

MACARTHUR BART TRANSIT VILLAGE EIR AND CONTRACT PLANNING CITY OF OAKLAND AND MACARTHUR TRANSIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

*“Working with Lynette and Urban Planning Partners’ staff on the MacArthur Transit Village Project EIR and Contract Planning has been **remarkable**. Their ability to facilitate project review and processing within our complex structure of development partners **exceeded my expectations**. Plus they were **on schedule and within budget!**”*

*- Joseph McCarthy,
Project Manager,
MacArthur Transit
Community Partners*

The City of Oakland Redevelopment Agency—in collaboration with MacArthur Transit Community Partners, LLC (a partnership composed of two development firms: BRIDGE Housing Corporation and McGrath Properties, Inc.) and BART—proposed the development of 8 acres immediately adjacent to the MacArthur BART station with a mixed-use, transit-oriented development (TOD). The MacArthur Transit Village project site is located within the Broadway/MacArthur/San Pablo Redevelopment project area. Serving as the central point of Alameda County transportation, the MacArthur BART station is served by three out of five BART system lines, eight AC Transit bus routes, and multiple shuttle services. The transit village has 624 units of high-density housing, approximately 42,500 square feet of ground-floor neighborhood-serving retail, and 5,000 square feet of community space planned. Additional open space, street, and streetscape improvements would provide a significant opportunity for an automobile-free environment.

Lynette Dias served as Principal-in-Charge on this project. Her work on this project was initiated while at LSA associates and then continued at RRM Design Group and Urban Planning Partners. The resultant EIR considers the environmental benefits of TODs, including lower automobile commute rates, enhanced walkability, and efficient utilization of land. Lynette also managed Urban Planning Partners staff who served as City planning staff and were responsible for completing all related City of Oakland planning policy work.



Some of the key issues associated with this project include transportation infrastructure constraints, multi-agency involvement, and community opposition.