

# FACT SHEET: **Transit**

## Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project

### Project Description

The Capitol Expressway Transit Improvement Project will transform Capitol Expressway into a multi-modal boulevard offering rapid transit, light rail transit, and safe pathways with connections to the regional transit system. The project includes the following two phases:

**Phase I** of the project will include pedestrian and bus improvements along Capitol Expressway to accommodate pedestrian access and to improve safety. The project includes new sidewalks, street lighting and a landscaping buffer between the sidewalk and the roadway from Capitol Avenue to Quimby Road. During this phase the reconstruction of the Eastridge Transit Center will take place. These improvements will also support subsequent rapid transit (RT) shelters and amenities at Story and Ocala as part of the future Santa Clara-Alum Rock RT service along Capitol Expressway.



*Phase I - Pedestrian Safety Improvements on Capitol Expressway*

**Phase II** will extend light rail from the existing Alum Rock Light Rail Station to the Eastridge Transit Center. Light rail will operate primarily in the center of Capitol Expressway with elevated track structures crossing Capitol Avenue, Story Road, and Tully Road. The Eastridge extension will include three stations: Story Road, Ocala Avenue and Eastridge.

### Project Status

- In May 2005 and in August 2007, the VTA Board of Directors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and the Supplemental EIR, respectively, and approved the Light Rail Alternative.
- In order to be eligible for federal funding, VTA is in the process of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (federal document) for the Light Rail Alternative.
- The construction of the pedestrian improvement portion began in April 2011 and includes new sidewalks, street lighting, and landscaping along Capitol Expressway between Capitol Avenue and Quimby Road. Completion is anticipated for Summer 2012, prior to completion of the light rail.
- VTA is in the process of preparing construction documents for Eastridge Transit Center and bus improvements.

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## Project Schedule

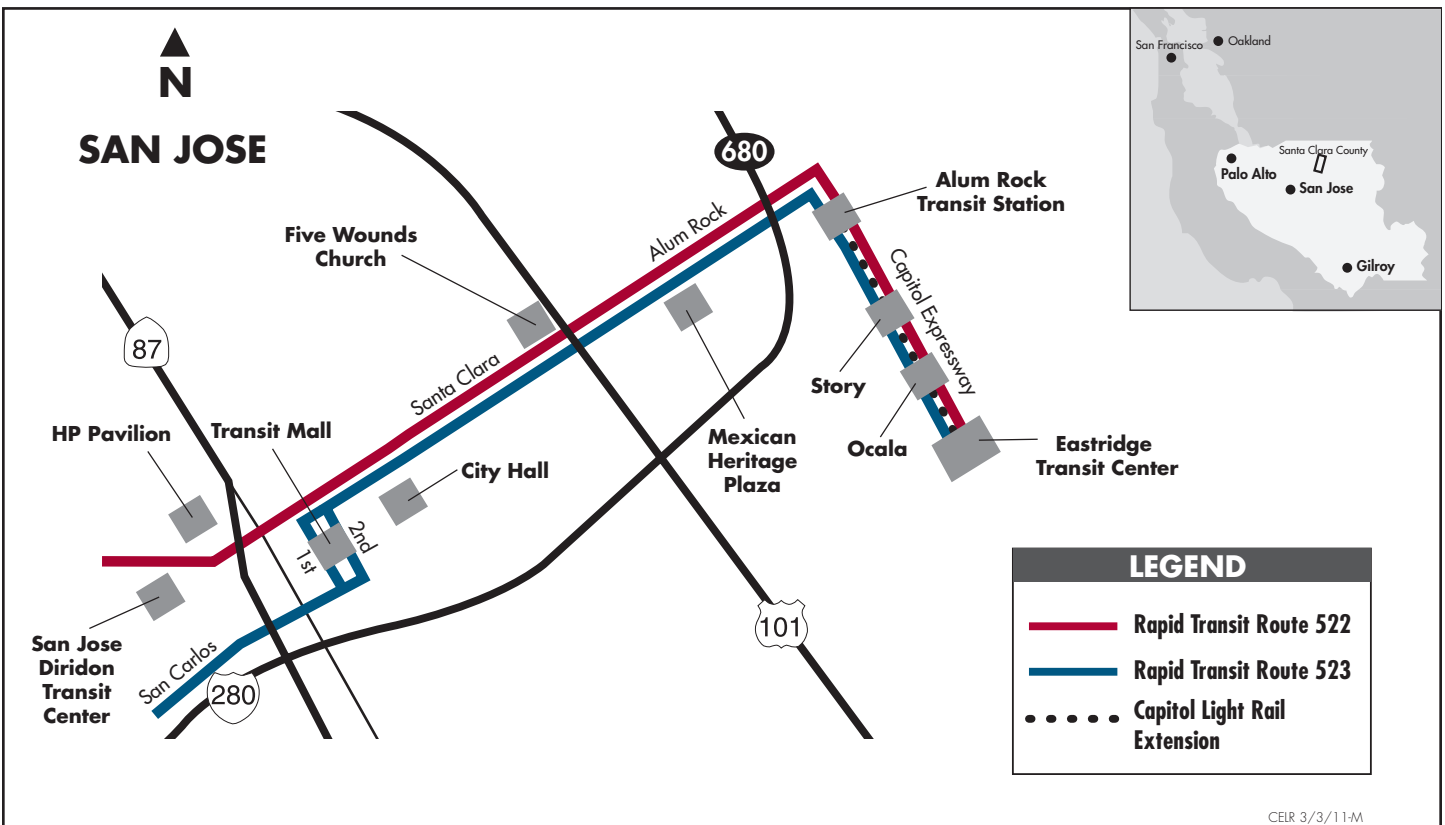
- Obtain federal environmental clearance
  - Acquire property for bus improvements
  - Construction for pedestrian improvements
  - Construction for Eastridge Transit Center/bus improvements
  - Construction for light rail
- Complete in late 2012  
Complete in Fall 2012  
Completion Date: Summer 2012  
Begin Winter 2012  
To be determined based on future funding

## Project Cost

The cost estimate for Phase I Pedestrian and Bus Improvements including Eastridge Transit Center is \$60 million, which includes State funding and is included in the approved VTA FY 2012-13 budget. The total cost estimate of Phase II, the extension of light rail from the Alum Rock Transit Center to Eastridge Transit Center is \$310 million. This project is included in the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvements Program.

## How to Reach Us

If you have any questions about the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project, please contact VTA's Community Outreach Department at (408) 321-7575, TTY for the hearing-impaired (408) 321-2330. You may also visit us on the web at [www.vta.org](http://www.vta.org), or e-mail us at [community.outreach@vta.org](mailto:community.outreach@vta.org).



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