



VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project

Downtown-Diridon Community Working Group

September 15, 2020

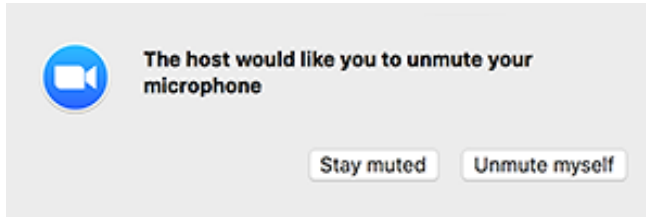
Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Follow-up Items
- CWG Member Report Back
- Downtown Transportation Plan
- Phase II Update
- Community Engagement
- Next Steps

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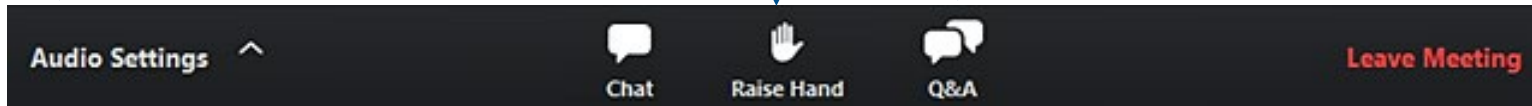
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Today's Meeting Format

- Gretchen is facilitating
- Joe is managing Zoom
- Microphones will be muted during each agenda item/presentation
- At the end of each agenda item there will be a question round. Joe will only unmute people who use the 'raise hand' feature.
 - You can also submit questions using the Chat feature
- Please email Gretchen or Kate afterwards if you have any additional comments or questions.



Upcoming Meetings – Downtown-Diridon

- Upcoming Downtown-Diridon CWG Dates
 - November 17, 2020, 4:00 PM
- VTA Board of Directors vta.org/about/board-and-committees
 - October 1, 2020, 5:30 PM
 - November 5, 2020, 5:30 PM
- Kate will email alerts for other meetings, e.g. Board Workshops



Upcoming Meetings – Santa Clara

- Upcoming Santa Clara CWG Dates
 - November 19, 2020, 4:00 PM
- VTA Board of Directors vta.org/about/board-and-committees
 - October 1, 2020, 5:30 PM
 - November 5, 2020, 5:30 PM
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Follow-Up Items

Gretchen Baisa, VTA



Follow-up Items: Downtown-Diridon

- Send contact information for BART's Santa Clara County Community Relations Representative ✓
- Share information on fire station development on E Santa Clara Street and 13th Street – *City of San José is evaluating alternatives for how VTA and the City could share the northwest corner of 13th Street and Santa Clara Street. City has committed to working with VTA.*
- Jobs created from Contract 2 (Tunnel & Track Work) – *American Public Transportation Association methodology estimates 24,000 jobs for each billion spent on public transit capital investment. Using this formula, Contract 2 (estimated at \$2B) would generate approximately 48,000 jobs.*



Questions



CWG Member Report Back



Report Back

- Larry Clark *Alameda Business Association*
- Chris Morrisey *Arena Authority*
- Nikita Sinha *California Walks*
- Alan Williams *Campus Community Association (Naglee Park)*
- Bert Weaver *Delmas Park Neighborhood Association*
- Elizabeth Chien-Hale *Downtown Residents Association*
- Adina Levin *Friends of Caltrain*
- Dana Grover *Horace Mann Neighborhood Association*
- Scott Knies *San José Downtown Association*
- Charlie Faas *San José State University*
- Jim Goddard *Sharks Sports & Entertainment*
- Carol Austen *Shasta / Hanchett Park Neighborhood Association*
- Teresa Alvarado *SPUR*
- Jeffrey Buchanan *Working Partnerships USA*





Introduction to San Jose Downtown Transportation Plan

Eric Eidlin

Station Planning Manager

Wilson Tam

Transportation Planning Manager

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Project Staff



with
BONNIE NELSON
and
JAY PRIMUS



Relationship to Other Plans

Downtown West (2020)

- Private development
- Mitigation
- Design guidelines

Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP) Update

Key Deliverables

- List of Projects
- TMA/Parking

Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan (DISC)

Areas of Focus

- Track alignment
- Station footprint
- Station/neighborhood interfaces
- Access planning
- Refined track design

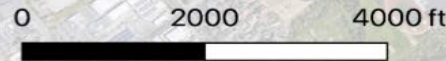
Downtown Transportation Plan (DTP) 2020-2021

Goals

- Support and complement places
- Improve equity & access; circulation & navigability; streetscapes and public life

Key Deliverables

- Engagement Plan
- Equity Framework
- Public Life Assessment
- Parking & Curbside Management Strategy
- Transportation Network Vision
- Prioritized List Of Projects & Programs
- Conceptual Designs



Process



Draft Guiding Principles

- **Equity:** Support equitable, affordable, and inclusive access to places in Downtown San José for all residents, workers, and visitors to San José. Ensure that equity and the needs of vulnerable populations are incorporated into all aspects of the Plan.
- **People-first:** Include a wide variety of individuals who live, work, and play in San José in the planning effort, and particularly to their need for safety, health, dignity, comfort, and enjoyment.
- **Place:** Advance the vision of a vibrant, creative, resilient, and livable downtown with neighborhoods that are complete, unique, and reflective of our City's diverse history, for all types of people through smart transportation investments.
- **Climate:** Support the City's Climate Smart goals of resiliency, reduce the number of trips taken by single occupancy vehicles, and increase the use of clean travel modes.
- **Economy:** Design a resilient multimodal transportation system that supports people of all means and downtown economic development in a fiscally responsible manner.

