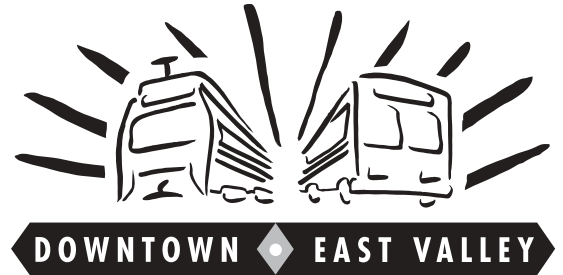


Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project



Overview

On May 5, 2005, the VTA Board of Directors approved the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project.

Project Status

- Conceptual Engineering (CE) is complete
- Environmental Review Process is complete (June 2005).
- Preliminary Engineering (PE) is underway with anticipated completion in early 2006
- Next phase is Final Design and Construction. Funding for this phase has not been identified.

Description

This project will construct a 3.1-mile light rail extension along Capitol Expressway from the existing Alum Rock Station (at the end of the Capitol Light Rail extension) to the future Neiman Boulevard Station. The Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project will operate primarily in the median of Capitol Expressway as part of a multi-modal transportation corridor with improved transit, pedestrian and bicycle access. Light rail will provide fast and effective service with convenient connections to other transit services while providing access to neighborhoods, jobs, and retail.

The Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project may be constructed in two phases.

- Phase 1A, from the Alum Rock Station to the Eastridge Transit Center and,
- Phase 1B, from Eastridge Transit Center to Neiman Boulevard.

Four new stations will be located near Story Road, Ocala/Cunningham Avenues, Eastridge Transit Center, and Nieman Boulevard. Other project elements include an expanded park & ride facility at Eastridge Transit Center, grade separations at Capitol Avenue, Story Road, Tully and Quimby Roads, urban design elements such as landscaping and lighting to enhance the corridor and facilitate bicycle and pedestrian access.

Project Costs (2003 dollars)

(Costs based upon preliminary information developed during CE)

- Alum Rock Station to Eastridge Transit Center (Phase 1A) \$291M
- Eastridge Transit Center to Nieman Boulevard (Phase 1B) \$118M
- Light Rail Vehicle Storage Facility (if needed) \$ 21M
- Total \$430M**

Operations

The Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project is anticipated to operate with one and two-car light rail vehicles as an extension of the Capitol Light Rail Line with 10-15 minute headways.

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Disabled Access

The Capitol Expressway Light Rail Extension will operate low-floor vehicles, and be fully accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

How to Reach Us

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