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Rapid Transit

EVEN AS THIS HISTORY is being published, the Bay Area Rapid Transit System is building a station in Daly City which will link the "Gateway to the Peninsula" with cities as far away as Hayward, Concord, Pleasant Hill and Fremont. Meanwhile, studies are being made to provide rapid transit for San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. When this project becomes a reality, the Daly City Station, now at the end of the line, will be in the middle of a huge rapid transit network known by its initials, BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit).

Its effect upon Daly City is evidenced in the plans, already formulated, to erect a two-decker parking facility near the station and to include shops in the BART station complex. Meanwhile, apartment house owners anticipate a need for additional facilities, and city planners predict that the adjacent area will experience a great amount of redevelopment.

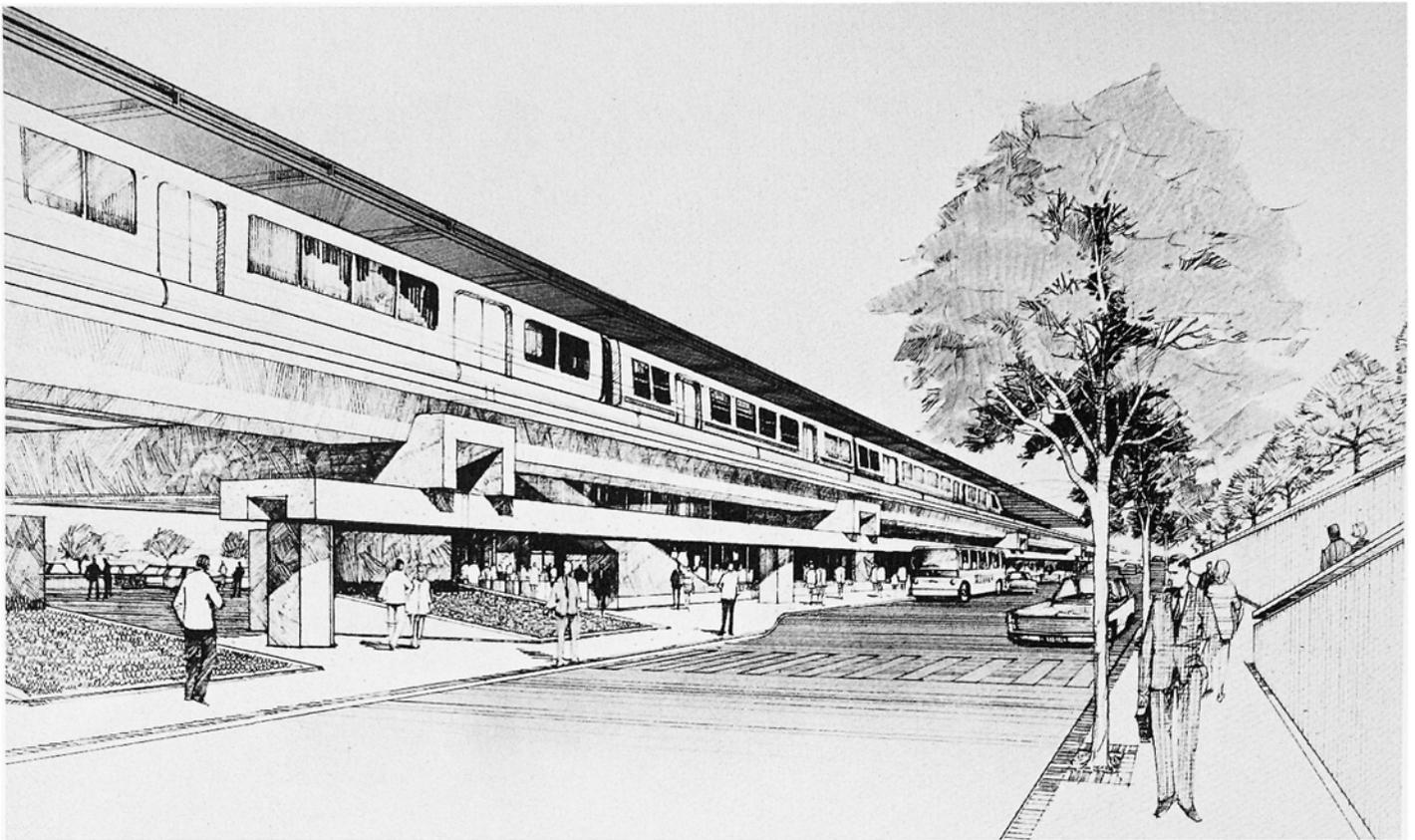
BART is expected to fulfill the dreams of the first men to build railroads in the San Francisco Bay Area. A single track will add one-way capacity of 28,000 seated passengers per hour to the roughly 9,200 per hour now handled by four freeway lanes, thereby providing an alternative to costly personal transportation.¹

