

Appendix B

Meeting Presentation

PowerPoint Presentation

Informational Boards

PowerPoint Presentation

VTA's BART Silicon Valley Program

VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project

Environmental Scoping Meetings
February 2015



Meeting Schedule



- Open house

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Presentation and comment period

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda



- Welcome/Meeting purpose
- Project overview
- Environmental process
- Public comments on scope of environmental document
- Next steps
- Adjournment

What is Scoping?

- The process of determining the focus and content (scope) of an environmental document through public outreach.
- Provides notice to the public and other agencies that a draft environmental document is being prepared, and initiates their involvement in the process.

Scoping ~ Environmental Kick-off



- Scoping period January 30, 2015 - March 2, 2015
- Scoping Meetings:
 - February 12, 2015, 5:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m.**
City of Santa Clara Council Chambers
 - February 17, 2015, 5:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m.**
VTA Customer Service Center, Downtown San Jose
 - February 19, 2015, 5:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m.**
School of Arts and Culture at Mexican Heritage Plaza

Scoping ~ Environmental Kick-off



Submittal of comments to VTA:

In person: Verbal comments during formal comment period of Scoping Meeting or submittal of comment card

Mail: Tom Fitzwater
Environmental Programs and Resources Management, Bldg B-2
Valley Transportation Authority
3331 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95134

Email: BARTPhase2EIS-EIR@vta.org

Comments must be received by 5:00 P.M. on March 2, 2015

Public Comments at Scoping Meetings



- Verbal comments at the scoping meetings will be recorded by a court reporter
- Please submit a speaker card if you wish to speak
- Speakers will be called up in order
- Comments will be recorded

Project Overview

Approved California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Project



Berryessa Extension Project

- 10-mile extension under construction
- Two stations: (Milpitas and Berryessa)
- Forecast opening: Fall 2017
- Anticipated opening day ridership: 23,000

Phase II Extension

- 6-mile extension
- Four stations (Alum Rock, Downtown San Jose, Diridon, Santa Clara), and Newhall Yard maintenance facility
- Anticipated year 2035 ridership: 55,000



Project Purpose



- Improve public transit service
- Enhance regional connectivity
- Increase transit ridership
- Support transportation solutions that will maintain the economic vitality and continuing development of Silicon Valley
- Improve mobility options
- Enhance level and quality of transit service to areas of existing and planned affordable housing
- Improve regional air quality
- Support local and regional land use plans

Alternatives to be Evaluated

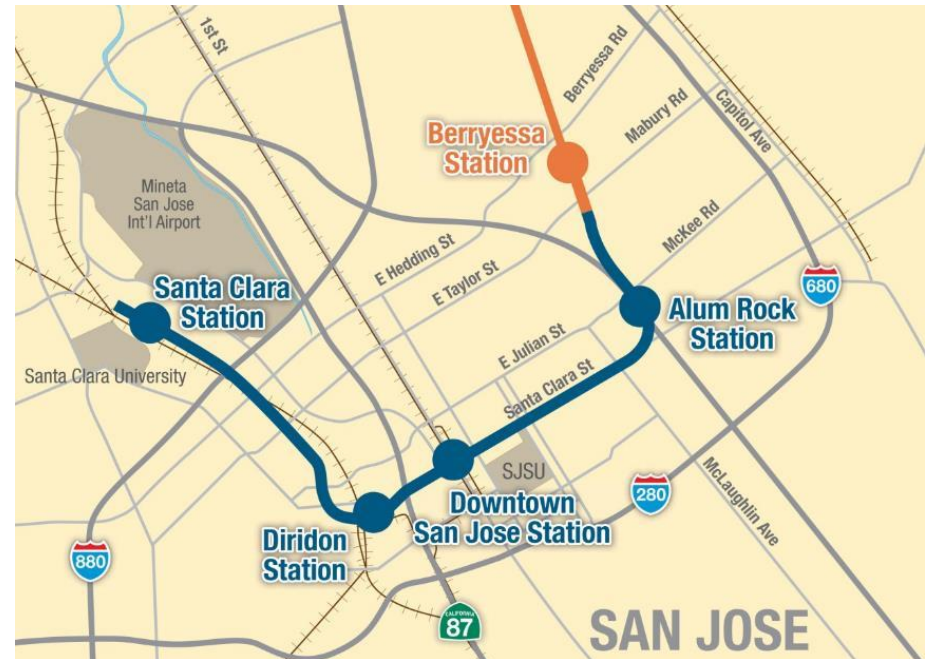


- No-Build Alternative (Berryessa Extension Project)
- Build Alternative (Six-mile, 4-Station extension with maintenance facility)

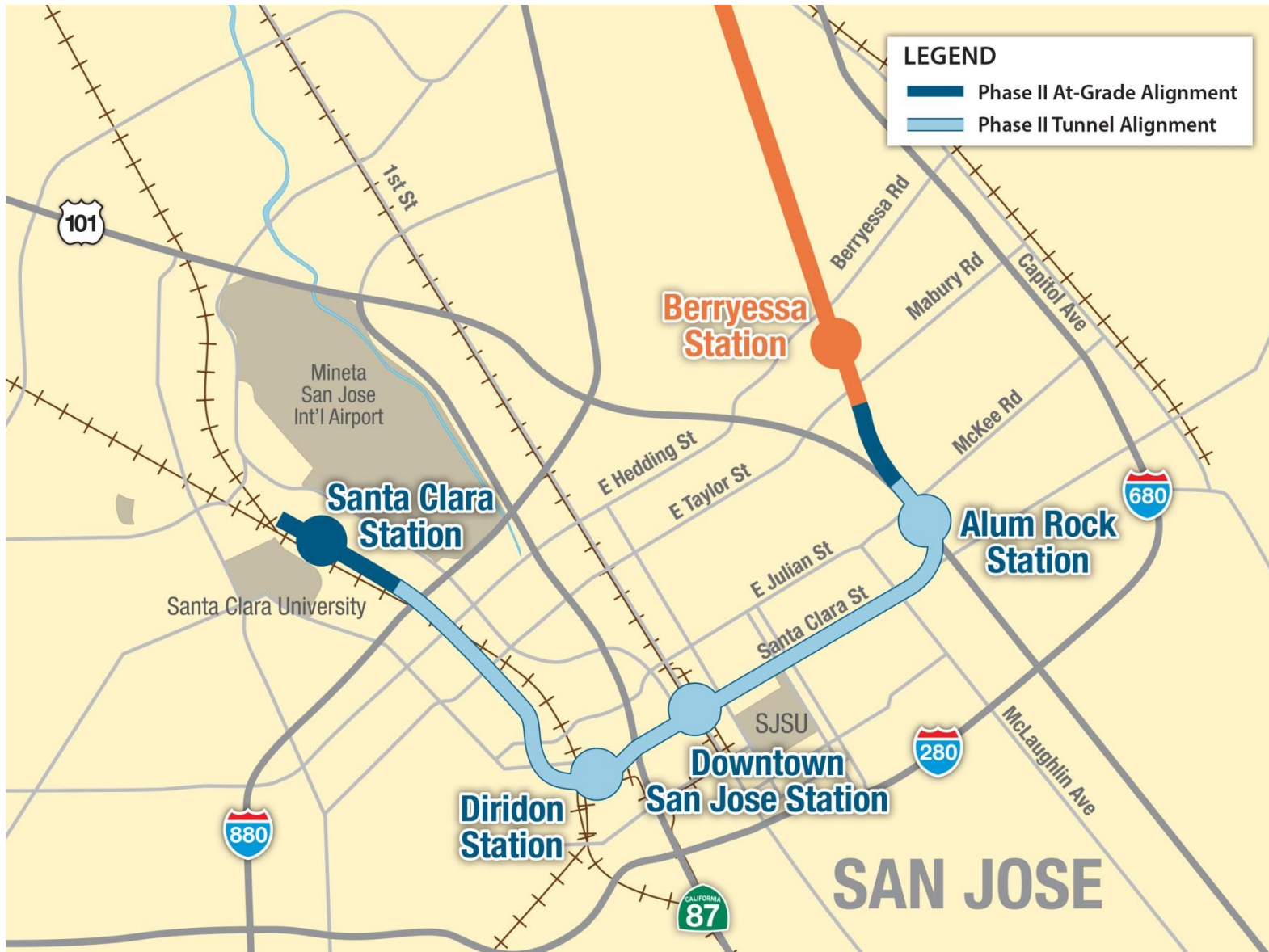
Build Alternative: Phase II Extension Project

