


From: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 9:01 AM
To: VTA Board of Directors <VTABoardofDirectors@vta.org>
Subject: From VTA: Media Briefing - Twin Bore Cost

Please see memo below from VTA Chief Communications Officer, Patrice Smith. Please refer all media inquiries to Media.Relations@VTA.org or 408-464-7810 (no texts). Thank you

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MEMORANDUM

TO: VTA Board of Directors

FROM: Patrice Smith 
Chief Communications Officer

DATE: August 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Media Briefing, Twin Bore Cost Report

This morning, ahead of the distribution of the BSVII Oversight Committee agenda packet, VTA will host a media briefing to provide a select group of reporters with early insight into the Twin Bore Cost Report. All information shared during the briefing is embargoed until 12:00 PM today, aligning with the release of the agenda packet.

The purpose of the briefing is to proactively manage the narrative surrounding the report's release. Carolyn Gonot and Tom Maguire will present key findings, deliver VTA's messaging, and respond to reporter questions.

Following the briefing and the packet release, VTA will distribute a news release later this afternoon to further communicate the report's findings to the broader media.

News coverage resulting from the briefing will be included in the daily news clips for your reference.

Should you receive any media inquiries on this topic, please direct them to Media.Relations@VTA.org or 408-464-7810 (no texts).

Thank you.

From: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>

Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 12:55 PM

To: VTA Board of Directors <VTABoardofDirectors@vta.org>; VTA Advisory Committee Members <VTAAdvisoryCommitteeMembers@vta.org>

Subject: From VTA: Report Affirms Confidence in Single Bore Approach for BART Silicon Valley Extension



August 11, 2025

Contact: VTA Media Relations

Media.Relations@VTA.org

408-464-7810 (no texts)

EMBARGOED UNTIL 12 NOON AUGUST 11, 2025

VTA Report Affirms Confidence in Single Bore Approach as Right Path Forward for BART Silicon Valley

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) today released a detailed cost report analyzing the twin bore tunneling method for the BART Silicon Valley Phase II (BSVII) Project. Developed in response to questions raised by the VTA Board of Directors, the report provides a clear and transparent look at the costs associated solely with the twin bore approach.

“This report underscores that we are on the right track,” said Carolyn Gonot, VTA General Manager/CEO. “The findings reaffirm that the single bore approach remains the most cost-effective method to bring BART service into the heart of Silicon Valley.”

The VTA Board of Directors and the community have consistently supported the single bore design, recognizing its advantages in minimizing community disruption, reducing surface construction impacts, and delivering transit more efficiently. Key findings of the report highlight higher cost for the twin bore due to the large cut-and-cover stations, challenging construction factors, and additional time required for design.

Purpose-Driven Transparency

The newly released report focuses exclusively on the twin bore method, offering an in-depth analysis and view of costs to ensure clarity and transparency for stakeholders and the public. It was commissioned as part of VTA's ongoing commitment to provide accurate, data-driven information that informs decision-making and builds public trust.

"Our Board has raised the question of whether a design change to the twin bore would be cheaper and safer. This report is a direct response to that question," said Tom Maguire, VTA Chief Megaprojects Delivery Officer. "It gives a clear picture of the costs involved with a twin bore tunnel and reinforces why the single bore approach remains the best choice for this project."

Forward Progress

While the analysis took longer than expected, VTA has remained proactive. Throughout the review process, the agency continued advancing the BSVII project by pursuing cost containment and cost avoidance strategies that help preserve momentum.

Gonot added, "We've been hard at work to keep BSVII on schedule and on budget, and this report validates the strategic decisions that are moving this critical project forward."

The BSVII Project, which will extend BART service six miles from the Berryessa/North San José Station through downtown San José to Santa Clara, is the largest infrastructure project in California and the country and is a vital link in the Bay Area's regional transit network.

 [view the full report](#)

About VTA

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district that is responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations, transportation planning, and serves as the county's congestion management agency.

About BART Silicon Valley Phase II

VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension is a six-mile, four-station addition to BART, connecting from Berryessa/North San José Station through downtown San José to the City of Santa Clara. This includes approximately five miles of subway, with underground station platforms at 28th Street/Little Portugal, Downtown San José, and Diridon stations, and a ground-level station in Santa Clara. A train maintenance and storage facility will be co-located in San José and Santa Clara.

From: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>

Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:35 AM

To: VTA Board of Directors <VTABoardofDirectors@vta.org>; VTA Advisory Committee Members <VTAAdvisoryCommitteeMembers@vta.org>

Subject: From VTA: Public Meeting Notice - 28th Street/Little Portugal Transit-Oriented Development

Public Meeting Notice

28th Street/Little Portugal Transit-Oriented Development

Draft Design Development Framework

Wednesday, August 28, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

East San José Carnegie Branch Library

1102 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95116

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) invites community members to a public meeting on the draft Design Development Framework (DDF) for the 28th Street/Little Portugal Transit-Oriented Developments (TOD).

