

# VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project

Alum Rock / 28<sup>th</sup> Street Community Working Group  
November 14, 2018



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## Agenda

- Follow-up Items
- Phase II Update
- Construction Education and Outreach Plan
- Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan
- Transit Oriented Development Strategy & Access Planning Studies Update
- Real Estate Planning Process
- Next Steps



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## Role of the CWG

- Be project liaisons
- Receive briefings on technical areas
- Receive project updates
- Build an understanding of the project
- Collaborate with VTA
- Contribute to the successful delivery of the project



## Your Role as a CWG Member

- Attend CWG meetings
  - Bring your own binder (BYOB)
- Be honest
- Provide feedback
- Get informed
- Disseminate accurate information
- Act as conduits for information to community at large



## Role of the CWG Team

CWG Team Member	Role
Eileen Goodwin	Facilitator
Gretchen Baisa	Primary Outreach Contact
Jill Gibson	Phase II Planning Manager
Erica Roecks	Technical Lead
Charla Gomez	City of San Jose – Planning Liaison
Brian Stanke	City of San Jose – DOT Liaison



## Upcoming Meetings

### **New CWG Dates**

**<http://www.vta.org/bart/upcomingmeetings>**

- February 6, 2019, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- April 17, 2019, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
- June 12, 2019, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- September 11, 2019, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- November 13, 2019, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

### **VTA Board of Directors**

**<http://www.vta.org/get-involved/board-of-directors>**

- December 6, 2018 – 5:30 PM
- January 3, 2019 – 5:30 PM



# Follow-Up Items



## Follow-Up Items

- VTA staff will inform CWG members when station naming is on the agenda of VTA Board.
- VTA staff will update CWG members of a new funding plan once more information is available.
- September CWG meeting notes included an update on the RM3 lawsuit.
- E Taylor Street has been fixed on all maps.
- September CWG meeting notes contained link to stakeholder intake form ([www.vta.org/phase2info](http://www.vta.org/phase2info)).
- September CWG meeting notes contained links to fact sheets.



# Phase II Update

Jill Gibson, VTA  
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## Phase II Update

- Project Funding Updates
- FTA Process
- On-Going Activities
- Field Investigations



## Project Funding Updates

- **Measure B**
  - State Court of Appeals upheld VTA's Measure B on 10/18/2018
  - Plaintiff-Appellant filed a rehearing Nov.1 for the California Supreme Court to review the ruling
- **Prop 6/TIRCP funding**
  - Did not pass last week
  - \$750 million TIRCP funding committed
- **RM3**
  - Bay Area Toll Authority's counsel filed a motion to dismiss Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association's suit on 10/10/2018
  - Decision on the motion expected mid-November to mid-December



## FTA Process – Expedited Project Delivery (EPD) Review

EPD is a FTA pilot program within the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Program. To be considered for the pilot program, the project must

- Use public-private partnerships (P3)
- Be planned, operated, and maintained by an existing public transit provider
- Have a Federal share not exceeding 25% of its costs

Sponsors will have

- Recently and successfully completed a fixed guideway project
- Achieved budget, cost, and ridership outcomes
- Staff expertise and other resources to implement new project
- To demonstrate project's capabilities in application



# Why is EPD a Good Fit?

- Requires an expedited technical capacity review by FTA
- Opportunities for Public-Private Partnership (P3)
- Seeks increased innovation
- Opportunity to seek use of Value Capture

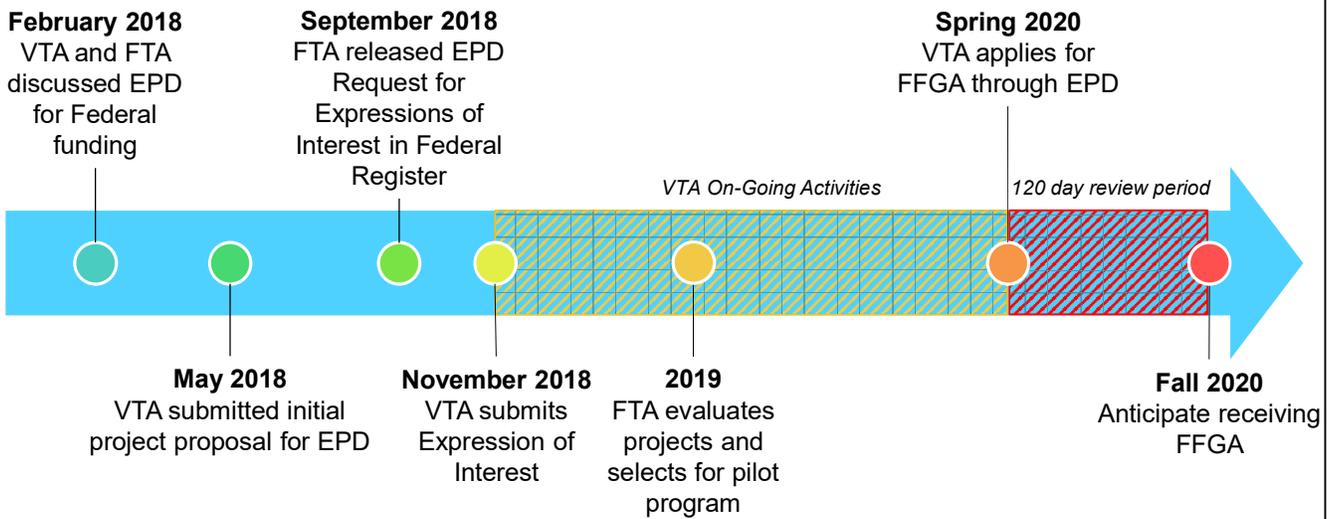


Notice for Request for Expressions of Interest in FTA's Federal Register.