Engagement Approach

Equity Approach

- **Involving the community** at every stage of the Plan
- Empowering and resourcing **community organizations** - CBOs as engagement leaders and storytellers bringing messages in their own language to their own communities
- **Equity Advisory Committee**
- **Focused outreach** but also **breaking down silos** of communication
- **Taking the time for equitable engagement**, moving at the speed of trust, building empathy and understanding between city and community partners, leaders and residents
- **A feedback loop** that clearly conveys how community recommendations are incorporated



CBO Partners



Phase 1 Outreach To Date: Digital Listening Sessions

Scheduled times with project staff for members of the public to ask questions and share ideas over Zoom (for DTP and Diridon).

Equity

Saturday, July 25, 2020, 10-11 AM

Getting Around Downtown

Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 12-1 PM

Housing

Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 5:30-6:30 PM

Building Heights

Monday, August 10, 2020, 12-1 PM

Parks and Public Space

Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 5:30-6:30 PM

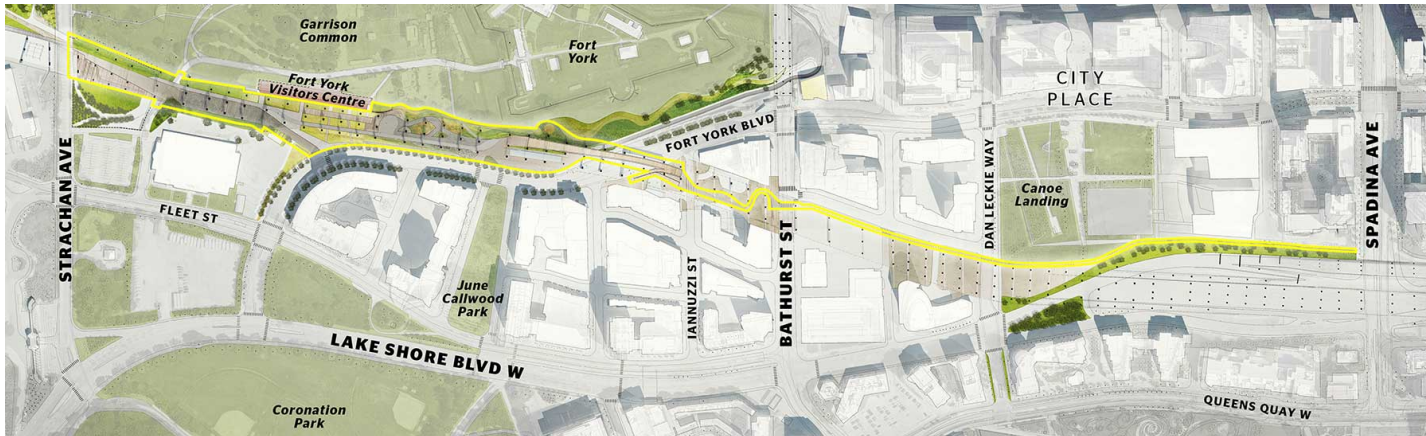
Phase 1 Outreach To Date: Speaker Series #1

SPUR (7/29)

- Learning from the Best: How Toronto's Experience Can Shape San José's Future

Key Takeaways:

- **Density:** high density around transit; maintain stable neighborhoods; consider "Missing Middle"
- **Efficient government:** nimble and cross-disciplinary decision-making in public sector.
- **Open space:** Guadalupe River Park offers great potential, as did Bentway in Toronto



Upcoming Outreach & Events

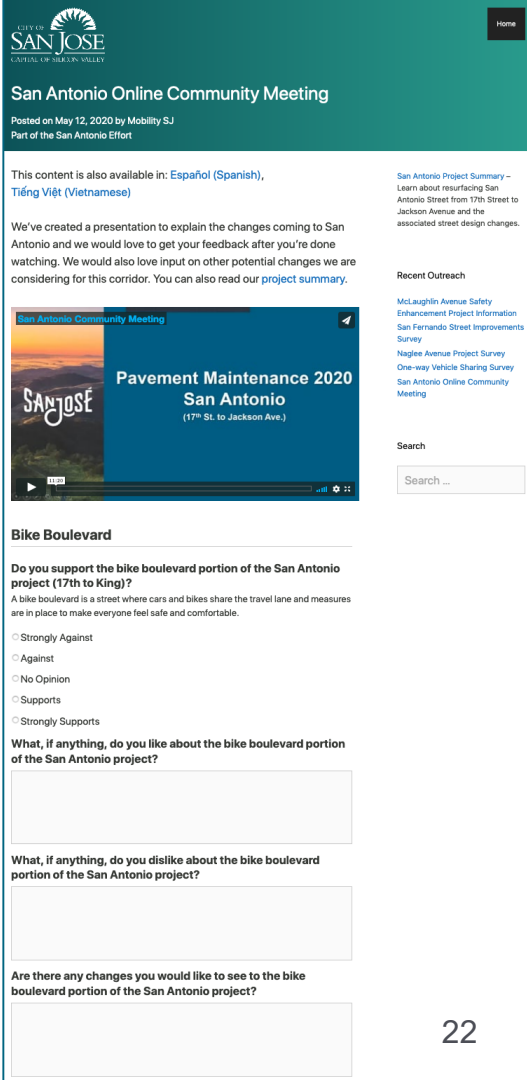
Learn more and register for events at <http://movesanjose.org>

