



Solutions that move you

Alum Rock/28th Street Community Working Group Meeting

Date of Meeting: November 14, 2018 (4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Attendees:

Members in Attendance: Ricardo Agredano, Davide Vieira, Terry Christensen, Bill Rankin, Geoff Hatchard, Kathy Ericksen, Justin Triano for Cameron Geiger, Eric Thacker, Carlos Diaz, Cobán López, Craig Chivatero, Danny Garza, and Helen Masamori

Members not in Attendance: Chris Patterson-Simmons

Other Speaking Attendees: Jill Gibson (VTA), Mark Ramsey (VTA), Gretchen Baisa (VTA), Adriano Rothschild (VTA), Ron Golem (VTA), Tyler Wacker (Kimley Horn), Doug Moody (City of San José) and Meghan Weir (Nelson Nygaard)

Project Team in Attendance: Erica Roecks (VTA), Charla Gomez (CSJ), Brian Stanke (CSJ), and Eileen Goodwin (Apex Strategies)

Project Team not in Attendance: N/A

Location: Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San José, CA

Summary:

The Meeting Agenda included:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Follow-up Items
- Phase II Update
 - Update on Five Wounds Church Meeting
 - Station Naming
 - Field Investigations
- Construction Education and Outreach Plan
- Diridon Station Integrated Concept Plan
- Transit Oriented Development Strategy and Access Planning Studies Update
 - Access Planning
 - East San José MTIP
- Real Estate Planning Process
- Review Action Items and Next Meeting Dates

CWG Meeting February 6, 2019 4:00-6:00 PM Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San José, CA

Key Issues/Comments/Questions:

Comment/Question	Response
Follow Up	
None noted	
Phase II	
What kinds of private partners qualify for private in P3's as VTA is looking at this?	VTA is considering developer participation at this time. It could also mean other types of partnerships as things develop further. We do not need to have it finalized in spring 2020.
How do partners get vetted?	We will cover this more in another agenda item but generally there is a qualifications process (RFQ) then a request for proposals (RFP).
Who are EPD competitors?	We do not know yet. We will bring that information forward when we have it as part of future report to this group.
Comment: We need to daylight this process of selection of private partners.	Yes. The VTA process is public and decisions are made at the Board level.
Will this be an RFP process for development on VTA property?	Yes, that is how VTA gets partners in their transit-oriented development projects.
Public question: What is fallback if VTA doesn't receive EPD?	We would go back into New Starts Process if the EPD doesn't look like it is a fit for us.
Five Wounds Church Meeting Report	
VTA has assured monitoring.	That is correct and in writing in the environmental document.
Station Naming	
When does staff material go to the VTA Board?	One week before the meeting, which will be around the holidays for the January board meeting, but VTA will notify the CWG members as to when the station naming topic will be going to the VTA Board.
How likely will the staff recommendation change before the board meeting?	VTA staff are moving forward with 28 th Street/Little Portugal recommendation. The only way it could change is if the Board proposes a new name at their meeting, which anyone in the public can attend and comment.

Field Investigations	
There needs to be a plan with regard to pick up and drop off at Cristo Rey High School.	The team met with Cristo Rey two weeks ago, and the work hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. which is after drop-off and before pick-up.
Will there be safety and protection at cross walks?	Yes. We have a traffic plan approved by the City.
Construction Education and Outreach Plan	
It is great to see the materials have already started to drop Alum Rock. Thank you.	Comment noted.
What is the status of Mabury Interchange?	According to the City of San José, the 101/Mabury Interchange is currently in the environmental phase. Design is estimated to start in mid-2020 and construction mid-2022 with completion by the end of 2024.
If you come to a group what do you present?	We can customize the presentation for the group, but generally we would want to discuss the project schedule and the upcoming field work.
When will VTA open a field office in this neighborhood?	Probably not until heavy construction begins in 2020.
When you present to a group can you speak about more than just this station? My neighbors are really between stations and would be interested in an update about downtown as well.	We can speak about more than one station at a time.
Diridon Station Integrated Concept Plan	
What place are we in the process? How does Google get brought in?	First the City and the operators are working to understand what is needed, then Google will be able to participate.
Will the station design be above or below ground?	We do not know yet. We are looking at multiple scenarios, and we will have meetings in the spring where the public can weigh in on them.
What is assumed for BART?	The BART station is assumed to be underground in the location as cleared in the environmental document.
Transit Oriented Development Strategy and Access Planning	
The Alum Rock and McKee crossings need to be designed for families to use.	Comments noted.

Alum Rock Avenue will need to share the road with other types of access.	
We don't want circuitous bike and pedestrian routes; people won't use them. We need to take this into consideration.	Comment noted.
Is VTA considering more 101 crossings?	We have looked at previous studies of that topic. It seems that additional right-of-way would be needed on the east side, so we are concentrating on enhancing existing crossings to make them safer and more inviting for bikes and pedestrians.
What is meant by the term "curb management?"	It means how we use the existing curbs for all uses that want to be there especially the new rideshare vehicle drop off and pick up. Curb space is very valuable.
What is walk and bike shed?	We are using the ten-minute walk or bike from the station as the study area. That is a comfortable walk or bike ride. This is why the edges of the study area are not a perfect circle.
Is a San Antonio crossing over 101 in the mix?	It is not a focus of this effort as it is not a primary route for the station. City noted that it is studying a northern (McKee) and southern (San Antonio) crossing over 101.
The team needs to be culturally aware. We have gangs here. The 33 rd Street gang is a real thing, and young people from other gangs won't use 33 rd for that reason as it is someone else's turf. We may need a north and south route to accommodate this reality.	Comment noted.
Are there any leading pedestrian intervals in use in San José now?	According to the City, San José has Leading Pedestrian Interval at many intersections where there is heavy pedestrian traffic and significant right- and left-turning vehicles crossing the crosswalk. 5th and 4th along Santa Clara Street are two examples.
Public: There was a plan to have the railroad bridge provide an additional crossing for bikes and pedestrians over	Comment noted.

101. That should be investigated again by the team.	
East San José MTIP	
This is disgusting that King Road east is not acknowledged as an organized neighborhood a de facto urban village. There is a group ARUVA that should be consulted with. Members are here today.	The City's consultant team would like your contact information.
What is the SOMOS and Vivo role?	To help with outreach and translation.
POSSO should be part of that outreach. Are you going to translate things into Portuguese? Also, Vietnamese translations?	We will coordinate with POSSO and look into the translations and interpretations.
CommUniverCity should be coordinated with too.	Comment noted.
Real Estate Planning Process	
We want to make sure our station box is engineered in such a way as there can be development on top of it. How do we make sure that happens?	The GEC and the TOD planning process should be able to make that a reality.
Which comes first – engineering then real estate or real estate then engineering?	VTA is determining this through the joint development process. We'll report back our progress at the April CWG.
Cristo Rey would like to continue to be part of the process and discussions about anything that could impact the school site or operations.	Comment noted.
Safety during construction of the TOD is important too. I am all about safety.	The TOD construction is many years off, but VTA is very aware of safety issues and concerns. It is always top of mind.
Please send us the new City Council and VTA Council and Board rosters when they are available in early 2019.	We will add that to our action list.

Follow-Up Items:

- Keep CWG members informed of station naming item on future VTA Board agendas opportunities.
- Distribute new funding plan once developed.
- Add status of Mabury Interchange to meeting summary - completed
- Add location of leading pedestrian interval signal to meeting summary - completed
- Send CWG members the 2019 rosters for the City Council and VTA Board

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