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Palo Alto Transit Center Expansion and Reconstruction Project

Overview

The Palo Alto Transit Center, located near El Camino Real and University Avenue in Downtown Palo Alto, serves the Palo Alto Caltrain Station, VTA, SamTrans and Dumbarton Express bus lines, as well as the Stanford University Marguerite Shuttle.

The Palo Alto Transit Center Expansion and Reconstruction Project is one of a series of Caltrain Service Improvement Projects designed to ease transfers between VTA and Caltrain services, improving the efficiency and service levels in a multi-modal environment.

Project Features

- New bus bays and lay-over locations accommodate the larger articulated buses in use on VTA's Line 22, 522 and SamTrans buses
- New bus turn-around loop for re-circulation of buses within the transit center improve the efficiency of bus operations
- New aesthetically-designed passenger plaza and canopy shelters, state-of-the-art LED (light emitting diode) lighting, landscaping and signage
- New pedestrian guide strips, detectable warning bands and tactile signage aid transit access for the visually impaired
- New state-of-the-art in-pavement LED (light emitting diode) pedestrian warning lights at crosswalks improve driver awareness and provide a safer pedestrian crossing
- New "way-finding" signage improve pedestrian access and movements in and out of the transit center and the Palo Alto Caltrain Station
- New artist-designed seating elements provide additional seating and enhance the transit environment and experience.

Disabled Access

The expanded transit center is fully accessible in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Operations

The following bus lines can be accessed at the transit center:

- VTA Bus Lines 22, 35, 88, and 522
- SamTrans Bus Lines KX, 280/281, 297/397, and 390
- Dumbarton Express
- Stanford University Marguerite Shuttle (Palm Drive Express, SLAC Shuttle, Midnight Express)

Total project budget: \$7.5 million, including \$4.37 million funded by a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant and \$3.13 million in 1996 Measure B local sales tax revenue.

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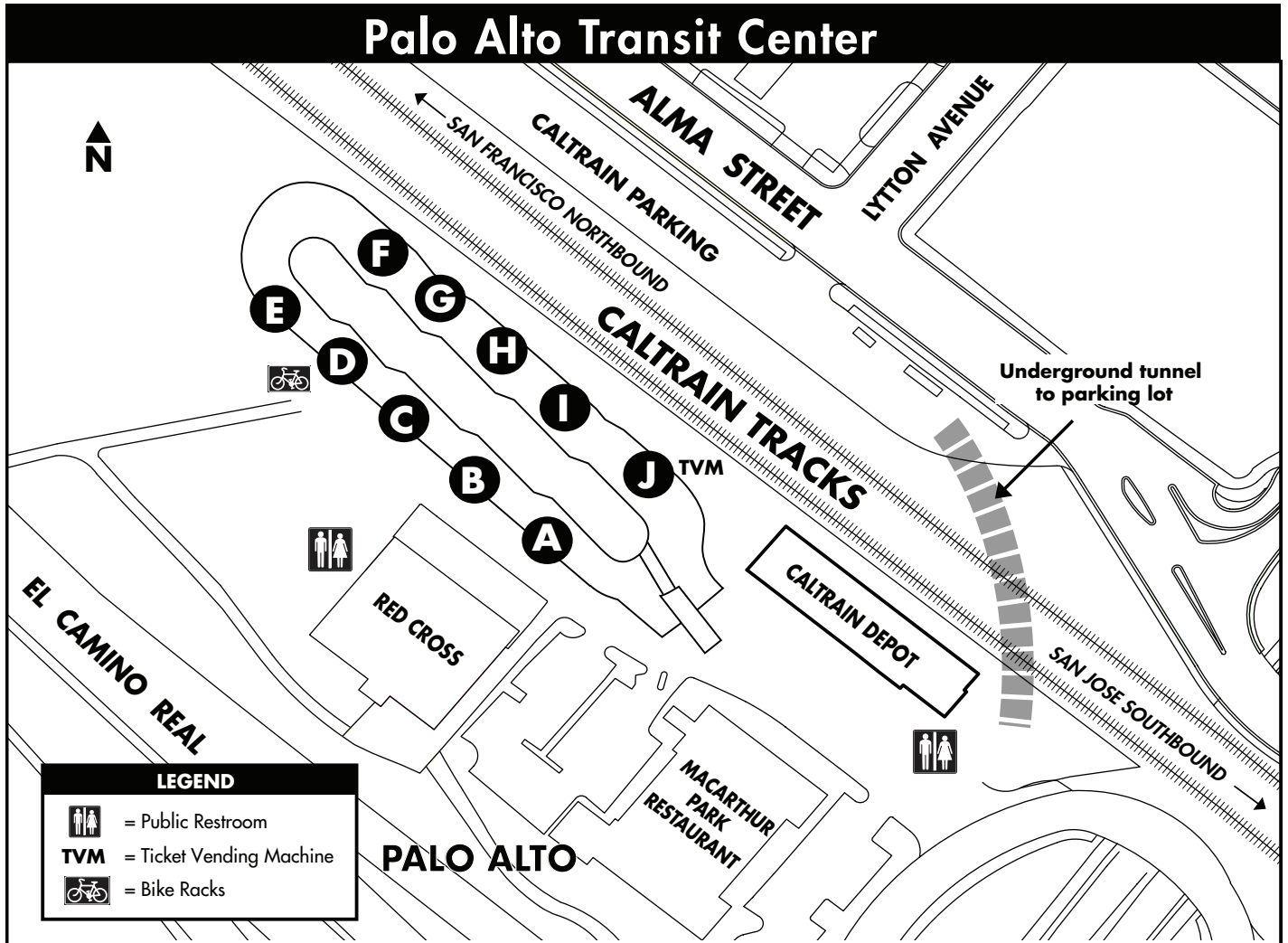


Project Schedule

Construction started: August 2004
Transit Center completed: October 2005
Caltrain Station completed: December 2005

How to Reach Us

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- A** VTA 22, 522 drop-off
SamTrans 297, 390, 397, KX drop-off
- B** VTA 22 (Menlo Park)
SamTrans KX (Page Mill Rd)
- C** Dumbarton Express (Union City BART,
Stanford Industrial Park)
SamTrans 880 (Candlestick Park)
Marguerite (SLAC Employee Shuttle)
Marguerite (Midnight Express)
- D** VTA 35 (Stanford Shopping Center)
SamTrans 280, 281 (Stanford Shopping Center)
- E** VTA 88 (California Caltrain)-layover

- F** VTA 35 (Downtown Mtn.View)
- G** SamTrans 280, 281 (East Palo Alto/Menlo Park)
- H** SamTrans 297 (Redwood City)
SamTrans 397 (San Francisco)
Marguerite (Palm Dr. Commute Express)
- I** SamTrans 390 (Daly City BART)
SamTrans KX (San Francisco)
- J** VTA 22 (Eastridge)
VTA 522 (Eastridge)

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