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Santa Clara VTA to mark start of Fremont project

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Today, federal, state, local and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) officials will break ground on the Mission/Warren (MW) area improvement project in Fremont, Calif., and infrastructure upgrades to make way for the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension.

The MW project, which will feature key safety and mobility enhancements, calls for widening Mission Boulevard (State Route 262) to six lanes between Interstate-880 and Warm Springs Boulevard; constructing Kato Road on/off ramps to Mission Boulevard; depressing Warren Avenue to separate it from Union Pacific Railroad tracks and future BART tracks; and installing two new UP bridges, two BART bridges and a maintenance bridge over Mission Boulevard and Warren Avenue.

"These important improvements in Fremont will benefit the community by expanding mobility in Alameda County, improving transportation infrastructure and preparing the current railroad corridor for BART Silicon Valley," said VTA Chairman Ken Yeager in a prepared statement.

A joint effort of the city, Alameda County Transportation Commission, California Department of Transportation and VTA, the \$151 million project is being funded with federal, state and local sources