FULL BART to LIVERMORE

Reducing Traffic • Getting Our Fair Share

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What Is The Issue?

A: Livermore residents have been paying taxes for BART operations for years and traffic congestion on Interstate 580 is only getting worse. While BART is currently being planned for Livermore, other interests outside our city may not support Full BART to Livermore and would prefer a larger percentage of funds for their communities. The City of Livermore is championing Full BART to Livermore to help reduce traffic and ensure Livermore resident get their fair share of regional tax dollars.

Q: Where Would The BART Station Be Located?

A: The BART station would be located in the I-580 median at Isabel Avenue. There is no downtown station location proposed.

Q: What Is The Process For Getting BART To Livermore?

A: BART is the lead agency for analyzing and planning construction of the BART Station. They are also evaluating alternatives to full BART service, including diesel/electrical light rail, dedicated-lane/express bus service, and enhanced bus service. The City of Livermore is the lead agency for land use planning around the BART Station area. For this process the City is preparing the Isabel Neighborhood Plan. The goal of the Isabel Neighborhood Plan is to create a safe, vibrant neighborhood that complements the BART extension, positions Livermore to receive its fair share of regional transportation funds, and improves our quality of life.

Q: How will Full BART to Livermore Help Reduce Traffic?

A: The I-580 Crawl is out of control and only getting worse. BART to Livermore will reduce the number of cars on local streets and highways, improving traffic flow and air quality. BART to Livermore reduces traffic on I-580 so residents can spend less time in traffic and more time at home with their families.

Q: How Do We Make Sure Livermore Gets Its Fair Share Of Money?

A: Get involved! There will be opportunities to share your views about Full BART to Livermore and provide feedback on the Isabel Neighborhood Plan. The City of Livermore will continue to champion full BART service to Livermore.

Q: How Can I Make Sure My Voice Is Heard?

A: For information on how you can participate in the process and to sign up for updates, go to the City of Livermore's official website at: www.cityoflivermore.net/BART. You can also complete a feedback form to share your views about Full BART to Livermore and the BART to Isabel Neighborhood Plan.

Q: Will there be enough parking?

A: As Livermore residents have been very clear that they want Full BART to Livermore in the I-580 median with ample parking, that is the vision that the City champions.

Q: Will the Livermore BART Station increase crime in Livermore?

A: According to Livermore's Police Chief Michael Harris, there is no evidence to suggest that riders of the BART to Isabel extension will increase crime in the city. There is no downtown station location proposed for Livermore. Dublin, Pleasanton, Lafayette, Orinda, and Walnut Creek all have stations and low crime rates.

Q: Haven't Livermore residents been paying for BART for years?

A: Yes, Livermore residents have been paying for BART operations since its inception. Funding measures have been enacted by voters to fund extension BART to Isabel Ave, including Measure BB in 2014, which dedicates $400 million in sales tax funds. These funds are essential for leveraging additional regional, state and federal funding.

Q: Who has authority over the Livermore BART station?

A: The City of Livermore is responsible for land use planning in the area around the station, which requires the Livermore City Council to approve a neighborhood plan for the station area. The BART Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for making the final decision over the extension of BART to Isabel Avenue. These processes are both happening at the same time, with the City and BART working together to consider how the projects affect each other.

BART is responsible for development of the station on their property (platform, parking, access, etc.). The City will coordinate with them to guide design and functioning of the station. The City and other agencies will be responsible for infrastructure improvements in the station area outside of BART's jurisdiction such as street modifications.

Q: When would the station open?

A: Currently, the extension is expected to be completed between 2022 and 2025.