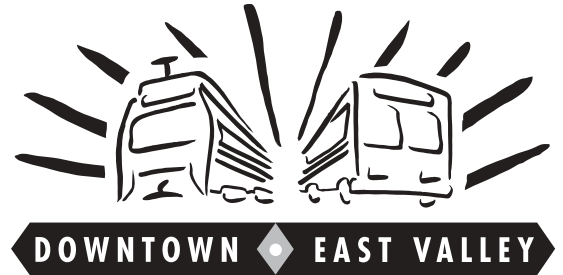


## Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project



### Overview

The Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project is part of the Downtown East Valley Transit Improvement Plan. The purpose of the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project is to improve public transit service in the Capitol Expressway corridor with the vision of a multi-modal boulevard, transforming the current expressway environment into a street with cars, light rail, bicycles, and pedestrians.

On August 5, 2004, the Downtown East Valley Policy Advisory Board approved staff recommendations regarding preferred design options and phasing for the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project based on conceptual engineering work, environmental studies, and public input.

### Project Status

- Conceptual Engineering (CE) is substantially complete
- Environmental Review Process is underway, with approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) anticipated in early 2005
- Preliminary Engineering (PE) is underway with anticipated completion in late 2005.

### 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
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$430M</b>

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**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.

**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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