

RICHMOND

PLANNING The Richmond BART Comprehensive Station Plan (CSP) was completed in June 2004.

In conjunction with the North Richmond Neighborhood House, a local community-based organization, BART conducted an outreach project evaluating residents' use of the Richmond BART station. This project was funded through a Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant awarded to BART to conduct community-based planning efforts in three low-income neighborhoods in order to expand access to the BART system. Findings from this study were incorporated into the Comprehensive Station Plan (CSP) which was completed in June 2004.

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 Richmond Transit Village will be eligible for approximately \$15 million for infrastructure costs. In addition, BART will be eligible for approximately \$22 million for station improvements. Finally, BART was allocated \$10 million in Measure J funds for parking and access improvements at West County BART stations.

DEVELOPMENT In April 1999, the BART Board and Richmond City Council authorized exclusive negotiations with the Olson Company for a mixed-use development project at the Richmond BART station. The Richmond Transit Village Project will consist of for-sale housing, retail and a cultural arts facility. The plan's proposed parking facility would consist of one floor as designated long-term paid parking. In addition, a new intermodal AC Transit/Amtrak/BART station will be constructed at grade, as part of the transit village. This intermodal station will lead into the existing underground BART Station. A Development Agreement was approved in April 2002 among BART, the City and the Olson Company. Construction of some of the housing was completed in 2004.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS The City and WCCTAC have funded a new station entrance for the west side of the Richmond BART station. A maintenance agreement has been executed between the City and BART to address the new station once completed. The City expects to begin construction in the fall of 2005.

REINVESTMENT This station canopy was re-roofed in 2004 and new energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps were installed throughout the parking lot and the station in 2005. This station had upgraded replacement ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed in 2004.