Build Alternative: Phase II Extension Project

- 6-mile extension
- 4 Stations
 - Alum Rock (underground)
 - Downtown San Jose (underground)
 - Diridon (underground)
 - Santa Clara (at-grade)
- Maintenance Facility in San Jose/Santa Clara
- Anticipated ridership of 55,000



Build Alternative: Phase II Extension Project

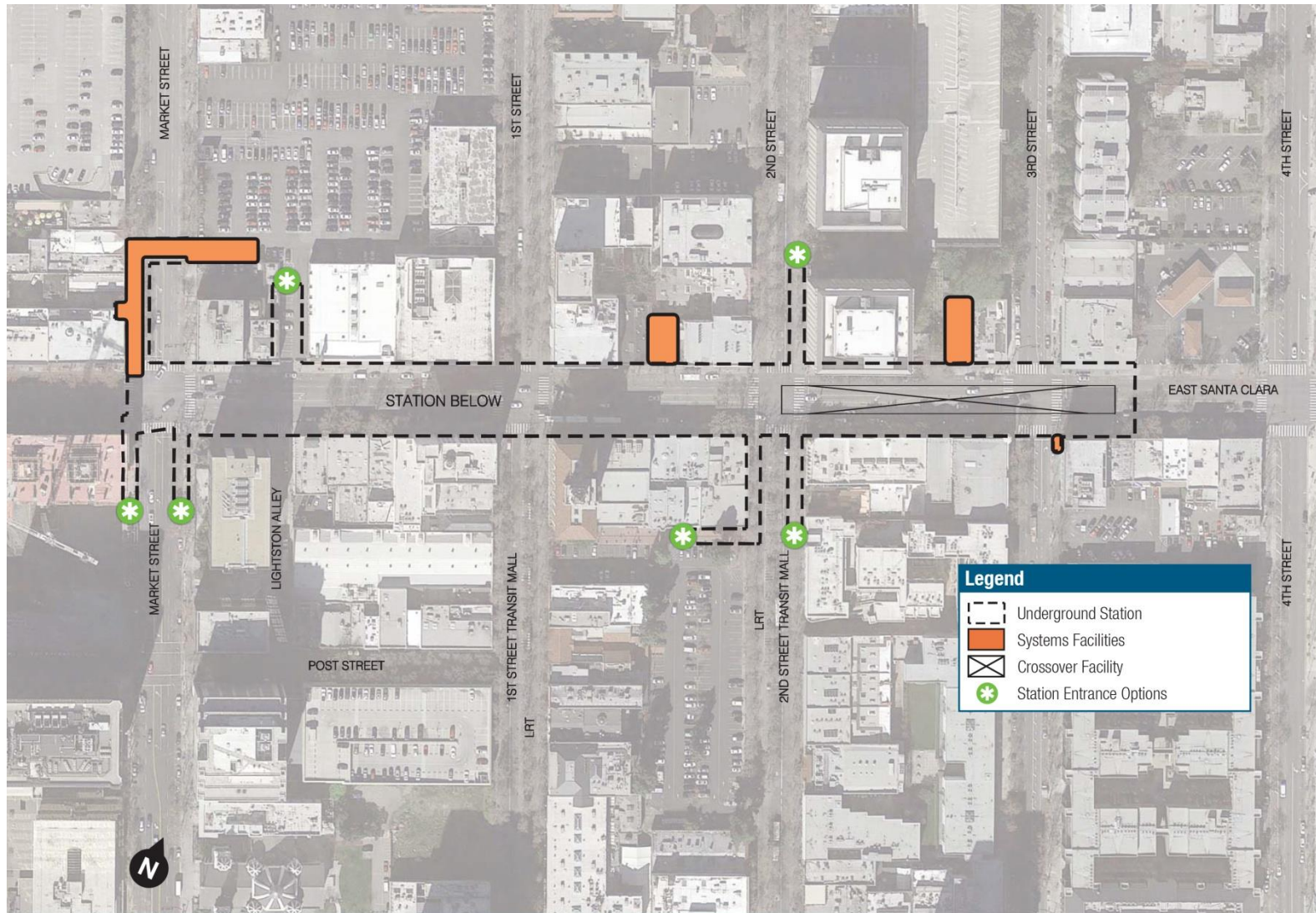


Alum Rock Station



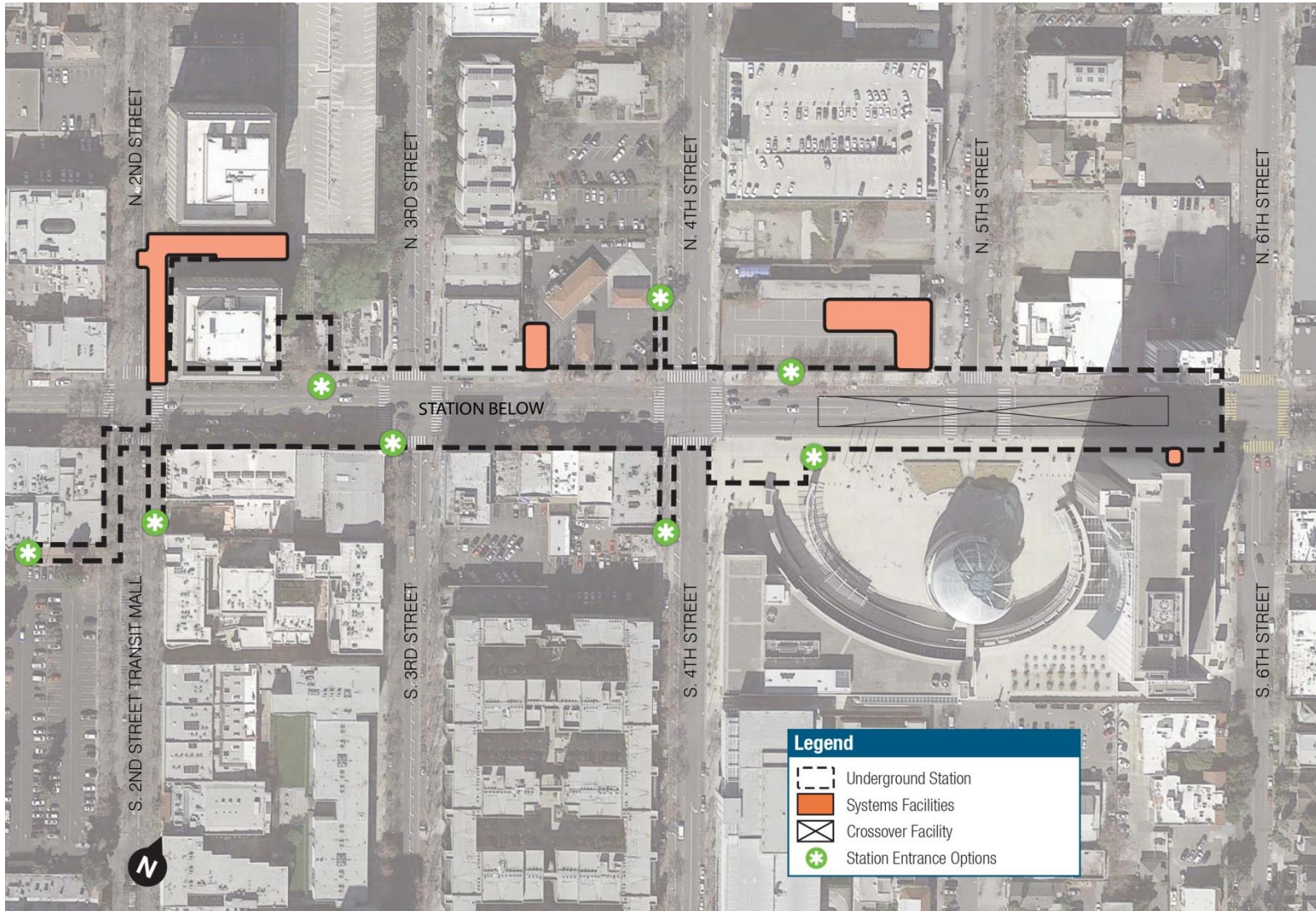
Legend	
	Underground Station
	Parking/Public Facility/Development
	Systems Facilities
	Access Circulation
	Key Pedestrian Linkage
	Vehicle Access
	Bus Access
	Station Entrance Options
	New/Modified Signalized Intersection
	Bike Facilities

