

# **VTA NEWS**

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## **VTA Releases Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Proposed BART Extension to Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara**

San Jose, Ca. – The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) has completed the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Proposed BART Extension to Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara, and it is available for public review online at the project website [www.vtabart-vta.org](http://www.vtabart-vta.org). A CD copy is available upon request by contacting VTA Environmental Planning at:

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The VTA Board of Directors will consider certification of the FEIR on Thursday, December 9, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors Chambers, 70 West Hedding Street in San Jose. The Board will accept public comments at that time. This location is served by VTA Bus Lines 36, 62, 66, 180 and the Civic Center Light Rail Station.

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### **About the Proposed BART Extension to Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara**

VTA proposes to construct a 16.3-mile extension of the BART rail system from just south of the future BART Warm Springs Station in Fremont to the cities of Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara. The alignment would include seven stations, plus one future station, and a maintenance and vehicle storage yard in San Jose/Santa Clara.

### **About 2000 Measure A**

The 2000 Measure A package of transit improvements was approved by Santa Clara County voters in November 2000 by a 70.3% majority. Voter approval authorized a 30-year, ½-cent sales tax to begin in 2006. Extending BART from Fremont to Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara is one of the 2000 Measure A projects.

### **About VTA**

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations; congestion management; specific highway improvement projects; and, countywide transportation planning. As such, VTA is both an accessible transit provider and multi-modal transportation planning organization involved with transit, highways and roadways, bikeways and pedestrian facilities.

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