Speaker Series

- Public Life and Latinx Communities in Downtown – Past & Future (Spanish + English sessions)
- Asian Communities and Transportation in Downtown
- Women's Perspectives on Transportation in Downtown

Upcoming Outreach Activities

- **Workshop #1** on October 7th from 5:30 – 7:30pm
- Business Focus Group meetings in late September/October
- Project Logo Contest – follow us on movesanjose social channels!
- Website and online survey at <http://movesanjose.org>



The screenshot shows the City of San Jose website. At the top right is the City of San Jose logo and a 'Home' button. The main heading is 'San Antonio Online Community Meeting'. Below this, it says 'Posted on May 12, 2020 by Mobility SJ' and 'Part of the San Antonio Effort'. The main content area has a video player for 'San Antonio Community Meeting' with a thumbnail showing a sunset and the text 'Pavement Maintenance 2020 San Antonio (17th St. to Jackson Ave.)'. To the right of the video is a search bar and a 'Recent Outreach' section listing various projects like 'McLaughlin Avenue Safety Enhancement Project Information' and 'San Fernando Street Improvements Survey'. Below the video, there is a section titled 'Bike Boulevard' with a survey question: 'Do you support the bike boulevard portion of the San Antonio project (17th to King)?'. The survey options are: 'Strongly Against', 'Against', 'No Opinion', 'Supports', and 'Strongly Supports'. Below the options are three text input fields for providing feedback: 'What, if anything, do you like about the bike boulevard portion of the San Antonio project?', 'What, if anything, do you dislike about the bike boulevard portion of the San Antonio project?', and 'Are there any changes you would like to see to the bike boulevard portion of the San Antonio project?'. At the bottom right of the page is the number '22'.



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Phase II Update

Bernice Alaniz, VTA



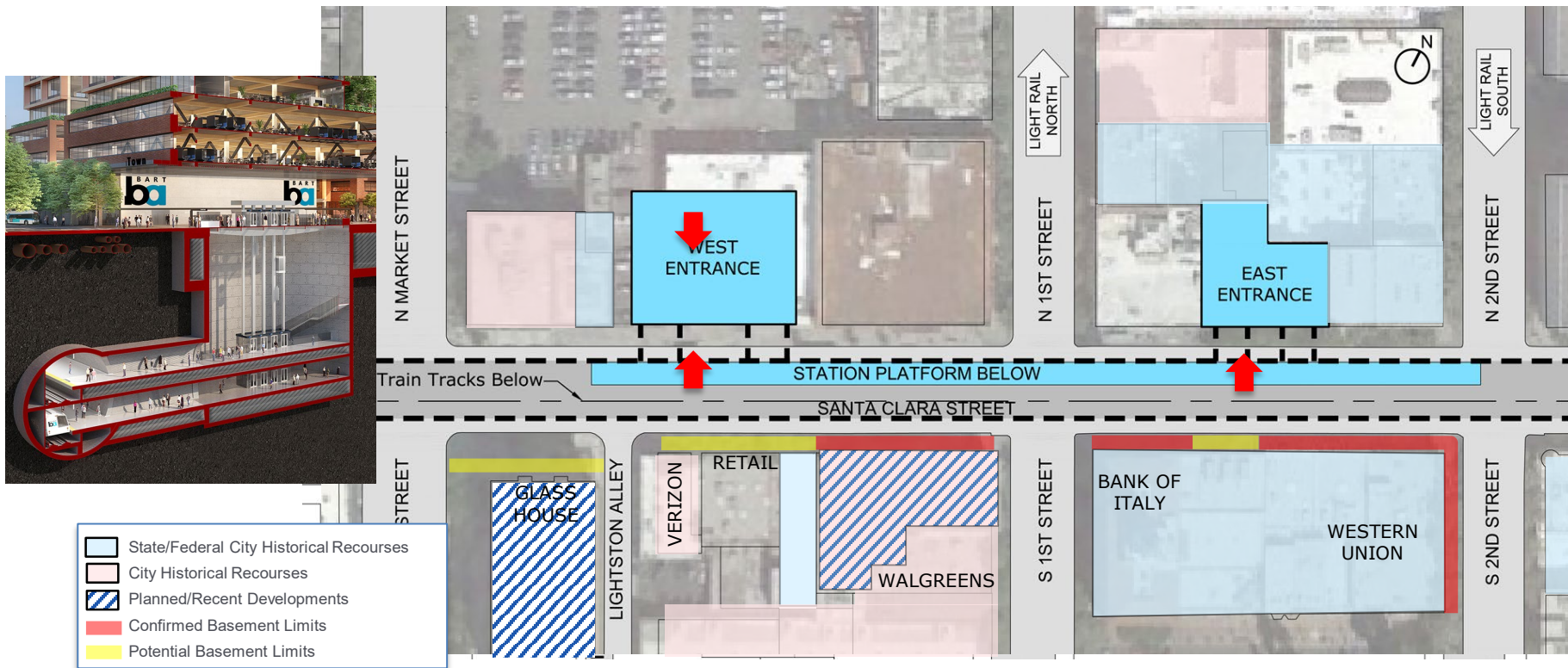
Background on Downtown San José Station Entrance Locations

