

**Contra Costa Crossover Track Project  
Sequence of Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
August, 2009	Notice to Proceed - Removal of trees and shrubs along Jones Road on BART property begins
February, 2010	BART Work Activity Notification to construct new crossover track - schedule of overnight work
February 14, 2011	Email from Chris Vasquez, BART spokesperson, that project is delayed due to vandalism and theft
February 15, 2011	MAC Meeting - Jones Road residents express dissatisfaction on lack of progress with landscaping and failure to adequately screen the gapbreaker
March 15, 2011	MAC Meeting - Landscaping plan on the agenda - Steve Kappler unable to attend, item not discussed
April 19, 2011	MAC Meeting - Gapbreaker concealment and landscaping on the agenda + clean up of debris in area
May 12, 2011	Email communication from Chrs Vasquez on plan to screen gapbreaker with redwood slats inserted into 9-ft. high cyclone fence. Discussion of of additional landscaping on property owned by Contra Costa County outside of BART fence. Further discussion of the removal of debris on BART property
July, 2011	Scheduled Contra Costa County Crossover Track project completion date per BART website
July 19, 2011	MAC meeting - Crossover Track noise + Landscaping /gapbreaker concealment on the agenda
August, 2011	Letter composed by Main Chance Estates protesting sparse landscaping + pictures sent to Gail Murray
September 20, 2011	MAC Meeting - BART update from Chris Vasquez on Landscaping, gapbreaker concealment.
September, 2011	Project substantially complete per Project Manager, Steve Kappler
October 21, 2011	Invitation to the neighborhood to meet with Gail Murray
November 1, 2011	Neighborhood meeting with Gail Murray, BART Director. Residents protest lack of landscaping, noise, dust as a result of the project
November 17, 2011	MAC Meeting - per Tom Morris, 20 cypress trees to be planted in front of gapbreaker, final testing and certification of track taking longer than expected, expect to be done by Christmas.

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December 22, 2011	Email from Chris Vasquez detailing plans by BART as a result of Nov 1 meeting. Plan to plant 20 cypress trees in front of gapbreaker + 5 crepe murtles. Expected completion January, 2012
January 17, 2012	BART Update by Chris Vasquez on the agenda but no notes related so perhaps he was not able to attend
January 25, 2012	Email from Chris Vasquez showing a picture of the arrival and planting of cypress trees in front of gapbreaker and 5 crepe murtles.
April 11, 2012	Status of Crossover Construction and Community Concerns from Gail Murray. Description of landscaping costs: base contract - \$500,000 for new plants, (survey by Nancy Scott showed 283 staked trees planted) \$7,500 for additional landscaping in 2011, additional \$70,000 to install 60 oleanders, five crepe murtles and 20 cypress trees
April 17, 2012	MAC Meeting - Chris Vasquez not able to attend
May 15, 2012	MAC Meeting - agenda item - neighborhood concerns re: weed abatement and trash control on Jones Road
September 10, 2012	Contractor put on notice to replace dead cypress trees
September 14, 2012	Email from June Garrett - Train Control Engineers making headway with Crossover Track but can give no completion date. Regarding trees that may not survive, they are under a two-year guarantee and will be replaced if they do not survive.
September 18, 2012	MAC Meeting - agenda item from June Garrett - health of vegetation & status of Crossover Project
November , 2012	Dead cypress trees replaced in front of the gapbreaker building (approximately 12)
January 15, 2013	MAC Meeting - Steve Kappler on train control system - no time-table
January 28, 2013	Meeting between June Garrett and Nancy Scott in BART offices at 300 Lakeside Drive in Oakland. June promises to deliver a monthly update on the status of the Crossover Track
February 26, 2013	Email to June Garrett from Nancy Scott expressing concern that the trees are not being watered.
March 14, 2013	Email from June Garrett to Nancy Scott that water is scheduled to be turned on Tuesday (3/19/13)
April 9, 2013	Email to June Garrett from Nancy Scott - no evidence that trees are being watered.

