

## Community Based Transportation Planning Grants

### Comprehensive Station Area Planning in EJ Communities

- **Grant Recipient:** SF BART
- **County:** Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Mateo

**Project Area** - Cities of Concord, Daly City, San Leandro; Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Mateo Counties

**Project Focus** - As a regional transit provider and a promoter of smart growth and transit-oriented development, BART plays a critical role in providing transportation and related services to over 310,000 daily riders. Many residents depend on BART daily to get to work, school, medical appointments, recreation, and other activities. Many others use the BART stations as intermodal hubs to connect to local transit. Small business owners, employers, and service providers in communities near BART stations depend on transit access for their own viability and vitality. However a community may access the stations, they view the stations as a community asset and a stimulator of economic development within their city.

**Project Goals** - This grant would provide funding for BART and its community partners to conduct the access and land use components of BART's Comprehensive Stations Plans (CSPs) at three BART station areas: Bay Fair; Concord/North Concord; and Daly City. The purpose of the grant is to conduct a collaborative planning process at each station area to enhance the planning programmed for FY 03-04. A project amount of \$120,000 per station would provide for consultant

assistance to conduct community forums, charrettes, and workshops designed to create a community vision of the station and its surrounding neighborhood with an emphasis on walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods.

**Community Outreach** – Public participation for this project included BART patron interviews and community workshops. The focus of the workshops was on the station area itself: how it serves the surrounding area; how it impacts multi-modal (and especially, pedestrian) access; and what role it plays in the long-term goals of San Francisco and BART

**Project Outcome** - Each CSP examines how effectively a station meets the present and future needs of its passengers and surrounding community. The CSP does this by examining three key elements: Station area development; station access; and station capacity and functionality. BART staff will use CSPs to evaluate the scope and timing of proposed station projects or initiatives, to seek grant funds, and to communicate with the public and other agencies.

#### **Planning Goals Realized** -

- Reduce dependence on single occupant vehicle trips;
- Reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

