



DOWNTOWN • EAST VALLEY

Notice of Completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) and Notice of Public Hearing for the Downtown East Valley Capitol Expressway Corridor Project

Public Notice:

Notice is hereby given that Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Downtown East Valley Capitol Expressway Corridor Project. The Draft EIS/EIR will be available for public review beginning April 28, 2004.

Project Description:

The Downtown East Valley Capitol Expressway Corridor extends 8.2 miles along Capitol Expressway from the end of the Capitol Light Rail Transit (LRT) line at the Alum Rock Station to the existing Guadalupe LRT line at Route 87 in San Jose.

Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR):

The Draft EIS/EIR reviews the effects on the environment of the following alternatives for improving public transit service in the Capitol Expressway Corridor:

- **No-Project Alternative:** This alternative would maintain transit service levels with limited improvements in frequency.
- **Baseline Alternative:** This alternative would enhance the existing bus service in the corridor through frequency upgrades, new enhanced limited stop service and transit priority measures.
- **Light Rail Alternative:** This alternative would extend the Capitol LRT line to connect with the Guadalupe LRT line. LRT would primarily be located in the median of Capitol Expressway and would include ten new stations and expanded park & ride facilities, new multi-use paths and landscaping. There are multiple design options under consideration including grade separations, station location and access, new park & ride facilities, and a new LRT storage facility. This alternative also includes ancillary facilities, such as substations, overhead contact system, and signaling and gates system.

Public Comments on the Draft EIS/EIR:

You will have an opportunity to learn about the proposed Downtown East Valley Capitol Expressway Corridor Project and to comment on the Draft EIS/EIR at a public hearing. Additionally, comments on the Draft EIS/EIR may be submitted via mail, email or fax at the addresses and numbers listed. The deadline for receiving public comments is June 21, 2004.

Public Hearing:

A public hearing will be held to provide information about the project and receive comments on the Draft EIS/EIR.

San Jose

Thursday, May 27, 2004

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Hank Lopez Community Center

1694 Adrian Way, San Jose, CA

This location is served by VTA Bus Lines 70 and 74.

Please contact VTA Customer Service at (408) 321-2300, TDD for the hearing impaired (408) 321-2330 for specific route and schedule information.

ADA and Language accommodations: To receive an accessible format version of this notice, or if you require an interpreter, including sign language services, or other accommodations at this public hearing, please contact VTA Customer Service five days prior to the hearing at (408) 321-2300 or TDD for the hearing impaired (408) 321-2330. Information is also available at www.vta.org.

To Review or Obtain a Copy of the Draft EIS/EIR:

The Draft EIS/EIR is available for review at:

- East San Jose Carnegie Branch
1102 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose
- Hillview Branch Library
2255 Ocala Avenue, San Jose
- Alum Rock Branch Library
75 South White Road, San Jose
- Severtrees Branch Library
3597 Cas Drive, San Jose
- Evergreen Branch Library
2635 Aborn Road, San Jose
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Main Library
150 E. San Fernando Street, San Jose
- www.dtev-vta.org – The document on the web allows the viewer to bookmark and search the document by key words.
- VTA Environmental Planning Department – Call (408) 321-5789 to review the Draft EIS/EIR or to obtain a hard copy or CD-ROM for computer viewing.

To Comment on the Draft EIS/EIR:

Submit comments to VTA Environmental Planning Department.

Fax: (408) 321-5787

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The deadline for receiving public comments is June 21, 2004.

