

FACT SHEET: **Transit**

Kato Road Grade Separation

Overview

In 2002, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) acquired eight miles of right-of-way from the Union Pacific Railroad spanning from Grimmer Boulevard in Fremont to Montague Expressway in Milpitas. Securing this vital space will allow for a future mass transit system to be built alongside the railroad tracks.

To transform this very important corridor, a grade separation is planned where Kato Road crosses the railroad tracks in Fremont. This separation is created by lowering Kato Road, so that it passes beneath the current ground/street level railroad tracks. A grade separation is a physical separation of two different travel movements. In this case, the movements are freight/transit and cars/pedestrians.

Objective

VTA, in partnership with the City of Fremont, have a goal of increasing safety at intersections where freight and auto traffic mix. This grade separation project enhances safety by completely separating the roadway from freight trains or future transit trains.

Benefits

- Reduces traffic back-ups due to trains at crossing
- Decreases idling vehicle emissions and commute times
- Removes noise from train bells and whistles at intersection
- Improves pedestrian safety and access across the railroad tracks

Projected Schedule

Utility Relocation:	Beginning October 2009
Civil Construction:	May 2010 – March 2012
Partial Kato Rd. Closure:	Nov. 2010 – May 2011 (One lane each direction)
Full Kato Rd. Closure:	May 2011 – January 2012 (Approx. 6-10 months)
End Construction:	March 2012

To Learn More

Informative outreach to the surrounding community is an important aspect of the Kato Road Grade Separation Project. VTA will provide advance notification of all construction activities and traffic update through the mail and continued website updates.

How to Reach Us

If you would like to be added to a project mailing list, have any questions, comments/concerns, or would like to have a project representative meet with you please contact VTA Community Outreach at:

Phone: 408-321-7575 **TTY:** 408-321-2330 **Email:** community.outreach@vta.org

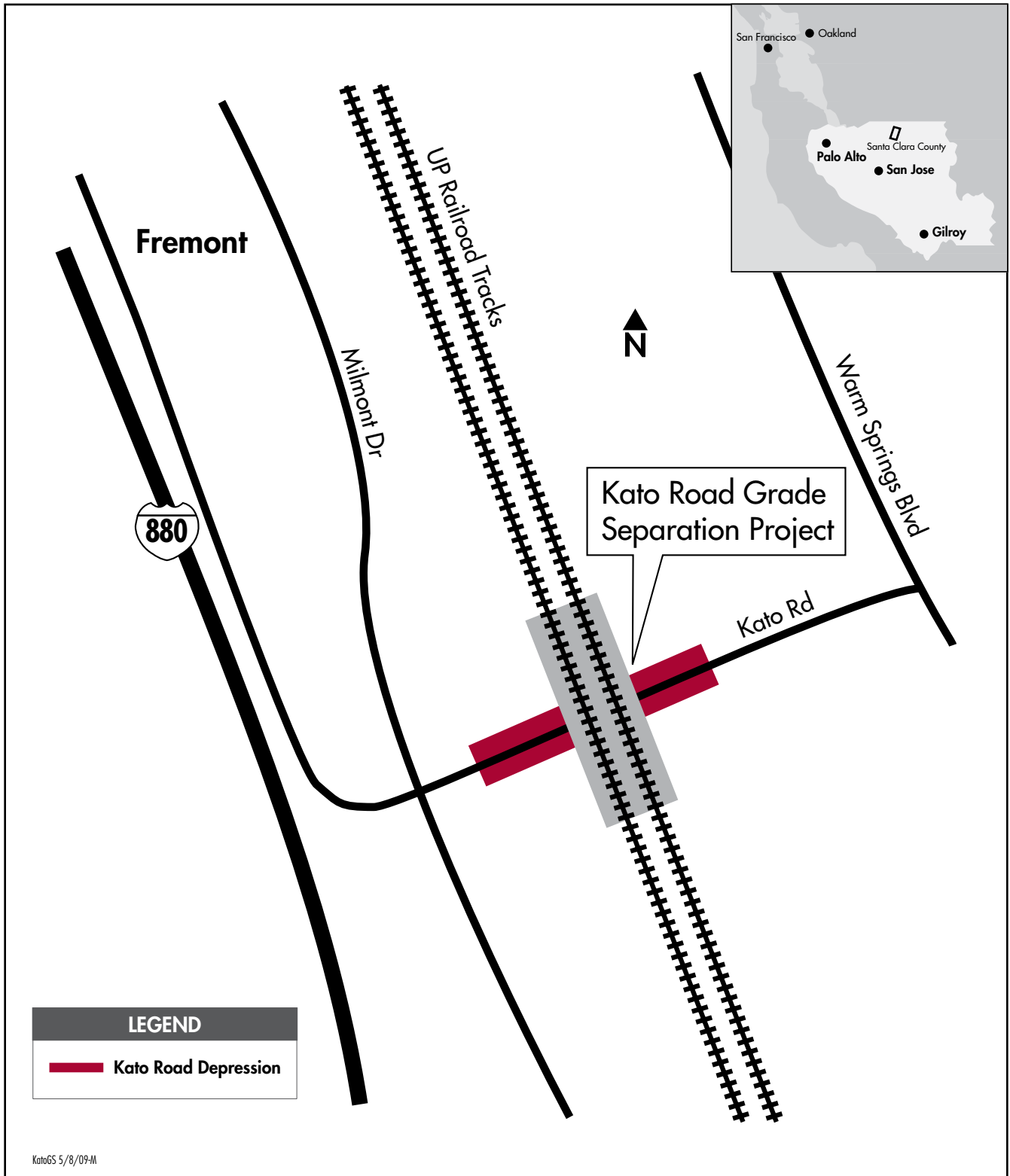
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