



## Agenda Report

20-144

Agenda Date: 1/28/2020

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### **SUBJECT**

Action on Written Petition received from Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) regarding VTA's BART Phase 2 Transit Oriented Communities (TOCs) Strategy Study and the Santa Clara Station Area Playbook [Council Pillar: Enhance Community Engagement and Transparency]

#### **BACKGROUND**

The City received a Written Petition from Jill Gibson requesting to be placed on a future agenda regarding VTA's BART Phase 2 Transit Oriented Communities (TOCs) Strategy Study and the Santa Clara Station Area Playbook. The Written Petition is attached for Council's consideration.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Council Policy and Procedure 30 - *Adding an Item on the Agenda* sets forth the procedure for written petitions. Any member of the public may submit a written request raising any issue or item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Per the policy, the written request will be submitted on the agenda, in the form substantially provided by the requestor, without any staff analysis, including fiscal review, legal review and policy review. If a simple majority of the City Council supports further study of the request, then a full staff analysis shall be prepared within thirty (30) days, unless otherwise directed by the City Council.

Per discussions with VTA, when presenting the TOC Strategy Study VTA will request that the Council:

- Endorse the holistic approach to creating TOCs in Santa Clara County and accept the recommendations of the Strategy Study as the appropriate starting point for this;
- Direct staff to prioritize implementation of land use, infrastructure, and funding programs; and
- Review implementation progress on a regular basis, in collaboration with VTA and other stakeholders.

Staff met with VTA multiple times to review the Study and is very appreciative of VTA's time and effort coordinating with the City. Staff submitted feedback on a number of items in the Study, and this communication was shared with Council throughout the process. If Council elects to place this item in a future Agenda, staff will need to develop a Council report, provide analysis on areas of concern, and develop a presentation if necessary

The Tentative Meeting Agenda Calendar is included as part of the City Council agenda packet for scheduling consideration.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with considering the request to be placed on a future agenda except staff time and expense.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) in that it is a fiscal activity that does not involve commitment to a specific project which may result in potential significant impact on the environment.

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov) <<mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov>> or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

**RECOMMENDATION**

There is no staff recommendation for this issue.

Reviewed by: Nora Pimentel, Assistant City Clerk

Approved by: Deanna J. Santana, City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Written Petition
2. Policy and Procedure 030 - Adding an Item on the Agenda
3. Tentative Meeting Agenda Calendar