Downtown San Jose Station – West Option



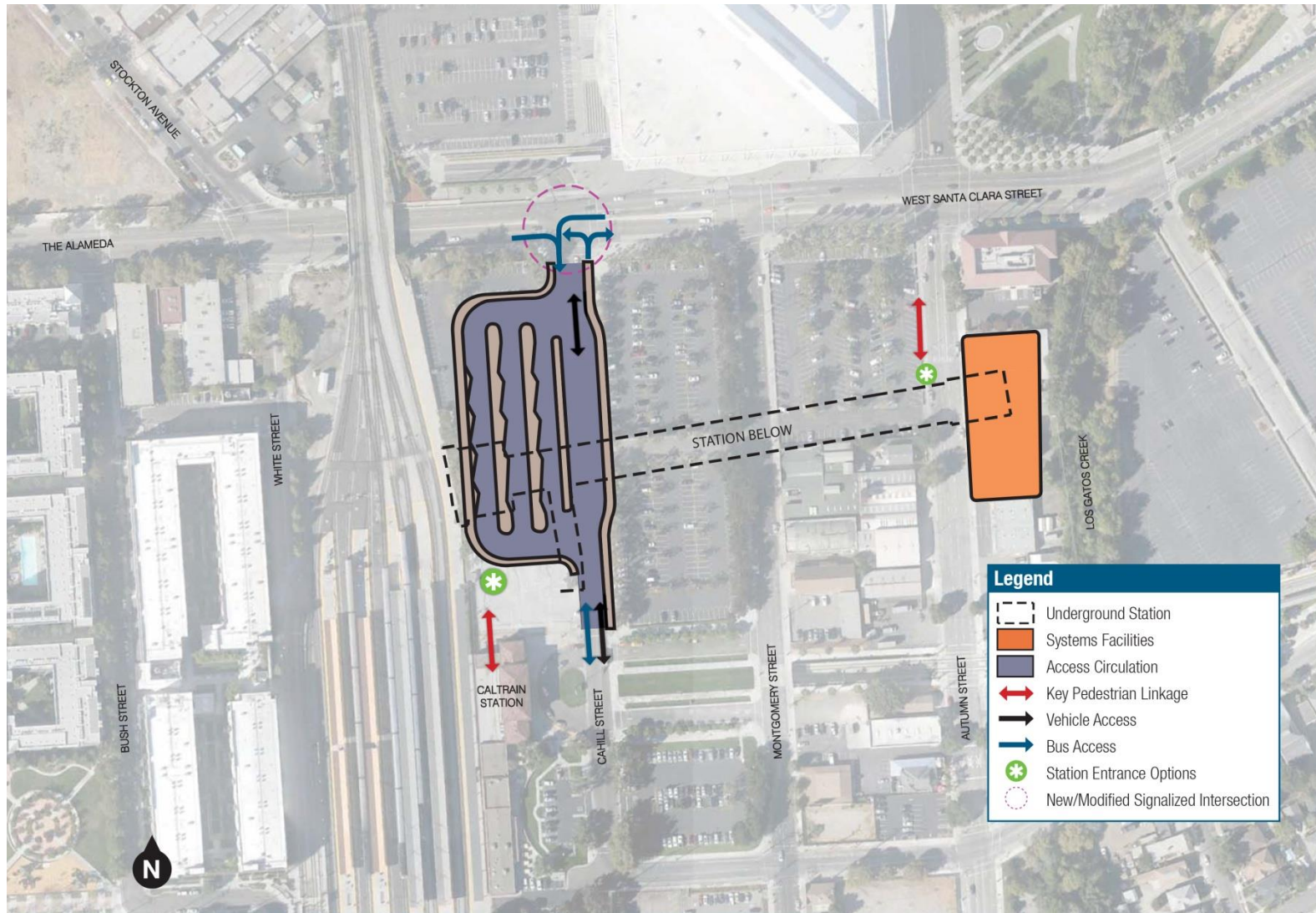
Downtown Station West Option Conceptual Site Plan
Phase II Extension Project

