

**WONA General Meeting**  
**Virtual on Zoom**  
**1/25/2021**

**Meeting Facilitator - Daphna Woolfe**

**Chat Monitor - Joan Johnsen**

**Meeting - Monitor - Bill Cope**

**Meeting start 7PM**

**Agenda**

- 1) Introduction of the Guests
- 2) Goals beginning of a process
- 3) Developer Presentations - Federal Realty, Westfield, Pulte
- 4) SJ District 1 Office - Vice Mayor Chappie Jones
- 5) City Presentations - Jessica Zenk - DoT, VTA
- 6) Questions from the board and the public
- 7) Commitments or action items

• **WONA Board**

- Winchester Senior Homeowners Liaison to WONA is now Dave Johnsen

• **Contact Info for tonight's guests**

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**Federal Realty / Santana West / Seth Bland**

- \$8.8M was paid in fees. This includes permit fees. ~\$4.5M are Transportation related fees. Specific use not final. The fees were baked into the conditions of approval.
- The Intersections also include involvement from VTA, Caltrans, Westfield
- The Santana West Project is obligated to make improvements adjacent to the project. They will rebuild the Winchester Olin, Olsen intersections. For example,
  - Addition of left turn pockets, right turn pockets
  - Winchester southbound will have a new right turn
  - Traffic calming will be implemented for Hanson and Spar. Today there is a temporary solution to get neighborhood feedback. Question to WONA residents - Are the improvements doing their job?
  - Protected intersection improvement (also a Westfield responsibility)
  - Construction of the portion of sidewalk along Olin (Maplewood to Hanson) on the south side is included in the approved improvement plans
- Question – Will there be just gravel from Federal to Chris Scanlon? Seth thinks so. Also a question of is the sidewalk discontinuous?

**Westfield/Valley Fair / Dan Hill**

- I880/I280 Improvements - \$3M contribution has already been paid
- Westfield is actively working the Federal Realty and the City on the Stevens Creek Santana Row 'Interchange'. This was in the 2008 Planning improvement. >\$1M is allocated (it is part of the overall project) They hope to get approval soon and to finish development this year

**Pulte / Winchester Ranch Development / Scott Hilk, Bill Sadler - Win**

- Pulte is required to pave Winchester and 280 entrance – slightly <\$1M. There is some widening work at the Winchester and 280 entrance
- They will participate in some Intersection improvement work at Winchester and Stevens Creek and also at Monroe and Stevens Creek ~\$1M. There is some question with the City of Santa Clara on who is doing the work vs who is paying for it. Topic is coming up in H1CY2021 (1<sup>st</sup> cycle of 2021).

- Winchester Ranch Improvements – Includes a pedestrian/bike parkway to connect to the adjacent streets.
- Current Status –
  - Some coaches are being removed in preparation for the new build start. A Contractor in Sacramento refurbishing the coaches. Some will go to Paradise (people impacted by the fire), some may go to Southern California.
  - Pulte will own the Winchester Ranch property in early April. At that time, they will start to execute the turnkey park agreement. A sales operation will open ~18 months from the first Close.
  - Hanover Park Builder – will own and build the apartments planned for the front of the park.
  - Timing – open sales operation ~18 months from first Close.  
Be building 2.5 – 3 years
  - A Neighborhood park is included in the build. Pulte has been working with the SJ Parks Department. A 35% submission has been sent to the Parks Dept. They expect SJ comment ~mid-Feb

