

Section 3.19 Maintenance Facility

Background

The prior 2004 Draft EIS/EIR, 2005 FEIR, and 2007 SEIR included construction of a vehicle storage and maintenance facility in three different locations, intended to provide VTA with the opportunity to deliver more efficient service while saving “dead-heading” costs. This included potential facility locations at Ocala Avenue, Quimby Road, and State Route 87 (refer to Figure 3-6 of the 2005 FEIR). The maintenance and storage facility proposed would include LRT track, Traction Electrification System (TES) poles and overhead wires to accommodate between 5-17 light rail vehicles. A building would provide office space for supervisor personnel, operator reporting functions, and a break room. There would be storage for minor equipment such as mirrors, seat cushions, and wipers. There would also be approximately 25-35 parking spaces to accommodate operators and supervisory personnel. The functions performed by this facility would be light rail vehicle storage and light maintenance such as, interior cleaning of vehicles (vacuuming, window washing), and replacement of minor equipment (mirrors, seat cushions, wipers). No exterior washing or heavy maintenance would occur at this facility.

Current Alternatives

Under the proposed No-Build Alternative and Light Rail Alternative (with and without the Ocala Station option), no vehicle storage and maintenance facility would be constructed. Instead, heavy maintenance activities for vehicles used on this line would continue to be performed at the existing Guadalupe Light Rail Division on West Younger Street in San Jose.

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