

Phase I – Berryessa Extension

Fact Sheet

Overview

The Berryessa Extension is the 10-mile, two station, first phase of BART Silicon Valley. This extension of the BART system will begin south of the future Warm Springs station in Fremont, proceed through Milpitas and end in the Berryessa area of north San Jose. The extension will bring commuters into Silicon Valley with convenient connections to VTA bus and light rail that serve major employers including Cisco Systems, Adobe and Ebay. New developments, including housing, commercial and retail space, are planned around the future station areas.

The two stations feature:

- Parking structures
- Bus transit centers
- Bicycle and pedestrian connections
- Easy, convenient access to the BART system and VTA transit:
 - a half-mile walk for nearly 30,000 local residents
 - less than a 12-minute bike ride for 260,000 people
 - just 15 minutes via public transit or automobiles for more than 1,007,000 local residents

Milpitas Station

- Located at the intersection of Montague Expressway and Capitol Avenue
- Compact station campus design
- Ground-level concourse with below-ground boarding platforms
- Connects with VTA light rail system via a pedestrian bridge
- Private shuttle and “Kiss & Ride” drop-off/pick-up area
- Dedicated bicycle storage room
- Nearby destinations include the Great Mall of the Bay Area, Heald College and Milpitas/North San Jose high-tech employment centers
- Center of the City of Milpitas’ Transit Area Specific Plan

Berryessa Station

- Located between Berryessa and Mabury Roads
- Ground-level concourse, with aerial boarding center platform 35 feet above ground
- Private shuttle and drop-off/pick-up loading area
- Shared-use trails for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Dedicated bicycle storage room



Mobility Benefits

- Expands the BART system to 120 miles and 47 stations
- Enhances transit connectivity throughout Santa Clara County
- Links San Francisco, San Mateo, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara counties with high-frequency rail service
- Enhances mobility, especially for longer-distance commutes and other trip purposes
- Provides a transit solution to highly congested and constrained I-880 and I-680 corridors
- Includes new high-frequency express/feeder bus services timed to meet BART trains and connect to downtown San Jose
- Reduces regional traffic congestion
- Reduces vehicle miles traveled
- Improves transit travel times
- Reduces emissions from automobiles
- Reduces number of vehicles on roadways resulting in fewer traffic accidents

Economic Benefits

- For every dollar spent on construction, operations and maintenance, approximately \$4 to \$10 will be reinvested in the region (includes Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and San Mateo counties)
- Increases transit options to support local and regional growth
- Lowers vehicle operating costs and insurance
- Spurs development, including housing around stations
- Moves the most people to major job centers when compared to other transit alternatives
- Creates thousands of temporary jobs to design and construct the project, and thousands of permanent jobs once the project is completed
- Provides increased access to better paying jobs throughout the region
- Increases regional labor pool for employers
- Begins passenger service on the BART Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension in 2020 with average daily ridership estimated at 46,000 by 2030.

Project Timeline

- Entered Federal New Starts Program December 2009
- Federal environmental clearance June 2010
- \$900 million federal grant March 2012
- Groundbreaking April 2012
- Project construction 2012-2019
- System testing 2016-2020
- Passenger service 2020

How to Reach Us

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