



Alum Rock Community Working Group Meeting

Date of Meeting: May 13, 2015 (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Attendees:

Members in Attendance: Terry Christensen, Bob Van Cleef, Davide Vieira, Joan Rivas Cosby, Kelly Daugherty, Craig Chivatero, Justin Triano, Geoff Hatchard, Kathy Ericksen, RJ Castro, Charisse Lebron

Members not in Attendance: Matt Bell, Dario Lerma

Other Attendees: Carolyn Gonot (VTA), Mike Smith (VTA), Tom Fitzwater (VTA), John Ristow (VTA), Kevin Kurimoto (VTA), Samantha Swan (VTA), Brent Pearse (VTA), Paul Smith (CSJ), Jim Ortbal (CSJ), Margaret Rhee (Ernst & Young), Hope Cahan (Policy Aide to Supervisor Chavez), Rob Means, Roland Lebron, Raul Laborin (PB), Barbara Cemess (?), Mary Van Cleef, David Dickey, Larry Ames

Project Team in Attendance: Leyla Hedayat (VTA), Kathleen Podrasky (VTA), Erica Roecks (VTA), Michael Brilliot (CSJ), Jessica Zenk (CSJ), Eileen Goodwin (Apex)

Project Team not in Attendance: Rosalynn Hughey (CSJ), Ray Salvano (CSJ)

Location: Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose CA

Summary:

The Orientation Meeting agenda included:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Agenda Review and Meeting Format
- Review Community Working Groups Process (role of committee, role of member)
- Receive Overview of Project (project status, funding, and environmental process)
- Discussion of Work Plan
- Review Action Items and Next Meeting Date (June 10th, 2015 4 p.m.-6 p.m.)

Key Issues/Comments/Questions:

Comment/Question	Response
The role of CWG seems passively defined.	Comment noted. The SVRT PWC and VTA Board would receive updates on all of the CWG meetings. CWG members encouraged to still attend and express their points of view at meetings should

	they want some specific point of view to be clear to policy makers.No specific recommendations are expected from the CWGs they are an information exchange not an advisory body.
Was there a request for a Chair of the group made at the Downtown Diridon CWG?	No.
There should be a Chair to work with the Project Team/Eileen on the agenda.	We have developed a work plan which we will be adding to today. The CWG agendas will be developed as a result of the work plan the CWG develops. The agendas and materials will be sent out to the CWG members ahead of meetings. CWG members are welcome to add to work plan items and add items to the agenda. The idea of having a chair can be added to the June agenda.
Want to understand how the parking at Berryessa Station will be accommodated.	We can add that topic to the work plan.
The station plan for Alum Rock does not look as compact as it could. Can the station be under the street instead of underneath Monarch trucking to maximize opportunities for development?	Comment noted. The access planning has not been completed. We can discuss the specifics of the station and access to the station.
Will there be impacts to the existing LRT with the west station option?	Yes. These impacts will be brought up when we discuss the project's construction methodology.
Isn't there a better spot for the maintenance facility than in Santa Clara?	Santa Clara will be the end of the line which is a desirable and efficient location for a maintenance facility. The Santa Clara location has the added benefit of already being a railroad yard. We will have BART staff come and present on this topic.
Will there be an update on the BART financials and when.	Yes, as part of the New Starts grant process the financials will be updated early next year. We will add this topic to the work plan.
Is the federal money already granted?	No, but VTA is assuming that there will be a sizable grant as part of its financing plan. VTA has been successful in attracting federal money to Phase I.
Has VTA considered cap and trade as a source SB 9.	Yes, VTA has been involved in crafting the bill's language in coordination with Senator Beall.

The federal contribution seems low.	Comment noted. This amount is consistent with what other agencies have received.
How much is Ernst & Young's financial advice contract for?	It is not finalized but the agreement in the low six figures.
For the scoping comments please clarify, is that 92 people or 92 comments?	There were 92 individual commenter's— either agencies or individuals. In total about 350 individual comments or questions. The link to the scoping comments is below.
Does OSHA look at safety conditions on VTA job sites?	Yes.
Will there be a tally of the frequency that a comment was made in the scoping comments?	Yes, VTA tracks which comments are made most often, but the tally is not included in the scoping report.
Parking is important.	Comment noted.
Having people be able to walk or ride a bike to BART will lessen emissions and that is positive.	Comment noted.
What does the model assume as a link off of Route 101 to the stations?	We will have this specific information added to next month's discussion on ridership and modeling.
Will there be right-of-way over Route 101 to connect a pedestrian crossing up to the Penetencia Creek Trail and connect the Alum Rock and Berryessa stations?	We are analyzing this based on comments we received during scoping.
How is outreach and marketing going to be done to create new BART riders.	We can add this topic to the work plan.

Follow-Up Items:

- Add to June agenda a discussion of whether the group needs a chair.

Requested Links:

- Link to BART to San Jose project web page: <http://www.vta.org/bart/>
- Link to CWG web page: <http://www.vta.org/bart/phasellCWGs>
- Link to SVRT PWC web page: <http://www.vta.org/get-involved/standing-committee/svrt-program-working-committee>
- Link to Envision web page: <http://www.vta.org/envision-silicon-valley/envision-silicon-valley>

- We mentioned that we would provide a link to the Envision Survey – the survey is being refined and we will provide a link to you in June
- **Link to Scoping Report:**
<http://www.vta.org/bart/Environmental/scopingreportPhaseII>

Add to Work Plan:

Items discussed to be added to the Work Plan have been added as new topics or integrated into existing topics already shown on the Work Plan. The Work Plan will be updated quarterly to ensure relevant topics are presented at appropriate times with the current environmental activities.

- Presentation on the Berryessa Station parking.
- Presentation on access studies and specifics of Alum Rock Station design especially as the design relates to surrounding potential transit oriented development. Also cover Kiss and Ride lot plans.
- BART staff to present need for maintenance facility and justification of location of maintenance facility including why facility cannot be in Berryessa or another location.
- Financial Analysis as part of New Starts program, including operations and maintenance assumptions.
- Presentation on the evolution of the parking requirements/strategies since there are now about half the spots planned for Alum Rock than there used to be. Include discussion of whether lessening of parking impacts the viability of the project and FTA's support.
- Added to next month's discussion on ridership and modeling the specifics about what is the Route 101 access assumption to the Berryessa and Alum Rock Stations.
- Presentation of potential right-of-way impacts and relocations and a discussion on gentrification as a result of the BART project.
- Present the demographics of the Alum Rock area (1 mile, ½ mile and ¼ mile). Present not just typical demographics but also social equity components such as existing transit ridership.
- Update on Five Wounds Trail.
- Presentation on marketing plan to generate new BART riders on this extension.
- Convene a panel of developers/economists to discuss what can be done to make the Alum Rock area more attractive to developers and also what makes an area less desirable.
- Present project vibration impacts specifically as they relate to Five Wounds Church.
- Present how VTA does its contracting covering the topics of SBE/DBE outreach and local business outreach and preference.

- Presentation on ridership assumptions and affordability, potential for fare integration and subsidies.
- Impacts to Christo Rey School site during construction including dust, noise and impacts from station box construction.
- How will the community near the Tropicana Shopping center access the Alum Rock Station, specifically bike riders' ability to navigate the hill.

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