

PLEASANT HILL

PLANNING The Pleasant Hill Comprehensive Station Plan (CSP) was completed in 2002.

The CSP defines BART's short-and long-term improvement needs for the station itself. Access and internal station function were emphasized in this effort. The CSP focused a multi-departmental team on safety, vertical circulation, platform adequacy, queuing, and boundaries of the paid area, among other things.

The County Redevelopment Agency, together with BART, is currently involved in a planning process to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the station by linking communities in Concord through a new multi-use path. The study, funded by MTC Transportation for Livable Communities grant, is seeking to build consensus on the most appropriate alignment for a pedestrian path.

DEVELOPMENT A long and intensive process is leading to the introduction of a new transit community at this station. The Pleasant Hill BART station Community Plan proposes five blocks of pedestrian-oriented streets that connect the station with surrounding neighborhoods. Proposed elements include residential units (rental and for sale), office, storefront retail, and public building space as well as connections to the Iron Horse Trail.

In August 2003, the BART Board authorized creation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) among BART, Contra Costa County and the County's Redevelopment Agency. In turn, the JPA has negotiated a long-term ground lease and development agreement with Millennium Partners to implement the charrette results. The JPA authorized execution of all relevant agreements between itself and Millennium Partners in June 2005. The \$220 million project will consist of 515 residential units (100 will be for sale), approximately 40,000 square feet of retail/community space, and a 290,000 square foot office building.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS. BART staff is working cooperatively with UC Berkeley and the California Department of Transportation on the "Easy Connect" project. The project provides new lockers for bicycles, electronic bicycles, and Segways. By partnering with local employers, the intent of the program is to give patrons an additional means of reaching their final destination. The users will be able to use the extensive network of trails that run in close proximity to the station to reach their final destination.

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

REINVESTMENT This station is scheduled to have the platform canopies re-roofed in late 2005 as part of ongoing station renovation program activities.

Upgraded replacement ADA-compliant platform edge tiles were installed in 2004.