

LAFAYETTE

PLANNING The City of Lafayette is currently participating in the State Route 24 Transit Alternative Study, which is evaluating capacity enhancing alternatives to driving in the westbound direction during the morning commute. This study, which is being conducted by CCTA, is evaluating three potential strategies including a westbound HOV lane; westbound queue jump lanes; and a new BART line from Pittsburg/Bay Point to South Hayward. BART, the cities of Orinda, Moraga and Walnut Creek, County Connection and Caltrans are also participating in this study which is expected to conclude this fall.

BART staff recently assisted the City of Lafayette with an application for funding through MTC's Safe Routes to Transit program. The proposed project would fund a new pathway between Lafayette BART and the downtown, including a civic plaza, landscaping, lighting, signage, and ADA-compliant upgrades to the southern entrance of BART.

DEVELOPMENT Adjacent to the Lafayette BART station, the "Small Town Downtown" project, a mixed used development featuring housing, retail, and office space, will soon enter its final phase with construction of retail and office buildings. Currently, the property is used for fee-based subscription parking for BART patrons. As the site moves into the development phase, the City will be searching for a suitable site for replacement parking.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS. In 2004, BART reinstated the parking validation program at the Lafayette station. The program was necessary to deter non-BART users from using the parking garage.

In March 2005, the BART Board approved the institution of parking fees at stations which had sold 15% of the parking spaces at the stations for reserved parking, or where the local jurisdiction had requested the a daily parking fee be established. The daily parking fees are or will be at ten East Bay stations including the Lafayette Station. The initial starting daily parking fee at the station will be \$1 per day. Monthly, single day, and airport/long-term parking permits can also be used at the station.

The City of Lafayette leases 35 parking spaces to BART riders at a lot near the station on Mt. Diablo Blvd. The City raised the monthly charge for these spaces to \$60. Parking charges on streets adjacent to the station were also raised from \$3 to \$5 per day.

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 the parking lot surface rehabilitated in 2003. Included in the parking lot rehabilitation are 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. This station is also scheduled to have new, energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed inside the station in 2005. This station has had replacement, ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed.