

# MacArthur BART plan inches along tracks

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Efforts to convert the MacArthur BART parking lot and surrounding area into a transit-oriented, mixed-use development are still inching along, with design plans due this month and a fall 2008 construction date. Bridge Urban Infill Land Development (BUILD) and **McGrath Properties Inc.** partnered with the City of Oakland four years ago to redevelop the transit hub, at 40th Street and Telegraph Avenue. BUILD and McGrath, also known as **MacArthur Transit Community Partners LLC**, presented plans in 2006 and have since been fine-tuning their proposed development of the space.

The \$300 million proposed project includes \$32 million in funding from the Oakland Redevelopment Agency. The city and BART have worked with the community since 1993 to revitalize the 8.4-acre parking lot and surrounding area.

A considerable amount of time was spent soliciting opinions and suggestions from the community, said Carol Galante, president and CEO of BRIDGE Housing. "The community has spent so much time articulating what they want to see and what they need to see there. The parking lot that will serve as our development site is creating a hole in the community. Our vision is about reconnecting it to the rest of Oakland with more residences, retail and pedestrian-friendly roads."



Galante: Parking lot on project's site is "creating a hole in the community."