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BART To San Jose Reaches Milestone As Demolition Begins

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A BART train at a station. (Justin Sullivan/Getty Images)

SAN JOSE (KCBS) – Construction on the future BART line to San Jose took a big step forward Thursday when crews began demolishing five vacant industrial buildings east of the Flea Market. Demolition work in the area is expected to be completed by the end of next month. After demolition is complete, the area will be transformed into the future BART station, along with a mix of residential, retail and office space.

Nearby residents have been told noise and dust will be kept to a minimum during the demolition process.

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Building Demolition Begins to Make Way for BART to San Jose

“There wasn’t any you know, wrecking balls or things like that. The demolition is happening in stages,” stressed Valley Transportation Authority spokeswoman, Brandi Childress. “They’re taking a very strategic approach. They want to go from the inside out, they’re keeping the exterior walls up to mitigate some of the noise that’s happening with the demolition.”

The Flea Market and parking lot adjacent to it will remain, even after the BART station is complete. BART Trains are expected to start running on the 10-mile extension from Fremont in 2017.