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Dear City Council Members,

As the 2014/2015 Capital Improvement Program nears final approval, please include a project to cross Montague Expressway using Personal Rapid Transit (PRT), and schedule the prerequisite \$50,000 EIR for this fiscal year.

Such a crossing would provide a much-needed crossing for the 10,000 people expected to live in the transit area. As you know, congestion at the Montague/Great Mall Parkway intersection is already bad. Adding traffic from new residents living in the transit area plus those driving to the transit hub will make matters worse.

However, the potential for expansion is the primary interest of the Sunnyhills neighborhood. We want clean, convenient transit to the the BART station and transit hub, something that VTA does not currently provide Milpitas residents.

A Milpitas first-in-the-USA PRT system will attract tourists (and their dollars), business opportunities, and major media coverage. Expansion into a BART circulator will create synergy between the Great Mall, transit hub and the entire Transit Area. Expansion into a citywide transit network could save our community - in just five years - far more in gasoline costs than the City's share of building such a network (\$33M vs \$24M) while creating jobs and increasing property values. Studies show that good transportation infrastructure attracts businesses.

At a projected cost that is less than that of a standard steel-and-concrete bridge, combined with the need to address future mobility needs, this is a low-risk opportunity to test a technology that could ultimately solve many of our city's transportation problems. SNA will contribute funds toward the cost of the EIR. Learn more at <http://sunnyhillsneighborhood.org/crossing.html>

Sincerely,

Cc: The Milpitas Post