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May 7, 2013	Email to June Garrett from Nancy Scott requesting information on status of watering schedule. No evidence of watering. In addition other trees on Jones Road are dead or dying,
May 15, 2013	Email from Gail Murray updating status of Crossover Track certification. Still no results.
June 13, 2013	Email from Steve Kappler to Nancy Scott updating status of Crossover Track. Solution months away.
June 18, 2013	June Garrett agrees to send someone out to look at the trees in front of the gapbreaker.
June 24, 2013	Email from June Garrett to Nancy Scott - "No doubt trees are in trouble"
June 25, 2012	Patty Purvis-Thielman sends pictures of dying trees in front of gapbreaker to all involved parties.
June 27, 2013	BART sends out a crew to clear away dead vegetation and soak ground via a watering truck . 3-digit temps.
June 30, 2013	BART sends another watering truck to soak ground. Site engineer reports irrigation pipe broken by BART workers and Contra Costa County has to come out and repair the water line.
July 1, 2013	BART strike commences
July 3, 2013	Email from Gail Murray that Crossover Track issue has been identified and should be fully operational by summer. Gail also reports that someone was stealing the valve handles from the watering system but BART has a prevention plan in place. Comment from Gail's email: "The warranty period has expired, and part of the reason this got away from us was the misconception by my crews that the vegetation was under warranty and would be replaced, so they did not address the issues at hand as expediently as we should have."
August 20, 2013	Gail Murray attends MAC meeting and acknowledges that dead trees will be replaced and that Walnut Creek portion of the crossover track will be complete in October, 2013 and Pleasant Hill portion in April, 2014.
September 17, 2013	Email from June Garrett that BART has requested a bid from Cleary Bros. Landscaping Company to replace dead vegetation and replace dead cypress trees in front of the gap breaker building ASAP.
October 5, 2013	Nancy Scott and Patty Purvis-Thielman attend Senator Mark DeSaulnier's one-on-one hours at the Walnut Creek Library. In a conversation about the Crossover Project, we asked the Senator to provide details of the funding of the Crossover Track project which he promised to provide. He also stated that he would talk to the BART General Manager about the project with its many delays.

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October xx, 2013	19 of the 20 dead Arizona Cypress removed from in front of the gapbreaker. Now one lone tree and one orange cone are all that's left to screen the building from view.
October 19, 2013	During a new BART strike, a tragic accident killed two BART workers while working on Jones Road at Pimlico which put project on the back burner.
December 4, 2013	Nancy Scott sends email to Malcolm Brudigam and he responds by phone call. Nancy states that no word was ever received from Senator DeSaulnier as far as funding costs and whether the Senator ever spoke to the BART GM. Malcolm promised to provide funding info and states that the BART accident put the project on hold. He also intimated that the two workers who were killed were possibly investigating complaints from the Jones Road residents about excessive noise on the tracks.
January 7, 2014	Letter from Senator DeSaulnier providing funding details for the Crossover Track project. \$25 million from bridge tolls collected by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, \$13 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and \$3 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration for a total of \$41 million dollars. It was also stated that the landscaping is set to be completed by mid-February according to Glen Eddy, BART contact for landscaping. Per Mr. Eddy, BART has been working with local neighbors on the landscaping.
January 10, 2014	In a conversation with Jay Lutz, homeowner from the Main Chance Estates project at the south end of Jones Road, any conversations Mr. Lutz has had with BART are related to his section of Jones Road only and do not apply to the gapbreaker section.
January 13, 2014	Email from Nancy Scott to Malcolm Brudigam with a copy to Glen Eddy clarifying Jay's position on the landscaping.
January 16, 2014	Email from Nancy Scott to Glen Eddy asking if all dead trees on Jones Road would be replaced in mid-February or only the cypress trees in front of the gapbreaker building. Nancy asked Mr. Eddy to call at his convenience. She also left him a voicemail message, asking him to call her.