Community Meeting Synopsis

TASMAN CORRIDOR COMPLETE STREETS STUDY - COMMUNITY MEETING

The Tasman Complete Streets Study, led by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, is studying Tasman Drive and Great Mall Parkway from Morse Avenue in Sunnyvale to Montague Expressway in Milpitas, extending through the Cities of Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, San Jose, and Milpitas. Tasman Drive supports a number of traffic modes and is experiencing significant growth in the use of those modes. This project will identify a set of community-supported and implementable improvements that serve to enhance the safety, comfort, and reliability of the corridor’s transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities, while still accommodating drivers.

Summary of Community Meeting Presentation:
This is the first meeting with the community regarding the Tasman Drive Complete Streets Study. The meeting focuses on the current challenges, needs, and opportunities along the corridor. The input gathered from the public will be used in identifying ways to make the corridor safer and easier to use for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders. The back page of this handout highlights the key information from the PowerPoint Presentation.

Breakout Session:
The meeting will also include time for attendees to give additional input at four (4) stations. The stations include the following topics: 1) Where do you live? How and when do you use the corridor? 2) What do you use the corridor for? 3) What do you believe are the greatest needs for this corridor? and 4) Input on specific corridor needs and other commentary. Following the conclusion of the station activities, attendees will come together for a “report-out” where a representative at each station will summarize the feedback received.

We also encourage your input by completing an online survey which can be accessed at tasmansurvey.vta.org. The survey is available in both Chinese and Spanish. The survey will be available until May 5, 2017. The next round of public outreach will occur in late 2017.

Meeting Times and Locations:
Tuesday April 11, 2017, 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Riverwood Community Room – 2150 Tasman Drive in Santa Clara.

Wednesday April 12, 2017, 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Lakewood Park – 834 Lakechime Drive in Sunnyvale.

Thursday April 13, 2017, 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Centria Condominiums Community Room – 1101 S Main Street in Milpitas.
Welcome & Meeting Agenda

Project Objectives:
- Enhance the desirability, safety, and comfort of sustainable transportation modes, while still accommodating drivers.

Levi’s Stadium:
- Considering pedestrian and bicycle circulation around stadium

Study Process:
- Opportunities for public input via the online survey, community meetings in the fall/winter of 2017/2018 and spring of 2018.

Existing activity levels:
- Average of 11,550 weekday light rail boardings and alightings at stations along corridor
- Over 18,000 daily autos in some segments
- Several intersections with over 100 pedestrian crossings per hour
- Four major regional bike facilities and designated as a cross-county bike corridor

Bicycle Facilities:
- Gaps along portions of the Tasman Corridor
- Santa Clara is extending buffered bicycle lanes to Lick Mill Boulevard
- Range of existing facilities from painted bike lanes to Sharrows

4 trail connections along Tasman:  
- Calabazas Creek Trail
- San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail
- Guadalupe River Trail
- Coyote Creek Trail

Pedestrian Facilities:
- Sidewalk gaps in portions of Milpitas, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara
- Light rail generates lots of pedestrian activity around stations
- Major increase of pedestrian traffic during Levi’s Stadium events

Transit Facilities:
- Light rail stations in center of roadway
- Great America Station provides access to Capitol Corridor and ACE trains

Critical Locations in need of Improvement:
- Existing locations for collisions and number involving pedestrians, bicyclists, and the train
- Sunnyvale - missing bicycle lanes and sidewalks
- Santa Clara - missing sidewalks
- North 1st street and Tasman Drive - improving access for light rail
- I-880 interchange creates a barrier for bicycle and pedestrian movements along Tasman

Planned Improvements:
- Areas of development
- BART and Next Network (bus)

Improvement Examples:
- Bicycle improvements may include barrier separated bike lanes and bike boxes
- Pedestrian improvements may include buffered sidewalks, higher visibility crosswalks, and improved pedestrian scaled lighting
- Other improvements may include enhanced landscaping, wayfinding, and improved connections to light rail stations

Next Steps:
- We are currently in the first phase of this study
- Please take the online survey at: tasmansurvey.vta.org
- In the fall/winter of 2017/2018 there will be another Community Meeting and a Design Workshop
- Project contact information can be found on the fact sheet handout for this meeting

Breakout Stations:
- There are four (4) stations located around the room, please attend each station to provide input.
  1) Where do you live/How and when do you use the corridor?
  2) What do you use the corridor for?
  3) What do you believe are the greatest needs for this corridor?
  4) What are the specific areas in need of improvement on the corridor?