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# EPD Process to Receive Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA)



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## Next Steps for EPD Application Submittal

- FTA evaluates projects and selects pilot program participants
- VTA advances engineering and updates project cost and schedule estimates
- VTA continues identifying P3 opportunities, implementation strategies, policies, and funding and phasing plans
- VTA submits formal EPD application in spring 2020

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## On-Going Activities

- VTA Board will award the general engineering consultant (GEC) contract at the January 2019 board meeting
- Coordinating with San José and Santa Clara Planning
- Planning for 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Agreements
- Right-of-Way Engineering and Real Estate Planning
- Developing Design Parameters & Criteria in Coordination with BART in advance of the General Engineering Consultant (GEC)



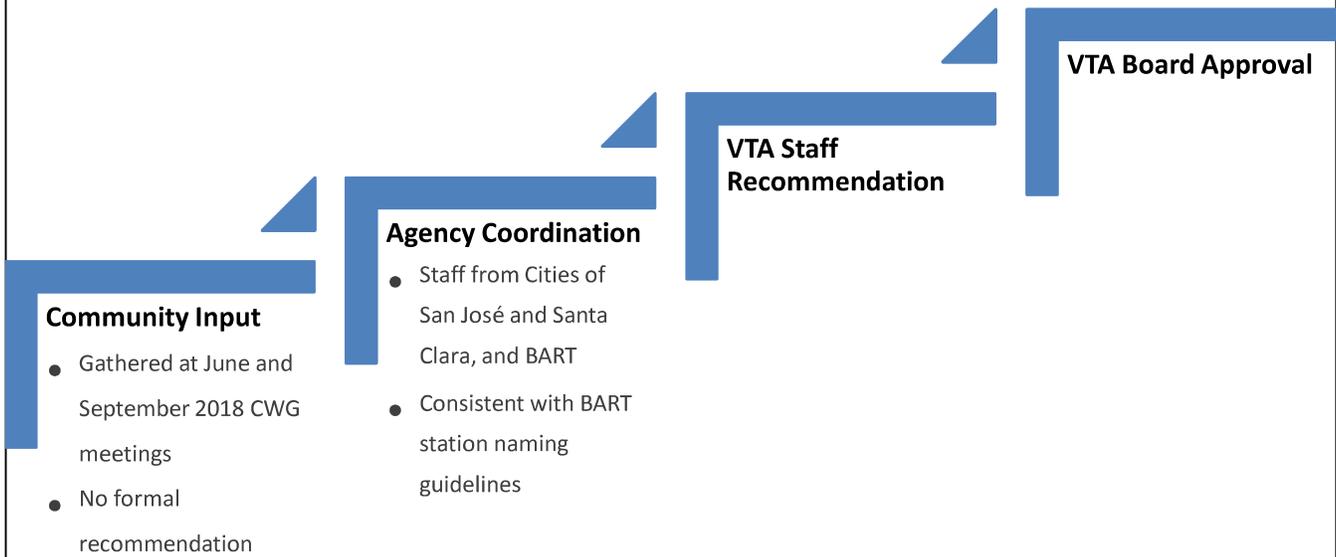
# Station Naming Guidelines

- **Rider’s Perspective**
  - Assist passenger in use of system
  - Location within the context of the transit system
- **Simplicity**
  - For quick recognition and retention
  - Brief and distinctive
  - Easy to pronounce and understand
- **Station Area Context**
  - Historical basis
  - Geographically significant
  - Withstand the test of time



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# VTA’s BART Phase II Station Naming Steps



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## Station Naming Status

- Santa Clara Station
  - No proposed name change to be consistent with Caltrain station
- Diridon Station
  - No proposed name change to be consistent with Caltrain station
  - Future renaming opportunity through intermodal planning with agency partners
- Downtown San José Station
  - Will revisit renaming after the station design is refined in late 2019/early 2020
- Alum Rock/28<sup>th</sup> Street Station
  - Moving forward with proposed name change



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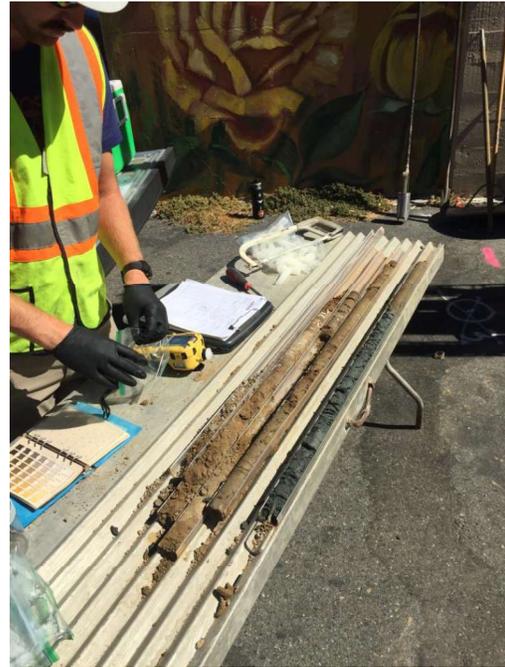
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## Field Investigations in Major Project Areas



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# Field Investigations



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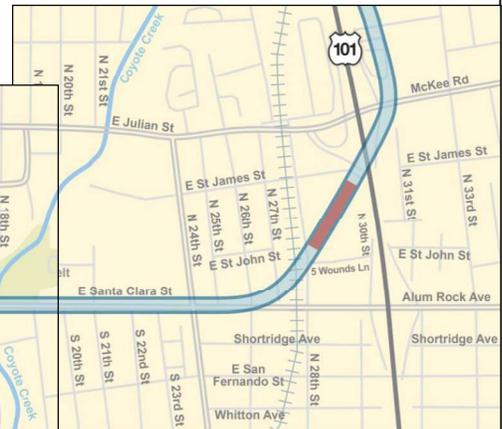
## 13<sup>th</sup> Street Ventilation Facility Area

- Early December: Geotech investigations begin
- Early January: Utility investigations begin



## Downtown San José Station Area

- Late September: Geotech investigations began
- Mid-January: Utility investigations begin



## Alum Rock/28<sup>th</sup> Street Station Area

- Late November: Utility investigations begin
- Early December: Geotech investigations begin



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# Community Education & Outreach Plan

Gretchen Baisa, VTA



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## Field Work Outreach

- Door to door outreach
- Targeted stakeholder outreach
- Community meetings attended:
  - San José Downtown Association
  - Delmas Park Neighborhood Association
  - Shasta Hanchett Park Neighborhood Association
  - East Santa Clara Street Business Association
  - District 6 Leadership Group
  - District 3 Downtown Construction Open House

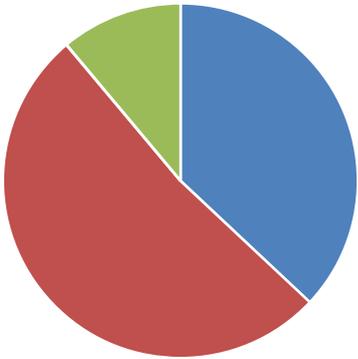


## CWG Member Communication Survey

What format do you use to send information to your stakeholders?