Downtown San Jose Station – East Option



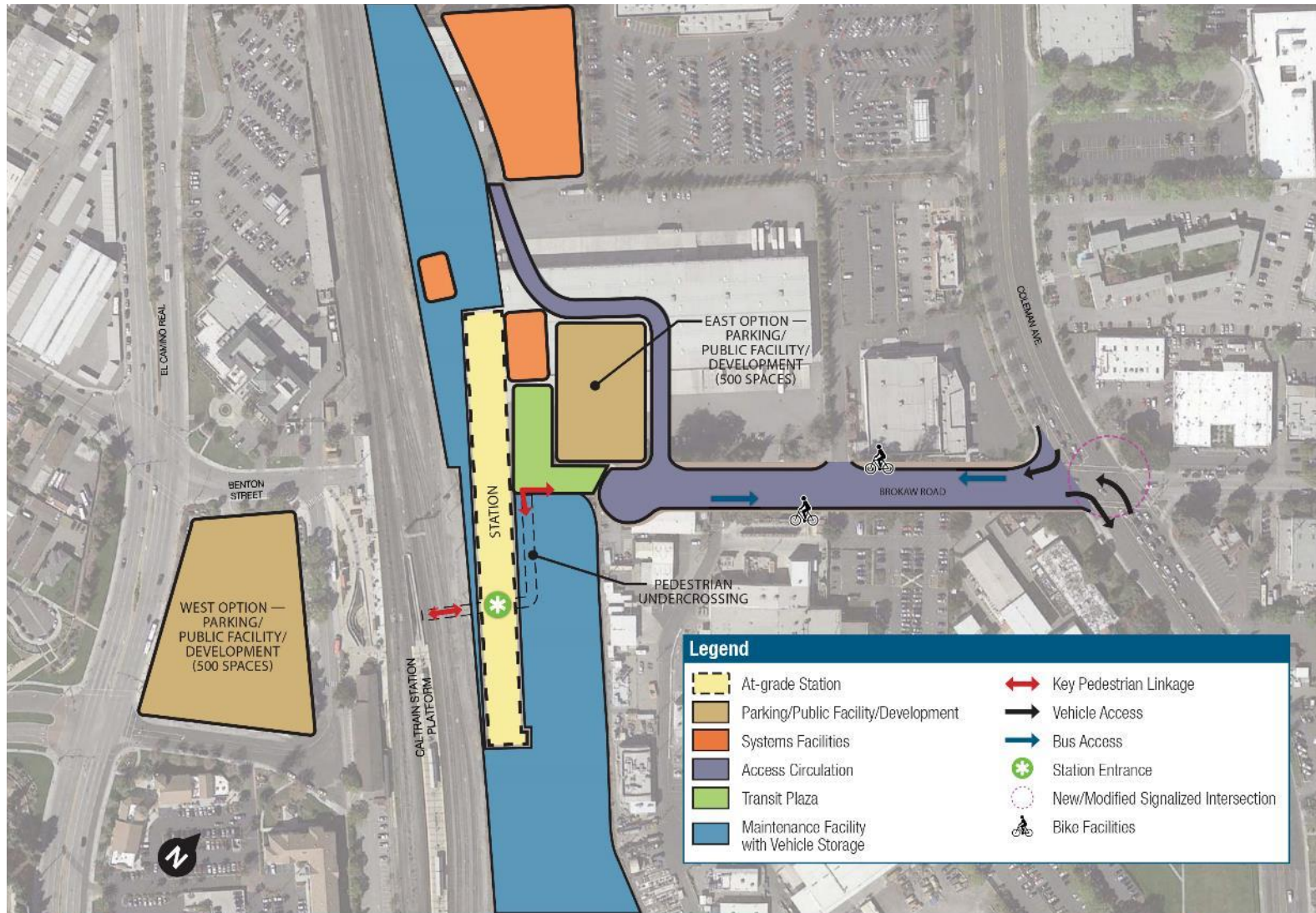
Downtown Station East Option Conceptual Site Plan
Phase II Extension Project

Diridon Station



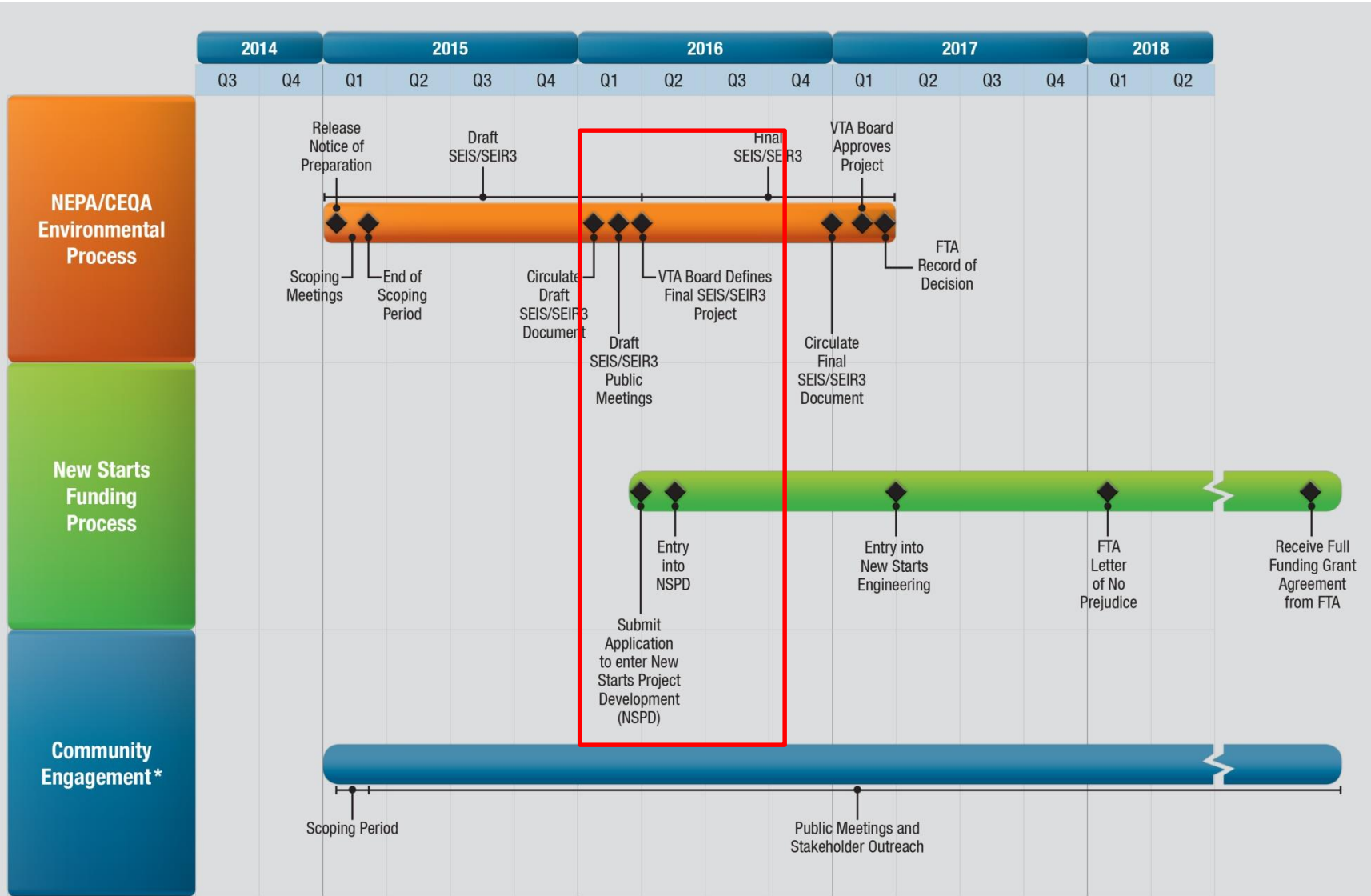
Diridon Station Conceptual Site Plan
Phase II Extension Project

Santa Clara Station



Santa Clara Station Conceptual Site Plan
Phase II Extension Project

Phase II Project Delivery



*Community engagement will include scoping meetings, stakeholder outreach, and targeted community forums that fulfill Title VI requirements. A community outreach plan and strategy will be developed to have targeted community forums at all the station areas.

Future Community Engagement Activities



- Ongoing community outreach and engagement during environmental process
- Focused Outreach Sessions – Spring 2015, some topics may include:
 - Economic and Community Benefits
 - Funding
 - Station Planning
 - Transportation connectivity
 - Station walking tours
 - Construction Methods

Environmental Process

Project History – Environmental Studies



- 2004 – State clearance (CEQA) on Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR): 16-mile project
- 2007 – CEQA clearance on Final Supplemental EIR (SEIR): 16-mile project
- 2010 – Federal clearance National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): 10-mile project
- 2011 – CEQA clearance on 2nd SEIR: 10-mile project
- 2015 – Joint CEQA and NEPA document (SEIS/SEIR3): 6-mile project

Supplemental EIS/3rd Supplemental EIR

- Minor changes to project
- Integration with updated land-use and development plans
- Changed laws and regulations
- FTA real estate process



Purpose of Scoping Meeting



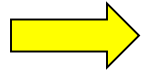
- Describe proposed project and environmental review process
- Early consultation process to solicit input on document scope to address potential major environmental issues
- Scoping does not result in the ultimate decision or selection of an alternative

Objectives of the Environmental Document



- Document environmental impacts from project features
- Gather public input
- Coordinate with federal, state, and other agencies
- Provide decision makers with environmental information

