



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Raul Perez

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: June 4, 2021

Approved by:

Date: 06/04/2021

**SUBJECT: Cooperative Agreements for BART Silicon Valley Phase II
Extension Project**

RECOMMENDATION

Accept staff recommendation and direct the City Manager to

1. Negotiate with the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to include in the draft Construction Transportation Management Plan (CTMP) that:
 - a. In addition to coordinating with the Downtown Construction Coordinator, to also coordinate with the respective impacted City Council Offices,
 - b. Modify any notification radius that currently at 500 feet to reflect 1,000 feet from any construction site, and
 - c. As the BART project and other major development projects in the Diridon Area move towards construction, VTA will work collaboratively with the City to update the Transportation and Parking Management Plan (TPMP) for Arena access during construction; the final CTMPs will be informed by applicable updates of the TPMP.
2. Work with VTA to ensure that the Small Business Task Force and all San Jose Stations Community Working Groups receive ongoing updates on the developing Small Business Assistance Program – a program which should not foreclose the possibility of a Business Interruption Fund for businesses that are directly impacted by BART construction.

DISCUSSION

Thank you to both City and VTA staff for working collaboratively to bring forth the first of three cooperative agreements between the agencies for what will be the largest public works project in San Jose's history. A project of this scale demands precise, and well executed implementation of communications and coordination among agencies, residents and the business community. Boring six miles of tunnel underneath Downtown San Jose along with a significant amount of utility and infrastructure construction work over a multi-year duration will create impacts to the normal operation of our Downtown. What can be avoided, or at the very least mitigated, are potential errors and mistakes that could create great harm to our local economy and residential ecosystem. I believe that the various plans and strategies that are being developed, coupled with the recommendations included here, will help achieve that critical goal of transparency and seamless communication -- and deliver a transit project in a manner that we can all be proud of.