

EL CERRITO DEL NORTE

PLANNING An El Cerrito del Norte BART Comprehensive Station Plan (CSP) was completed in June 2004.

The City has recently embarked on an economic development planning process for the San Pablo Avenue corridor with the del Norte BART station as a major node. This planning effort will define the market area and determine what types of economic development could be supported in El Cerrito. This planning effort will also inform the Master Planning process described below.

The West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) is currently in the process of updating its Subregional Transportation Mitigation (developer impact fee) Program. If the cities adopt the new fee schedule, the City of El Cerrito will be eligible for over \$6 million for infrastructure costs associated with the development of a transit-oriented development at the del Norte BART station. In addition, BART will be eligible for approximately \$22 million for access and parking improvements at West County stations. Finally, BART was allocated \$10 million in Measure J funds for parking and access improvements at West County BART stations.

DEVELOPMENT The City of El Cerrito has expressed interest for BART and the City to jointly engage a master developer to plan for a transit-oriented development at the El Cerrito del Norte station area. A developer has recently acquired several privately-owned properties in the area, and has an exclusive negotiating agreement with the City for city-owned parcels. In addition to a master developer, the City and BART are considering engaging a master planner to adequately plan for circulation and access improvements. These activities are likely to be fully underway in this fiscal year.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS The District is installing accessible fare gates to accommodate the access needs of customers in wheelchairs, bicyclists, and others with luggage.

REINVESTMENT This station had new energy-efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed throughout the parking garage in 2002 and is scheduled to have the same installed within the station itself and throughout the surface parking lot in 2005. This station also had the parking lot surface rehabilitated in 2003. This station is scheduled to have upgraded replacement ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed. Included in the parking lot rehabilitation is repair and resurfacing of the lot, as well as the re-striping and renumbering of the stalls, and the replacement of pavement markings with long-life thermoplastic markings. Lots are also realigned to maximize space utilization and to support the District's new long-term parking program.