Environmental Review Steps



Initiate Environmental Process



Early Consultation/Scoping



Prepare Draft Environmental Document



Comment Period & Public Hearings



VTA Board Defines Project



Prepare Final Environmental Document/Respond to Comments



VTA Board of Directors Approves the Project



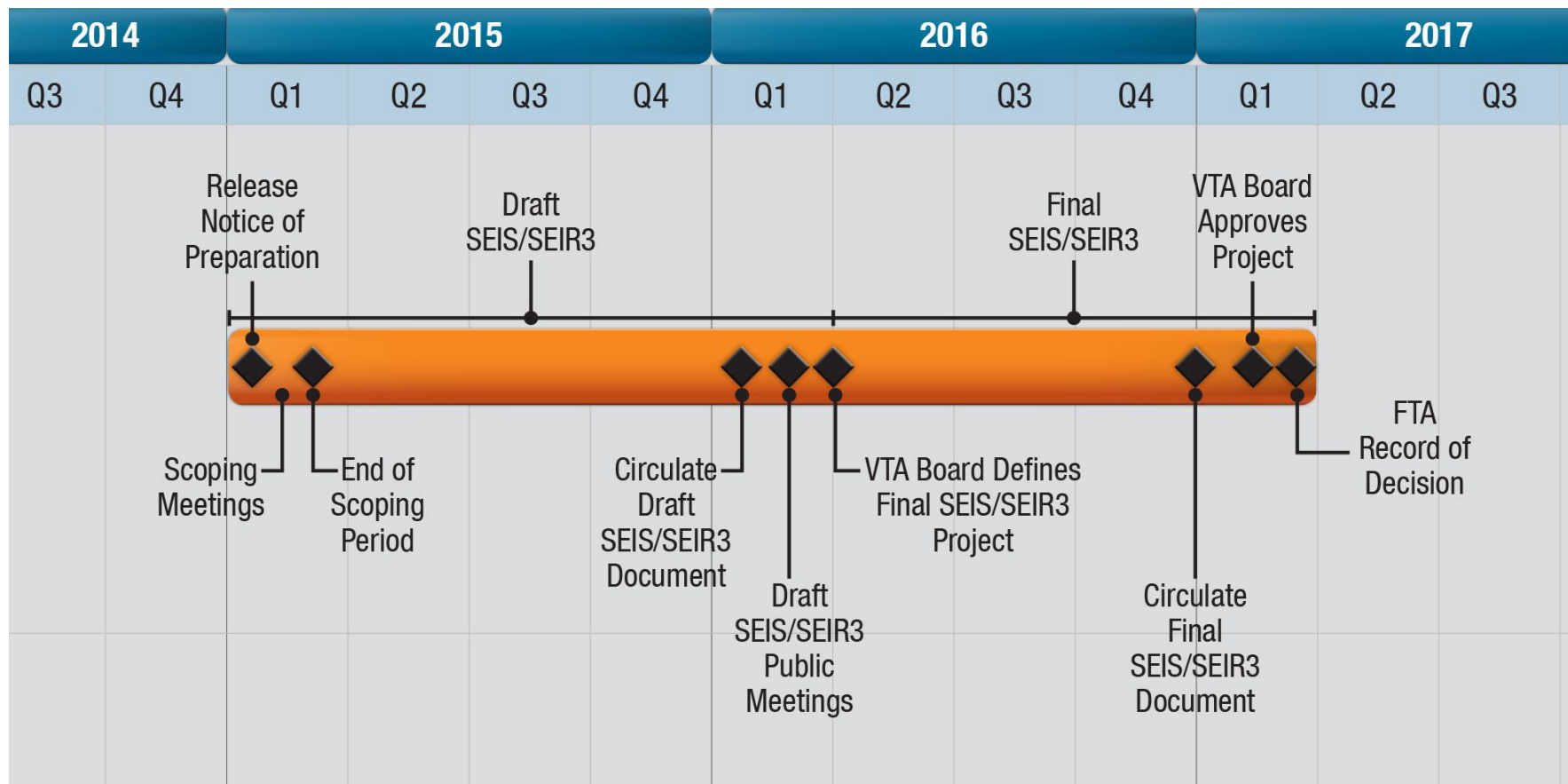
Federal Record of Decision for the Project

Environmental Topics



- Air Quality
- Biological Resources and Wetlands
- Community Services
- Construction
- Cultural Resources
- Electromagnetic Fields
- Energy
- Geology, Soils, & Seismicity
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazardous Materials
- Land Use
- Noise and Vibration
- Security & System Safety
- Socioeconomics
- Transportation
- Utilities
- Visual Quality/Aesthetics
- Water Resources, Water Quality, and Floodplains

Environmental Process



State (CEQA) and Federal (NEPA) Environmental Process Timeline

Public Comment

Speaker Guidelines



- Please submit a speaker card if you wish to speak
- Moderator will call speakers
- Speakers will have 2 minutes to present
 - Yellow Card – 30 seconds remaining
 - Red Card – speaking time is over
- Tonight, we will not be responding to your comments
- We will document your comments in the Scoping Report
- Time slots will not be traded or yielded
- Please, no interruptions of speaker, side conversations, applause, etc.
- Please turn off cell phones

Thank you for your cooperation!

Opportunity for Public Comment



Submittal of comments to VTA:

In person: Verbal comments during formal comment period of Scoping Meeting or submittal of comment card

Mail: Tom Fitzwater
Environmental Programs and Resources Management, Bldg B-2
Valley Transportation Authority
3331 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95134

Email: BARTPhase2EIS-EIR@vta.org

Comments must be received by 5:00 P.M. on March 2, 2015

Informational Boards

Welcome to VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project Scoping Meeting

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Open House

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Formal Presentation and Comments

To submit comments:

Written comments will be accepted until Monday, March 2, 2015 and may be submitted via mail or email with attention to:

Attn: Tom Fitzwater

Mail: VTA Environmental Programs & Resources Management, Building B-2
3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95134

