlaceWorks)
Context Map: VTA Property

Historic Gilroy Station

VTA Property

7.8 acres
# Long-term Project Schedule

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Historic Gilroy Station

City of Gilroy Downtown Specific Plan Update

Future Gilroy High Speed Rail Station

Monterey County Rail Extension Phase 1 (TAMC)

Long-term Future Plans

Parking for High Speed Rail (entire area east of tracks)
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Phase I Housing Site

Long-term Future Plans
Over 650 people take transit from the Gilroy Transit Center every day.
Bikeway Network

- Bike lane on street
- Bike path off street
- Bike route shared with cars (no lane)
What is Transit Oriented Development?
Transportation Choices:

Walk
Bicycle
Drive
Bus or Train
A Mix of Uses:

Housing
Stores
Hotels
Workplaces
Activity:

Eating
Drinking
Buying
Making
Visiting
What would you like to see?
Housing for Different Needs

Wheeler Manor – Senior Housing

Alexander Station – Affordable Housing
Gathering Spaces
Green Space
Public Art
Improve Transportation
Bikeways, bus stops, pedestrian paths
Questions and Answers
Topics that will be discussed in each room

• Issues and Initial Thoughts

• Program and Site Design – How would you like to see the site developed?

• Access/Transit – How would you like to access the site? What kind of transportation options would you like to see VTA provide?

• Vision – What would you like this land to do for the community?

Click “Join”
Breakout rooms currently in progress 

40:00
Group Report Backs
Thank you and next steps

• This same meeting will be held in Spanish next week on Wednesday, February 24 at 6:00 pm.
• A second community meeting is planned for April 22, 2021
• Project website – **Sign up to the mailing list!**
  
  www.vta.org/gilroydevelopment

• Take our survey!

  www.surveymonkey.com/r/QS9GC2J

• For further comments, you can reach out to:

  community.outreach@vta.org
THANK YOU!

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Examples of Development

Village Oaks Drive
San Jose, CA
Examples of Development

NAME
San Jose, CA
Examples of Development

Alexander Station
Gilroy, CA