



**Downtown Diridon Community Working Group Meeting**

**Date of Meeting:** May 12, 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

Members not in Attendance: Bruce Friesen, Jim Goddard

Other Attendees: Nuria Fernandez (VTA), Mike Smith (VTA), Tom Fitzwater (VTA), Bernice Alaniz (VTA), Erica Roecks (VTA), Samantha Swan (VTA), Nanci Klein (CSJ), Jim Ortbal (CSJ), Margaret Rhee (Ernst & Young), Scott Ladner (Ernst & Young), Guy Preston (High Speed Rail), Tomio Hayse-Izu (Greenbelt Alliance), Hope Cahan (Policy Aide to Supervisor Chavez), Rob Means, Roland Lebron

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

Project Team not in Attendance: Michael Brilliot (CSJ), Ray Salvano (CSJ)

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

**Summary:**

**The Orientation Meeting agenda included:**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Agenda Review and Meeting Format
- Review Community Working Groups Process (role of committee, role of member)
- Receive Overview of Project (project status, funding, and environmental process)
- Discussion of Work Plan
- Review Action Items and Next Meeting Date (June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 4 p.m.-6 p.m.)

**Key Issues/Comments/Questions:**

<b>Comment/Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
Send link to SVRT PWC meeting dates	See below in links section.
Need a High Speed Rail (HSR) update	We will add a presentation on this topic to the work plan.
Need to understand better how the east and west station options will be evaluated.	We will add this topic to the work plan.
Need to understand how to give public	We will add this topic to the work plan in

input and when.	two places one as part of the EIR and one as part of community outreach process.
Want to fully understand tunneling, construction phasing, cut and cover, temporary and permanent structures	We will add these sub topics to the presentation on construction methods in the work plan.
Want to understand the parking demand and analysis	We will add a presentation on this topic to the work plan.
Interested to know whether there will be serious disruptions in transit service to SJSU during the construction.	This will be discussed during the Construction Methodology presentation.
Can this meeting be held on a different day of the week—audience member and maybe others have a conflict with other meeting.	No other group needed to switch and CWG members had conflicts on other weekdays so the proposed dates will remain the same. This group will meet on Tuesdays.
Is the projected 55k riders new riders and additive? Have numbers gone up or down?	Yes. This number is lower than previous ridership estimate due to land use changes.
How will rolling stock be phased in? Are there enough cars.	VTA is phasing in the purchase of BART cars and there will be the appropriate number available as each phase opens.
Will bus routes change to support Phase I?	Yes.
Where will people park for Phase I?	In the facilities provided.
Are the facilities owned by BART or VTA?	VTA owns the property and facilities, BART operates and maintains the service.
What is the fare box return for BART? Is there a profit?	The fare box return is 78% on the current system.
Does the tunnel alignment follow the railroad tracks?	No, the rail corridor goes over Route 101 in a different location.
Support for east station option, the transit mall is already very congested. The east station would serve the university better.	Comment noted.
Can BART and HSR work together under Diridon? Can they all be in the same place/same level?	We will add a presentation on this topic to the work plan.
Will underground access be provided to the SAP Center?	VTA is not currently evaluating that option. We will add presentation on this topic to the work plan.
Plan for SAP and phase it if there isn't enough funding.	Comment noted.
Clarification on exact location of Santa Clara Station.	Clarification provided.
Construction of the BART project should be easier now LRT is no longer planned for Santa Clara.	Yes.

Which BART routes/trains will serve Santa Clara County?	The orange (Richmond-Fremont) and green (Daly City-Fremont) lines.
What are the expected headways?	7.5 minutes when first opening in 2017, six minute headways in the future.
Is there a role the CWG can play in the development of the funding plan for the gap? Can we get this project into the sales tax measure?	CWG members are encouraged to participate in the Envision process. For a link to the Envision web page and a survey see below.
Would like to know about the urban design of the vents, fire exits, entrance structures etc. These should be quality structures.	Comment noted. We will add this topic to the work plan.
What does the potential ballot measure look like? How much will be raised?	There is not a plan yet see Envision web page for more information.
Would like to know more about trade off between parking and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) sites.	We will add this topic to the work plan.
Wants a presentation on access planning for bikes, trails etc. What creative ways can we get people to these stations?	We will add this topic to the work plan.
Would like safe ways to walk to stations.	Comment noted.
How can SAP interface on parking at Diridon?	We will add this topic to the work plan.
Los Gatos Creek is an asset we should tie into BART more.	Comment noted.
Clarity on how CWG conversations get to policy makers.	The SVRT PWC and VTA Board would receive updates on all of the CWG meetings-CWG member encouraged to still attend and express their points of view at meetings should they want some specific point of view to be clear to policy makers—no specific recommendations are expected from the CWGs they are an information exchange not an advisory body.

#### Follow-Up Items:

- Name tents should be two sided.

#### Requested Links:

- Link to BART to San Jose project web page: <http://www.vta.org/bart/>
- Link to CWG web page: <http://www.vta.org/bart/phaseII/CWGs>

- **Link to SVRT PWC web page:** <http://www.vta.org/get-involved/standing-committee/svrt-program-working-committee>
- **Link to 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 in June
- **Link to Scoping Report:** <http://www.vta.org/bart/Environmental/scopingreportPhaseII>

Add to 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.
- Presentation on the evaluation of the proposed east and west alternatives for the downtown station.
- Update on HSR project—given by HSR staff. Cover compatibility underneath Diridon.
- Presentation on underlying land use assumptions and how they connect to ridership assumptions.
- Presentation on phasing options.
- Presentation on cross over track including purpose and location and constraints on locations.
- Presentation in June about VTA's community engagement process for this effort including how to give public input.
- Make sure the construction methods presentation in the work plan covers tunneling, construction phasing, cut and cover construction techniques, and temporary and permanent structures.
- Presentation on parking demand analysis especially as it related to the neighborhoods to the east of the downtown.
- Impacts on transit during construction in the vicinity of SJSU.
- City access study scope and findings, especially a connection to SAP.
- Presentation on the design and aesthetics of the BART structures such as vents, exits, etc.
- Presentation regarding trade offs between parking and TOD.
- Presentation regarding access planning (bikes, pedestrians, trails, etc.).
- Presentation regarding parking strategies at Diridon especially interface with SAP.

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