

# **VTA NEWS**

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## **VTA Hosts Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project Community Meeting**

San Jose, Calif. -- The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is inviting members of the public to attend a “scoping” meeting in San Jose on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at the Hank Lopez Community Center in San Jose. The meeting is one of several ways to learn about the current status of the Downtown East Valley Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project and to provide input on the “scope” and content of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will be prepared to address changes to the project since its original approval in May 2005.

The Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project will extend light rail along Capitol Expressway in San Jose from the Alum Rock Station to the Eastridge Transit Center with a future extension planned to Nieman Boulevard.

### **When and Where:**

Wednesday, Sept. 6

6:30 p.m.

Hank Lopez Community Center

1694 Adrian Way, San Jose

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

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### **ADA and Language Accommodations:**

If a person requires an interpreter (including sign language services) or other accommodations at this public community meeting, they should contact VTA Customer Service five days prior to the community meeting at (408) 321-2300 or TDD for the hearing impaired (408) 321-2330.

### **2000 Measure A**

The 2000 Measure A package of transit improvements was approved by Santa Clara County voters in November 2000 by a 70.3% majority and authorized a 30-year, 1/2 cent sales tax to begin in 2006. Measure A supports the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) and Expenditure Program, a long-range transportation planning effort focused on addressing the Valley's transportation needs. VTP provides a balanced transportation system consisting of transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements. The revenue from Measure A enables approximately \$2 billion in future state and federal funds to be directed towards these projects. The Downtown East Valley Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project is one of the 2000 Measure A projects.

### **About VTA**

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations; congestion management; specific highway improvement projects; and, countywide transportation planning. As such, VTA is both an accessible transit provider and multi-modal transportation planning organization involved with transit, highways and roadways, bikeways and pedestrian facilities. VTA provides services to cities throughout the county including Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Sunnyvale.

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