- Email Newsletter – 62.7%
- Presentations at Meetings - 61.5%
- Facebook – 50%
- Twitter – 23.1%
- Print Newsletter – 15.4%
- LinkedIn – 7.7%
- NextDoor – 7.7%

How often do you communicate with the group that you represent at the CWG?



■ Weekly ■ Monthly ■ Quarterly



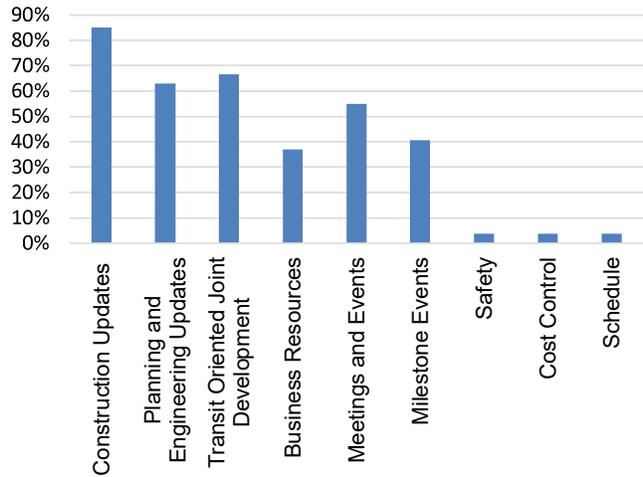
## Keeping Stakeholders Informed

How often are you willing, or do you currently, transmit information to your stakeholders about VTA's BART Phase II project?



□ As Needed    ■ Monthly    ■ Biweekly

What area of the project do you feel is most relevant to your stakeholders?



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## Questions and Feedback



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# San José Diridon Station Integrated Concept Plan

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## San José Diridon Station Integrated Concept Plan

### **Purpose of the Concept Plan is to establish:**

- A spatial configuration that provides seamless connections between transportation modes.
- A framework for creating a harmonious relationship between the station and surroundings.
- An effective organizational structure to deliver the vision.



# San José Diridon Station Integrated Concept Plan

## Project Kickoff: September 2018

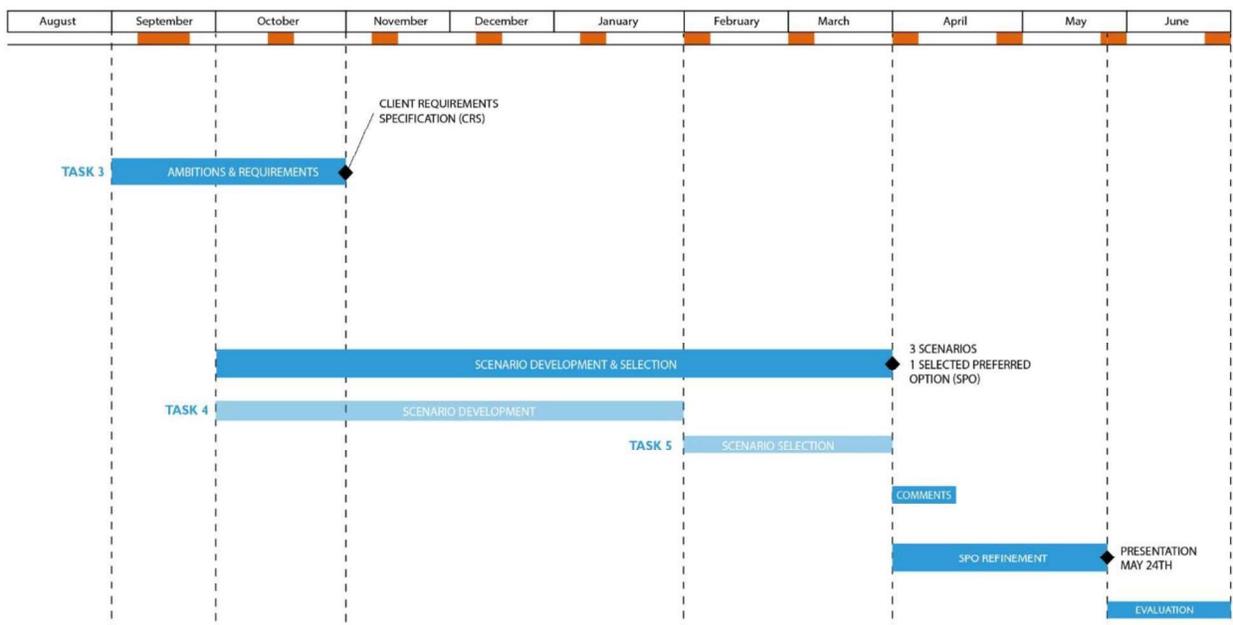
### Phase I (10 months)

- Partner Agencies Ambitions & Requirements
- Technical Partner Workshops
- Develop Conceptual Scenarios
- Evaluation of Conceptual Scenarios
- Identify Single Preferred Option (SPO)
- SPO Refinement and Final Evaluation



# San José Diridon Station Integrated Concept Plan

## Phase I Schedule



## San José Diridon Station Integrated Concept Plan

### Proposed Engagement Activities

- Community Meetings
- Stakeholder Presentations
- Interviews with Community Leaders
- Outreach to Transit Riders
- Pop-up Booths at/near Diridon Station
- Online/Mobile Feedback Tools
- Advisory Group Meeting (SAAG)
- Policy Body Meetings



