

Library Services and the Housing Crisis

Housing and City Infrastructure

- Santa Clara needs more housing
- More housing means more people
- Infrastructure need to keep up with added housing and people
 - Streets (traffic)
 - Schools
 - Utilities
 - Public Safety (fire and police)
 - ***Libraries***
- How to quantify library needs and maintain high level of library services?

Expected Population Increase: 50 Years of Historic Population Growth

- Estimated 2018 population: 127,134
- Housing in various stages (from City planning page)
 - Under construction, approved, in planning, specific plans
- 19,542 dwelling units
- 53,350 new residents, a 42% increase in population
 - Using 2.73 residents per dwelling unit
- Close to increase in population from mid-1960s to 2017
 - 50 years of population growth!!

Current Library Service

Existing Conditions	Sq Ft	Items
Central Library	80000	341148
Northside Library	15000	70252
Mission Library	7700	12821

Projected Library Deficit Equivalent to Three Northside Libraries!

- Current “Quality of Service” measures for library services
 - (from Tasman East EIR)
 - 0.85 square feet per resident
 - 3.69 items per resident
- Scaled to 53,350 new residents:
 - 45,347 square feet of library space
 - 196,860 items
- Equivalent square feet
 - ~ 3 Northside Libraries
 - > 0.5 Central Libraries

Long-Term Planning for Libraries

- Who is responsible for long-term library planning for capital investment?
- East Tasman EIR: Schools, public safety covered
- But for libraries
 - Degradation in library services identified, but EIR conclusion were
 - No impact from project
 - No cumulative impact