



Dumbarton Rail Update

Board of Directors
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Presentation Outline

- **Project History**
- **Dumbarton Rail Corridor - Environmental Review process**
- **Request for information on restarting the environmental review process**
- **Next Steps**



History of Project

- TA financed purchase of Dumbarton right of way for \$14 million in 1994; SamTrans is owner of record of Dumbarton Rail Corridor
- 1988 Measure A funds provided \$14 million for the purchase
- TA Board approved transfer of \$50 million from Grade Separation to Caltrain category for Rapid Rail project, for use on Dumbarton Rail
- 2004 Measure A provided \$30 million for Dumbarton station facilities through East Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Redwood City

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Dumbarton Rail – Project and Funding Partners

- Funding and Project partners
 - SMCTA
 - VTA
 - Alameda
 - MTC
 - CCJPA
- Original funding commitments have since been redirected to other projects because the project was placed on hold

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Environmental Review Process

- Funding partners established a policy advisory committee for the environmental review process
- 3 rail alternatives, range from \$721 million to \$806 million in 2011 dollars
- Environmental review process began in 2010; placed on hold in 2012 when Alameda sales tax failed
- Environmental review process suspended due to the lack of a robust funding plan
- Funding partners have since re-directed the funds

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Information Request

- A subset of the original policy advisory committee voted to continue advocacy
 - Cities include Newark, Union City, Redwood City, Menlo Park and East Palo Alto
- City representatives requested:
 - Information on the restart of environmental review for the rail project
 - \$400k to \$500k – environmental support
 - \$40k to \$60k – staff support
 - TA and ACTC to continue staff and funding support
- TA and ACTC staff met on May 4, 2015 to discuss the information request

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Other Related Planning and Project Efforts

- City of Menlo Park General Plan update, and related transportation studies
- Facebook is exploring the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian trail along the Dumbarton west bay rail corridor

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TA's considerations

- TA concludes its work in the Dumbarton Rail project, with no additional funding to restart environmental review
- Consider exploring other options, including:
 - Engage in planning efforts with ACTC on other transportation solutions along the Dumbarton corridor
 - Engage in planning efforts on possible transportation solutions along the Dumbarton corridor in San Mateo County
 - Costs for planning studies will need to be determined, and funding will need to be secured

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Next Steps

- **City representatives meet on 5/29 to receive updates on the information request to TA and ACTC**
- **Staff returns to the TA Board with recommendations on next steps at a later meeting**

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Questions/Comments

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