## San José Diridon Station Integrated Concept Plan

### Next Steps

- Joint Policy Advisory Board – *Dec 2018 or Jan 2019*
- Narrow 3 Concept Scenarios to a Single Preferred Option – *April 2019*
- Public Engagement – Consulting the Community – *Ongoing*
- Project Update at February 2019 CWGs



## San José Diridon Station Integrated Concept Plan

- [Video of the SAAG meeting on October 18, 2018](#) - including a 30-minute background presentation on the Concept Plan beginning at 2:00
- [Draft Outreach Strategy](#) for the Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan
- [Diridon Station Area Civic Engagement Report](#) (October 2018) –See the Desired Outcomes for Transportation, Design, Parking, and Environmental Sustainability
- [SJSU Preliminary Community Assessment of the Diridon Station Area](#) (October 2018)
- For questions, comments, or to request a Presentation to your organization contact Lori Severino at: [lori.severino@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:lori.severino@sanjoseca.gov)



# Questions?



# Transit Oriented Development Strategy & Access Planning Studies Update

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## TOD Strategy and Access Planning Studies

- The TOD/Access Study includes an Access Planning Component
- These are strategies to facilitate access between future TOD and VTA's BART Stations
  - Identify needs for current and future access needs
  - Allow for funding strategy to include future access needs
  - Reserve corridors as priority access routes to stations
- The City of San José has two concurrent access and mobility planning efforts that compliment VTA's TOD/Access Study



# TOD/Access Study and Concurrent Planning Efforts



## Access Planning Update: Alum Rock / 28<sup>th</sup> Street Station

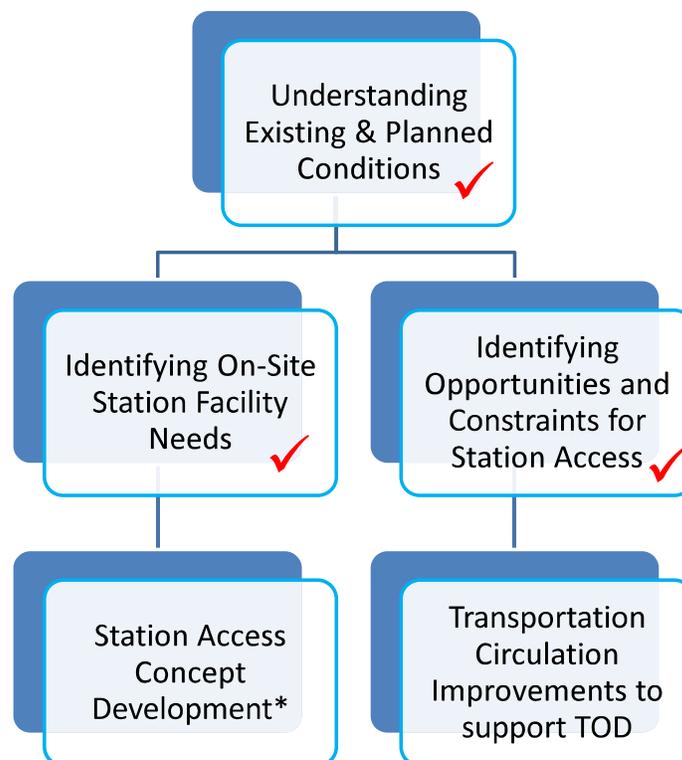
Tyler Wacker, Kimley-Horn

## Access Study Objectives

- Identify transportation improvements, guidelines, and policies to support and encourage TOD in and around the station areas
- Provide for station access that promotes ridership, supports a cohesive transportation network, and integrates with surrounding neighborhoods



## Access Study Process



\*To Be Completed in Subsequent Efforts

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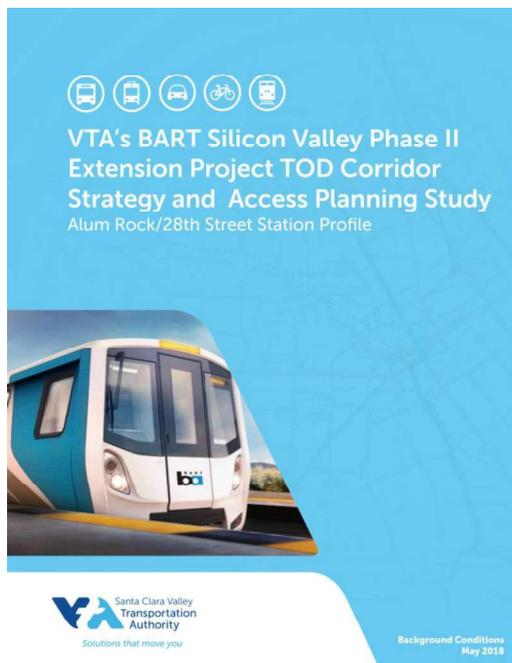
## Review of Key Guiding Policies/Documents

- City of San José's BART Station Access Planning Final Report
- Five Wounds BART Station Area Community Concept Plan
- BART Station Access Policy
- BART Multimodal Access Design Guidelines
- Vision Zero San José
- San José Complete Streets Guidelines
- Envision 2040 General Plan
- VTA Pedestrian Access to Transit Plan
- VTA Complete Streets Policy
- VTA Countywide Bike Plan
- Valley Transportation Plan 2040
- Urban Village Plans



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## Station Profile



- Report that summarizes the transportation characteristics of each station area
- Summarize existing and planned:
  - Pedestrian network
  - Bicycle network
  - Auto network
  - Transit network
  - Curb management
- Identification of key access considerations
  - Interaction of modes
  - Gaps in connectivity
  - Primary access pathways



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## Key Considerations for Alum Rock/28<sup>th</sup> Street

- Enhancing the bicycle/pedestrian connections across US-101
- Closing bicycle gaps and improving connections across major roadways
- Providing a strong connection between the Santa Clara/Alum Rock BRT and the station

