



## VTA Construction Update

### **SAN CARLOS STREET RAIL REPLACEMENT**

#### **Intersection of Market and San Carlos Streets Weekend of October 24, 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 two intersections along San Carlos Street in downtown San Jose requires replacement. The work will be done 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 third 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. Some nighttime activities will take place at each site for up to two nights before the weekend.

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

In addition, when work is taking place at either intersection, traffic and pedestrians will not be able to cross San Carlos Street and instead will be detoured one block in either direction. San Carlos Street will remain open to through traffic. Additionally the Convention Center Light Rail Station will be closed each weekend, with VTA providing impacted riders a free courtesy bus trip around the closed station and construction site.

Long-term benefits to the surrounding community include quieter light rail operations.

**WHERE:** The intersection of Market and San Carlos streets in downtown San Jose

**WHEN:** Construction activities will begin at 9 p.m. Friday, October 23 and continue through 3 a.m. Monday, October 26. Also, some night work (concrete sawcutting) on the preceding evenings of Wednesday/Thursday and Thursday/Friday is scheduled.

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

Equipment to be used includes concrete sawcutters, jack hammers, small bulldozers, delivery vehicles with large flatbed trailers, forklifts and concrete trucks.

**LANE CLOSURES:** The lane of traffic closest 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 Market Street will be required to turn right at the intersection and detour one block to avoid the construction. Vehicles on San Carlos Street wishing to turn left onto Market Street 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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**About VTA**

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district that provides sustainable, accessible, community-focused transportation options that are innovative, environmentally responsible, and promote the vitality of our region. VTA is responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations; congestion management; specific highway improvement projects; countywide transportation planning and provides these services throughout the county including the cities of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Sunnyvale. VTA continually builds partnerships to deliver transportation solutions that meet the evolving mobility needs of Santa Clara County.

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