



**CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
BART TO SAN JOSÉ/SILICON VALLEY**

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007

The Council of the City of San José convened in a Study Session at 8:44 a.m. to discuss the BART to San José/Silicon Valley.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chirco, Constant, Cortese, Liccardo, Nguyen, Pyle, Williams; Reed.

Absent: Council Members - None.

Staff: City Manager Les White, City Attorney Richard Doyle, Redevelopment Agency Executive Director Harry S. Mavrogenes, Deputy City Manager Dan McFadden, Chief Development Officer, City Manager's Office, Paul Krutko, Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Joe Horwedel, Deputy Executive Director Redevelopment Agency John Weis, City Clerk Lee Price and Legislative Secretary Susan Davis.

Documents filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Transportation James Helmer, dated March 14, 2007, transmitting the outcome and purpose of the study session. (2) Staff presentation, BART to San José/Silicon Valley Project, dated March 22, 2007.

Introduction

Mayor Reed presented opening remarks and stated that BART needs to come to San José, the largest City in the Santa Clara Valley.

Council Member Pyle arrived 8:48 a.m. Council Member Liccardo arrived at 8:51 a.m.

Director of Transportation James Helmer summarized the goals of the Study Session.

Michael Burns, General Manager, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), presented the project scope and Status. Jack Collins, Chief Construction Officer, VTA, presented an overview of the preferred alternative for BART to Milpitas, San José and Santa Clara.

Council Member Williams arrived at 9:16 a.m. Council Member Campos arrived at 9:23 a.m.

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Key Stakeholder Perspectives

The Key Stakeholder Perspectives were presented by Laura Stuchinsky, Director of Transportation and Land Use-Silicon Valley Leadership Group; Connie Martinez, Executive Director-Children's Discovery Museum and Founder of First ACT Silicon Valley; Scott Knies, Executive Director-San José Downtown Association and Pat Dando, President-San José Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Director of Transportation James Helmer introduced the next panel.

Regional Policy Issues

Michael Burns, Legislative and Public Affairs-VTA; Randy Rentscher, Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Carl Guardino, President & CEO-Silicon Valley Leadership Group and member of the California Transportation Commission summarized the agency roles and relationships; regional perspectives, funding status and strategies; and land use policy.

Council questions followed.

Overview of Project Planning, Design and Construction

Carolyn Gonot, Chief Development Officer and Jack Collins, Chief Construction Officer-VTA, presented an overview of project planning, design and construction.

City Opportunities and Issues

Deputy Director of Department of Transportation Hans Larsen presented an overview of City Staff involvement, major project issues and near term City policy decisions.

Council questions followed.

Mayor Reed adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

Lee Price, MMC
City Clerk

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