1. The approved State and Federal Project (2018) has stacked platforms on the north side of the street with two entrances, also on the northern side, between Market and 2nd Streets.
2. These station entrances meet all station access needs and accommodate all user requirements.
3. Southern entrances along Santa Clara Street are not part of the approved Project.
4. If the VTA Board's direction is to have entrances from the south side connected to the northern entrances, a separate project will be developed with additional environmental clearance, engineering, constructability and cost estimates prepared through close coordination with the City of San José and BART.

- Current project “**will not preclude**” future connections



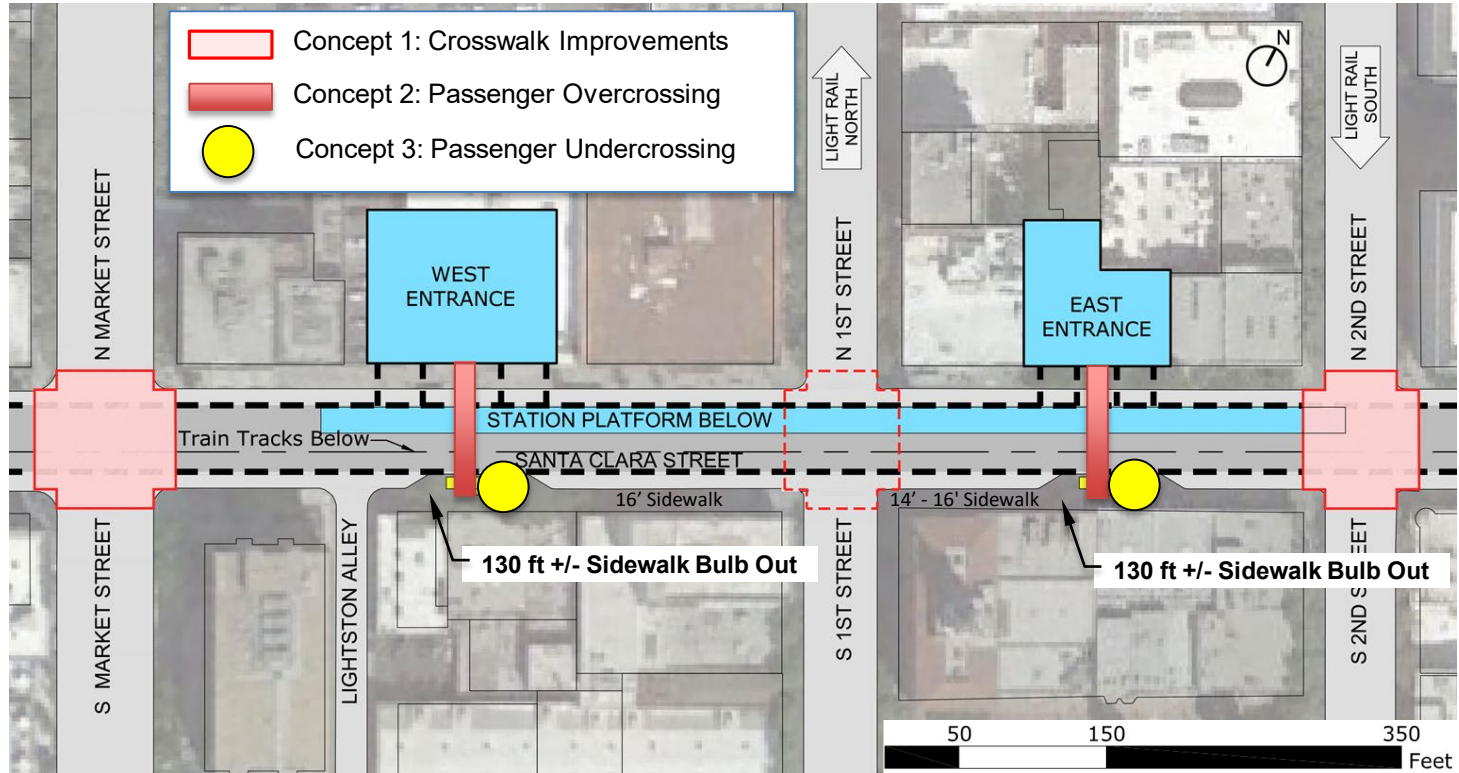
Approved Station Entrances (Record of Decision)



