



Downtown-Diridon Community Working Group Meeting

Date of Meeting: November 15, 2022 (4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Location: Zoom

Attendees:

Members in Attendance: Adina Levin, Alan Williams, Chris Morrisey, Elizabeth Chien-Hale, Jim Goddard, & Nate Leblanc

Members not in Attendance: Bert Weaver, Carol Austen, Charlie Faas, Dana Grocer, Derrick Seaver, Edgar Arellano, Fred Buzo, Jeffrey Buchanan, & Larry Clark

Other Speaker Attendees: Bernice Alaniz (VTA), Doug Moody (VTA), Erica Roecks (VTA), Adriano Rothschild (VTA), Ron Golem (VTA), & Kristen Mei (VTA)

Project Team in Attendance: Joan Lee (VTA), Lucas Perez (VTA), & Marissa Sanchez (VTA)

Project Team not in Attendance: N/A

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Role of BSV External Affairs Team (EAT)
- Phase II Update
- Real Estate & Acquisitions Update
- Station Refinement Update
- Outreach & Engagement Summary
- CWG Member Report Out
- Next Steps

Comments, Issues, and Questions	Response
Welcome and Introduction	No comments.
Role of BSV External Affairs Team	No comments.
Phase II Update	-
I'm interested in a description or at least examples of Early Works Packages Enabling Works that would be in Summer of 2023.	We will be starting some of the Early Work Packages in the Spring and Summer timeframe doing site preparation work and some of the utility

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	relocations. This is what we are working on for our Construction Transportation Management Plan. Those are the works that start prior to the digging of the tunnel, such as site preparation, preparing the yard in Santa Clara to facilitate the tunnel liner manufacturing, the porter for the tunnel, getting ready to bring materials in, and preparing the yard and layout. A lot of the initial activities will be in the West Portal.
Does the 2034 Revenue service date mean that service begins in 2034?	2034 was the service date and the cost estimate from the FTA Risk assessment. We're using that for our funding plan. In February, we're going to do a project cost and schedule estimate. Right now, we are adopting those, and we will produce our own from baseline. They added anticipated time for the rate of the tunnel boring machine and similar items. We will come out with our project cost and schedule estimate in about four months.
Real Estate & Acquisitions Update	
Will any acquisitions include residential properties?	Yes, we have one property acquisition that will include residential properties. As part of the process, we will send notices to the affected residences. We have the legal obligation to help residents find a new place to move to. If there is a rent differential, we have the obligation to assist in covering the rent difference, and the costs for relocation based on Federal and state laws, to provide the compensation that they are entitled. There are differences in California and Federal law, such as for undocumented individuals who would be affected. We will assist undocumented residents under California law, which will be the responsibility of VTA to cover; we would not be able to get federal money.
Station Refinement Update	No Comments.
2022 Community Engagement Summary	-

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As we get closer to construction, can the CP2 CTMPs by Work Area be placed first for discussion since this may be more critical and need more time?	Concur, suggestion noted to move this topic first.
For the slide CP2 CTMPs by Work Area, what is the timeframe for the #1 vs #2. When will they start?	The details are still being worked out, but the estimate is that #2 will begin in Summer 2023. We will kick off #1 in Spring 2023, which will mean a brief overlap between #1 and #2. The contractor has just come on board, so they must prepare the yard for the tunnel boring machine; as they advance their schedule and the design of the others, we'll be able to provide more details.
For the mid-tunnel facilities, are they still items of consideration? Have they been downgraded or removed?	The change for ventilation facilities is still being reviewed and is awaiting final approval by VTA and BART. The ventilation facilities will likely go away, but that official approval has not been finalized. We can provide updates when possible.
If mid-tunnel facilities will be included and adopted, will they be a part of #2?	<p>Yes, if there was early works happening and preparations were needed at mid tunnel sites, then yes it would be included as part of a future contract specific CTMP. We do not know until fully adopted. We'll keep you posted.</p> <p>We will report future advancements once more is known during future CWGs.</p>
Mentimeter Results	-
What other public engagement events should we be participating in?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular meetings with stakeholders - Maybe Christmas in the Park or other Downtown for the holiday events? Turkey Trot/Santa Run are possibilities as well - Seems you are already participating in a good variety - SJ Made Holiday Fair Nov 25-26 at the Santa Clara Convention Center - Non-in-person events for those that don't have the time, won't be at in-person events

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<p>What are other community organizations/agencies/associations/etc. that we should be engaging?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Downtown Rotary - Perhaps more regional groups who may be able to represent perspectives of future BART riders - SJSU Student Government
<p>CWG Member Report Back</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Part of having a successful BART Phase II project is making sure we continue to have good rail and transit service. The MTC is bringing together a picture of transit agencies in the Bay Area, which are part of a nationwide trend where Federal COVID Relief is running out and BART, Caltrain, and other regional services and ridership are coming back more slowly. This could potentially result in a fiscal crisis and significant lower service. BART did their report a couple of weeks ago and they concluded to stabilize their budget just by cutting service, they would save 20-40% of revenue by cutting 65 – 85% of service. So imagine having BART trains that come once an hour or once every two hours. Caltrain’s fiscal cliff data is going to be made public by tomorrow at their committee meeting, and MTC is working with BART and Caltrain and other agencies on a strategy for gap funding to address the fiscal cliff as well as a medium-term strategy for regional funding. So all of us that want to make sure that trains are running by the time BART gets here, there’s opportunities to pay attention to that and support the need for continuous operations funding and service. Keep an eye out for things you can do to support addressing the fiscal cliff.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>VTA members met in October with San Jose board members including the City. The presentation left a positive buzz. From the meeting and the request for funding, one of the board members will</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>

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write a letter supporting the \$750 million dollar funding request to the FTA.	-
This meeting has been very informative, and I appreciate the communication and the good work. At some point in the future, I would like a discussion about how the integration will flow between intercity rails, the commuter rails, and the light rail with the BART station. How will the integrations flow? Secondly, what construction affecting the old Diridon station will be considered?	Comment noted. We have considered how the various transit systems will be integrated and will be considered and discussed further in the future. Note that the BART work will not affect the Caltrain Diridon Station.
The Downtown station plan went to the committee and was approved unanimously. I appreciate your support and engagement over the past 3 years. The plan calls for many future projects which are related to the BART project. In particular, there is a recommendation for a Grand Boulevard for Santa Clara Street that we have been approved to move forward with in addition to a downtown light rail along with other street improvements. Plans are available on the website.	Comment noted.
Next Steps	No comments.

Next CWG Meeting: February 14th, 2023, 4:00 PM, Zoom

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