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High-speed rail in San Jose stirs debate

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Senior Staff Writer

An architectual rendering of the to-be-constructed high-speed rail in San Jose. A trip from San Jose to Los Angeles would encompass 384 miles and cost $51, and the estimated travel time would be 2 hours and 9 minutes, according to the California High-Speed Rail Authority Web site.

Community cohesion and construction jobs were on the minds of more than 300 Bay Area residents as the California High-Speed Rail Authority held a public meeting in downtown San Jose on Thursday morning.

David Ung, a senior molecular biology major, said he thought the high-speed rail project was a good idea, but didn't know where funding would come from.

"I think it's a great idea as I'm sure a lot of people I know would want to trek down to L.A., and it does help the economy since it creates new jobs," he said. "I think the only problem would be where and how we're getting the $45 billion to pay for it."

Former San Jose supervisor and current authority board member Rod Diridon said he rarely saw the San Jose supervisors' chamber as full when he was serving, but did not think Thursday's meeting would be controversial.

"I'd wager to say that most people in the room today are supportive of our objective," Diridon said.

This statement was met with a mix of loud cheers and jeers from those in attendance, which drew a rebuke from the former supervisor.

Diridon said the board would listen to all of the public's concerns if those in attendance would share the same courtesy.

"We are involved in an epic effort here," he said. "The will of the people is clear on high-speed rail. It is our job to figure out how to implement that decision as quickly as possible, as fairly to everyone as possible and as efficiently as we can."

Brian Judapriwara, a freshman electrical engineering major, said he liked the possible green benefits.

"Well, if it's more green than flying, then it's good," he said. "I think it's a pretty good investment with the amount of jobs it creates and increasing ease of transportation between the Bay and L.A."

Senior kinesiology major Evan Blomquist said he had questions about the costs.

"With this deficit, is it such a good idea?" he said. "Overall I think it's a good idea to help cut down on traffic. I worry about the cost of the ticket."

A ticket would from San Jose to Los Angeles would cost $51, according to the California High-Speed Rail Authority Web site.

Diridon said the authority has no preconceived notion of how the 800-mile, $45 billion rail system will be constructed.

Union members in attendance were decked in stickers that showed support of the high-speed rail construction.

Josue Garcia, a member of the Santa Clara & San Benito Counties Building & Construction Trades Council, said his union was here to stand behind the board.

"We are here in full support of moving the project forward and asking you to go forward with staffing recommendations," Garcia said. "In regards to transportation, we need something historical. It also makings a lot of sense in that we need something to stimulate the economy. The unemployment rate in construction is massive and is very depressing."

The authority estimates that 60,000 construction-related jobs will be created to plan, design and build the system. An additional 450,000 permanent jobs are expected to be created by 2035 as a result of the economic growth the train system will bring to California.

San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed said he also sees the benefit of the system.

He said his office has been working closely with the rail authority on route alternatives, and the work has been productive.

"I think the question I am most asked by the people of San Jose is, 'What's it going to look like?'" Reed said.

He asked the board to take the design of the system into account because this could have an impact on public acceptance of the project.

Ken Yeagar, the San Jose

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ENGINEERING TEAM COMPETES IN CHICO

(Left to Right) Andrew Veggian, Qais Lodin and Luis Sebastian Grillo of the San Jose State Steel Bridge Team carry their bridge from its construction zone to its the final testing area at the 2010 Mid-Pac competition at Chico State on Saturday. SEE PAGE 8
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A.S. elections kick off Tuesday

Eric Van Susteren
Staff Writer

Student candidates will be running for three contested positions in the Associated Students government during the elections that will be held from April 13 to 15, A.S. election consultant Ejere Elekwachi said.

Students can vote on their MySJSU accounts or at one of the polling centers on campus from 10 a.m to 6 p.m, Elekwachi said.

Elekwachi said the polling centers are located outside Clark Hall, the Student Union and outside the Campus Village housing complex.

Domingo Castellanos, a candidate for A.S. president, said the budget is one of his main concerns.

"I want to make sure the budget cuts are taken seriously," he said.

Castellanos, a senior kinesiology major, said he would be an advocate for students and expand student familiarity with A.S.

"I want to allow students to become involved on campus and not have SJSU be just a school, but a home as well," he said.

Tomasz Kolodziejak, a candidate for A.S. president, said he wouldn't be as vulnerable to the steep learning curve as A.S. president because of his current position as the director of international affairs.

"I've been on the board and I know how the system works," said Kolodziejak, a senior international business major. "In order to change something, you need to know it."

Kolodziejak said he would spend the A.S. funds more judiciously while faced with the current budget crisis.

"We need to cut the programs and events that don't work," he said. "The popular events, like barbecues, need to be more informative and promote A.S."

Paul Yula, the third candidate for A.S. president, said he will strive to be accessible to students by communicating with them on his Web site and blog.

"I'll bring a lot of passion and fight for every dollar students pay," he said.

