

Bill Eckern

As the Diridon Project Manager for the City of San Jose, Bill is leading the City's efforts to assure implementation and development of a world class transportation center as the catalyst for economic and cultural growth for the City and Bay Area. Projects involve coordination of transportation agencies and the City of San Jose to create the rules and structure that will be necessary to integrate a new intermodal transportation center with private development to assure the success of both the transportation systems and the private investment in this expansion of the City's Downtown.

As the Interim Planning Director for the City of Milpitas, he was responsible for the implementation of the City's Transit Area Specific Plan designed to support the new BART station and linkage to the VTA light rail system. More than 3,000 housing units were permitted along with a new hotel and several hundred thousand square feet of commercial retail during this one year effort.

As the Assistant City Manager for Development in Redwood City, following on his role as Community Development Director, he was responsible for the implementation of the City's Downtown Precise Plan, bringing to the city more than 2,500 housing units and nearly one million square feet of new office to establish Redwood City as a significant player in transit-oriented development and design. He also negotiated the Development Agreement with Stanford University to bring its plans for new office development and campus support with the first community benefit program for the City.

From 1998 to 2011, prior to the demise of redevelopment in the state, he served as the Director of Project Management/Special Projects for the City of San Jose's Redevelopment Agency. During this tenure he led the design and implementation of significant projects such as the MLK Library (the first joint public and university library in the United States), the Tech Museum of Innovation, the Mexican Heritage Plaza, Horace Mann Elementary School, the transformation of the California-Fox Theatre into the home of San Jose Opera, and the reconstruction of the Civic Auditorium.

He has also served as the Senior Development Officer for the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, Community Development Director for the City of Albany, and the Director of Public Works for the Town of Los Altos Hills.

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