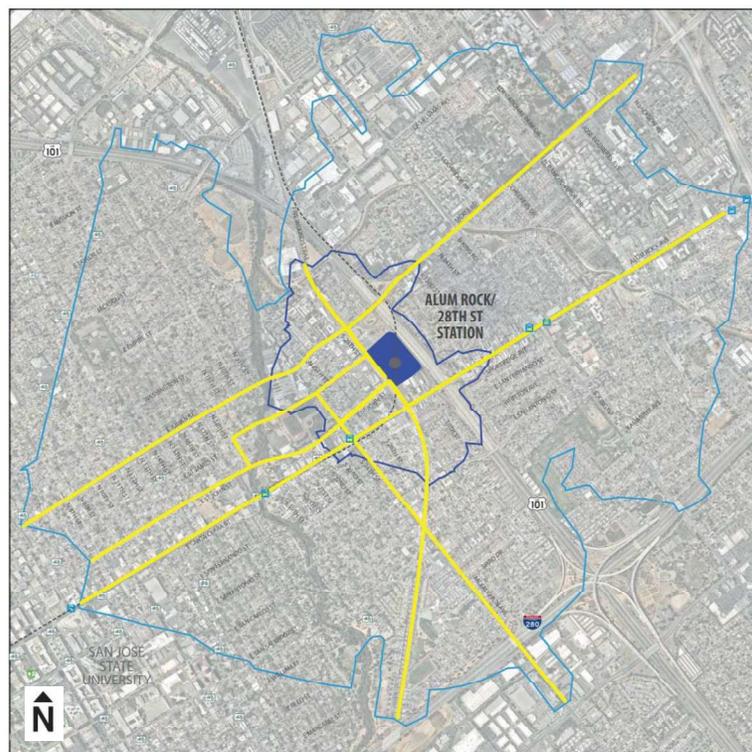


## Measures to Address Gaps in Transportation Network

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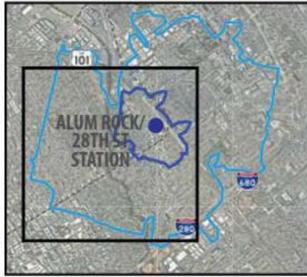
### LEGEND

- Alum Rock/28th Street Station Access Route
- 0.5 mile walkshed (10 min walk)
- 1.5 mile bikeshed (10 min bike ride)
- VTA's BART Phase II Extension Alignment
- Existing VTA BRT Stops
- Existing VTA LRT Stops
- Existing Ford GoBike Stations



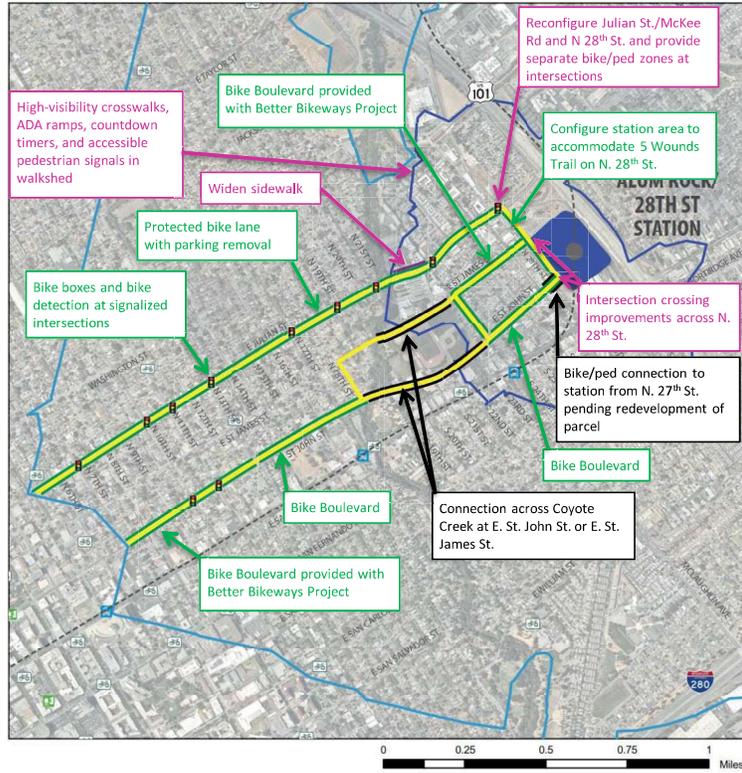
# Measures to Address Gaps in Transportation Network - West

Key Map



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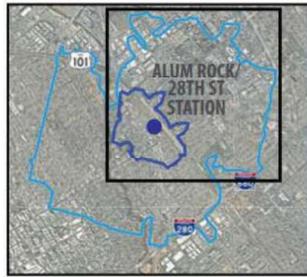
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| Pedestrian recommendation              |
| Bicycle recommendation                 |
| Connection or structure recommendation |



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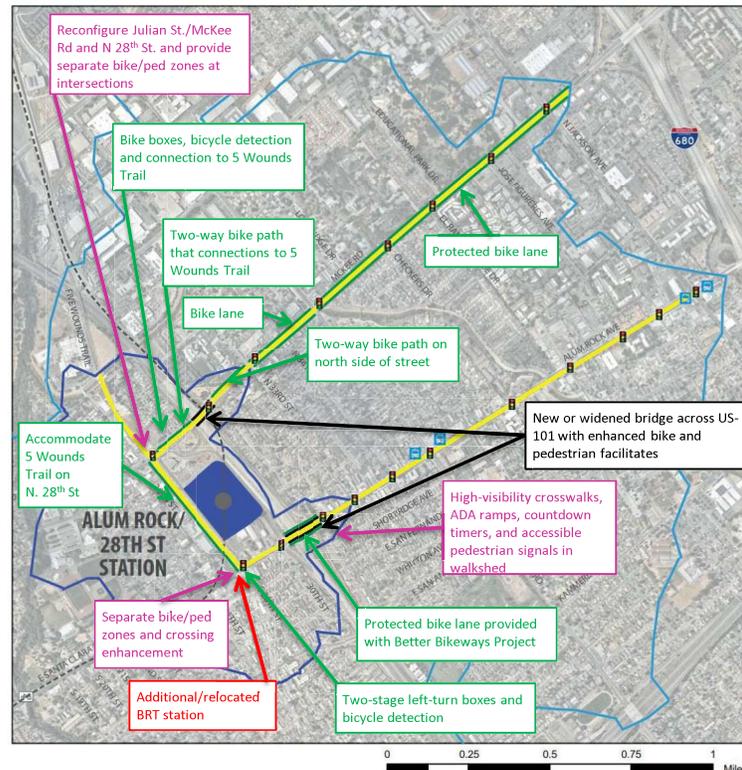
# Measures to Address Gaps in Transportation Network - Northeast

