

EL CERRITO PLAZA

PLANNING A station capacity plan is currently being prepared for the El Cerrito Plaza station. The capacity plan considers vertical circulation, platform space, emergency egress, automatic fare collection facilities, and other key issues in light of projected increases in ridership.

In 2004, the City of El Cerrito, with the concurrence of BART, WCCTAC and CCTA, abandoned its plans for constructing a 400-space BART parking garage near the El Cerrito Plaza BART station. The approximately \$6.2 million in Measure C funds earmarked for this garage were reallocated to the Richmond Redevelopment Agency to help fund the Richmond BART station parking garage, and to the City of Hercules to provide additional parking spaces at the new Hercules Transit Center. The developer of the El Cerrito parking garage is proceeding with a development on the shopping center site that includes 128 residential units.

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, BART will be eligible for approximately \$22 million for access and parking improvements at West County stations. In addition, BART was allocated \$10 million in Measure J funds for parking and access improvements at West County BART stations.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS The City of El Cerrito has installed 48 new bicycle lockers at the station along the Ohlone Greenway. These are electronic lockers and are not reserved in advanced. The lockers are accessed through with a ‘BikeLink’ card, which is available at the City of El Cerrito Administrative Offices, the El Cerrito Plaza BART station snack bar, or online at www.bikelink.org.

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 lot in 2003 and is scheduled to have them installed within the station itself in 2004. This station also had the parking lot surface rehabilitated in 2003. This station will have upgraded replacement ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed. These projects are part of ongoing station renovation program activities. 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.