

Irvington Station Update: Measure BB Funds at Work for Updates to Conceptual Site Plan



June 28, 2019 - Since first conceptualized in the late 1970's, the BART extension to southern Fremont was intended to include two stations – one in the Warm Springs district and one in the Irvington district of Fremont. However, by the late 1990's, it became doubtful that sufficient funding could be identified to construct the entire two-station extension as originally envisioned. By the time Alameda County voters passed Measure B in November of 2000, the Irvington Station was considered to be an optional station, which would be added if and when funding could be identified by the City of Fremont. The City of Fremont and BART have continued to work together since then to make the Irvington Station a reality. In 2011 the City was prepared to pay for the station with Redevelopment funding, however that plan was thwarted when the State of California eliminated Redevelopment Agencies statewide.

In 2014, Alameda County voters approved Measure BB, which allocated \$120 million towards a station at Irvington. This funding would come too late to include Irvington Station as part of the extension to Warm Springs/South Fremont Station that opened in Spring 2017, however, provisions to facilitate future construction of the Irvington Station under operating conditions were included in the extension project

Over the past two years, the Measure BB funds allocated by the Alameda County Transportation Commission have been hard at work to update the conceptual station site plan to reflect current BART policies, practices and standards, as well as input from the community and other project stakeholders. Proposed changes to the 2003 conceptual site plan will be addressed, per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in an addendum to the Warm Springs Extension project EIR/SEIR. The revised project and the CEQA addendum will be presented to the BART Board of Directors for adoption later this summer.

Located halfway between Fremont and Warm Springs/South Fremont stations near the intersection of Osgood Rd and Washington Blvd, the Irvington Station will be relatively small in scale, providing a neighborhood feel that emphasizes pedestrian, bicycle, bus and auto pick-up/drop-off access and minimizes automobile parking and resulting traffic impacts. The station project will also include construction of the East Bay Greenway bicycle trail within site boundaries, as well as the stabilization and protection of the historic Gallegos Winery ruins, bringing that site up to City park standards.

As part of this same effort, a Station Area Plan has been prepared that provides a vision for how the station and approved land uses will integrate with the surrounding community. The Station Area Plan will be presented to the City of Fremont Planning Commission for consideration and the City Council for approval this summer.

With the conceptual and environmental updates nearly complete, the next step is to begin design. Preliminary engineering will advance the design to 30% completion and will take approximately 14 months to complete. Final design, right-of-way acquisition, procurement and construction are expected to follow with a goal of opening Irvington Station in late 2026.

For additional information, visit the [Warm Springs Extension Project Overview](#) or the [City of Fremont's website](#).