

# 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 bus rapid transit, light rail transit, and safe pedestrian and bicycle pathways with connections to the regional trail system. The project includes the following two phases:

**Phase I** of the project will construct pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements along Capitol Expressway to support future transit services. To accommodate pedestrian and bicycle access and to ensure safety, the project includes a continuous landscaping buffer between the sidewalk and the roadway along the corridor, pedestrian lighting and signalized crosswalks.



*Phase I- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvements on Capitol Expressway*

This phase will also support the subsequent BRT shelters and amenities at Story and Ocala as part of the new Santa Clara–Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) which will provide service 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 (optional), and the reconstruction of the Eastridge Transit Center.

### Project Status

- The planning process for improving transit services in the Capitol Expressway Corridor has been ongoing since early 1999.
- In May 2005 and in August 2007, the VTA Board of Directors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report 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 for the Light Rail Alternative.
- Design plans for the light rail improvements and associated utility relocation plans and right-of-way mapping has been completed to a final design level.
- The pedestrian improvement portion of the project along the expressway will be constructed prior to the completion of light rail. This work includes sidewalk, landscaping and street lighting on Capitol Expressway between Capitol Avenue and Quimby Road.
- VTA is in the process of preparing construction documents for these pedestrian improvements.

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## Project Schedule

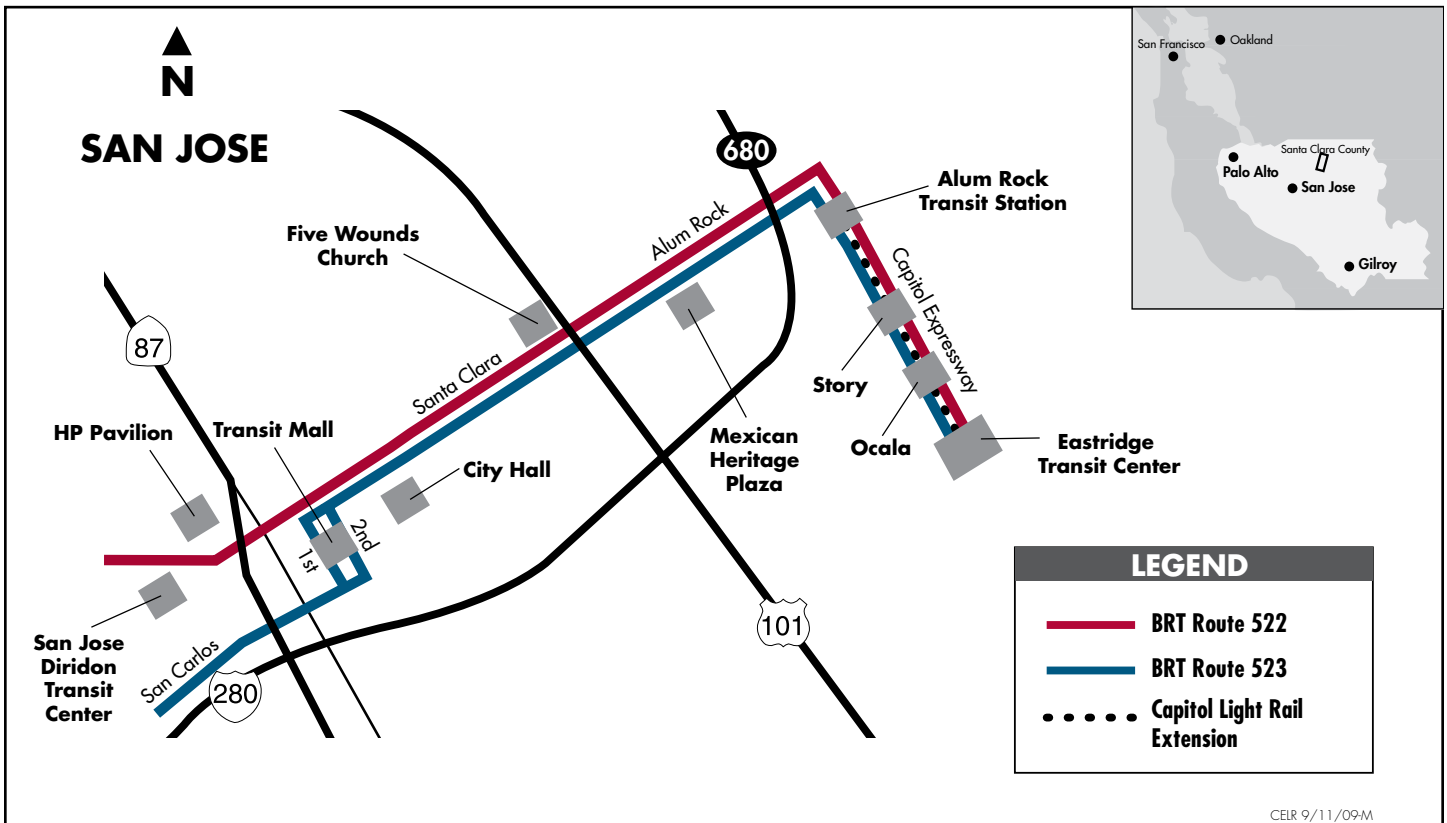
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| • Obtain federal environmental clearance                   | Summer 2009 to early 2011                 |
| • Acquire property for pedestrian improvements             | Begin mid 2010                            |
| • Construction for pedestrian improvements                 | Begin early to mid 2011                   |
| • Construction for Eastridge Transit Center and light rail | To be determined based on future funding. |

## Project Cost

The cost for Phase I Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements is \$25 million, which is included in the approved VTA FY 2010-11 budget. The total cost of the extension of light rail from the Alum Rock Transit Center to Eastridge Transit Center is \$334 million. This project is included in the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvements Program.

## How to Reach Us

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