

# FACT SHEET: **Transit**

## **Guadalupe South Line Elevator and Escalator Retrofit Project**

### **Project Overview**

The elevators located at the Cottle, Snell, Blossom Hill, Branham, Capitol, Curtner, Tamien and Virginia light rail stations (and at the Snell Park & Ride lot) have been in continuous operation since at least 1991. These elevators are all exhibiting signs of deterioration and require accessibility and safety improvements. Escalators at these same stations are also exhibiting signs of corrosion and require similar upgrades.

The scope of elevator work involves installation of new cab walls, ceilings and flooring, plus new controllers, speakers and emergency communications and video systems. In addition, new overhead canopies will be installed above elevator entrances to provide weather protection.

The scope of escalator work includes step and chain replacement, and installation of new controllers, wiring and safety switches.

Finally, minor safety improvements will also be made to the elevator at the Hamilton Light Rail Station.

### **Project Details:**

- Elevators and escalators will need to be removed from service while repairs are made.
- Elevator closures will be done in four phases.
- The four station groupings are: Cottle and Blossom Hill; Branham and Snell (including the Snell Park & Ride elevator); Capitol and Tamien; and, Curtner and Virginia.
- Elevator shutdowns for each grouping will last from 10 weeks to 15 weeks, depending on the scope of work necessary at each location.
- All elevators in a grouping will be returned to service before elevators in another grouping will be closed.

### **Special Note**

VTA will provide a full range of resources necessary to ensure mobility-impaired passengers requiring the use of a station elevator are able to reach their final destination in a timely manner. More detailed information regarding these options is available on VTA's website or by contacting VTA Customer Service.

### **Project Schedule**

Contract award:	May 2011
Construction begins:	November 2011
Project complete:	September 2012

### **Project Funding**

The capital cost of the project is \$4.2 million. The project is 70% federally funded, with VTA providing the remainder of the funding.



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## How to Reach Us

Project information, including which stations are currently closed, is available by contacting VTA's Customer Service Department at (408) 321-2300 and also at VTA's website, [www.vta.org](http://www.vta.org), in the Services and Construction notices section. While at VTA's website, you can click on the blue envelope icon in the upper right corner of most web pages and sign up to receive e-mail notifications each time a new construction update is posted, or an older one modified.

You may also e-mail your questions to [community.outreach@vta.org](mailto:community.outreach@vta.org).

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