

UNION CITY

PLANNING The Union City station is one of three stations for which BART completed a Comprehensive Station Plan (CSP) in 2002. BART staff prepared the CSP to coordinate with Union City's General Plan update and Redevelopment Plan Amendment, each with an emphasis on "smart growth" and centered upon BART as a primary transit service provider in the sub-region. The CSP defines conceptual development, access, station capacity, and expansion plans for the 50-acre station district. In February 2004, the BART Board approved moving forward with implementation of a series of infrastructure and access improvements defined as a Phase 1 project. This work, led by the City and supported by BART, sets the stage for future private transit-oriented development and the next phases of public improvements necessary for realization of the plan.

Next phases of site and station work include finalization of the design details related to BART, the conceptual plan of the former PG&E site for development, a transit parking study leading to definition of parking garage location and design, zoning updates and implementation of the plan design guidelines.

Passenger Rail Study: Environmental impact studies are underway for a proposed passenger rail facility adjacent to the Union City BART station. The two-part analysis includes a northern alignment study led by Union City, focused upon Capitol corridor, and a southern cross-bay alignment, led by Caltrain, focused upon future Dumbarton Rail service. Through the CSP, the partners identified how commuter rail would connect with the existing BART station. The future conceptual expansion of the BART station includes becoming a two-sided station integrated with the new passenger rail station to provide a continuous concourse. Other future capacity improvements include exterior station treatments to connect with the new commuter rail station, new elevators, emergency stairways and platform expansion.

DEVELOPMENT In 2002, the City acquired the 30-acre property from PG&E, directly adjacent to the BART property to the east. BART continues to work with the City to effectuate implementation of a transit-oriented development project in keeping with the Station District Plan.

Avalon Bay Communities, Inc. is pursuing entitlements through the City for an approximately 450-unit residential project on six acres immediately south of the BART parking lot.

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 inside the station and have the station platform canopies re-

roofed in 2005. The parking lot will be reconfigured and re-paved as part of the Phase I project. This station will have upgraded replacement ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed.