VTA's Transit Oriented Development Program

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's Transit-Oriented Development Program (TOD) works with municipal, non-profit, and private partners to encourage the development of housing, retail, and employment centers in places that will help increase transit ridership and contribute to a vibrant community.

VTA is currently proposing to develop affordable housing at both the Branham Station and Capitol Station Park & Ride lots.

Projects

Branham Station Transit Oriented Development

The 2.5-acre Branham Station Park & Ride lot is currently used by VTA light rail passengers. The site has 271 parking spaces. About 56 (21%) were regularly used pre-pandemic. Through VTA's partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive housing, this will be a 100% affordable housing development project. This development will provide approximately 65 below market rate housing available to purchase for qualified individuals such as teachers and frontline workers.

Capitol Station Transit Oriented Development

The 10.1-acre Capitol Station hosts a Park & Ride lot for light rail and bus passengers. It is served by VTA's Blue light rail line and bus lines 37 and 71. The parking lot has approximately 951 spaces, of which around 205 (22%) were regularly used pre-pandemic. Development at this site will happen in phases. The first phase provides affordable housing, and in the future market-rate housing and retail developments will follow.

As part of the market rate and retail developments for the Capitol Station project, there are several community benefits that may also be constructed by developers. Examples of these benefits may be:

- A public park
- Privately-operated open space (for example, a dog park)
- Bicycle-friendly infrastructure, such as protected bike lanes
- Greater pedestrian infrastructure (sidewalks, protected crosswalks, more mid-block pedestrian crossings)

Project Status

Community outreach includes Transit-Oriented Development program education, and community participation to determine what each project can provide in community enhancements.

Partner

Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing
Potential Project Uses

Branham Station Transit Oriented Development:
• Affordable housing for purchase

Capitol Station Transit Oriented Development:
• Affordable housing for rent
• Market-rate housing for rent (future phase)
• Retail opportunities (future phase)

Timeline: Community Outreach and Visioning

Parking
The development strategy is to relocate all transit rider parking spaces for Branham and Capitol light rail stations to the Capitol Station Park & Ride lot. This strategy provides parking for all current and projected riders at both stations through 2040. The developers of both projects will be required to provide parking for residents and visitors of the new developments.

Community Meeting
VTA is hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, September 22 at 6 p.m. Staff will share information on:
• Development opportunities (and restrictions) available at both locations
• Why the locations were selected
• How the proposed developments fit within the City of San Jose’s General Plan
• Information on affordable housing
• Access and traffic studies
• Parking strategies

To learn how to participate in the community meeting and to RSVP (encouraged, but not mandatory) visit branham-capitol-tod-community-meeting.eventbrite.com.

For additional information and to sign up for project updates visit www.vta.org/branhamdevelopment and www.vta.org/capitoldevelopment.

VTA staff are available to speak with you or present this information at your neighborhood meeting. Please contact us at (408) 321-7575 or email community.outreach@vta.org and we will coordinate this with you.