

# FACT SHEET: **BART to Silicon Valley**

## **Extension to Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara**

### **Overview**

The proposed 16.1-mile extension of the BART system would operate along the existing railroad alignment south of the planned BART Warm Springs Station in Fremont and extend to 28th and Santa Clara streets in San Jose. It would continue in a tunnel under downtown San Jose and end near the Santa Clara Caltrain Station. The grade-separated project includes six stations: one in Milpitas, four in San Jose and one in Santa Clara.

### **Project Benefits**

- **Improves Connectivity:** Connects to VTA Light Rail and Buses, Caltrain, ACE, Capitol Corridor and Amtrak, with potential future connection to an Automated People Mover to Mineta San Jose International Airport and High Speed Rail.
- **Supports the Economy:** Supports local and regional transit-oriented development around station areas, and creates an additional 10,000 jobs per year, 75% of which will be local to Santa Clara County.
- **Enhances the Community:** Serves San Jose State, HP Pavilion, Santa Clara University, major employment and shopping centers and other cultural destinations.
- **Responsible to the Environment:** Shortens travel times along congested corridors and reduces air pollution by taking cars off the road.

### **Milestones**

- November 2001: Based on a Major Investment Study that analyzed alternative transportation options, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors approved the BART Project.
- September 2002: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formally approved VTA's request to begin preliminary engineering after meeting federal criteria for New Starts funding.
- Spring 2004: VTA released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for public review and comment.
- December 2004: VTA Board of Directors certified the Final EIR.
- December 2006: Completion of Preliminary Engineering.
- June 2007: VTA Board of Directors certified Final Supplemental EIR.

### **Next Steps**

- November 2008: Citizens of Santa Clara County to vote on 1/8th cent sales tax for operations and maintenance of BART
- December 2008: Complete 65% Engineering
- Early 2009: Draft federal environmental document (EIS) anticipated for public review and comment
- Spring 2009: Enter into federal New Starts process
- Summer 2009: Final federal environmental document (EIS) anticipated approval
- 2009-2010: Advanced Design Phase
- 2009-2017: Construction Phase
- 2018: Service begins



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## How to Reach Us

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