

1. INTRODUCTION

This document is the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Volume II (Comments, Responses and Revisions) for the proposed BART Warm Springs Extension Project. The Proposed Project is a 7.8-mile three-station extension in Fremont, California between the existing Fremont BART Station and the Alameda/Santa Clara County line. The proposed project, as well as eleven alternatives and various design options, were evaluated in the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR and the Design Appendix were published on July 12, 1991. The formal public review period on the Draft EIR ran until August 26, 1991. BART held a public hearing on the Draft EIR on August 12, 1991 at the Fremont Main Library. Twenty-five people spoke at the public meeting. Thirty-six written comment letters were received during the public comment period.

This Volume, when taken in conjunction with the Draft EIR and Design Appendix, constitutes the Final EIR on the BART Warm Springs Extension Project in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Section 15089 of the CEQA Guidelines. It contains reproductions of all written comments received and a transcript of oral comments made at the public hearing on the Draft EIR as well as written responses to the environmental points raised in the public review process.

Prior to taking action on the proposed BART Warm Springs Extension Project, the BART Board of Directors must certify that the Final EIR, consisting of both the Draft EIR (Volume I) and this second volume of comments, responses and revisions has been completed in compliance with CEQA, and that the BART Board reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR prior to adopting the project. The EIR may be considered complete if it informs the public as to the potential significant impacts of the proposed project, identifies mitigation measures or alternatives to lessen or eliminate significant impacts, and provides a sufficient degree of analysis to provide decision-makers with information which enables them to make a decision which thoughtfully considers environmental consequences of the proposed project.

This volume is organized as follows: Chapter 2 provides a list of commentors; Chapter 3 presents comments and responses; Chapter 4 summarizes comments concerning an individual's preference either for or against alternatives. Chapter 5 provides revisions and clarifications to the Draft EIR and a list of added mitigation measures, and Appendices A and B contain a copy of each letter and the public hearing transcript.

The comments presented in Chapter 3 are organized by sections in the same order that the Draft EIR is organized. The format used in Chapter 3 of this Final EIR for the BART Warm Springs Extension is as follows:

- Each comment is identified by a group of one or more letters followed by a number. The letters indicate the environmental category of each comment while the numbers indicate the order within each category. These environmental categories and their letter identifiers are:

Summary	SU
Project Description	PD
Soils, Geology and Seismicity	G
Hazardous Materials	HM
Hydrology	H
Ecosystems	EC
Land Use and Economic Activity	LU
Fremont Central Park	CP
Visual and Aesthetic Quality	V
Cultural Resources	C
Safety and Security	SS
Transportation	T
Noise and Vibration	N
Cumulative Impacts	CU
Other Alternatives Considered	OA
General Comments on the Draft EIR	Gen

- Comments are also identified as to their authors by the reference word in parentheses that follows the subject designation. The commentors and their reference word identifiers are listed in Chapter 2, List of Commentors.
- All comments are grouped by subject area and are reproduced verbatim either from the letters received or from the transcript of the public hearing.
- Following each comment is a response using the same reference number to identify it.
- The Appendices contain an exact photocopy of each letter and the public hearing transcript with the subject categories and order numbers in the margin.