

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Record of Decision for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation for VTA's BART Silicon Valley – Phase II Extension Project

This provides notice that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has issued the Record of Decision (ROD) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project (Project). FTA served as the federal lead agency under NEPA, and VTA served as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the preparation of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Subsequent Environmental Impact Report and Section 4(f) Evaluation (SEIS/SEIR).

The Project, described as the NEPA BART Extension Alternative in the Final SEIS/SEIR, is the subject of the ROD and the NEPA Preferred Alternative. The Project is a 6-mile extension of the BART system from the Berryessa/North San José Station to the City of Santa Clara. It will include an approximately 5-mile-long single-bore tunnel, two mid-tunnel ventilation facilities, a maintenance facility and storage yard, and four stations: Alum Rock/28th Street, Downtown San José, Diridon, and Santa Clara stations.

The Final SEIS/SEIR included design refinements since release of the Draft SEIS/SEIR in late December 2016, and responses to comments received during public circulation of the Draft SEIS/SEIR from January through March 2017. The Final SEIS/SEIR was released on February 21, 2018, and the Notice of Availability of the Final SEIS/SEIR was published in the Federal Register on March 2, 2018. The VTA Board of Directors certified the CEQA Final SEIR and approved the Project on April 5, 2018. The BART Board of Directors accepted the CEQA Final SEIR and approved the Project on April 26, 2018. FTA issued the ROD on June 4, 2018.

AVAILABILITY OF ROD: The ROD is available online at <http://www.vta.org/bart/record-of-decision-2018>.

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