Key Map



LEGEND

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  - 1.5 mile bikeshed (10 min bike ride)
  - VTA's BART Phase II Extension Alignment
  - Existing VTA BRT Stops
  - Existing VTA LRT Stops
  - Existing Ford GoBike Stations
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| Pedestrian recommendation              |
| Bicycle recommendation                 |
| Transit recommendation                 |
| Connection or structure recommendation |



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# Measures to Address Gaps in Transportation Network - Southwest

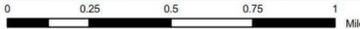
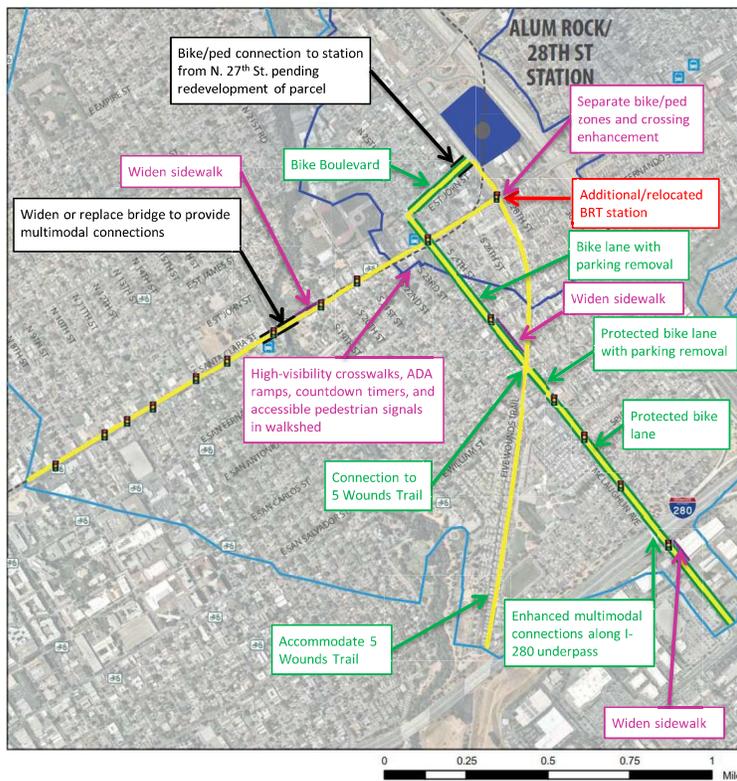
Key Map



**LEGEND**

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- Existing VTA LRT Stops
- Existing Ford GoBike Stations

- Pedestrian recommendation
- Bicycle recommendation
- Transit recommendation
- Connection or structure recommendation



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## Next Steps

- Update station profiles to include Transportation Capacity Constraints
- Refine concepts for recommended network improvements
- Identify connections between station and TOD sites
- Expand upon recommendations to integrate TOD opportunity sites
- Return in April CWG to present final project recommendations



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CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

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**East San Jose**  
Multimodal Transportation  
Improvement Plan  
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**ESJ MTIP**

**Kimley»Horn**  
Expect More. Experience Better.

# VTA's BART Phase II Community Working Group: Alum Rock/28<sup>th</sup> Street

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Pete Rice, City of San Jose DOT

Tyler Wacker, Kimley-Horn

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## ESJ MTIP



## Diversity and History

- Broad spectrum of cultures, economies, and mobility needs
- An auto-centric transportation network
- Undergoing change



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## Key Project Attributes

- Engage Cross-Section of Community
- Listen, Educate, and Collaborate
- Multimodal Best Practices
- Community-Driven Prioritization
- Implementable Solutions
- Near-Term Opportunities



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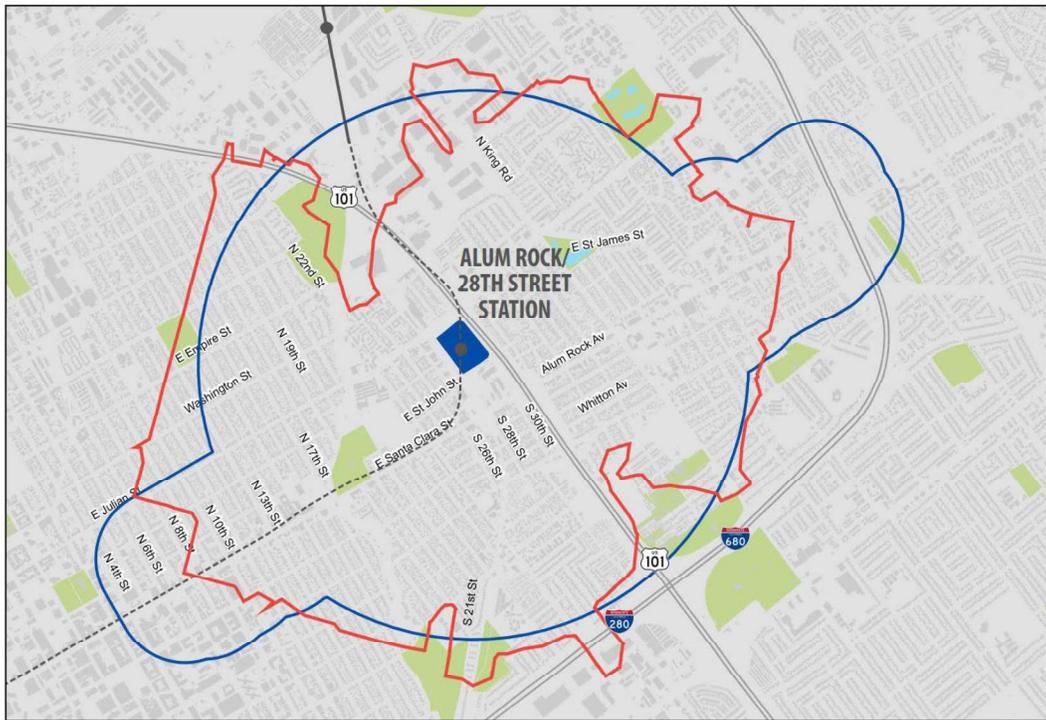
## ESJ MTIP Project Study Area