- Two entrances located less than 80 feet from the southside sidewalk of Santa Clara Street
- 2035 Forecast Year Average Weekday Ridership: approximately 25,000

Southern Entrance Concept Plans

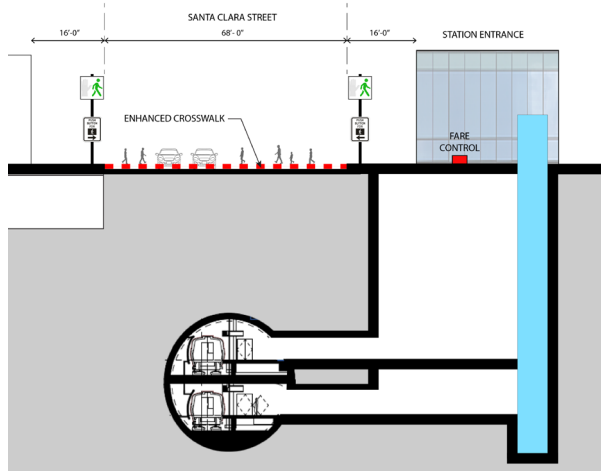
There are several options to provide access from the south side of Santa Clara Street. Combinations of concepts are also possible. The 3 pairs of concepts are shown below.



*Sidewalk bulb out pending coordination with City of San José

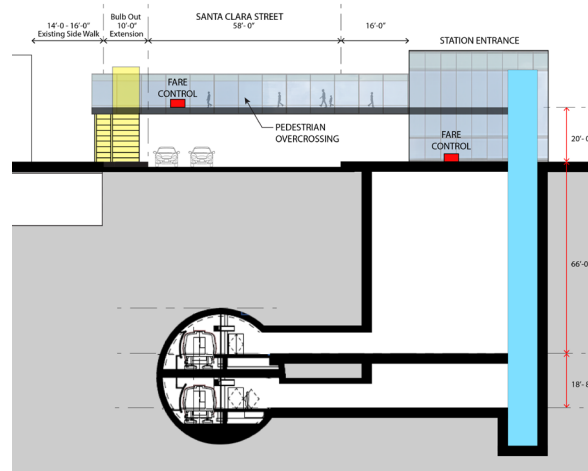


Southern Entrance Concept Sections



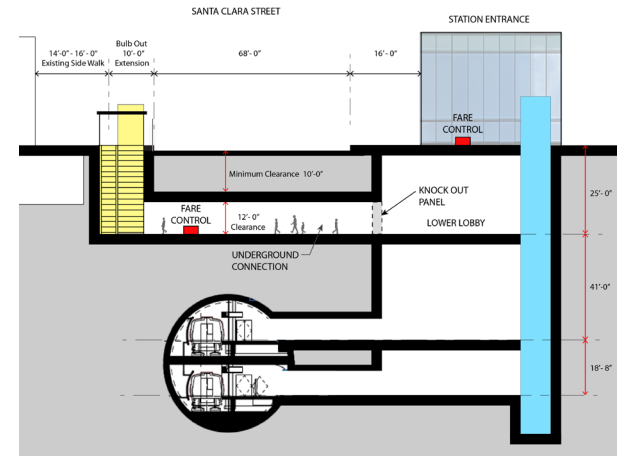
Concept 1:
At Street Level

- Minor public ROW impacts



Concept 2:
Above Street Level

- Public ROW impacts including sidewalks and parking spaces
- Environmental Considerations
- Cost and potential schedule implications (if part of Project)



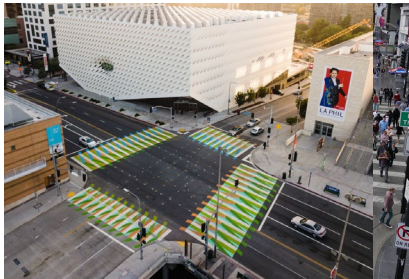
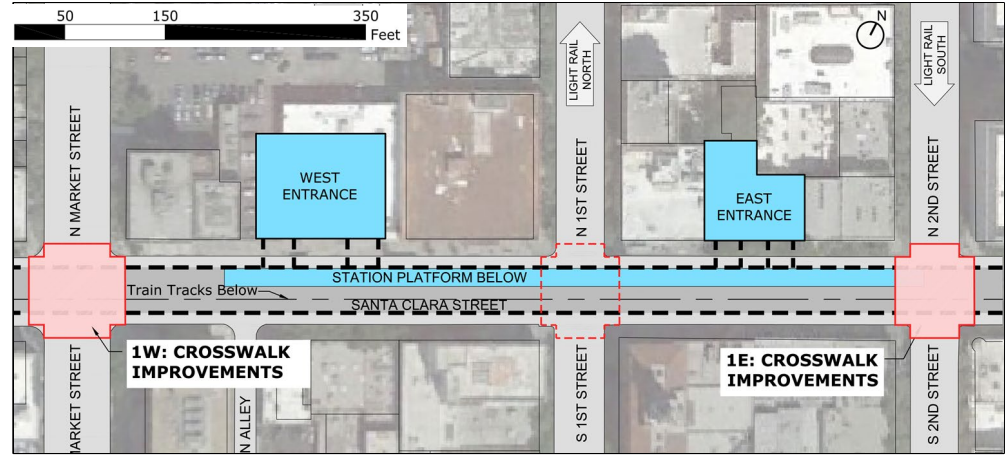
Concept 3:
Below Street Level