The draft DDF outlines principles for future developers regarding design, culture, community, and connectivity on VTA land surrounding the upcoming 28th Street/Little Portugal BART station.

The meeting will include a presentation, followed by an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and provide comments.

Please register in advance to receive email reminders and project updates at 28LPDDF.eventbrite.com.

To access the draft DDF and submit a comment, please visit vta.org/28LPdevelopment. The deadline for comments is **Thursday, September 18, 2025**.

Comments can also be sent by email or mail:

Email: tod@vta.org

Mail: VTA

TOD Program

Attn: Christina Philip

3331 North First Street, Bldg. A

San Jose, CA 95134

Spanish and Vietnamese interpretation will be provided at the meeting. For other language services or accommodations, contact VTA Community Outreach at (408) 321-7575, TTY (408) 321-2330, or email community.outreach@vta.org by August 22, 2025.

Additionally, the project team will host two calls with stakeholders on **August 21** and **August 26**:

August 21 registration link: DDF-Meeting-Aug-21.eventbrite.com

August 26 registration link: DDF-Meeting-Aug-26.eventbrite.com



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**Register
Here!**



Aviso de reunión pública

Desarrollo orientado al transporte público de 28th Street/Little Portugal Borrador del Marco de Desarrollo del Diseño

Jueves, 28 de agosto de 2025 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Biblioteca Carnegie de San José Este

1102 East Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95116

VTa invita a los miembros de la comunidad a una reunión pública sobre el borrador del Marco de Desarrollo de Diseño (DDF) para el Desarrollo Orientado al Transporte Público (TOD) de 28th Street/Little Portugal.

El borrador del DDF describe los principios para los futuros desarrolladores con respecto al diseño, la cultura, la comunidad y la conectividad en los terrenos de la VTA que rodean la próxima estación de BART de 28th Street/Little Portugal.

La reunión incluirá una presentación, seguida de una oportunidad para que los asistentes hagan preguntas y aporten comentarios.

Por favor, regístrese con antelación para recibir recordatorios por correo electrónico y actualizaciones del proyecto en 28LPDDF.eventbrite.com.

Para acceder al borrador del DDF y enviar un comentario, visite vta.org/28LPdevelopment. La fecha límite para recibir comentarios es el **jueves 18 de septiembre de 2025**.

Los comentarios también pueden enviarse por correo electrónico o postal:

Correo electrónico: tod@vta.org

Correo: VTA Programa TOD

Attn: Christina Philip

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En la reunión habrá interpretación al español y al vietnamita. Para otros servicios lingüísticos o adaptaciones, póngase en contacto con VTA Community Outreach en el (408) 321-7575, TTY (408) 321-2330, o por correo electrónico community.outreach@vta.org antes del 22 de agosto de 2025.

Register Here!

¡Regístrese aquí!

Đăng ký tại đây!



Thông Báo Cuộc Họp Công Khai

Transit-Oriented Development tại 28th Street/Little Portugal

Dự Thảo Định Hướng Phát Triển Thiết Kế

Thứ Tư, ngày 28 tháng 8 năm 2025 | 6 giờ chiều – 7 giờ 30 tối

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VTa mời các thành viên cộng đồng tham dự một cuộc họp công khai về dự thảo Định Hướng Phát Triển Thiết Kế (DDF) cho Transit-Oriented Developments (TOD) tại 28th Street/Little Portugal.

Dự thảo DDF phác thảo các nguyên tắc cho các nhà phát triển trong tương lai liên quan đến thiết kế, văn hóa, cộng đồng và kết nối trên đất VTA xung quanh trạm BART 28th Street/Little Portugal sắp tới.

Cuộc họp này sẽ bao gồm một bài thuyết trình, tiếp theo là cơ hội để những người tham dự đặt câu hỏi và đóng góp ý kiến.

Vui lòng đăng ký trước để nhận email nhắc nhở và cập nhật dự án tại 28LPDDF.eventbrite.com.

Để truy cập dự thảo DDF và gửi ý kiến, vui lòng truy cập vta.org/28LPdevelopment. Hạn chót để gửi ý kiến là Thứ Năm, ngày **18 tháng 9 năm 2025**.

Có thể gửi ý kiến qua email hoặc thư:

Email: tod@vta.org

Gui thu: VTA TOD Program

Attn: Christina Philip

3331 North First Street, Bldg. A, San Jose, CA 95134

Phiên dịch tiếng Tây Ban Nha và tiếng Việt sẽ được cung cấp tại cuộc họp. Để được hỗ trợ bằng ngôn ngữ khác hoặc sắp xếp các hỗ trợ đặc biệt, vui lòng liên hệ với VTA Community Outreach theo số (408) 321-7575, TTY (408) 321-2330, hoặc gửi email cho community.outreach@vta.org chậm nhất vào ngày 22 tháng 8 năm 2025.