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# ESJ MTIP

## Relationship to BART Access Study



### LEGEND

- 1.5 mile bikeshed (10 min bike ride)
- East San José MTIP boundary
- VTA's BART Phase I Extension Alignment
- VTA's BART Phase II Extension Alignment



# ESJ MTIP



## Previous/Ongoing Planning

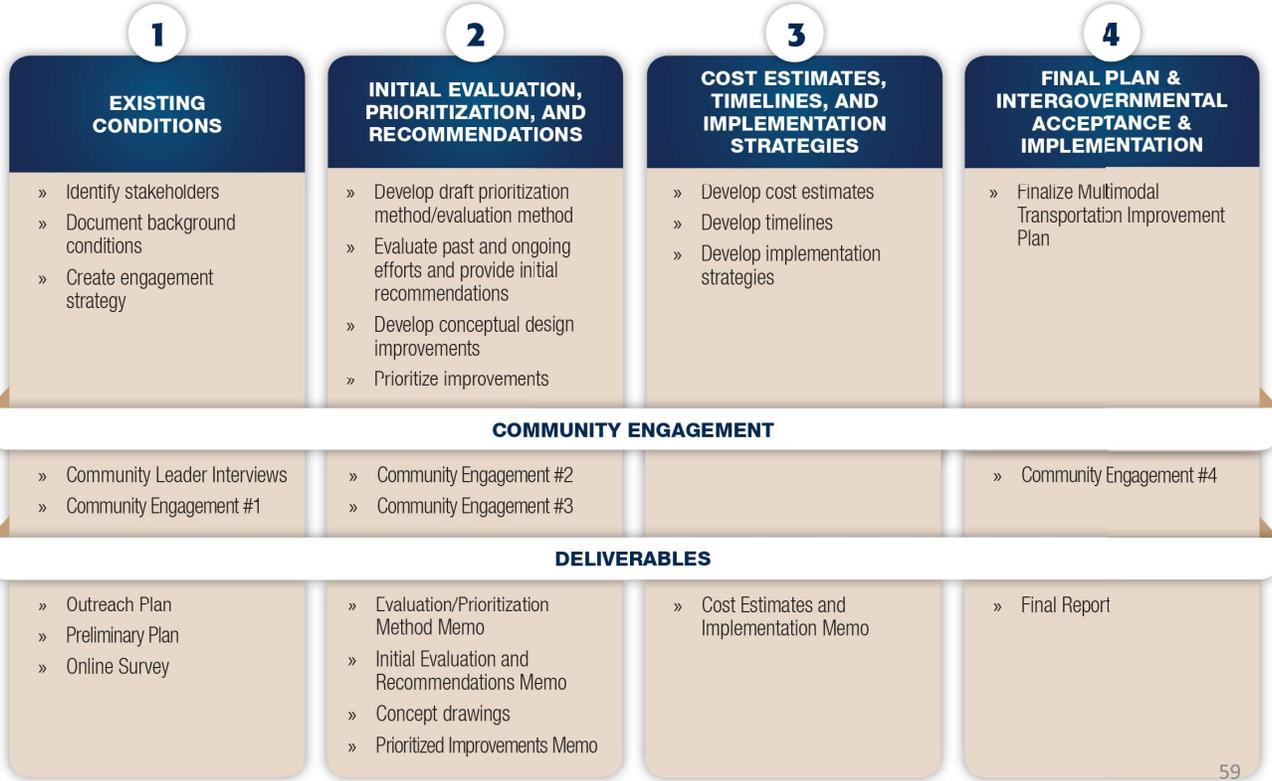
- VTA's BART TOD Corridor Strategies and Access Planning Study
- San José BART Station Access Planning Report (2016)
- BART Station Area Community Concept Plan (2010)
- Urban Village Planning
- Strong Neighborhoods Initiative
- Downtown Better Bikeways
- VTA's BART Phase II Extension



Figure 53. Rail-to-Trail corridor Detail Plan D.

# ESJ MTIP

## Project Process



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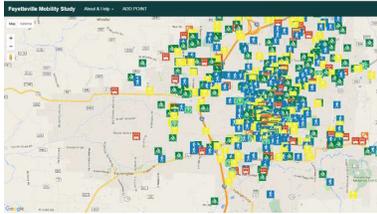
## Public Outreach Approach

- Build on what we've heard
- Targeted stakeholder conversations inform engagement plan
- Convenient workshops/meetings
- Online surveys
- Partner with community organizations SOMOS Mayfair & VIVO

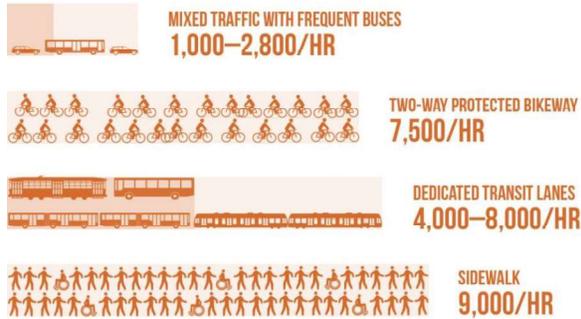




## Evaluation/Prioritization



- Stakeholder defined performance metrics approach based on:
  - Community & City priorities
  - Benefit-cost ratio



## Project Timeline

- Stakeholder Interviews – November/December 2018
- Preliminary Plan
  - Community Engagement #1 – February 2019
- Initial Evaluation and Recommendations
  - Community Engagement #2 – April 2019
- Prioritized Improvements
  - Community Engagement #3 – September 2019
- Cost Estimates and Implementation Strategies
- Final Plan – February 2020
  - Community Engagement #4 – February 2020