- Public ROW impacts including sidewalks and parking spaces
- Environmental Considerations
- Cost and potential schedule implications (if part of Project)



Concept 1: Crosswalk Improvements

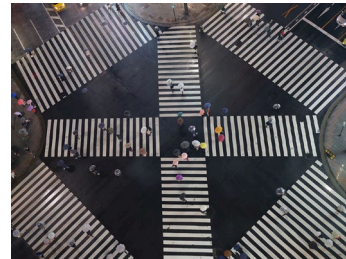
- Providing these crosswalks at Market Street and Second Street may not require any additional EIS/EIR work.
- Provides benefits to **all** pedestrians crossing the street
- If adopted, these improvements would be implemented **as part of the current Project**.
- Specific designs would be developed for the City's review and approval and incorporated into the bid package.



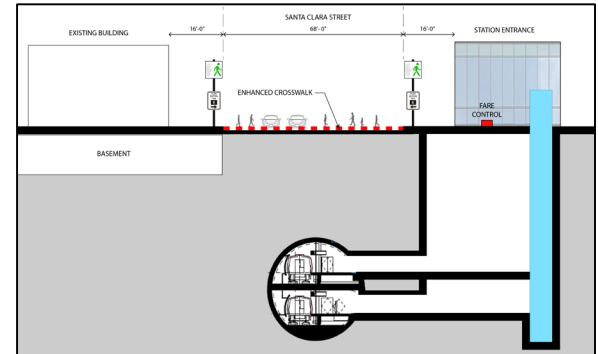
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Tokyo

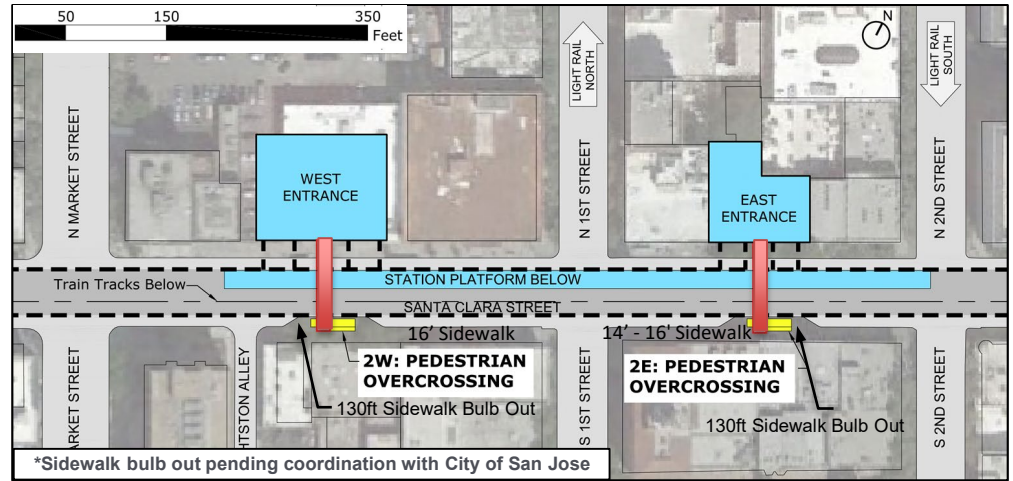


Concept 2: Passenger Overcrossing

Need to address following considerations:

- City of San Jose willingness to allow sidewalk bulb outs along the south side of Santa Clara, up to 130 ft long for vertical circulation touchdowns and structures*
- Whether visual impacts on historic properties can be accepted through an EIS/EIR (separate process)
- Additional engineering required to produce capital cost estimate

*Bulb out would displace approximately six parking spaces and reduces existing sidewalk widths



