



VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project Role of Community Working Groups

Objectives and Composition of Community Working Groups

VTA has established three community working groups (CWGs) for VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project. The community working groups have been formed to give community members access to information throughout the environmental process. The CWGs will provide feedback on strategies related to successfully delivering and completing VTA's BART Silicon Valley Extension. The goal is accomplished by educating members about information related to land use/planning, access/mobility, funding/finance and other technical aspects and having the members engage with their community to communicate this project information.

CWGs have been established for the Alum Rock neighborhood, the Downtown San Jose area, and the City of Santa Clara in the vicinity of the station and maintenance facility. The objectives of the CWGs are to:

- Receive briefings on technical areas and project updates and act as conduits of information for the community at large
- Be collaborative with VTA

Community Working Group Structure

The CWG meetings will be timed with major environmental milestones. A work plan has been developed and will be the roadmap for this process. CWG members may request additional agenda items as appropriate.

VTA will have a primary point of contact for each group. The point of contact will answer questions throughout the process

Roles and Responsibilities

You will serve as an opinion leader and foster two-way communications between VTA and the community.

The time commitment will be as follows:

- Serve on the CWG throughout the environmental process for Phase II (approximately two years)
- Attend in person approximately 8-10 CWG meetings; the meeting length will be approximately 2 hours each (from 4-6 pm)
- Be available for telephone conference calls, if needed

Meeting Dates and Times

There will be regular meetings during the environmental process and while VTA develops a funding plan for Phase II. In May 2015, VTA will hold a project orientation meeting and follow on with CWG meetings in the months of June, August and October in 2015 with future meetings

to be planned in 2016. Agenda and background information will be provided to CWG members in advance to allow for the gathering of timely feedback from key organization representatives. The CWG meetings will be open to the public.

Use of Alternates

In order to maintain consistency, there will be no alternates.