

Dumbarton Mobility Alliance Facilitated Collaboration to Real-World Action In San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties

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Mission

Sustainable Silicon Valley (SSV) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating collaborative solutions to the toughest sustainability challenges in the Bay Area.





SSV Members







Project Partners & Associates

Public/Private Partnership– Key to Success

- C/CAG
- City of Menlo Park
- City of East Palo Alto
- Caltrans
- Urban Integrated (Technology partner based in Germany and Smart 50 Awards winner)
- Kimley-Horn (KITS signal system software)
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
- Greenaction (Community based organization)



SmartTA (Traffic Analytics)- East Palo Alto

Pilot Project in East Palo Alto

- East Palo Alto is a primary traffic artery in Silicon Valley
- Air quality is important to East Palo Alto residents since many kids have asthma
- Establish a correlation between vehicle traffic and air quality
- SmartTA will connect to existing traffic systems, collect & explore Big Data, visualize



SmartTA (Traffic Analytics)- Air Quality Sensors

Types of Sensors

- Gas Sensors: Vaisala NO2, SO2 CO, O3, temp, pressure, humidity
- Particle Sensors: PurpleAir– PM 2.5

Impact of New Technology

Relative measurements rather than absolute

Requirements

- Location for Sensors
- Power Wall power (not solar or battery)
- Communications Cellular (more reliable than Wifi)
- Siting– Upwind & downwind



Prototype SUSTAINABLE SILICON VALLEY

Pilot Project in Menlo Park

- Leverage and extend SmartTA effort utilizing similar technology
- Leverage Smart Corridor equipment including signal controllers and fiber optic communications
- Introduce a traffic light assistant app which Urban Integrated has deployed in Darmstadt, Germany
- UI platform collect data from roads and intersections, analyze the data, and send real time guidance to test drivers' smart phone



Overview

- Sustainable Silicon Valley is launching the Dumbarton Mobility Alliance to foster cross-sector collaboration and promote the renowned spirit of Silicon Valley innovation to address the number one regional issue-- traffic
- This area represents one of Silicon Valley's most challenging transit interchanges
- SSV's approach is to promote cross-sector collaboration while taking full advantage of new and existing systems, technology, and policy solutions



Other Initiatives

SSV is aware of other initiatives working in the area:

- Cross Bay Partnership-- SamTrans and Facebook
- Dumbarton Forward-- MTC
- Local groups such as Dumbarton Corridor Coalition

SSV does not want to duplicate work or to compete with other initiatives



SSV Approach is Unique

Once you exit the Dumbarton Bridge, the traffic spills out into two counties:

- San Mateo County
- Santa Clara County

The two counties are adjacent together and could be working together

Counties could:

- Think together
- Brainstorm together
- Plan for the future together
- Find solutions together

Solutions must be multifaceted

• There is not a silver bullet solution



Building on Lessons Learned

- Build on and expand lessons learned from SmartTA and OUT
- Seek new innovations we may be looking at to implement in the Dumbarton area
 - Address cut through traffic
 - Utilization of excess capacity on private bus services
 - Syncing of schedules between public and private services
 - Integration of bike and car sharing on a single transit platform
 - Explore congestion pricing on arterials (University Ave.)
 - Air quality impacts
 - High density truck/traffic diversions
- To start with, Dumbarton Mobility Alliance will focus on East Palo Alto and University Ave which leads directly into Palo Alto and Santa Clara County

• Next Steps

- SSV will be reaching out to other stakeholders
- What is your feedback?
- How can the concept be improved upon so that it stand out from other efforts?
- Would C/CAG be interested in participating?





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