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BART to Livermore

In recent years, BART representatives have claimed that BART was never promised to Livermore. I am a former BART director and I can tell you that BART was promised to Livermore on several occasions. BART purchased the land for two station sites in Livermore, one at Isabel and 140 acres at Greenville and that represents a promise to build. When we broke ground for the Dublin/Pleasanton station, BART was promised to Livermore. BART to Livermore was written into the Measure B half-cent sales tax measures. That is a promise to build. We have all been paying for that since 1969.

We all recognize that transportation funds are hard to come by, but a promise is a promise and where there is a political will, there is a way to do it. The first Dublin/Pleasanton station is a good example of that.

I admire Linda Jeffery Sailors for picking up the torch I was forced to abandon in 1992. If you want BART to hear your voice on this matter, call 925-449-7274 and sign the petition asking BART to begin the preliminary engineering and environmental work to qualify the Livermore station for funding. The congestion of I-580 tells us that now is the time to act.

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