## Next Steps

- Stakeholder Interviews
- Create engagement plan
- Document existing conditions

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# Real Estate Planning Process

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## Real Estate Planning Process

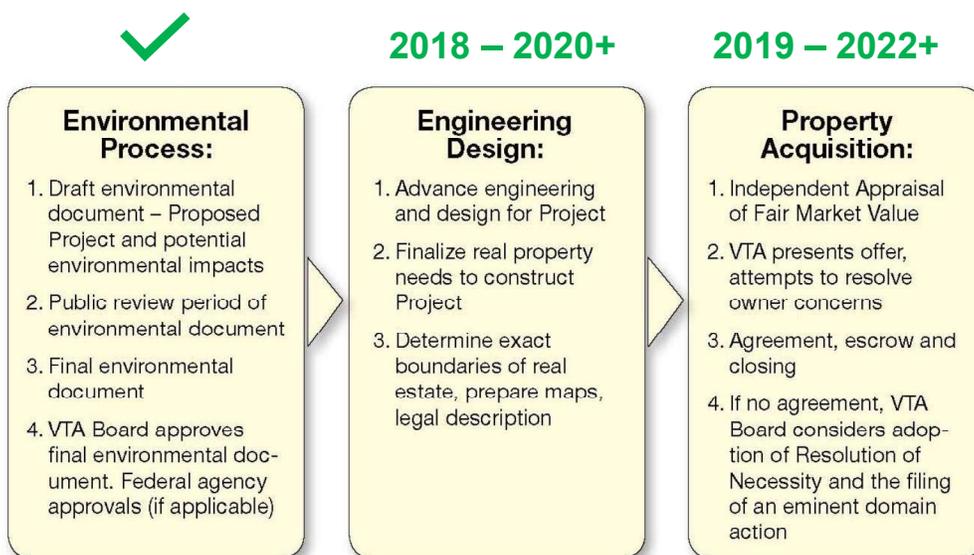
- Acquisition Process and Schedule
- Current Work
- Key Elements
- Joint Development / Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)



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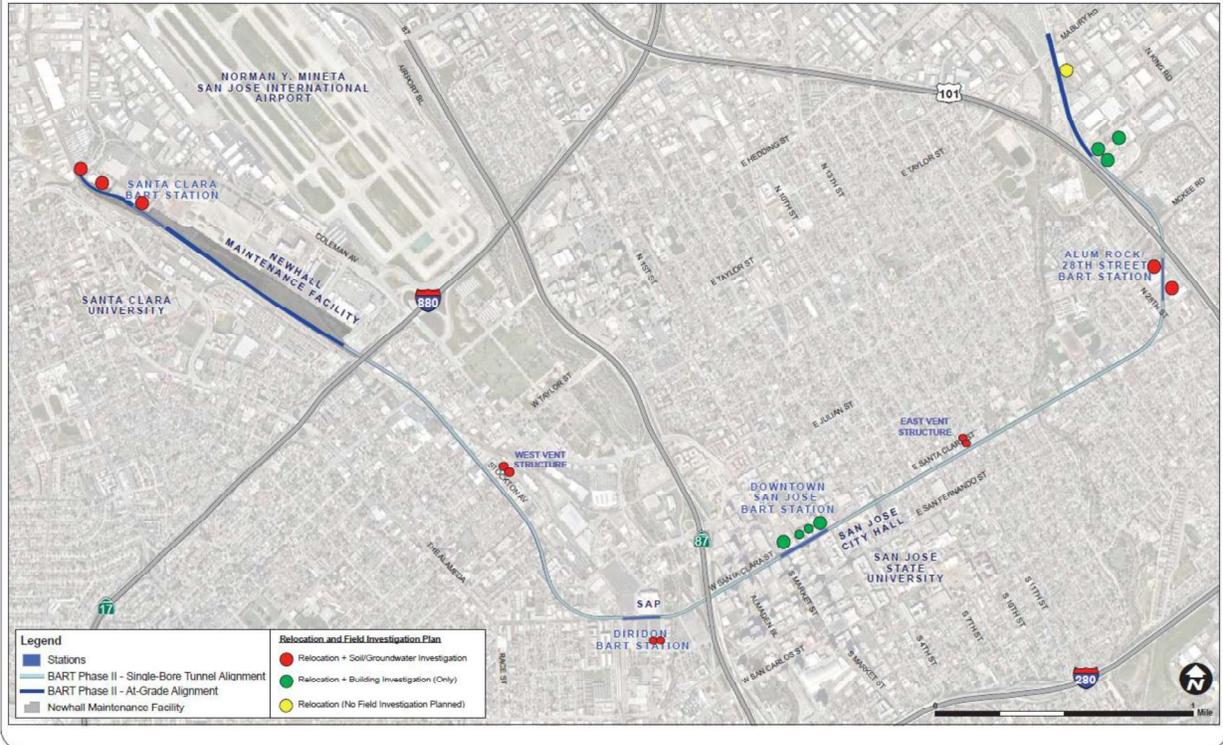
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## Real Estate Acquisition Process, Potential Schedule



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## Alum Rock/28<sup>th</sup> Street Station



## Key Elements



- Property Interests
  - Fee (ownership)
  - Permanent Easements
  - Temporary Construction Easements
- Tunnel Easements
- Schedule Driven



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## Joint Development: Transit-Oriented Development

- Construction Staging Areas: future sites for Joint Development (TOD)
- Start with adopted City plans
- Community engagement throughout
- Framework: VTA Board-Adopted Joint Development Policy
- Employment, mixed-use, destinations



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# Questions?

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# Next Steps

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## Next Steps

- Next CWG meeting:  
Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 4:00-6:00 PM  
Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Rd, San José, CA 95116
  - Government Affairs Update
  - Phase II Update
  - Transit Oriented Development Strategy & Access Planning Studies Update
  - Construction Education & Outreach Plan
  - Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan
  - VTA's Process for Station Naming
- Action Items