From: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 4:01 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors <VTABoardofDirectors@vta.org>
Subject: VTA Correspondence: Week Ending August 15, 2025

VTA Board of Directors:

We are forwarding to you the following correspondence:

From	Topic
Robert Padgette, Managing Director for Capitol Corridor	Save the Date Rail Safety Month
Mimi Kyi, Capitol Corridor	CCJPA Board of Directors Meeting

Thank you,

Office of the Board Secretary
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
3331 North First Street, Building B
San Jose, CA 95134-1927
Phone **408-321-5680**



From: Robert Padgette
To: Mark Foley; Melissa Hernandez; Janice Li; Robert Raburn; Matthew Rinn; Edward Wright; Bruce Houdesheldt; Ken.Broadway; Suzannejones; rdickinson; tschaefer; rbrewer; Patrick Kennedy; Melissa Lee; Sudhanshu Jain; sellcouncil; sbird; fordsoncitycouncil; sbird_dixonpd; sbird; Alma Hernandez; cmo; JChapman; lucas.french; lucas; mayra.vega; Robert Franklin; Byron Toma; David Melko; mclck; aadams; JDrake; Gonzalez-Estay; Manolo R; Greene; Beverly; Daryl Hall; kgregana; Robert Guerrero; Autumn Bernstein; bvaughanbechtold
Cc: Robert Franklin; Jennifer Halpern; Sandra Schrimsher; Mag Tatum; Jeana Zelan; Robert Powers; Monique Salas; Michael Jones; Alfonso Rigel; Joseph Beach; Michaela Morales; BRoberts; SSaboli; tsmith; gkirbyson; DValdezJones; avan; afeeney; jlowe; mogaveror; mlee; mlc; mcasoria; Baltao, Elaine; Garza, Michelle; VTA Board Secretary; Paris, Amy; jmasicdt; Irui; vjaimes; cgagnon; Tara.Thronson; emily.ault; michaelspellis; fudvarhely; Kevin Franklin; Marwa Diab; CCJPA Staff [EXTERNAL] Save the Date: Join Us to Kick Off California Rail
Subject: Safety Month - September 3, 2025
Date: Monday, August 11, 2025 12:58:17 PM
Attachments: image001.png
Importance: High

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CCJPA Board Members and SCG Members:

Partners United for Rail Safety is kicking off **California Rail Safety Month** on **Wednesday, September 3, 2025**, at the **Davis Amtrak Station**—and you're invited to join us!

Come be part of a day focused on rail safety education, community engagement, and partnership! As part of the event, you're also invited on a **special Capitol Corridor rail trip** aboard trains **#537 and #532**, traveling between **Davis and Martinez**. Along the way, we'll highlight key safety initiatives and take a closer look at the crossings along this segment of the route.

Let's work together to keep our railways safe—see you there!



SAVE THE DATE

CALIFORNIA RAIL SAFETY MONTH KICK-OFF

WED. SEPTEMBER 3, 2025 | 9AM-2PM | DAVIS STATION

STATION ACTIVITIES | 9AM-12PM **VIP TRAIN RIDE | DAVIS ↔ MARTINEZ**

TRAIN 547 | 10:55AM-11:56AM | DAV→MTZ TRAIN 532 | 1:04PM-1:53PM | MTZ→DAV



Note: Members and staff are responsible for purchasing their own Capitol Corridor tickets. Lunch will be provided by CCJPA.

Thanks,
Rob Padgette
Managing Director
Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority



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Subject: [EXTERNAL] CCJPA Board of Directors Meeting | Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 9:30AM (Please note the start time of 9:30AM)
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2025 12:29:44 PM

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CCJPA Board of Directors:

This is a reminder that the next **CCJPA Board of Directors Meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 17, 2025. Please note that the start time for this Board Meeting is 9:30am.** The meeting will be held in person in the **Solano Transportation Authority Board Room, located at 423 Main Street, 1st Floor, Suisun City, CA 94585**, with an option for participation via teleconference. **Please let me know asap or by Friday, August 22, 2025, if you plan to participate and advise if you can join in person or if you intend to join via teleconference.**

Traditional Teleconferencing Rules Under the Brown Act:

- i. We must include all remote/teleconference physical locations on the notice/agenda.
- ii. We must post the notice/agenda at all remote/teleconference locations **AT LEAST 72 hours (by 5:00pm on September 12, 2025)** in advance of the scheduled Board meeting and allow for public access during the public meeting, even if the location is your home (not recommended due to potential ADA access issues). All remote/teleconference locations must be ADA accessible.
- iii. There must be a quorum of the Board present within the jurisdiction to hold the public meeting. Quorum can be satisfied by physical presence at the primary public meeting location (Solano Transportation Authority Board Room for this meeting) and remote/teleconference presence within the jurisdiction (if a Board Member wants to call or Zoom in, they need to physically be located within the jurisdiction in order to satisfy the quorum requirement). We need at least nine (9) members in the Solano Transportation Authority Board Room or Zoom/call-in to the meeting from a physical location within the eight (8) county jurisdiction of CCJPA.

Thank you!

Mimi Kyi | Executive Assistant

Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority | 2150 Webster St, 3rd Floor, Oakland, CA 94612