

## EASTRIDGE TO BART REGIONAL CONNECTOR POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

4:00 PM

### **\*TELECONFERENCE AND VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING ONLY\***

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## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

#### 1. ROLL CALL

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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#### 3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### 4. ACTION ITEM – Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2021.


## REGULAR AGENDA

5. INFORMATION ITEM -Receive the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project Status Update.

## OTHER

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. ADJOURN

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## **Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Policy Advisory Board**

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

### **MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector (EBRC) Policy Advisory Board was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairperson Chavez via video and teleconference.

#### **1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Sylvia Arenas	Vice Chairperson	Present
Magdalena Carrasco	Member	Present
Cindy Chavez	Chairperson	Present
Otto Lee	Member	Present

**A quorum was not present and a Committee of the Whole was declared.**

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment.

#### **3. ORDERS OF THE DAY**

There were no Orders of the Day.

Vice Chairperson Arenas joined the video and teleconference meeting at 4:03 p.m.  
and a quorum was declared.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2020**

M/S/C (Lee/Arenas) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2021.

#### **5. 2021 Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Policy Advisory Board Meeting Schedule**

M/S/C (Lee/Arenas) to approve the 2021 Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Policy Advisory Board Meeting Schedule.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED – Consent Agenda Item #s4-5</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lee, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Arenas, Vice Chairperson
<b>AYES:</b>	Arenas, Chavez, Lee
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Carrasco

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 6. Conduct Voting to Determine the Committee's Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for Calendar Year 2021.

Chairperson Chavez nominated Vice Chairperson Arenas for Chairperson.

**M/S/C (Chavez/Lee)** to close the nomination and elect Sylvia Arenas as the Chairperson for calendar year 2021.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Elected Chairperson – Regular Agenda Item #6</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Chavez, Chairperson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lee, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Arenas, Chavez, Lee
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Carrasco

Chairperson Chavez nominated Member Carrasco for Vice Chairperson.

**M/S/C (Chavez/Lee)** to close the nomination and elect Magdalena Carrasco as Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2021.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Elected Vice Chairperson – Regular Agenda Item #6</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Chavez, Chairperson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lee, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Arenas, Chavez, Lee
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Carrasco

Chairperson Chavez continued to preside over the meeting,  
Chairperson-elect Arenas will preside over the next scheduled meetings.

### 7. Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project Status Update

Kenneth Ronsse, Deputy Director, Deputy Director, Rail & Facilities; Ven Prasad, Engineering Group Manager – Rail; and Kathleen Podrasky, Community Outreach Supervisor, provided the presentation entitled “Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project Status Update.”.

Member Carrasco joined the video and teleconference meeting at 4:13 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Lebrun queried on the following: 1) noise mitigation; 2) whether staff was using Building Information Modelling (BIM) to relocate utilities; and 3) Regional Measure 3 (RM3) as alternative source of guaranteed funding.

Staff addressed the inquiries.

Members of the Policy Advisory Board and staff discussed the following: 1) tree replacement alternatives; and 2) delay in construction advertisement.

Chairperson Chavez recommended the following: 1) engage with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to resolve related real estate issues; 2) apply for eminent domain; and 3) agendaize the subset item for the next Board meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Lebrun commented on the staff responses: 1) silent piling; and 2) BIM. He also commented on the Montague Expressway station design and suggested the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors reintroduce a legislation on BIM as a mandate to private and public construction projects.

Ms. Podrasky provided a presentation entitled “Community Outreach and Public Engagement.”

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Lebrun commented on the COVID-19 vaccination protocol.

Chairperson Chavez requested for Mr. Lebrun’s contact information as follow up on his comment about his experience on COVID-19 vaccination protocol.

Chairperson Chavez suggested Community Outreach staff collaborate with communications staff at the County on best practices in Outreach efforts specifically on door-to-door, direct communications, social media, and sharing of resources. She suggested continuing these efforts beyond COVID-19.

