



VTA Construction Update

SAN CARLOS STREET RAIL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Almaden Boulevard and San Carlos Street Intersection Late Friday Night to Early Monday Morning, Nov. 6-9, 2009

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The following will be in effect as indicated; administrative permits, weather and other conditions permitting.

OVERVIEW: Light rail track at three intersections along San Carlos Street in downtown San Jose will be replaced over three consecutive weekends in Late October and early November. Crews will work at the Market and San Carlos streets intersection the first weekend, then on track west of Market Street extending toward Convention Center Light Rail Station the second and at the Almaden Boulevard and San Carlos Street intersection the final weekend.

In order to minimize impacts to downtown employers, educational institutions, commuters, hotel guests and transit users, the work will be done each weekend from 9 p.m. Friday, through 3 a.m. Monday.

Short-term construction impacts to the surrounding community include night time and day time noise from sawcutting, demolition and replacement of concrete and the removal and replacement of light rail tracks.

Long-term benefits of the project include quieter light rail operations for nearby establishments, a smoother ride for VTA light rail passengers and reduced maintenance costs for VTA.

While work is taking place, traffic and pedestrians will not be able to cross San Carlos Street at Almaden Boulevard and instead will be detoured one block in either direction. San Carlos Street itself will remain open to through traffic and pedestrians.

Additionally the Convention Center Light Rail Station will be closed, with VTA providing impacted riders a free courtesy bus trip around the closed station and construction site.

WHERE: The intersection of Almaden Boulevard and San Carlos Street in downtown San Jose

WHEN: Construction activities will begin at 9 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2009 and continue through 3 a.m. Monday, November 9 morning. This is the final of three weekends of work.

WHAT: Continuous construction activities will begin late Friday night and will include the removal of the rail tracks and demolition of the adjacent concrete, and the installation of new track, and pouring of new concrete.

Equipment to be used includes concrete sawcutters, jack hammers, small bulldozers, heavy equipment for breaking concrete, delivery vehicles with large flatbed trailers, welders and concrete trucks.

LANE CLOSURES: The traffic lane adjacent to the light rail tracks on San Carlos Street will be closed, with at least one lane (in each direction) of through traffic remaining open at all times.

DETOUR: Vehicles and pedestrians approaching San Carlos Street on Almaden Boulevard will be required to detour one block to avoid the construction. Vehicles on San Carlos Street wishing to turn left onto Almaden Boulevard will be detoured one block past the intersection to avoid the construction.

For the safety of the public and construction workers, traffic control measures will be used when needed. Informational and warning signs will be posted as necessary to ensure everyone's safety. Construction crews will make every effort to maintain access and minimize inconvenience to businesses, motorists, cyclists and transit riders.

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