Yula, a senior animation and illustration major, said he would like to review

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Smart Cart offers healthy food alternatives in two locations

Eric Bennett
Staff Writer

Students can again snatch up fresh produce on the way to their classes Tuesday mornings as the Spartan Smart Cart returns to its location outside Clark Hall, according to an assistant professor in the nutrition, food science and packaging department.

The cart has been stationed inside the Student Union since January, but Marjorie Freedman said a dip in traffic at that location means another Smart Cart will be placed in its original outdoor location from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"I think there are students who are on the far side of campus that literally never cross the Seventh Street promenade," Freedman said. "It's a very small campus when you see college campuses, yet students tend to stay centralized."

Jessica Aced, a sophomore liberal studies major, said her friends often mistake the cart in the Student Union food court for a display.

"I try to tell them, 'No, this isn't a display, you can buy this stuff,'" she said. "The carts should be all over campus, and they're great for the people passing through as well."

The Smart Cart inside the Student Union food court will remain since the campus wants to offer fruits and vegetables every day of the week, Freedman said.

"The cart's focus is on grab-and-go items," she said. "Not a sit-down meal, but you will get a healthy snack. Popular items are bananas, apples, baby carrots and strawberries are in season now."

David Cheung, a senior digital media major, said he comes to the food court often but always assumes any healthy alternatives for snacks are too pricey.

"Sometimes junk food is more tasty and healthy food is more expensive," he said. "But it could be that more people need to be educated on what is healthy and what isn't."

Junior linguistics major Katalyn Ford said all her classes are in Clark Hall but that the cart seems to either be opening or closing by the time she's done with class.

"I've bought from the cart before," she said. "I don't like buying fast food so it was always nice to be able to go here instead of waiting in line in the food court."

Freedman said she has found little success when the cart — originally brought to campus in February 2009 — was placed in the food court alongside other dining options, such as Panda Express, the Cactus Cafe and the Quesadilla Corner.

The Smart Cart provides fresh fruit and vegetables at one of its locations in the Student Union. The Smart Cart now has two locations, returning to its former location outside of Clark Hall.
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"It's interesting because a lot of students and faculty wondered where it went," she said. "What we are really finding, quite honestly, is that it seems a lot of students don't go to the Student Union to buy food, which may be why they never see it over there."

Freedman said she is looking for ways to increase the accessibility of healthy food for students but her effort has been stymied by issues such as an inability to accept any tenders but cash.

"It's quite expensive to do slide technology, but cash is a dying entity now," she said. "I would like to create a sustainable model and we're looking into wireless technology. Of course, most people aren't going to slide their cards for 50 cents."

Aced said she doesn't carry cash around on campus often.

"Cash is rare and plastic is there," she said.

Ford said she may not always have enough money for a meal, but she does carry enough to buy a piece of fruit.

"I always have enough cash for an orange," she said.

Freedman said she's looking for other high-traffic areas to bring the cart, but isn't sure if students would even take the food if it was given to them for free.

"We do have to make it easier for people to get healthier food — we have to try," she said. "In terms of outside ... people like it out there. They are not looking for a lunch — they are looking for a snack on the run."

A.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Domingo Castellanos

Tomasz Kolodziejak

Paul Yula

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ELECTION

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the renovation of the Student Union, the funding for which comes from student fees each semester.

"It was planned a long time ago in a different economy," Yula said. "The renovations should be reasonable rather than luxurious."

Construction on the new Student Union is scheduled to begin this summer, according to the SJSU facilities development and operations Web site.

The position of director of community and environmental affairs is also in contention this year.

The director is responsible for raising sustainability issues on campus and for working with organizations to promote a sense of community on campus, said Cathy Bui, a candidate for director of community and environmental affairs.

Bui, a junior environmental studies major, said her position as vice president of the Environmental Club has prepared her for the position.

"I have good analytical skills, networking skills and connections with administrators," she said.

Bui said she wants to promote a deeper connection between students and the Office of Sustainability.

Kevin Trieu, who is competing with Bui, said his position as an intern at San Jose City Hall has given him a greater understanding of local issues.

"I have a front-seat view of what the community is doing for us," he said.

Trieu, a junior global studies and environmental studies double major, said he will use his contacts and what he has learned to work to expand the breadth of his position.

"I want to lend myself not only to the campus, but the community of San Jose as well," he said. "Since I work with the city, I have the necessary skills to do so."

Two candidates are running for office as director of student resource affairs.

The director participates as a member of the Academic Senate and liaisons with resource centers such as the the Testing Office or the Learning Assistance Resource Center.

Senior biology major Eric Armendariz, a candidate for the position, said he is more qualified for the position than his sophomore competitor because of his age.

"I'm pretty experienced in an advocacy role," he said. "I'm good at management, too."

John Johnson, Armendariz's competitor, said his training as an orientation leader for incoming freshmen helped with his leadership skills and networking.

"Freshmen will be the voice of the school soon," he said. " I want to listen to their suggestions and incorporate them on campus."

Johnson, a sophomore engineering major, said his skills in social networking are strong.

"I know a vast majority of people," he said. " I feel like I can connect with them and be their representative."

The A.S. Elections are from April 13 to 15. You can vote online at MySJSU.

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