



**Downtown Diridon Community Working Group Meeting**

**Date of Meeting:** June 9, 2015 (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

**Attendees:**

Members in Attendance: Alan Williams, Bert Weaver, Adina Levin, Jon Padilla, Scott Knies, Eyedin Zonobi, Deborah Arant, Ratna Amin, Charisse Lebron, Bruce Friesen, Jim Goddard

Members not in Attendance: None

Other Attendees: Erica Roecks (VTA), Nanci Klein (CSJ), John Ristow (VTA), George Naylor (VTA), Ben Tripousis (High Speed Rail), Laura Tolhoff (SPUR), Hope Cahan (Policy Aide to Supervisor Chavez), Raul Laborin (PB), Roland Lebron, Jack Morash, Eloy Wouters, Mary Van Cleef, Bob Van Cleef

Project Team in Attendance: Leyla Hedayat (VTA), Brent Pearse (VTA), Kevin Kurimoto (VTA), Rosalynn Hughey (CSJ), Jessica Zenk (CSJ) Ray Salvano (CSJ), Eileen Goodwin (Apex)

Project Team not in Attendance: Michael Brilliot (CSJ)

**Location:** San Jose Chamber of Commerce, 101 W. Santa Clara Street, San Jose CA

**Summary:**

**The Meeting agenda included:**

- Welcome and Introductions
- CWG Process Recap (role of committee, role of member) – Facilitator
- Follow up items – Facilitator
- Project Status Update – VTA Staff
- Community Engagement Process – VTA staff
- Ridership and Modeling – VTA Staff
- Existing Planning Framework at Station Areas – City Staff
- Plan Updates and Studies in Process – City Staff
- Review Action Items and Next Meeting Date (August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 4 p.m.-6 p.m.) – Facilitator

**Key Issues/Comments/Questions:**

Comment/Question	Response
Can we get access to the other CWG's	Yes they are on-line in the CWG section of

work plans?	VTA's website.
Is there a pedestrian plan for the project that includes way finding?	Yes, VTA follows MTC's guidance on this topic.
What about fares—what will they be? Can these fares be better integrated with other systems?	VTA does not set the BART fares. VTA will do an integration plan after MTC sets some policies.
Walking Tour need more information.	Yes, information about time and location will be sent to all CWG members.
What is the distance of cross passages?	It varies between 400-700 feet.
Can we see the 65% and 95% plans?	VTA does not make these public as they are draft documents subject to change.
Can we get the VTA public information request forms? Can VTA set up a place on-line to fill-out the form and send it back in?	There is already information online regarding public record requests - <a href="http://www.vta.org/news-and-media/resources/public-records-request">http://www.vta.org/news-and-media/resources/public-records-request</a>
What would Land Use workshop for the community cover?	VTA is looking at collective feedback already received as well as community feedback to work in coordination with the City for a workshop
What is "TOD?"	Transit Oriented Development
Was scoping report link sent to people who wrote in?	No. It was thought that a link had been sent out to all commenters electronically, but that was not the case. VTA is in the process of preparing the electronic notification to commenters.
Shasta Hanchett may not have been alerted of report.	VTA outreach staff to follow-up.
Is the VTA model and existing model with updates?	Yes.
You post ridership on the VTA website but only as PDF can it be posted so community people can work with the data?	Yes we can make it more accessible.
What is the level of geography for MTC model?	Not to bus stop level at MTC level.
What is radius of model?	The whole Bay Area.
Which is better land use for BART to get more ridership residential or commercial land uses?	It depends. It is good to have both.
To help make a decision about the east versus the west station options will the model be used?	The model is not the appropriate tool to make that determination with such a close proximity of these two options.
What are the land uses in the model?	The various city General Plans plus approved projects.
Can we get the maps in the presentation in a scalable format?	Yes.

Isn't 1990 data old?	Yes, but it is what MTC has so VTA uses it.
Is the model calibrated to the ACS (census) data?	Yes.
Why 2035 year?	FTA requirement.
Are the newer Caltrain numbers in the VTA model?	Yes.
Great detailed information, thank you. What is the profile of these future riders? Demographics, they are potential voters for a ballot measure. Can we get more detail?	Yes we will provide additional demographic detail on the rider profile.
Are the riders going to jobs or homes? More information on the travel patterns please.	Yes, we can look at that.
Where are bikes taken into account?	They are counted as part of the pedestrian numbers currently.
More detail regarding the transfers between bus, LRT, bike etc and BART.	That will be part of the upcoming discussion about access planning.
Planners should be able to know about the exact bike ridership as part of the model so they can plan for that.	Agree.
How is square footage converted to employees?	One employee for every 225 square feet.
How many jobs are there now? How does the recent GP change in my neighborhood of San Jose help accomplish these goals?	City is falling short of planned numbers. That particular change is actually helping a mixed use development which will bring jobs to the lower floors and residents to the upper floors.
Is there a Plan B if the ballpark doesn't come?	Yes, the site will be zoned for office.
When does the downtown strategy EIR go to the Council?	June 9 <sup>th</sup> , today.
Can the City explain what it means by phasing in this context?	We have gone past our capacity so we need to update the plans and we are looking at phasing as a tool.
The downtown strategy boundaries should go past the City Hall to 7 <sup>th</sup> to take into account that use.	Comment noted.
The City should study the impacts of traffic control projects prior to implementing them, so it knows the potential implications.	Comment noted.
The definition of the downtown core seems both liberal and conservative at the same time. Perhaps the city should look into a	Comments noted.