**On order of Chairperson Chavez** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project Status Update.

## **OTHER**

### **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Announcements.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Chavez** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reyne Jimeno, Board Assistant  
VTA Office of the Board Secretary



Date: August 31, 2021  
 Current Meeting: September 15, 2021  
 Board Meeting: N/A

## **BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
 Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Policy Advisory Board

**THROUGH:** General Manager/CEO, Carolyn M. Gonot

**FROM:** Chief Engineering & Prog Delivery Officer, Casey Emoto

**SUBJECT:** Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project Status Update

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### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This memorandum provides an update on activities for the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector (EBRC) Project since the EBRC Policy Advisory Board (PAB) meeting on March 17, 2021.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:**

This project meets Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA's) strategic goal to Build and Implement capital projects on time and within budget with business practices that make us more efficient and successful.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

This memorandum presents a status of the activities for the EBRC Project through August 2021.

##### Design

Development of final plans, specifications and estimates are complete and are being reviewed by VTA, City of San Jose (City) and County of Santa Clara (County) staff.

##### Utilities

Relocation of underground facilities are underway with a portion of a gas line relocation complete in the vicinity of Story Road. Design for the relocation of underground electric facilities in the same area is underway with coordination between PG&E and communication companies. Final permits from the County and City for this work will be obtained before start of construction that is anticipated for early 2022. For the high voltage 115 kilovolt (kV) PG&E

electric transmission line, relocation of the line are expected to begin in late September 2021, pending approval of the Joint Use Agreement between PG&E and the County. Design for relocation of the San Jose Water main along Capitol Expressway is complete and waiting for a County permit to begin construction.

### Right of Way

Property acquisition is substantially complete. The Joint Use Agreement between PG&E and the County is planned for completion in August 2021. Property release from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the portion of airport property required for the project remains outstanding. Given the lack of approval from the FAA to date, staff is planning to request a Resolution of Necessity action by the VTA Board for the airport property in November 2021. Related to right of way, a small building that was acquired for the project was recently removed at 1091/1093 S. Capitol Avenue to allow space for future roadway widening as part of the light rail project improvements.

## **Community Outreach and Public Engagement**

### EBRC Stakeholder Working Group (SWG)

The SWG planned for May 27 was postponed and rescheduled to June 24, 2021. On August 26, 2021, the SWG resumed their quarterly schedule. Both meetings were held via Zoom webinar. The meetings were noticed via the Project email subscribers list and project webpage.

The meeting held on June 24 focused on details of the upcoming utility relocation activities that will occur along Capitol Expressway between Capitol Avenue at Westboro Drive and Quimby Road.

On August 26, guest speaker, Mary Rubin, Senior Project Manager with the City of San Jose Public Art Program, presented the Station Art Enhancement Program. This was followed by a staff introduction to construction noise and vibration assessment and mitigation. Staff and SWG members will go into more depth on this topic in subsequent meetings.

The next SWG meeting is November 18, 2021, 6:30 pm.

Both meetings were recorded, and both the presentations and recordings are posted on the project page, [www.vta.org/eastridgetobart](http://www.vta.org/eastridgetobart) <<http://www.vta.org/eastridgetobart>>.

### Current Outreach Activities

Project staff are available to meet with the community via Zoom, or outdoor events.

The office of Supervisor Chavez invited project staff to present the Ocala Area History for the East San Jose Leadership Group at its meeting on August 23, 2021. The purpose was to assist in informing the meeting participants the reasons (e.g., sustainability criteria for a new station, limited space, property acquisition, and traffic impacts) for the VTA Board decision in 2014 to eliminate the Ocala Station from the project.



Staff previously committed to the SWG to host an on-site walk through of the Ocala area. This was held on August 24, 2021. It was attended by SWG members, community members, and staff. Staff provided additional drawings to further describe the physical challenges and space constraints of a station at this location.

Targeted neighborhood outreach was provided for the removal of the building located at 1091/1093 S. Capitol Avenue (Capitol @ Story). A full corridor newsletter and notice of utility relocation was recently sent with the accompanying activities to expand notification.

**CLIMATE IMPACT:**

Transit improvement construction is intended to provide valuable public transportation to an important transit hub thereby supporting the interest to minimize climate impact from less sustainable fuel sources.

