

Frequently Asked Questions

Berryessa BART Urban Village



What is the Envision San José 2040 General Plan?

The Envision San José 2040 General Plan is the City's blueprint for the future growth of San José. Approved in 2011 by the City Council, it reflects the input of thousands of residents and businesses. Urban villages are a key strategy in the plan for how and where San José grows.

What is an Urban Village?

Urban villages bring housing, retail, and jobs together with higher-density, mixed-used developments. They typically locate along transit corridors to reduce car use and promote walking, bicycling, and transit use.

What are the benefits of an Urban Village?

Instead of "urban sprawl," urban villages provide a place for people to live, work, and play. This concentrated approach reduces traffic and greenhouse gas emissions, and supports healthy living with less time in cars. Economic development and growth is promoted in key locations, helping to take pressure off developing in environmentally sensitive areas.

How big is the Berryessa BART Urban Village plan area?

The current area is roughly 270 acres. It consists of single-family homes, townhouses, apartments, small retail plazas, industrial uses, the Berryessa/North San José BART station, and the San José Flea Market.

What is the planned housing and job growth for Berryessa BART?

- **Planned Job Capacity:** 22,100 jobs
- **Jobs Area:** 6.7 Million Square Feet
- **Planned Housing Yield:** 4,814 dwelling units

When will the BART station open?

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) estimates that the BART station will be operational by the end of 2019. Learn more at www.vta.org/bart/berryessa.

How many people will use this BART station?

VTA predicts 25,000 daily passengers by 2030 at the Berryessa/North San José BART station. For this number of passengers, it's critical that the Village Plan provides for a dense, transit-centric, urban environment.

What about parking and traffic?

Addressing parking and traffic is a key part of the planning process. We'll discuss direct access to U.S. Highway 101 and provision of parking for those who choose to drive. Importantly, a key goal is to make it easier for people to reach their destinations without driving. We'll consider trail improvements, safe pedestrian and cycling networks, bicycle storage, and how technology might shape our transportation options.

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What will happen to the Flea Market site?

The owner of the San José Flea Market has submitted a rezoning proposal to develop the site. We hear they may be exploring options for relocating their vendors to other locations in San José. This redevelopment will be a key part of realizing the vision for this Urban Village.

How will the public be engaged in the Berryessa BART Urban Village plan?

A series of three workshops will occur between fall 2018 and fall 2019, and a Planning Commission hearing will occur in spring 2020. Upon approval by the Planning Commission, the Plan will go to City Council for final adoption.

- **WORKSHOP 1 – Community Values & Guiding Principles**

At this workshop, you're invited to share ideas about development in this area. This will help the City frame the Values and Guiding Principles for the development of the Berryessa BART Urban Village Plan.

- **WORKSHOP 2 – Plan Development**

During this workshop, you're invited to provide feedback on key aspects of the Conceptual Plan.

- **WORKSHOP 3 – Open House**

Staff will present the Draft Plan and seek final comments during this open house. After addressing these final comments, staff will prepare to present the plan to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval.

- **Online survey**

You can provide feedback through an online survey created for facilitating broader public input on the Berryessa BART Urban Village Plan. Find the survey at:

<http://berryessabarturbanvillage.com>.

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