

Questionnaire for Candidates Running to Represent Milpitas

Please submit your answers at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JXYHZ7H>

PLEASE ENTER NAME:

On August 27, we sent you an email with the subject “Share with voters your support level for the Milpitas PRT project by Sept. 10.” Because that email may be lost, we are providing this hardcopy of the questionnaire along with a stamped return envelope. Please invest 10 minutes responding so voters can know your position. Here is a 4-minute video about LoopWorks and the PRT project: <https://milpitasprt.com/wp-content/uploads/project-intro-HD.mp4>

LoopWorks is pursuing a promising solution to our Climate Crisis that also mitigates traffic congestion. The proposed \$60M public transit infrastructure will benefit Milpitas residents in many ways. As a candidate for office, LoopWorks wants to know your position on the project – **so we can share that information with voters.**



Question #1: Would you like the City to receive more revenue through increased property values? (Yes/No)

Relevant Background:

- Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) is an easy-to-use public transit system that bypasses traffic with quick, point-to-point and fare-free rides. PRT is an elevated, electric, on-demand system with small cabs and many small neighborhood stations. PRT will reduce traffic congestion while increasing energy efficiency, safety, and ridership of existing alternative transportation options including more walking and biking.
- The proposed dual-loop PRT system will increase property values, and generate an additional \$1M in tax revenue for the City and MUSD (page 82/83 of the [LoopWorks Business Plan](#)).
- PRT will eliminate the need for a \$25M pedestrian overcrossing of Montague Expressway at Penitencia Creek ([2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program](#), project #2018, page 204/5). PRT will also provide a much needed connection between The Pines residential area and the BART Transit Center.

Question #2: Would you like to see more traffic mitigation strategies implemented within the city of Milpitas? (Yes/No)

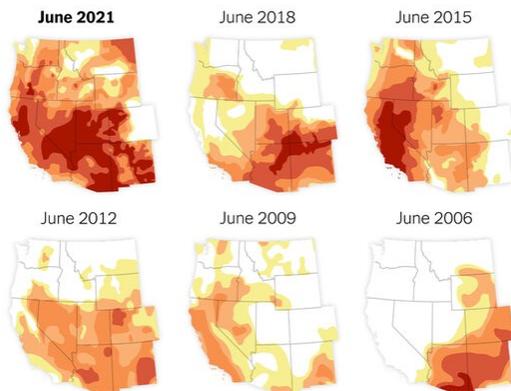
Question #3: Will an increase in the use of public transit reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions? (Yes/No)

Relevant Background: PRT, with stations spaced just ½ mile apart, will conveniently connect riders to the BART Transit Center, dramatically increasing use of existing transit options as [many studies show](#).

Question #4: Should Climate Change should be tackled on the local level? (Yes/No)

Question #5: What percentage of carbon emissions do you think comes from transportation in Milpitas? (59%, 46%, 33%, 21%)

Relevant Background: PRT will reduce the 59% of carbon emissions that come from on-road transportation – far greater than the state’s average of 40% (page 2-5 of the [Milpitas Climate Action Plan Update](#)).



Question #6: Is Climate Change a serious issue that requires swift, courageous action? (Yes/No)

Relevant Background: Our Climate Crisis demands of us big, bold actions. Assemblymember Alex Lee, in his [letter of support](#), said: “This much is clear: the old way of doing things is broken. We need to be bold to try new solutions and I believe the Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) project proposed for the Transit Area will be a convenient transit option for residents, workers and visitors.”

Question #7: Do you agree that housing and transportation are interlinked? (Yes/No)

Relevant Background:

- A citywide PRT system will remove a primary objection by residents to higher housing densities – demand for parking places that exceeds supply. Developers will enjoy cost savings with lower parking space requirements.
- As housing density increases, so does traffic. Lane expansion on Montague Expressway has attracted more vehicles – and more carbon emissions. As the Milpitas population grows, so will our need for clean transportation solutions.
- Personal Rapid Transit will be a key part of our transportation solution because it supports biking, walking, and VTA transit options for getting us to our destinations.

Question #8: What is your current impression of Personal Rapid Transit / LoopWorks? (open response)

Question #9: On the subject of the proposed dual-loop PRT system, how would you rate your support:

- I have written a letter of support.
- I endorse the [MOU presented to the City](#) by LoopWorks.
- I support the project.
- I am neutral on the PRT project. Reason: _____
- I oppose the PRT project. Reason: _____
- I decline to answer.
- [No response received after multiple attempts.]

Please return this survey in the enclosed SASE, or submit your response at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JXYHZ7H>

You can learn more about PRT and LoopWorks from:

- our website MilpitasPRT.com,
- this 4-minute introductory video (tinyurl.com/muty4rb9),
- this [Investment Application](#) submitted to [Clean Energy Ventures](#), and
- from the [LoopWorks Business Plan](#) (100+ pages of details).

If a conversation would be helpful in understanding this PRT project, we would be pleased to guide you through online information about LoopWorks or PRT.

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PROJECT DATA
12 Stations
5 Mini-Loop + 7 BART Circulator

Guideway lengths
Mini-Loop = 1.5 miles
BART Circulator = additional 2.5 miles

Population served (~20,000 residents)
~ 25% of Milpitas

Area served
~ 10% of Milpitas

Great Mall stores served
Over 200 stores, a 20-screen movie complex, and a range of restaurants

Cost
Construction (funded by grants)
Mini-Loop = \$22.5M
BART Circulator = \$37.5M

Free rides subsidized by:
- donations
- advertising
- add-on services

Technology
30 mph average
Locally owned & operated

LEGEND
Scale 1,000 ft
Guideway
Station

Map labels: BART Circulator, Mini-Loop, The Great Mall, Theater Plaza, Housing, School, BART Transit Center, HOV-3 Lane, HOV-2 Lane, HOV-1 Lane, US 101, Highway 88, Highway 82, Highway 78, Highway 74, Highway 70, Highway 66, Highway 62, Highway 58, Highway 54, Highway 50, Highway 46, Highway 42, Highway 38, Highway 34, Highway 30, Highway 26, Highway 22, Highway 18, Highway 14, Highway 10, Highway 6, Highway 2.