

# FACT SHEET: Transit

# **Eastridge to BART Regional Connector**

#### Overview

The Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project (formerly Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project) extends light rail from the existing Alum Rock Light Rail Station to the Eastridge Transit Center, with an elevated guideway primarily in the center of Capitol Expressway. The Eastridge extension will include a light rail station at Story Road that is elevated and accessed by a pedestrian overcrossing, and an at-grade station located at the Eastridge Transit Center. When this project is complete, VTA riders will be able to board light rail at the Eastridge Transit Center and connect directly with BART at the Milpitas Station.

#### Background

The Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project has been delivered in phases, and first phase was delivered in two parts. In Phase 1A, VTA addressed pedestrian access, and improved safety measures along the expressway between Quimby Road and Capitol Avenue. This was completed in Fall 2012. It included new sidewalks, street lighting, and a landscaping buffer.

Phase 1B of the project was the reconstruction of the Eastridge Transit Center. The improvements to the transit center included new shelters and amenities and supports BRT. This was completed in 2015.

Phase 2 is the light rail extension. This is the final phase of the larger Capitol Expressway Transit Improvement Project that transforms Capitol Expressway into a multi-modal expressway offering bus rapid transit (BRT), light rail transit, and safe connections to the regional transit system.

## **Project Schedule**

Environmental Updates Completed 20	19
Environmental Addendum 1 Completed 20	20
Environmental Addendum 2 Completed 20	21
Final Design Completed 20	22
Right of Way Acquisition	22
Utility RelocationBegin early 2021 through 20	23
Construction	28
Revenue service	29

#### How to Reach Us

If you have any questions about the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project, please visit <u>www.vta.org/eastridgetobart</u>, or contact VTA's Community Outreach Department at (408) 321-7575, TTY for the hearing-impaired (408) 321-2330. You may also visit us on the web at <u>www.vta.org</u>, or e-mail us at <u>community.outreach@vta.org</u>.



## **Project Cost**

\$530 million for design, right of way, utilities, and construction.

2000 Measure A	\$313.4M	
SB1	\$21.0M	
RM3	\$130.0M	
LCTOP*	\$14.4M	
TIRCP**	\$46.0M	
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\*LCTOP- Low Carbon Emissions Transit Operations Program, managed by Caltrans \*\*TIRCP- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program