Prepared By: Ven Prasad and Kathleen Podrasky  
Memo No. 7851



# Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Policy Advisory Board Meeting

September 15, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

# Project Update

- **Real Estate**

- Property acquisition for utility relocation is complete
- VTA filing resolution of necessity on County/FAA property

## **Engineering**

- Final bid documents under review

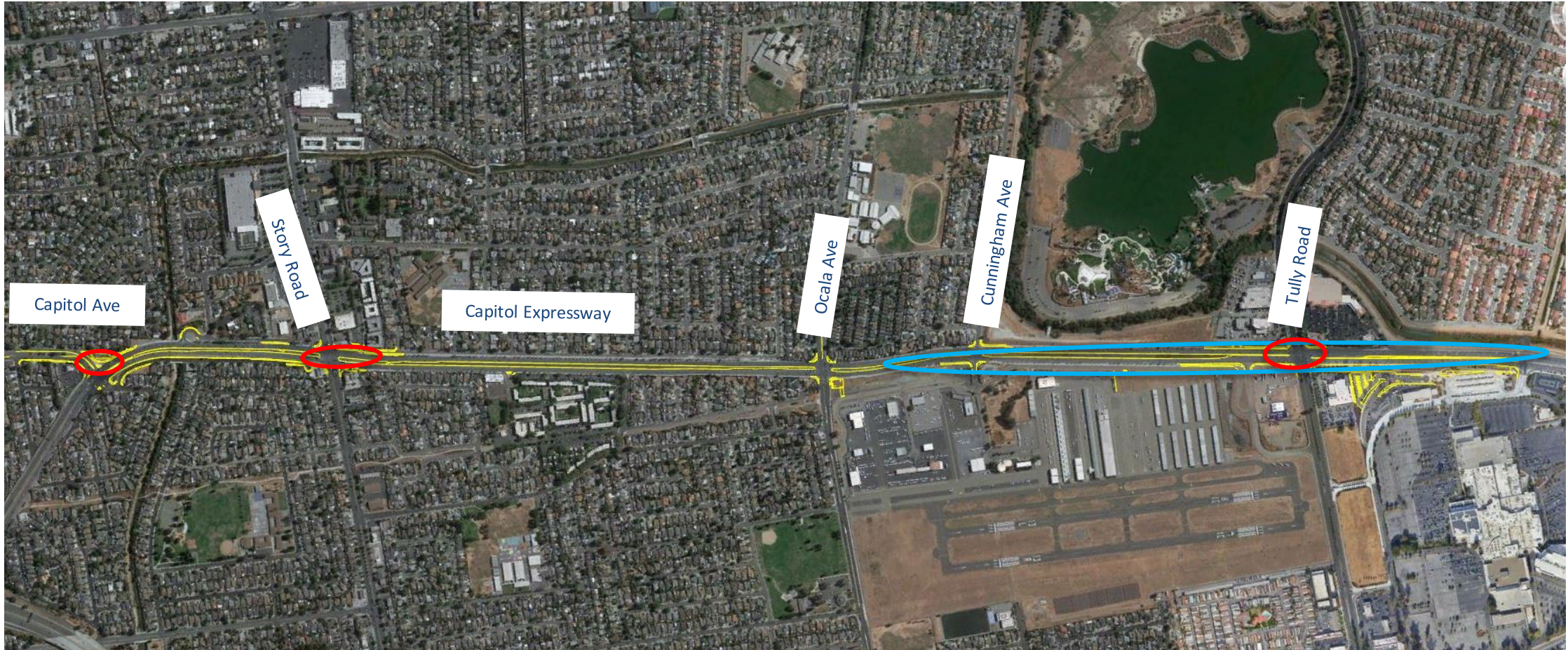
- **Construction**



- Demolition complete at 1091/1093 S. Capitol Avenue
- Waiting for RM3 decision for advertisement

# Utility Relocation

- Minor Underground
  1. PG&E Gas – Some work completed
  2. Electrical (distribution) – Starting late 2021
  3. Communication (AT&T, Comcast, Zayo, MCI )– Starting early 2022
  4. San Jose Water – Starting October 2021
- Electrical Transmission Line – starting Sept/Oct 2021
  - High Voltage Line
  - Relocate from west side to eastside of Capitol Expressway
  - Install steel poles and hang wires

