



November 7, 2014

A Message to the Alum Rock Community,

We have been deeply affected by the community concerns regarding the Alum Rock BART Station. The last few days have been a learning experience, and we appreciate the many emails and helpful documents that community members shared outlining the depth of community involvement in the development of plans around this significant part of the proposed BART alignment.

We also realize the extent of the effort by many individuals and groups who gave their time to create a vision for a vibrant and economically beneficial asset for the Five Wounds Neighborhood and adjoining areas. It is our goal to enhance this neighborhood and provide opportunities for economic development that will benefit both the community and the BART extension.

We want to assure the community that the Alum Rock Station at 28th Street will be included in the forthcoming environmental document for Phase 2 of VTA's Extension of BART to Silicon Valley. This document will provide the necessary environmental clearance to allow us the opportunity to review each of the four stations along the six-mile corridor.

It is our commitment to work in an open and collaborative way with the community to address the challenges we face in bringing this project to fruition. It is through the strength of our partners in the community that we can seek to create vibrant, economically viable and successful development along the planned BART corridor.

We look forward to working with you as we move this project forward.

Respectfully,

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Ash Kalra
VTA Board Chair

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Nuria I. Fernandez
VTA General Manager/CEO