



CHAMPION LIGHT RAIL STATION

Background

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) celebrated 10 years of light rail service with the grand opening of the Champion Light Rail Station, the first of 13 planned new stations along the Tasman West Light Rail Extension. Completed in December 1999, the Tasman West Light Rail Extension added 7.6 miles to the existing light rail system. This extension will continue VTA's light rail system westward from Santa Clara to Sunnyvale and downtown Mountain View, where it will link up with Caltrain, which provides service from Gilroy to San Francisco.

The Champion Station, VTA's 34th light rail station, features unique art works and enhancements created by local artists which are integrated into the station design. The street side of the station includes concrete pilasters imbedded with computer industry networking icons and artistic railing segments. Station entries feature sculptural markers, and the glass in the shelter canopies is etched with a variety of designs. The station elements feature a unique three-color palette.

The station, which provides service to many high tech employers in the North San Jose area, is located in the heart of Cisco Systems' campus and surrounded by other employers including Cypress Semiconductor, Pantronix Corporation, and KLA Tenkor. Additionally, the Champion Station serves residents living in nearby mobile home parks and housing developments.

Facts And Figures

Location:	Tasman Drive and Champion Court
Dimensions:	275-foot loading length. Platform is 15-foot wide
Total concrete used:	423 cubic yards
Construction cost:	\$1.6 million
Passenger capacity:	Each platform can accommodate approximately 400 passengers exiting at the intersection, every six minutes.
Hours of Operation:	Station is open every day. Please refer to a VTA Light Rail time guide for schedule.

VTA graciously acknowledges the City of San Jose Redevelopment Agency and Cisco Systems Inc. for their cooperation and generous contributions to this collaborative effort.

For More Information

For more information on the Champion Light Rail Station, please call VTA Customer Service at (408) 321-2300, TDD only, (408) 321-2330, or log on to www.vta.org.