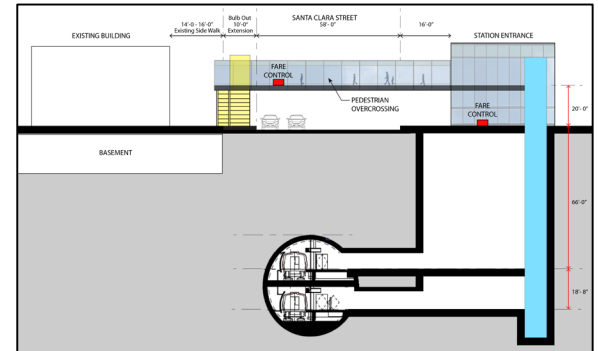
Toronto Queen Street Bridge



West Dublin/Pleasanton Bridge



Montague Expressway Overcrossing



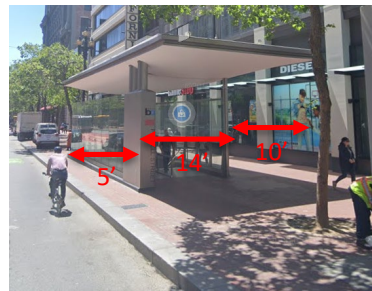
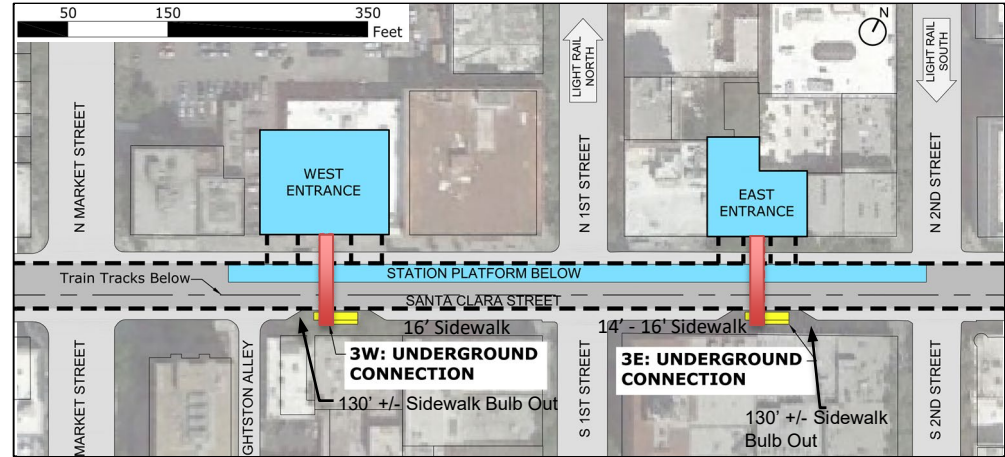
Concept 3: Passenger Undercrossing

Sidewalk entrances with underground passageways typically connected to mezzanine levels. Single Bore Downtown San José station has no mezzanine level.

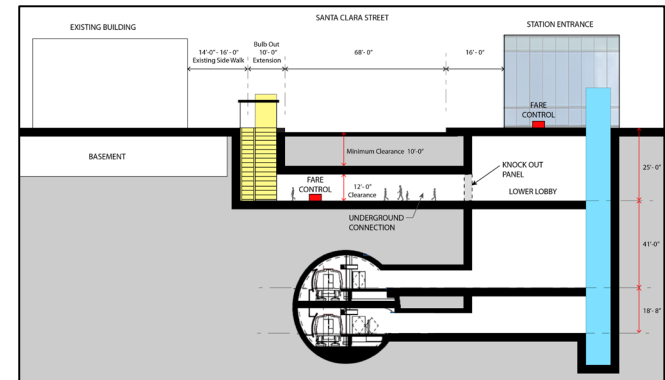
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- ROW, street closures and utilities impacts
- Any impacts on adjacent historic properties
- Separate environmental clearance process
- Additional engineering required to produce capital cost estimates

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Powell BART Station Entrance
(approximate dimensions)



Southern Entrance Evaluation Chart

Evaluation Factors	CONCEPT 1		CONCEPT 2		CONCEPT 3	
	Market Street/Santa Clara Intersection	2 nd Street/Santa Clara Intersection	Overcrossing to Main Headhouse	Overcrossing to 2 nd Headhouse	Undercrossing to Main Headhouse	Undercrossing to 2 nd Headhouse
Layouts						
ROW Requirements	●	●	●	●	●	●
NEPA/ROD Impacts (if included in Project)	●	●	●	●	●	●
Construction Impacts- Streets/Utilities	●	●	●	●	●	●
Capital Costs (excludes O&M)	●	●	●	●	●	●
Schedule Impacts (if included in Project)	●	●	●	●	●	●
Passenger Experience	●	●	●	●	●	●
Travel Time Benefits for Users	●	●	●	●	●	●
Travel Time Impacts to Others	●	●	●	●	●	●

Key

- Minimum Impacts
- Some Potential Impacts
- Significant Impacts

Next Steps for Downtown San José Station Entrance Locations

- VTA's Capital Program Committee identified this should be a project separate from the already environmentally-cleared Phase II Project
- Obtain Board of Directors feedback
- Coordinate with the City of San José and BART
- Obtain approvals for a separate project, including any necessary environmental clearance
- Advance engineering design to develop cost estimates and identify funding sources
- Receive VTA Board approval



EPD Program Efforts to Date

- FTA issued the Expedited Project Delivery (EPD) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on July 28, 2020, providing program requirements
- Project Oversight Management Contractor (PMOC) kicked off the EPD oversight process on July 31, 2020
- VTA transmitted 23 documents related to cost, scope, schedule and risk
- Finalizing two NOFO requirements by the end of September to submit application
 1. Public-Private Partnership (P-3)
 - Design-build-finance (DBF) program to reduce/transfer financial risk
 - Transit oriented joint development with Google that would reduce cost
 2. Application of FTA's Simplified Trips-on-Project Software (STOPS)



