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State Route 85 Transit Guideway Study

Project Description

The State Route (SR) 85 Transit Guideway Study evaluates transportation alternatives of the 23.7-mile corridor that connects the cities of Mountain View and south San Jose, from the SR 85/US 101 interchange in Mountain View to the SR 85/US 101 interchange in south San Jose. Study alternatives will include Bus Rapid Transit service and infrastructure, Light Rail Transit, and possible future transportation technologies or other options.

The SR 85 Transit Guideway Study will be conducted by VTA staff under the direction of the SR 85 Policy Advisory Board (PAB). The PAB will be instrumental in identifying the alternatives that will be analyzed and ultimately making a recommendation to VTA's Board of Directors about how to proceed with a transit improvement plan along the SR 85 corridor.

Study Process

The SR 85 Transit Guideway Study is expected to take approximately 12 to 18 months to complete, and will consist of five phases:

1. Data Collection and Travel Market Analysis

Using various data sources, and performing a constraints analysis, staff will develop a better understanding of how people are traveling along the corridor in order to evaluate if there is enough space to accommodate light rail or bus rapid transit within the existing available land within the SR 85 corridor.

2. Visioning and Values

VTA will release an online survey and seek public input through workshops and meetings. We will ask the public which transit improvements they would like to see in the SR 85 corridor. The PAB will develop objectives for a transit improvement plan in the SR 85 corridor and identify multiple alternatives to be studied in detail.

3. Alternatives Analysis

VTA will study each of the identified alternatives in detail, perform cost, feasibility and modeling analyses to develop ridership projections.

4. PAB Identifies Preferred Alternative

The PAB will discuss the merits of each alternative and, upon reaching consensus, make a recommendation to VTA's Board of Directors regarding how to proceed with a transit improvement plan on the SR 85 corridor.

5. PAB Makes Recommendation to VTA's Board of Directors

This action formalizes the PAB's recommendation. The VTA Board will consider the recommendation at its subsequent meeting.

Project Funding Partners



Measure B
Transportation Improvement Program
County of Santa Clara

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Project Schedule

- Data Collection and Travel Market Analysis..... Mid-Late 2017
- Round One Public Input Meetings..... Late 2017
- Alternatives Analysis..... April 2020
- Round Two Public Input Meetings..... May 2020
- PAB Identifies Preferred Alternative..... May-June 2020
- PAB Makes Recommendation to VTA's Board of Directors..... June 2020

See project website for current schedule: vta.org/85study

Project Funding

- 2016 Measure B funds (\$1.4M)

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