



Santa Clara Community Working Group Meeting

Date of Meeting: April 14, 2016 (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Attendees:

Members in Attendance: Sudhanshu Jain, Jack Morash, John Urban, Richard Fedesco

Members not in Attendance: Steve Bures, Rahul Chandhok, Denise Harris, Chris Lepe, Chris Shay, Ron Miller

Other Speaker Attendees: John Sighamony (VTA), Tom Fitzwater (VTA), Mike Smith (VTA), Brent Pearse (VTA), Angela Sipp (VTA), John Davidson (City of Santa Clara)

Project Team in Attendance: Janice Soriano (VTA), Kevin Kurimoto (VTA), Eileen Goodwin (Apex Strategies)

Project Team not in Attendance: Leyla Hedayat (VTA)

Location: Historic Railroad Society, 1005 Railroad Avenue in Santa Clara, CA

Summary:

The Meeting agenda included:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Follow up items – Facilitator
- Project Update—VTA Staff
- Schedule Update – VTA Staff
- Envision Project Update – VTA Staff
- Financial Update of BART Phase II – VTA Staff
- City Projects within BART Corridor – City Staff
- Construction Community Outreach Research Update – VTA Staff
- Next Steps – Facilitator
- Review Action Items
- Next Meeting Date (June 16, 2016 4 p.m.-6 p.m.) – Location: Historic Railroad Society, 1005 Railroad Avenue in Santa Clara – Facilitator

Key Issues/Comments/Questions:

Comment/Question	Response
Follow up items/Schedule	
When will FFGA come in?	Summer 2019
Environmental Process Update	
No comments or questions	
Envision	
Peninsula citizens want to limit funds that go to BART; i.e. no more than 20% will go to BART if less than a 2/3 majority is reached.	Participate at the April 22 nd VTA Workshop. That will help the Board see other points of view.
When does the decision for this take place?	Final vote will be late June or August Board meeting.
When will the Staff recommendation be released?	Early next week.
How can we influence the Plan recommendation?	Participate at the April 22 nd VTA Workshop.
Is Santa Clara station at risk?	The Board has given direction to pursue a four-station project.
What if the cap is not enough to close the funding gap?	
Cupertino and Palo Alto citizens are not supportive of BART and want different projects.	The Plan will cover \$6.5b. The BART project is asking for \$1.5b of that. There is room for many other projects.
What will happen if the sales tax does not make it and does not get passed?	The Board will have to set a new direction.
What is the back-up plan?	Right now the BART project assumes the new tax will be passed.
Is April 22 the date when Staff makes its recommendation and the VTA Board discusses the issue?	The Board will hear about all of the community and stakeholder feedback to date at the meeting and will discuss what they would like to see in a Plan. No action will be taken.
When the recommendation goes out, what happens next?	There will be a round of community meetings prior to the final Board vote.
Is the VTA Staff making a recommendation?	Yes, the staff will present a recommendation along with others.
Palo Alto, Cupertino, etc. may complain that they are not getting their fair share.	Comment noted.
When is the staff item posted?	Monday or Tuesday.
Financial Update	
What is the definition of "local?"	In this slide it means anything not federal.
When did the County start collecting the Measure A sales tax?	2006
Is the upcoming sales tax on the ballot simply an extension of the existing tax?	No it will be in addition.

Please clarify the Mello-Roos definition of CFD.	In this case the mechanism would be agreed to by the property owners (not existing residential) and would function like a business improvement tax where businesses agree to pay for benefits received.
Would this be an annual tax?	It would be on the property tax bill.
Is the CFD likely to pass?	It will take cooperation of the city and property owners.
How did the \$170 million get calculated?	Ernst & Young did a high level study and determined this value.
Santa Clara Projects Update	
Do the numbers on the Mission Town Center site plan represent the number of floors?	Yes.
How likely is it that the Irvine project (Mission Town Center) will come up again?	The staff hopes it would but that would be up to the developer.
How soon will a decision on City Place be made?	It will be brought to the Council soon, within months.
Is City Place going to be the new downtown?	The City views it as an entertainment district.
It may be better to have many downtowns, not just one. The concern is that City Place may suck the energy out of the other higher-density areas.	Comment noted.
Construction Outreach Best Practices	
In Los Angeles, ¾ of projects are funded by sales tax, don't they hit a cap?	Their taxes are exempt per state law.
Many cities are competing for a percent of sales tax. Will BART be o.k.?	Yes, with what is going in June, if they pass there is still room for a ½ cent tax for BART.

Follow-Up Items:

- Send links to various Envision links for budgeting tool and scorecard results.
 - *Envision Silicon Valley Homepage and Public Meetings Schedule:*
<http://www.vta.org/envision-silicon-valley/envision-silicon-valley>
 - *Envision Silicon Valley Project Evaluation:*
<http://www.vta.org/envision-silicon-valley/project-evaluation>
- Send link to LA Metro animation video.
 - *LA Metro's Purple Line Extension Animation:*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A89MUkAVbq0>
- Send construction outreach presentation to John Urban

- Prepare for live polling for construction outreach best practices topic for June meeting discussion

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