



TASMAN WEST LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION

Background

In December 1999, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) opened the Tasman West Light Rail Extension. This 7.6-mile light rail corridor added thirteen (13) stations between North San Jose and Downtown Mountain View. As shown on the alignment map, the Tasman West Light Rail Extension travels deep into the heart of Silicon Valley, offering residents, high technology employees and employers real transportation alternatives. Located adjacent to major high technology employers such as Cisco Systems, Lockheed Martin, Netscape/AOL, Hewlett-Packard, NASA Ames Research Center, Ariba, Yahoo!, Interwoven, and Juniper Networks, the Tasman West Light Rail Extension presents opportunities for commuters to use the expanding light rail system.

The Downtown Mountain View Station is a multi-modal connection that provides service between VTA Light Rail, VTA Buses and Caltrain (the commuter rail link between Gilroy and San Francisco). This north county connection provides even greater access into Silicon Valley for commuters traveling from regional areas.

In December 2001, VTA, along with Jay Paul Company, opened the Moffett Park Light Rail Station on the Tasman West Light Rail Extension. This station is located between the Lockheed Martin and NASA/Bayshore Light Rail Stations in the City of Sunnyvale. The station serves the corporate headquarters of Ariba, Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space, and the Onizuka Air Force Base. This is the first time that a private developer has worked jointly with VTA in the design and development of a light rail station.

Project Features

Miles:	7.6 miles
Stations:	17, including 13 new stations
Parking:	4 stations with park and ride lots
Connections:	Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) and Capitol Corridor Rail Service at Lick Mill Station and Caltrain Service at Downtown Mountain View Station
Operations:	Travel time between Baypointe Transfer Station and Downtown Mountain View is 30 minutes.

Low-Floor Light Rail Vehicles

The Tasman West Light Rail Extension utilizes the new low-floor light rail vehicles. Passengers with wheelchairs can board the low-floor light rail vehicles without the use of lifts since the vehicle floor is the same height as the station platform.

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Funding

Construction Costs:

Federal	\$122 million
State & Local	\$122 million
TOTAL	\$244 million

Design Costs:

Federal	\$61 million
State & Local	\$20 million
TOTAL	\$81 million

Moffett Park Station Cost:

\$ 5.7 million (Paid for by Jay Paul Company)

Total Project Cost:

\$ 330.7 million

For More Information

For more information on route and scheduling information regarding the Tasman West Light Rail Extension, please call VTA Customer Service at (408) 321-2300, TDD only, (408) 321-2330, or log on to www.vta.org.

