Dear tamien.parking@vta.org,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Tamien Station Parking Structure Project.

As a long-time Caltrain user, I am a strong supporter of this long-overdue project. I would appreciate if the following questions could be answered in the IS/MND:

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1) The Project Description states that “the parking structure would provide approximately 700 to 900 parking spaces”. This number seems inadequate, considering that the parking structure would displace:

- 262 Standard
- 21 Airport Parking (7 days)
- 16 Motorcycle
- 8 Handicap
- 2 Handicap (Van Accessible)
- 3 Passenger Pick-up/Drop-off

312 TOTAL +

- 200 additional Caltrain riders currently parked on dirt off Lick Avenue
- 300 Additional Caltrain riders after electrification

1,187 GRAND TOTAL

Q1: Please clarify where the additional 300-500 spaces will be located

2) “The location of the parking structure would require the existing bus transit loop to be relocated to the south side of the proposed parking structure”. This is the current location for the 21 spaces dedicated to 7-day airport parking ([http://www.vta.org/getting-around/park-and-ride-lots-tamien-light-railcaltrain-station](http://www.vta.org/getting-around/park-and-ride-lots-tamien-light-railcaltrain-station)).

Q2: Where are the 21 spaces dedicated to 7-day airport parking being relocated to?

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1) “During the first phase, bus operations may be relocated to the Caltrain parking lot, east of SR-87, until the bus transit loop is reconstructed”.

Q3: Please clarify if this will entail relocating the 275 cars currently parked in the Caltrain parking lot and, if so, to which location?
2) “During construction, parking would be limited to a small portion of the northern lot located north of the SR-87 southbound off-ramp; therefore, VTA would redirect riders to the Curtner parking lot, located south of the Project site, or other locations.”

It is unclear how VTA staff propose to park 312 cars on a small portion of the 45-space overflow lot or how these 300 cars are supposed to be heading for the Curtner parking lot (474 spaces: [http://www.vta.org/getting-around/park-and-ride-lots-curtner-light-rail-station](http://www.vta.org/getting-around/park-and-ride-lots-curtner-light-rail-station)), given that there are no SB87 ramps connecting Alma to Curtner.

**Q4.** Please consider providing temporary parking space on the VTA parcel west of Lick Avenue @ Humboldt Street during construction or provide a complete traffic analysis of car movements between Tamien and the Curtner parking lot, including air quality impacts caused by 300 cars x2.3 miles x2 times a day =1,380 additional VMT/day.

**Q5.** Many Tamien parking lot users currently do not use transit. Please ensure that access to the new parking structure will be controlled via Clipper from day one.

Thank you in advance and I look forward to your responses in due course.

Sincerely,

Roland Lebrun