



June 19, 2008

Attention: Victor Carniglia
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Community Development Department
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Subject: EIR Scoping for the Hillcrest Station Area Specific Plan

Dear Mr. ^{Victor}~~Carniglia~~:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide EIR scoping comments on the proposed Hillcrest Station Area Specific Plan. The City of Brentwood has several issues of concern related to this project that we would like analyzed in the EIR.

The City of Brentwood currently has no direct access to rapid transit and the proposed eBART Hillcrest Station project would extend service closer to the City. Please include in the Hillcrest Station Area Specific Plan EIR circulation analysis information about the viability of future extension phases of BART service beyond the Station Area for the various modes and location alternatives under study as part of the proposed eBART extension. This analysis should provide project stakeholders with a better understanding of which proposed Station Area project circulation and land use alternatives will facilitate or hinder future Phase 2 extensions closer to the City of Brentwood. The project description should include information on the expected timeframe that the proposed Hillcrest Station location will serve as a terminal BART service station in order to assess the long-term impacts of the proposed project and adequately evaluate a reasonable range of alternatives.

City of Brentwood BART riders currently utilize automobiles and busses to access the Pittsburg / Bay Point BART Station. Ridership of eBART will be heavily influenced by the cost and availability of auto parking. Please include a parking analysis in the EIR of various auto parking supply options to accommodate BART system riders who will access the eBART station and Station Area by automobile. Parking supply options studied should include free parking, pre-paid reserved parking, tiered parking charges based on time of day, carpool/vanpool parking discounts, and a combination of these pricing strategies to help evaluate physical auto parking supply and configuration. In addition, the EIR should evaluate various Hillcrest eBART station physical parking location options. The EIR alternatives should include analysis of both surface parking and parking structures to accommodate BART riders from Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley, and unincorporated areas of east Contra Costa County. The type and amount of parking

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will affect satisfaction of the draft project goal relating to ridership and the amount of land needed to accommodate the Hillcrest Avenue eBART station within the Station Area Plan boundaries.

The Station Area EIR should analyze bus transit access and existing route modifications from Antioch, Brentwood, and Oakley to Hillcrest Avenue to accommodate individuals accessing the eBART system by bus. Feeder bus frequency, type, and schedule coordination with eBART service should be discussed to evaluate access efficiency and satisfaction of project objectives relating to connectivity and transit ridership.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact me by phone at (925) 516-5150 or by email wrhodes@ci.brentwood.ca.us. We look forward to receiving a copy of the draft EIR when it becomes available.

Sincerely,



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