#### **San Jose District 1 Office / Chappie Jones, David Gomez, Cassidy Kohl**

- Chappie has 23 months remaining in his tenure. Most important is take care of his constituents. Most focus over the last year is people working on homeless, feeding people, and vaccines. But some new topics are not starting up.
- One focus area is new affordable housing for teachers, fire, police, ....
- There is also a need to abate the homeless encampments. If the camp is a danger to community then the city can act. Otherwise, the city wants community involvement in the homeless solution. The city will spend \$2 -\$3B on Housing.
- Project Hope – started with Cadillac. The program includes giving the neighborhood pride, helping them to know how to use city services and teaching them to speak up.
- Innovation Zone – The scope was very broad. It started year ago January.
  - Program includes Autonomous Vehicles and Electric Scooters.
  - Set up a program to feed our first responders. Use funds donated for them to get meals
  - A pilot program – Cadillac Winchester – Install devices to detect gunshots, scan license plates, and record video.
- Development
  - 395 South Winchester Blvd (Carnes Piano) has been on hold since April
  - 425 South Winchester (76 station). The Project was approved. They have agreed to the “Daphna 8’ Wall”
  - Planning will have some urban village input sessions. SB330 and other state laws have taken away city leverage to get more amenities, which is disappointing. Make them more walkable, livable.
- Transportation –

- VTA is leading a study to look at high speed capacity from Diridon to Stevens Creek. They did not want BRT (bus rapid transit). An RFI was issued – got several proposals. The study will be a complete study – cars, transit, pedestrians, bikes – Innovation will be part of this process.
- Short term programs like smart signaling have been on hold. They will start up again.
- See Stevens Creek Boulevard "request for information" that the Vice Mayor just referenced: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/transportation/transit/airport-diridon-stevens-creek-connector>
- Question – Innovation Zone – was Siemens a partner when Innovation Zone started?  
**ACTION - Chappie** will contact all the partners and new partners. AT&T was initially a big partner. Need to rebuild the momentum due to COVID.  
ChrisG is interested in being involved in the Siemens intelligent transportations work – and help solve the transportation problems.  
**ACTION – ChrisG** to follow up with Cassidy
- Any suggestions? Please speak up

**San Jose Department of Transportation (DoT) / Jessica Zenk (DoT Deputy Director) and Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)**

- Nov 2019 – Traffic Signal Intelligent system project finished. It allows signals to speak with each other and to be controlled by the Transportation Center. Some of the funding was from the area's new Dev funds
- There are smaller improvements in the urban village plans – Santana Row/Valley Fair, and Winchester Boulevard
- The West San Jose Multimodal Transportation Improvement Plan (WSJ MTIP) is to develop active, walk, bike, transit-oriented mixed use Urban Village
- There is Timeline 2021 plus previous and concurrent planning efforts – urban village, bike plan, innovation zone, etc. etc.
- Pedestrian overcrossing Feasibility Study
  - Cross Stevens Creek at Santana Row
  - Cross Winchester at Stevens Creek
  - Cross Winchester near Santana West
- Fire station #10 on Monroe and 280 Tisch Concerns - How does the 880 north to Tisch exit impact the Monroe Fire Station access? Especially at holiday traffic time? Contact Zahir Gulzadah and Chris Lillie.  
They will maintain 2-way access on Tisch – east and west bound- The intent is to always have 2-way access. They spoke to the Fire Station – they seemed to be OK with the plan.  
Question - What about big fires? This new offramp should give access for other fire stations to quickly participate (#30 would come on freeway to the exit.)  
Need to make sure emergency preemption system works.  
This project is in environmental review now. Then the draft EIR document will be made available.

Timeline – intend to wrap up environmental review and get project approval by end of 2022.  
Final design 2023-2024. Start construction ~2025