minimum density not just a maximum density. It seems like the higher densities will be hard to reach with the height restrictions.	
Who is the partner the City staff refers to?	SPUR
Is walking tour open to the public?	Due to size limitations the tour is not being promoted to the public just the CWG, staff and other stakeholders.
Will view shed and way finding be part of the tour discussion?	Yes.
How long will tour be?	2-3 hours
How does this plan coming out of the tour relate to the other access plans in our Work Plan?	It will precede it. The other plans will have the benefit of this information.
Will the tour cover both the east and west downtown station options?	Yes.

#### Follow-Up Items:

- Send out Walking Tour information as soon as available and include information regarding the Day 2 and day 3 events as well.
- Follow up with Environmental team regarding scoping report list to see if Shasta Hanchett neighborhood is on the list.
- Send link to CWG for open data portal for ridership data.
- Post scalable maps from modeling presentation. And add link in meeting summary.
- Provide ridership demographic detail (% students, low income, transfers, etc.) and detail about housing or jobs as destinations.

#### Requested Links:

- **Envision web page:** <http://www.vta.org/envision-silicon-valley/envision-silicon-valley>
  - We mentioned that we would provide a link to the Envision Survey – the survey is being refined and we will provide a link to you when it is available
- **Envision Silicon Valley Schedule:** [http://vtaorgcontent.s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/Site\\_Content/envisionsv-0603.pdf](http://vtaorgcontent.s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/Site_Content/envisionsv-0603.pdf)
- **Scoping Report:** <http://www.vta.org/bart/Environmental/scopingreportPhaseI>
- **Public Records Request from VTA:** <http://www.vta.org/news-and-media/resources/public-records-request>

- FTA website: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/12907\\_9197.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/12907_9197.html)
- Five Wounds/Brookwood Terrace BART Station Area Community Concept Plan: [http://vtaorgcontent.s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/Site\\_Content/FWBT\\_BART-concept-plan.pdf](http://vtaorgcontent.s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/Site_Content/FWBT_BART-concept-plan.pdf)
- Five Wounds Urban Village Plan: [http://vtaorgcontent.s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/Site\\_Content/Five Wounds Urban Village Plan.pdf](http://vtaorgcontent.s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/Site_Content/Five_Wounds_Urban_Village_Plan.pdf)
- Downtown Strategy 2000: <http://www.sjredevelopment.org/PublicationsPlans/Strategy2000.pdf>
- Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=1737>
- Diridon Station Area Plan: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=1743>
- Santa Clara Station Area Plan: <http://www.vta.org/bart/santaclaraareaplan>

Discussion notes for Work Plan:

*Items discussed to be added to the Work Plan have been added as new topics or integrated into existing topics already shown on the Work Plan. The Work Plan will be updated quarterly to ensure relevant topics are presented at appropriate times with the current environmental activities.*

- BART staff to present need for maintenance facility and justification of location of maintenance facility.—*This will be part of the BART staff's Operations and Maintenance Presentation*
- Presentation on the evaluation of the proposed east and west alternatives for the downtown station.—*In station features Work Plan item*
- Update on HSR project—given by HSR staff. Cover compatibility underneath Diridon. *Will be included in upcoming HSR presentation by HSR Staff*
- Presentation on underlying land use assumptions and how they connect to ridership assumptions. *In modeling presentation and in upcoming City presentations.*
- Presentation on phasing options. *There is no "phasing plan" therefore this item is not in nor will it be in the Work Plan.*
- Presentation on cross over track including purpose and location and constraints on locations. *In upcoming station features Work Plan item.*
- Presentation in June about VTA's community engagement process for this effort including how to give public input. *Presentation given at June CWG meeting.*
- Make sure the construction methods presentation in the work plan covers tunneling, construction phasing, cut and cover construction techniques, and temporary and permanent structures. *In construction methods Work Plan item*

- Presentation on parking demand analysis especially as it related to the neighborhoods to the east of the downtown. *In modeling presentations and upcoming access planning item in Work Plan.*
- Impacts on transit during construction in the vicinity of SJSU. *Will be covered under construction methods Work Plan topic.*
- City access study scope and findings, especially a connection to SAP. *In Work Plan*
- Presentation on the design and aesthetics of the BART structures such as vents, exits, etc. *In Work Plan under station access item.*
- Presentation regarding trade offs between parking and TOD. *In Work Plan under station features item.*
- Presentation regarding access planning (bikes, pedestrians, trails, etc.). *In Work Plan*
- Presentation regarding parking strategies at Diridon especially interface with SAP. *In Work Plan*

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