Email: BARTPhase2EIS-EIR@vta.org

Project website: www.vta.org/bart

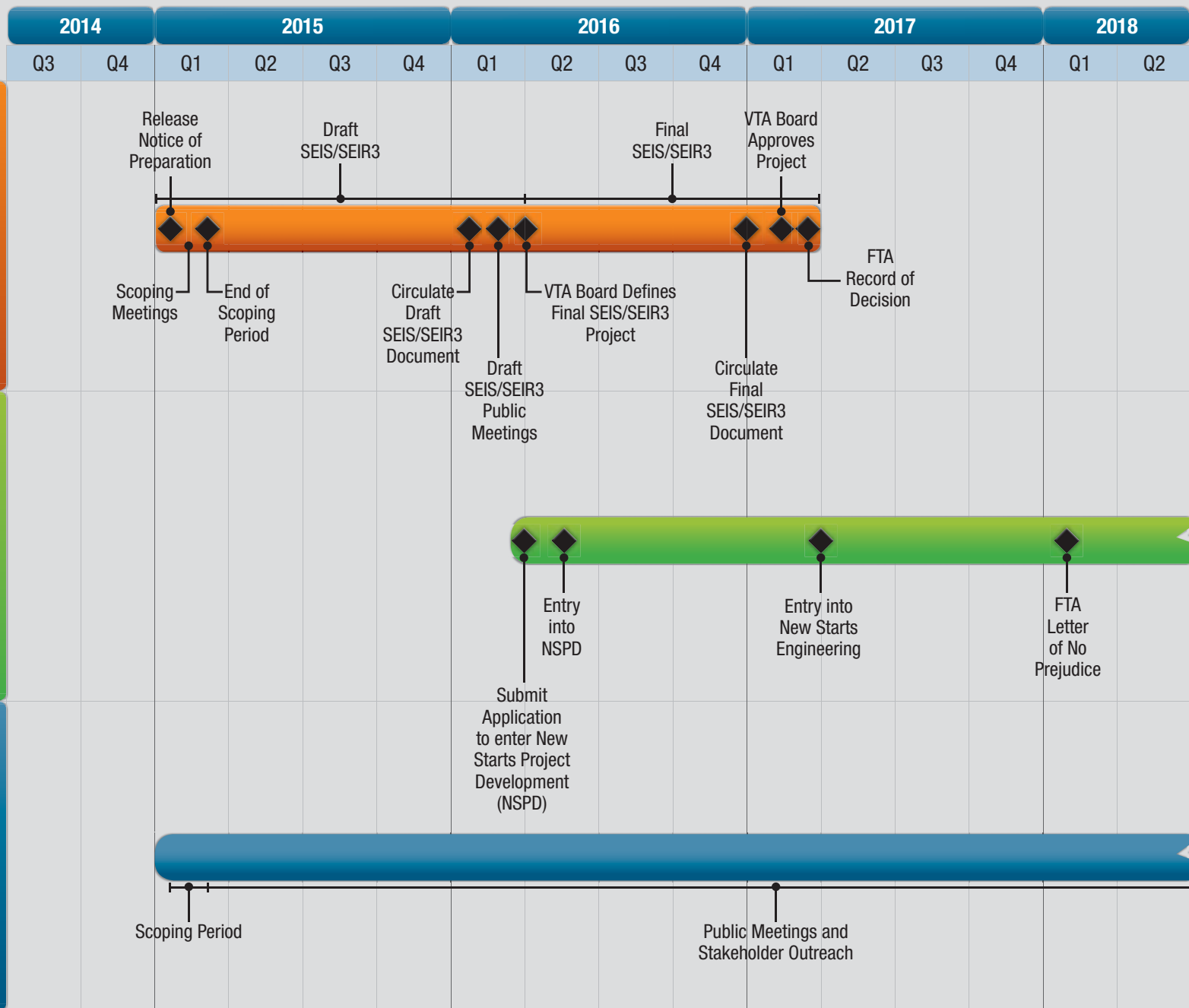


Environmental Review Steps



Environmental Topics

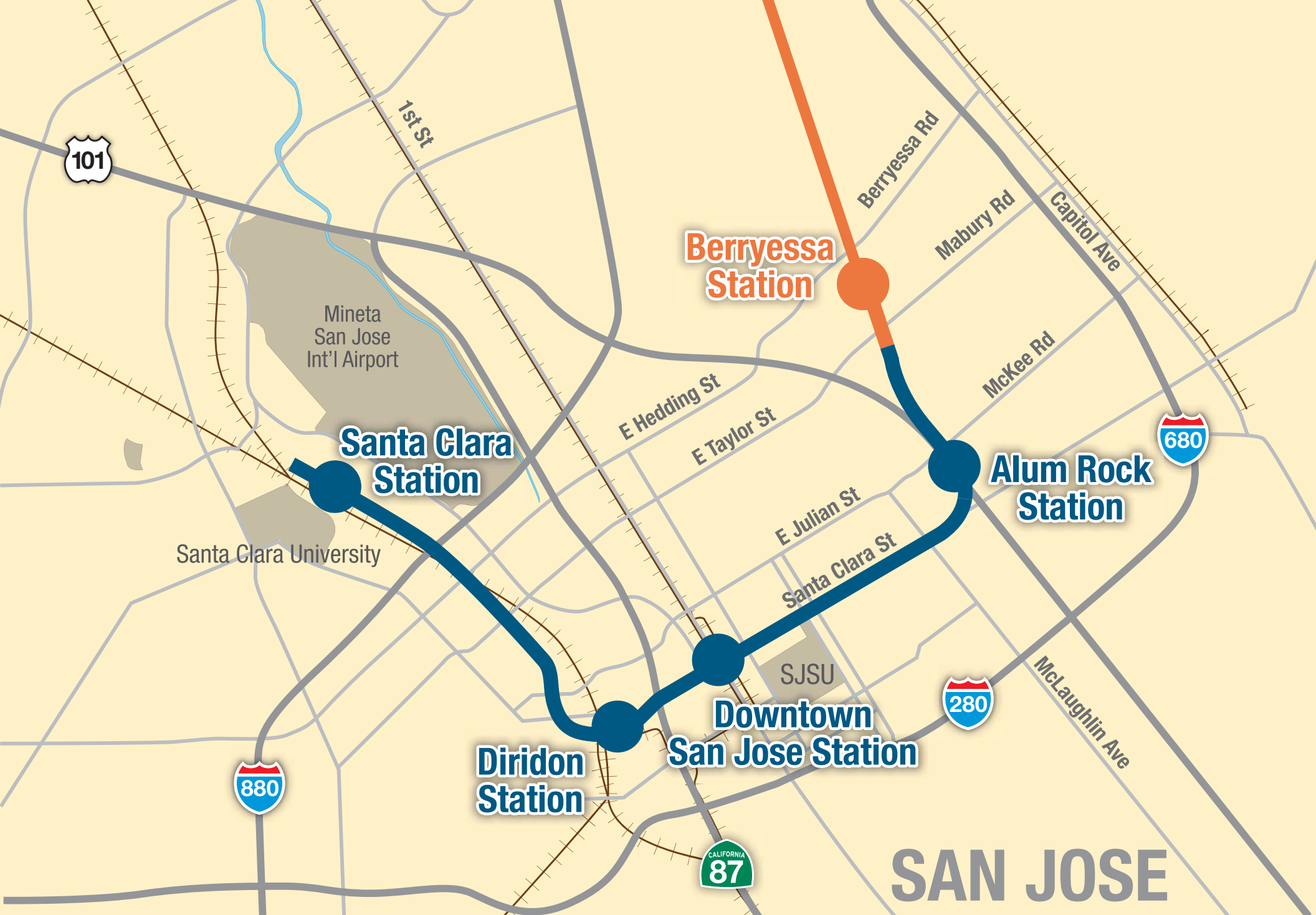
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources and
- Wetlands
- Community Services
- Construction
- Cultural Resources
- Electromagnetic Fields
- Energy
- Geology, Soils, & Seismicity
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazardous Materials
- Land Use
- Noise and Vibration
- Security & System Safety
- Socioeconomics
- Transportation
- Utilities
- Visual Quality/Aesthetics
- Water Resources, Water Quality, and Floodplains



*Community engagement will include scoping meetings, stakeholder outreach, and targeted community forums that fulfill Title VI requirements. A community outreach plan and strategy will be developed to have targeted community forums at all the station areas.