Rapid transit is expected to diminish the duplication of services and facilities, thus reducing the spread of urban sprawl. It is expected to reduce environmental pollution, in that BART trains emit no air polluting exhaust and are quieter than automobiles and trains. It is expected to alter the social fabric of the Bay Area cities by making transportation accessible to everyone. This will provide for a wider choice of education and recreation to the young and improve the ability of the handicapped to be self-sustaining.

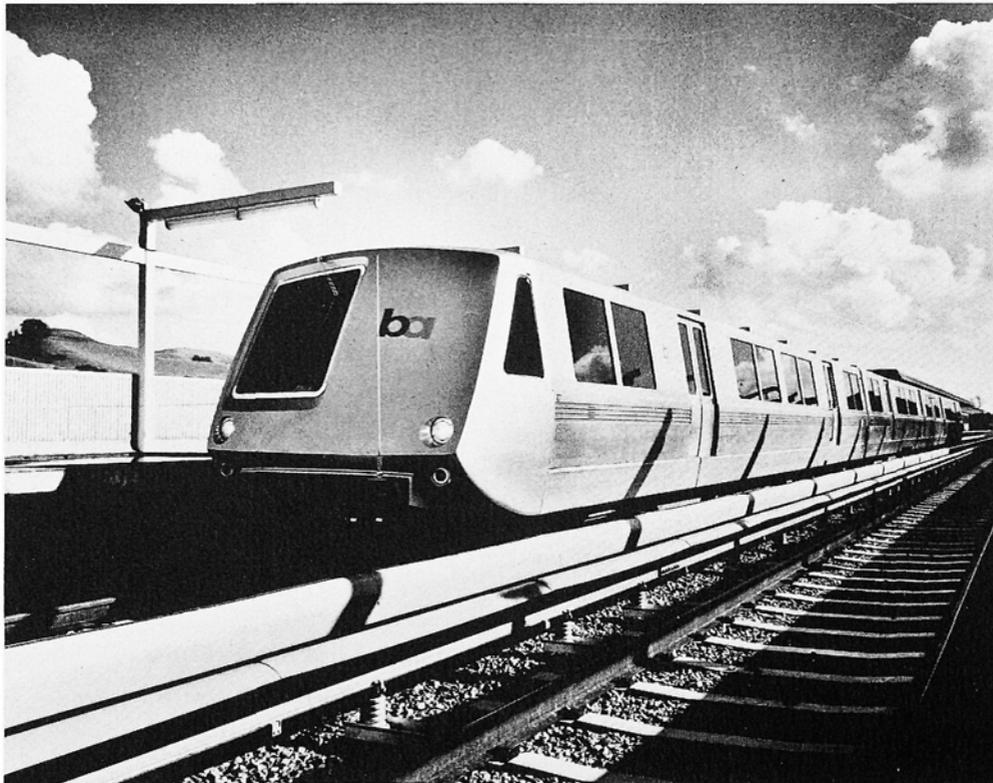
For Daly City, the projected extension of rapid transit to the airport will provide greater access to that facility and more jobs for Daly City residents. The extension to San Francisco will tie Daly City even closer to the metropolis that influences its population growth and its development.

Further testifying of the effect of BART upon Daly City is the construction of a six lane thoroughfare through Daly City. When it is completed it will utilize both Knowles and Los Banos Avenues from Junipero Serra Boulevard to Mission Street and all of the land between them.

The BART station itself covers fourteen acres bounded by St. Charles Avenue on the north, the Southern Freeway on the west, Knowles Avenue on the south, and the DeLong Street extension (partially on the alignment of San Pedro Avenue) on the east.



SKETCH OF THE NEARLY COMPLETED BART STATION IN DALY CITY, PRESENT TERMINUS OF THE SYSTEM



ULTRA MODERN RAPID TRANSIT
TRAIN THAT WILL SOON RUN
BETWEEN DALY CITY, SAN
FRANCISCO & MANY EAST BAY
TERMINALS