- Question about widening the Winchester Bridge.  
Nathan Lee – Protected bike lanes – he doesn't see improvements for safe biking  
In October 2020 a bike plan was agreed. To put better bike lanes as well as barriers between bike and car (more than 350 lanes).  
2025 Bike Plan: <https://www.bikesanjose.com/>
- Potholes – There is a pavement story map. This is what will be done for next 2 years  
<https://gis.sanjoseca.gov/maps/paveprojects/>  
There will also be paving after the construction trucks activity is done. Augustin is the lead.  
By 2028, All roads will be redone
- They have been able to move forward with a few programs.
  - Mercedes Autonomous vehicle project is on hold due to COVID
  - Scooters are implemented in SJ, but not as many wanted
  - Stevens Creek Transit program
  - People who were originally assigned to the autonomous cars project have been 100% allocated to food providing since COVID
- Fees – There are a wide variety of programs.
  - In 2008, Valley Fair contributed to 880 Stevens Creek
  - In 2016 – The first fees were adopted for Winchester 280 improvement
  - Other small improvements are in progress.
- Can Temporary paving be done? Per John Ristow – There is pothole repair \$s to do the bigger patches. Report it through San Jose 311. Fixes are usually done in 48 hours
- Is it correct that traffic from 880 N or S will not be able to exit to Winchester – correct.
- Emergency Signal Preemption Program was done 2019, maybe earlier, At Tisch & Winchester and at Stevens Creek & Winchester. Is the geo fence trigger a 1000ft triggering? Yes – close to that.
  - Stevens Creek Winchester has both Adaptive Technology and also the 1000ft preemption. The 1000ft preemption supersedes the Adaptive Technology
- A feasibility study is being done for the overhead pedestrian ramps
- Community Engagement – Natasha Opfell, Agustin Cuello Leon is the new Doug Moody.
  - A bigger Open House will be held ~ end of March or early April
  - Plus an online survey
  - And there will be an internal gov't technical meeting. Followed by a Summer public meeting to cover the research

**Door Prize Raffle Courtesy of Federal Realty / Santana Row**

**NEXT WONA MEETING - March 15 – Subject: Security**

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## Attachment: Questions/Topics sent to the Guests prior to the Session:

### What are our goals?

The community is asking:

- That the innovation zone designation to be used to create designs and operational plans for the tri-village area that help with mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles.
- For public input into these plans. Who will be the point of contact with the city, so that we can be kept up to date on a regular basis?
- When will the money be released to put the projects into play? We would like to understand the timelines, as these improvements directly affect the homeowners and the businesses on a daily basis.

### Questions/Topics

1. As we work through all the issues with traffic, transportation and mobility how are developers and the city using the innovation zone designation to guide the development? (Developers, City)
2. We would like to see the improvement plan for Stevens Creek Blvd. between Winchester Ave. and the 280-freeway interchange. Is there a map that can be provided? Can you address how his new plan addresses the normal traffic concerns and those associated with the holidays? (DOT)
3. Along with the physical map of improvements for Stevens Creek Blvd. is there an operational plan, using new technologies in the Innovation Zone to enhance the mobility of pedestrians and vehicles along the route? (DOT)
4. Does this plan include separate procedures for all the holidays? (DOT)
5. With regard to the Stevens Creek improvement plan, how much public input has there been? Were meetings held? Surveys taken? (DOT)
6. Is there a traffic study that has been done on Stevens Creek in this area? Can we have the information? When was the study completed? (DOT)
7. The developers are paying fees into the tens of millions for traffic/transportation improvements. How much has been paid by each of the major developers? What are those fees designated for? When will they be used? (Developers, City)
8. Is there a study for alleviating traffic on Winchester north to 280 in the morning? (DOT)
9. The 280 north on ramp straight from Tisch is difficult to navigate, as the lane lines have disappeared. What is being done to fix this? (DOT)
10. Will there be new crosswalks on Stevens Creek and Winchester? (Developers, City)
11. Can we have pedestrian crossing all at once at Stevens Creek and Winchester coordinated with Steven Creek and Santana Row? This has been done in many other cities. (Developers, City)
12. Will there be new bike paths in the area? Is there a map of new bike paths and improvements for bikes? (Developers, City)

13. What is the connectivity between all the developments and developers in the area? Are they working together with the city? (Developers, City)
14. What are the mass transit plans on Stevens Creek and Winchester? How long will these take to implement? An RFP was put out for the area. Where is the response? (DOT, VTA)
15. Is there a plan for transit between Valley Fair and Santana Row, so that everyone only parks their car once? This will keep consumers in the area longer. (Developers, City)
16. What are the plans for 280 North offramp to Winchester? Will this actually happen? (DOT, VTA, Caltrans)
17. Can someone provide a map and explanation for the 280 North offramp project? (DOT, VTA, Caltrans)
18. What are the plans for the widening of the bridge over 280 at Winchester? If the off ramp does not get built will the bridge enhancements still happen? How? (DOT, VTA, Caltrans)
19. What are the plans for ingress and egress for the firehouse on Monroe? (DOT)