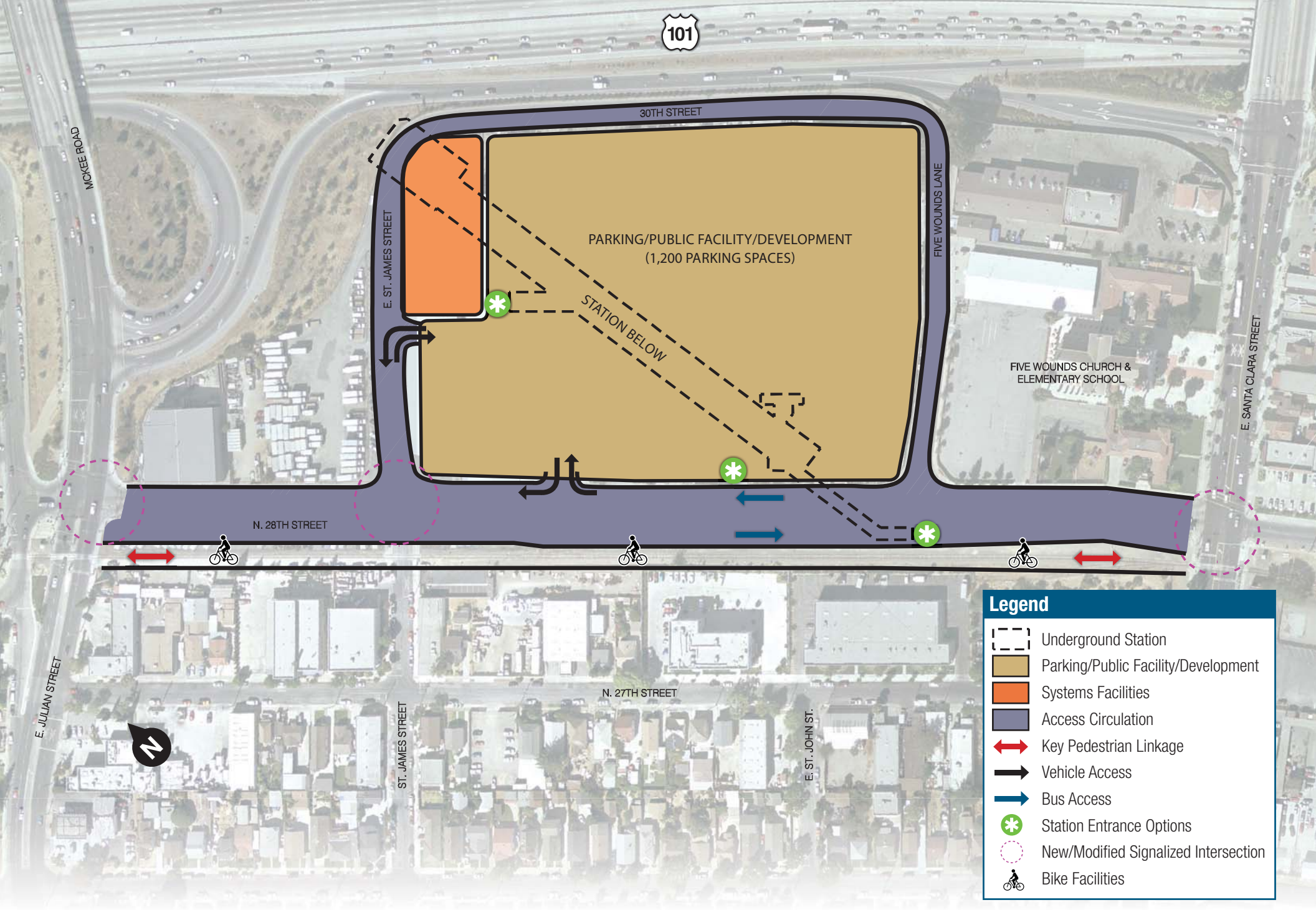
NEPA/CEQA and New Starts Milestone Schedule





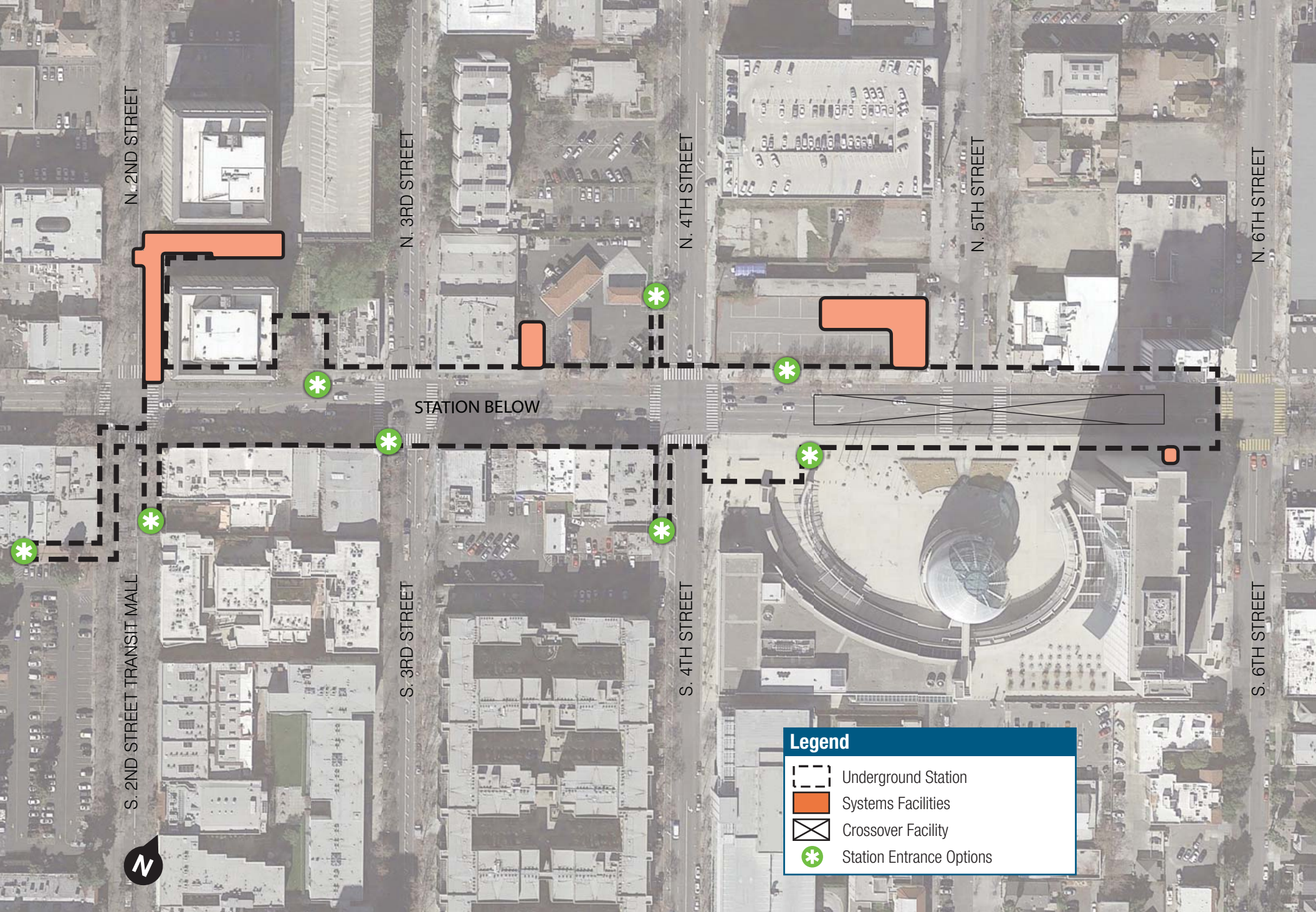
VTA's BART Silicon Valley – Phase II Extension Project





