



## **28th Street/Little Portugal Community Working Group Meeting**

**Date of Meeting:** May 17, 2023 (4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

**Location:** Zoom

### **Attendees:**

Members in Attendance: Davide Vieira, Justin Triano, & Marcos Manriquez

Members not in Attendance: Bill Rankin, Chris Patterson-Simmons, Connie Alvarez, Danny Garza, Terry Christensen, Dee Barragan, Ed Berger, Elma Arrendondo, Helen Masamori, Matthew Gustafson, & Ricardo Agredano

Speaker Attendees: Doug Moody (VTA), Bernice Alaniz (VTA), Ann Calnan (VTA), Adriano Rothschild (VTA), Clarence Eng (VTA), Erica Roecks (VTA)

Other Project Team in Attendance: Joan Lee (VTA), Marissa Sanchez (VTA)

Project Team not in Attendance: Kristen Mei (VTA), Lucas Perez (VTA)

### **Meeting Agenda:**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Phase II Update
- Project Highlight
- VTA Customer Service Center Update
- Business Resource Program Update
- Early Construction Activities
- CWG Member Report Out
- Next Steps

### **Follow-Up Items:**

- N/A

<b>Comments, Issues, and Questions</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	No comments.
<b>Phase II Update</b>	No comments.
<b>Project Highlight</b>	No comments.
Will muck come out of the East Portal or 28th Street Little Portugal Station area?	No, the actual tunnel material will only come out of the West Portal where the tunnel will begin. As the Tunnel Boring Machine advances, a conveyor belt system is behind it, and muck material exits out of the west tunnel portal.
What about the station box cut?	That is great material, as long as it is not contaminated. It could potentially be used, but with the salt pond project, it has to be environmental cleared as a separate project. We have the environmental clearance timed, so it matches when the tunnel materials start coming out. If we can get the environmental process and permitting processes done sooner than that, then we can take that material over to the salt ponds as well if it's clean. I am not 100% sure if the schedule will allow for that.
<b>VTA Customer Service Center Update</b>	
Is our local field office anywhere near resolution? The only vacant location is the 7-11.	We are still looking for a space. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.
Can VTA tokens be purchased at the new Customer Service Center?	VTA Customer Service (408.321.2300) has confirmed that tokens are sold only to non-profits, cities, or counties. They may be purchased at VTA's River Oaks headquarters office. Please confirm in advance as we are currently out of tokens.
<b>Business Resource Program Update</b>	
Will businesses along the Alum Rock corridor east of King Road be able to opt into the marketing program?	The overall program other than the direct financial assistance has broader access and appeal in terms of being able to access those services. For instance, for the business resource support, we were looking at having a drop-in center or use a local location to conduct that training and local interaction so yes, that will be available. We are determining those details. More specifically on the direct

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-	financial assistance, we are looking at 500 feet from the actual construction area. However, I don't think we are going to be turning folks away because they are slightly further away from the corridor.
What percentage of the business that would be affected qualify as small businesses?	We are in the process of determining that. Generally, there are probably 300-500 business within 500 feet from above-ground construction areas, we are estimating around 100-120 could qualify as small business, but we have not determined that specific criteria and gone through that level of evaluation yet.
Will there be a clause to prohibit recipients from suing VTA for losses over those for which they will be compensated. And is "compensated" an acceptable word to the attorneys this time around? I don't think it was for BRT.	<p>I think that is part of the evaluation. The grant funding is really trying to provide additional assistance during this disruption.</p> <p>We have not talked about this yet, but we will most likely discuss with VTA Legal when we finalize this.</p>
How is VTA helping businesses in downtown that are being asked to move out. In what ways are they being helped financially and to find a new place to locate?	More information about the relocation plan for the BSVII Project is here <a href="https://www.vta.org/projects/bart-sv/phase-ii/real-estate">https://www.vta.org/projects/bart-sv/phase-ii/real-estate</a>
<b>Early Construction Activities</b>	-
Thousands of units are making their way through the entitlement process north of Julian. The intersection from the development will have to be reworked in a major way. Is VTA on board with the City today to figure out how residents driving vehicles from this development can coexist with construction activities coming north to Julian? And even before the residents, both construction projects could very well be running concurrently. This will be a great test for the major access point to the station area. I envision a mess, but I'm sure that's just me.	<p>The project does have some existing commitments/requirements that we intend to continue to meet. We are also partnering with the City through the Five Wounds Urban Village Plan. As that process advances, we intend to take information coming out of that and consider what may be appropriate for the project to install. Entitlements do not necessarily result in a project being constructed, do you know if that project is being constructed?</p> <p>There are many similar projects on the corridor, and we review the plans when</p>

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That company might not even build it, they might just get the entitlements and sell them.	they come from the City and coordinate when necessarily. If something goes into construction concurrently with our project, that folds into our CTMP.
There are 1200-1300 units on the northside of Julian/26 <sup>th</sup> near the gas station in the pipeline.	We will continue to engage with the Five Wounds Urban Village Plan and work with the City on how to figure out what the right solution is for that intersection.
<p>To my knowledge, no one has contacted Five Wounds Church about vibration and other mitigation measures for the church building</p> <p>Same for Cristo Rey. I'm sure that Cristo Rey is concerned specifically about noise mitigations. And of course, traffic at peak school time.</p>	<p>We have a meeting with Five Wounds and Cristo Rey on our to-do list. We had to cancel the last meeting due to team members being sick.</p> <p>We did the pre-construction condition assessment survey at the church and there is still work going in the background, which why we haven't reached back out with any additional information. KST is still developing individual thresholds, production plan, and planning everything. You haven't been forgotten, and we will continue to coordinate with you.</p> <p>Yes, the Construction Transportation Management Plan (CTMP) is the near-term driver for the meeting, and we are aware of other concerns for Five Wounds and Cristo Rey, and we intend to cover and discuss those when we meet. More info about CTMPs will be covered today.</p>
Will there be parking to accommodate the workers' automobiles?	Parking for the workers' automobiles will be provided with the construction staging area and identified and monitored. If for some reason the contractor cannot provide sufficient space for their staff to park on site, then they are required to find space somewhere else and provide a shuttle in. There will not be any construction personal vehicle parking in any neighborhoods, as we know that is a concern and something we will be actively monitoring.

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<p>What would happen if these monitors are installed and do detect noise or vibration? What's the plan after that?</p>	<p>That is part of the noise and vibration control plan. There will be continuous monitoring and spot monitoring. The contractor can monitor the equipment and adjust accordingly.</p>
<p><b>CWG Member Report</b></p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Carlos was a big advocate of getting student voices involved too. Cristo Rey is working with Site lab and have them come on site and take over one of our AP classes and give a presentation to a few students and then they'll meet with some of our leadership members and weigh in on the urban village plan. They'll continue to send out communications to families and staff members of the surveys.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>I've received more regular questions from the community "Is this going to happen? When is this going to happen? When is demolition?" I tell them what I know, and they seem to be happy enough with that. This is kind of like waiting for a hurricane, you know it's coming but you're not sure how bad it's going to be so you're trying to cover your bases.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>Did you send a reminder about this? It's odd to see so many people not here.</p>	<p>We sent out a reminder notice to everyone on the distribution list.</p>
<p><b>Next Steps</b></p>	<p>No comments.</p>

**Next CWG Meeting:** September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 4:00 PM, Zoom

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