Peer Review

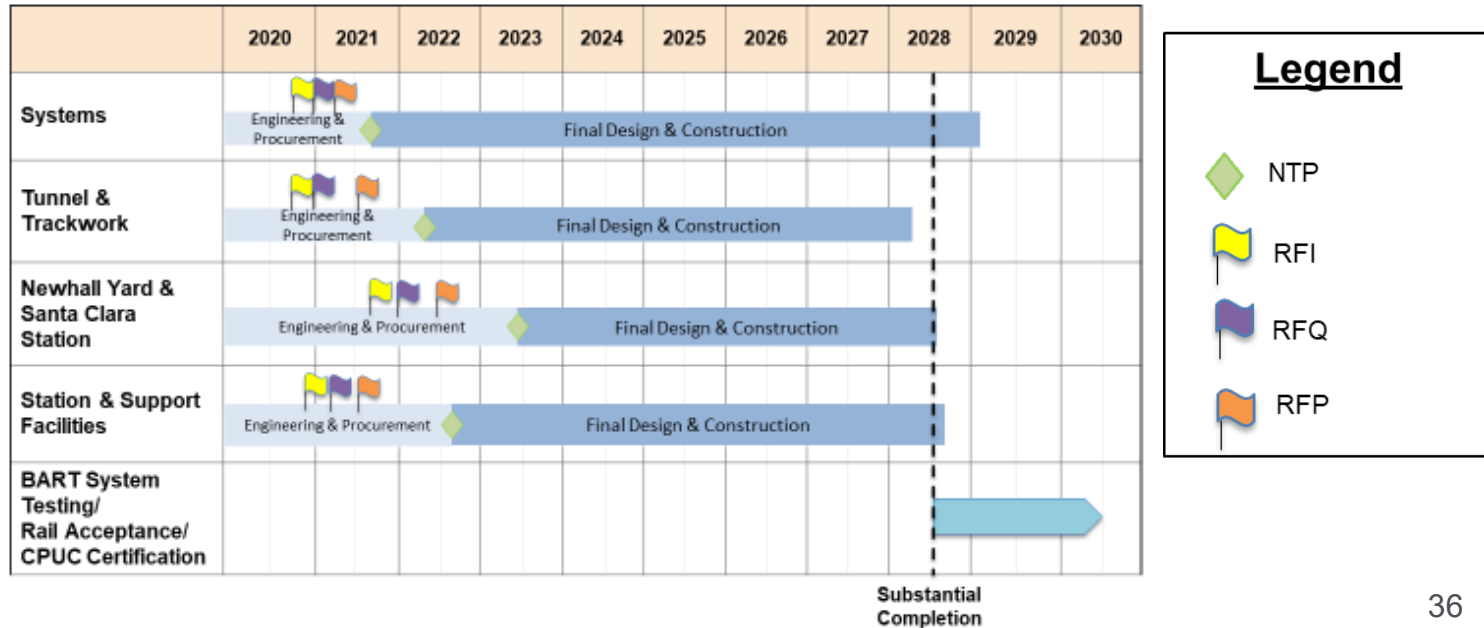
As requested by FTA, the **VTA Peer Review Panel** is assembled to review and advise on the project's design, constructability, contract methodology, timeline, and cost in junction with the following Focus Areas:

- Scope
- Schedule
- Budget
- Contracting Plan
- Program Delivery Structure
- Rail System Organization (RSO)
- Systems Project (CP-1)
- Tunnel & Track Project (CP-2)
- Stations Project (CP-3)
- Newhall Yard & Santa Clara Station Project (CP-4)



Framework to Completion

- Preparing to issue **Request for Industry Feedback (RFIF)** for the Tunnel and Systems contracts in September
 - The RFIFs begin the formal process to engage contractors who are interested in proposing on the Project.



Questions



Community Engagement

Bernice Alaniz, VTA



Community Engagement

Contracting Community Engagement

- Request for Industry Feedback (RFIF) Announcements



- Ad campaign, email, website
- Responses will help inform development of Request for Proposals (RFPs)

Small Business Resource Study

- **VTA reinitiated the Small Business Resource Study** following a hold due to COVID-19 business restrictions
- **Case studies** have reviewed what assistance was provided as part of other transit and development projects
- **Small business survey** to be released October 2020 to businesses and organizations along alignment
 - Responses help inform traffic management plan for construction
 - Responses help VTA understand small business health and needs
- **Small Business Task Force Meeting** – October 7, 2020



Current DISC Activities



- 1 Updated Cooperative Agreement for Partnership to extend to December 2021 and include MTC as a full Partner
- 2 Concept Plan Partners coordinating with the City's Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP) Update and related Downtown West project
- 3 Engineering verification focused on the Heavy and Light Rail alignments from the Concept Layout
- 4 Launch of organizational and governance work

Questions



Next Steps

- Next CWG meeting:
November 17, 4:00 PM, Virtual Meeting
 - CWG Member Report Backs
 - Phase II Update
 - Community Engagement
 - Related Planning Efforts
 - Design Development Framework
 - Transit Oriented Communities
 - Government Affairs
- Action Items