

Downtown East Valley Transit Improvement Plan

Overview

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is proposing transportation improvements in the Downtown East Valley area. The plan includes the following projects:

- Enhanced Bus Service or Single Car Light Rail Transit (LRT) in the Santa Clara Alum Rock Corridor from the San Jose Diridon Station in Downtown San Jose to the Alum Rock Station on the Capitol (Avenue) LRT line.
- LRT along the entire length of Capitol Expressway from the Alum Rock Station on the Capitol LRT line to Eastridge Mall and continuing to the existing Guadalupe LRT line.
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Monterey Highway from the San Jose Diridon Station in Downtown San Jose to the Santa Teresa Station on the Guadalupe LRT line.

Objective

To improve mobility, increase transit ridership, serve high commute corridors, and promote livable neighborhoods in the San Jose Downtown East Valley communities.

Conceptual Engineering

The projects in the Downtown East Valley Plan are currently in the Conceptual Engineering phase, which is nearing completion and will result in approximately 10% design. During this phase, various project elements are examined, such as station locations and station design; an operating and transit service plan, including links between bus and other rail services; analysis of existing and future traffic conditions; existing and future transit ridership; identification of right-of-way needs; development and preparation of a project implementation and phasing plan and refined cost estimates.

Community outreach and public participation are key elements throughout the conceptual engineering phase.

Environmental Review

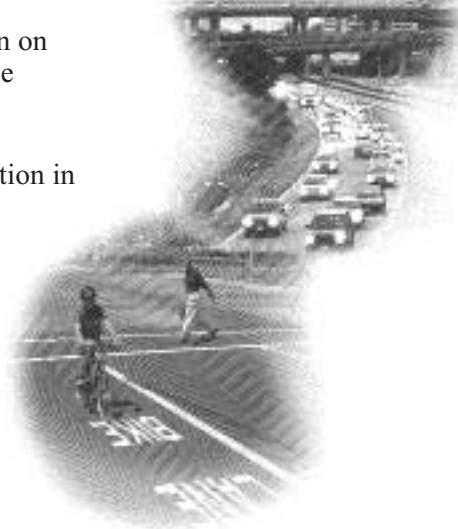
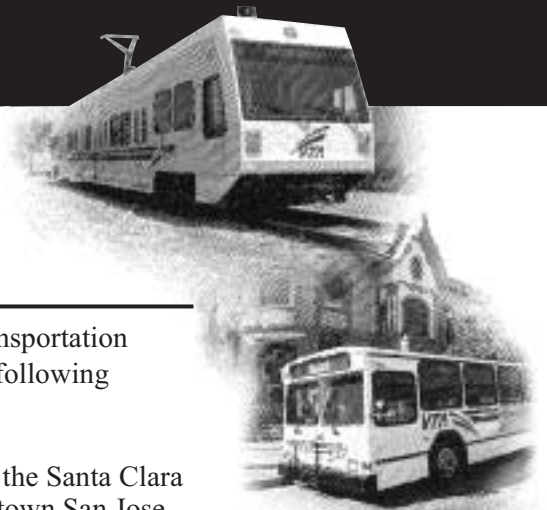
The environmental review process is conducted to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA).

Separate Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Reports (EIS/EIR) are being prepared for the Santa Clara/Alum Rock Corridor Project and for the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Corridor Project.

Environmental review for the Monterey Highway BRT project has not yet been initiated.

Disabled Access

The new transit services would be fully accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including low-floor vehicles.



Targeted Project Schedule
CAPITOL EXPRESSWAY LIGHT RAIL PROJECT

Activity	Targeted Schedule
Public Review and Hearing on Draft EIS/EIR	Spring/Summer 2004
Public Review of Final EIS/EIR	Fall 2004
VTa Board Approves Final EIS/EIR	Fall 2004
FTA Considers Record of Decision	Fall 2004

Note: Project implementation phases beyond Preliminary Engineering for Phase 1A from Alum Rock to Eastridge Transit Center and Phase 1B from Eastridge Transit Center to Nieman Blvd. have not yet been funded.

SANTA CLARA/ALUM ROCK CORRIDOR PROJECT

Activity	Targeted Schedule
VTa Board Approved Enhanced Bus and Single-Car Light Rail Alternatives For Study in the Draft EIS/EIR	May 2003
Public Review and Hearing on Draft EIS/EIR	Fall 2004
Public Review of Final EIS/EIR	Spring 2005
VTa Board Approves Final EIS/EIR	Summer 2005
FTA Considers Record of Decision	Summer 2005

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How to Reach Us

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