# Utility Relocation Overview



-  Underground Utility Relocation
-  Electrical Transmission Line Relocation

# Project Update

- **EBRC Art Program**
  - VTA and City of San Jose art program collaboration
  - Artist selection process occurred in August
  - Selected two artists based on the qualifications and interviews
  - Next steps
    - Negotiate contracts with the artists
    - Community engagement



## Selection Panel

- **Mayen Alcantara, Senior Manager at LA Metro**
- **Claudia Guadagne, Principal Architect, FMG Architects**
- **Walter Hood, Artist and landscape designer**
- **Rachel Lui, Visual Artist (D8)**
- **Edgar Ochoa, Community Engagement Program Manager, Mexican Heritage (D5)**
- **Amy Trachtenberg, Visual Artist**

# Community Outreach

- June 24, SWG Meeting
- Building Removal Notice
- Eastside Leaders Meeting
- Ocala Field Visit
- Newsletter and Utility Relocation Notice
- August 26, SWG Meeting
- Upcoming
  - November 18, SWG Meeting
  - 2022 Work Plan

## Eastridge to BART Regional Connector

Effective on or about August 3, 2021. The following will be in effect as indicated, weather and conditions permitting:

**WHAT:** In advance of future construction activities that are expected to begin in spring 2022, the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector project will remove the building located at 1083 South Capitol Expressway.



### Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project

#### Summer 2021 Newsletter & Notice of Utility Relocation

To say that 2020 and 2021 have been challenging is an understatement. Even though we at VTA had to adjust to the way we work, the planning work on the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project continued. Let's catch up!

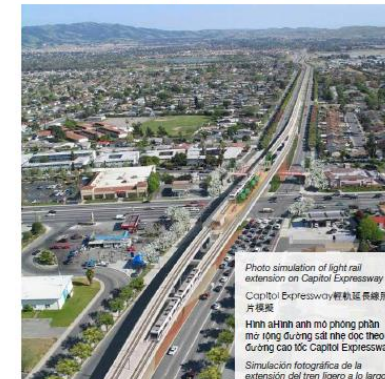
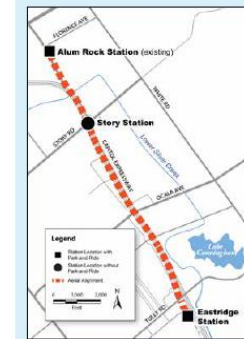


Photo simulation of light rail extension on Capitol Expressway  
 Capitol Expressway 輕軌延長線照片模擬  
 Hình ảnh minh họa phỏng đoán mở rộng đường sắt nhẹ dọc theo Đường cao tốc Capitol Expressway  
 Simulación fotográfica de la extensión del tren ligero a lo largo



**Stay Informed**  
 How can you stay informed and know when to expect work near you? Sign up for stakeholder emails! Visit the project webpage: [vta.org/eastridgetobart](http://vta.org/eastridgetobart) and look for the "Subscribe to Updates" icon in the lower right corner. Enter your email and click "subscribe". You will be prompted to confirm your

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 ts to neighboring businesses  
 private property  
 lic and construction workers, signs will be posted to ensure vs will make every effort to minimize inconvenience to motorists, businesses and neighbors.

Utility Relocation Overview. For details on the utility companies' locations are, please visit [vta.org/eastridgetobart](http://vta.org/eastridgetobart) and select the construction notices tab.  
 有關公用事業公司位置的詳細信息，請上網[vta.org/eastridgetobart](http://vta.org/eastridgetobart)並選擇“施工通知”選項卡。  
 Tổng quan về việc Di Dời Tiện ích. Để biết chi tiết về địa điểm của các công ty tiện ích, vui lòng truy cập [vta.org/eastridgetobart](http://vta.org/eastridgetobart) và chọn tab thông báo xây dựng (construction notices).  
 Descripción general de la reubicación de servicios públicos. Para obtener detalles sobre las ubicaciones de las empresas de servicios públicos, visite [vta.org/eastridgetobart](http://vta.org/eastridgetobart) y seleccione la pestaña de avisos de construcción.  
 Pangkalahatang Ideya ng Paglipat ng Utility. Para sa mga detalye ng mga lugar ng mga kumpanya ng utility, mangyaring bisitahin ang [vta.org/eastridgetobart](http://vta.org/eastridgetobart) at piliin ang tab ng mga abiso ng konstruksyon.