Alum Rock Station Conceptual Site Plan

Phase II Extension Project



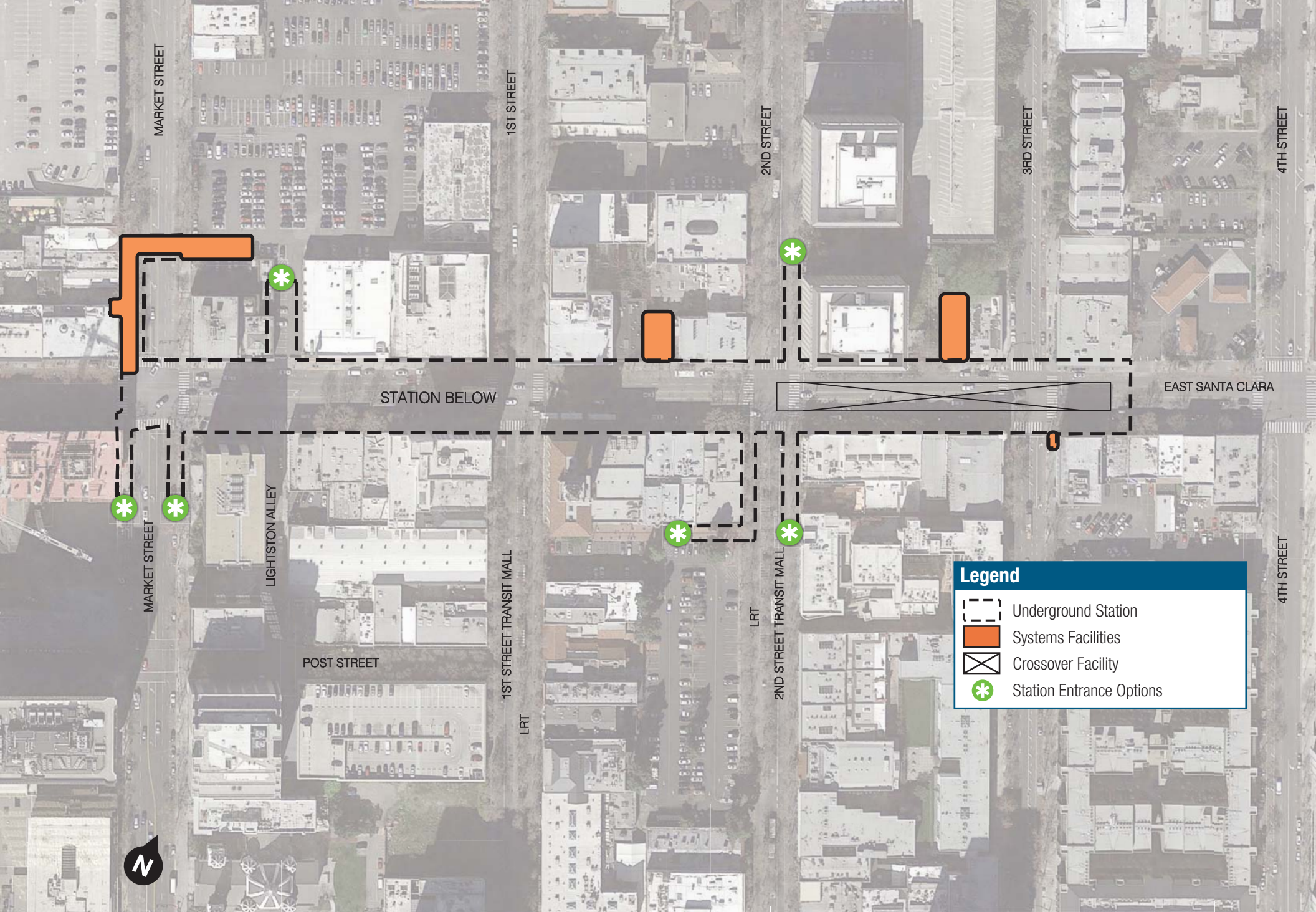
STATION BELOW

Legend

-  Underground Station
-  Systems Facilities
-  Crossover Facility
-  Station Entrance Options

Downtown Station East Option Conceptual Site Plan

Phase II Extension Project

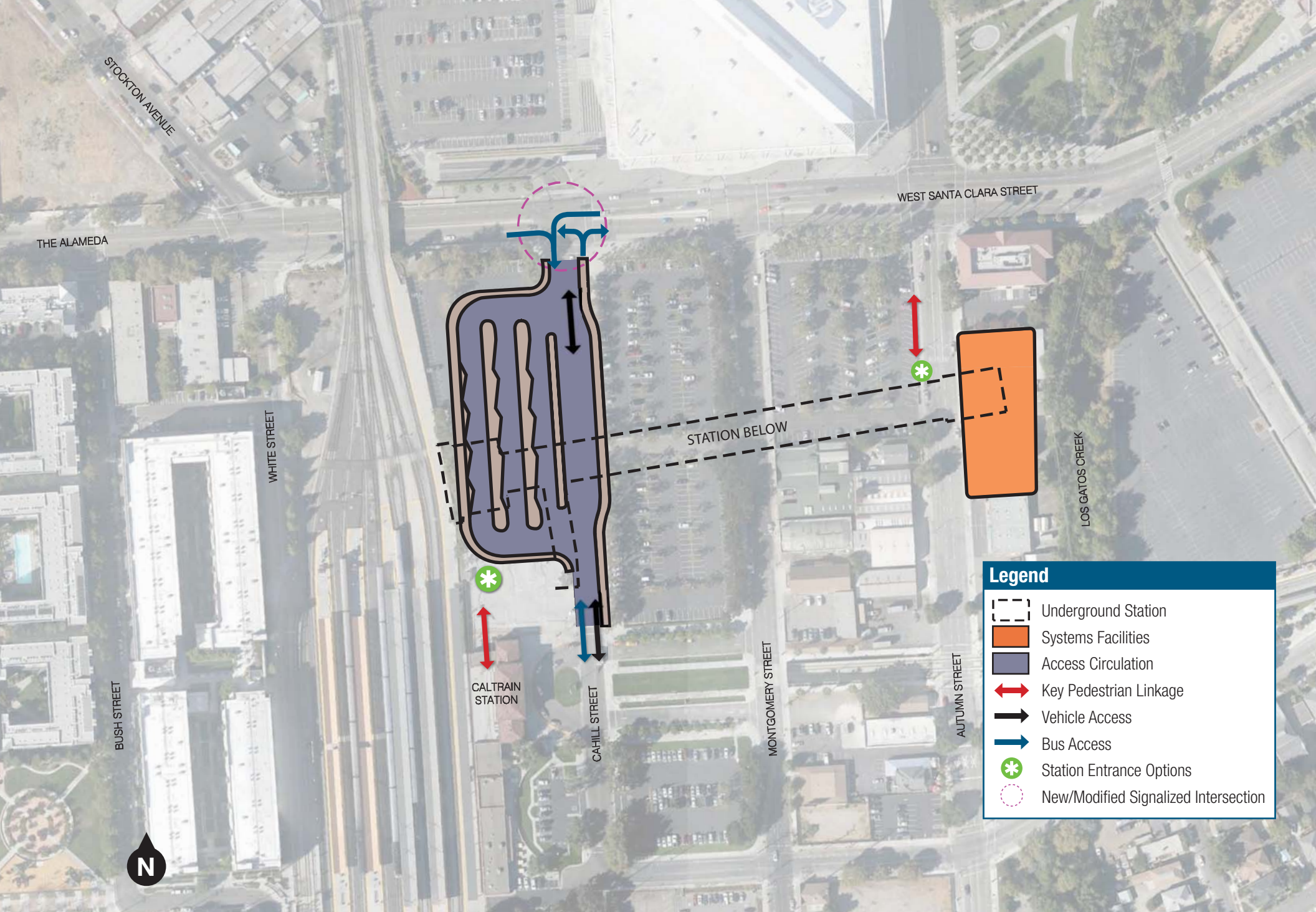


Legend

-  Underground Station
-  Systems Facilities
-  Crossover Facility
-  Station Entrance Options

Downtown Station West Option Conceptual Site Plan

Phase II Extension Project

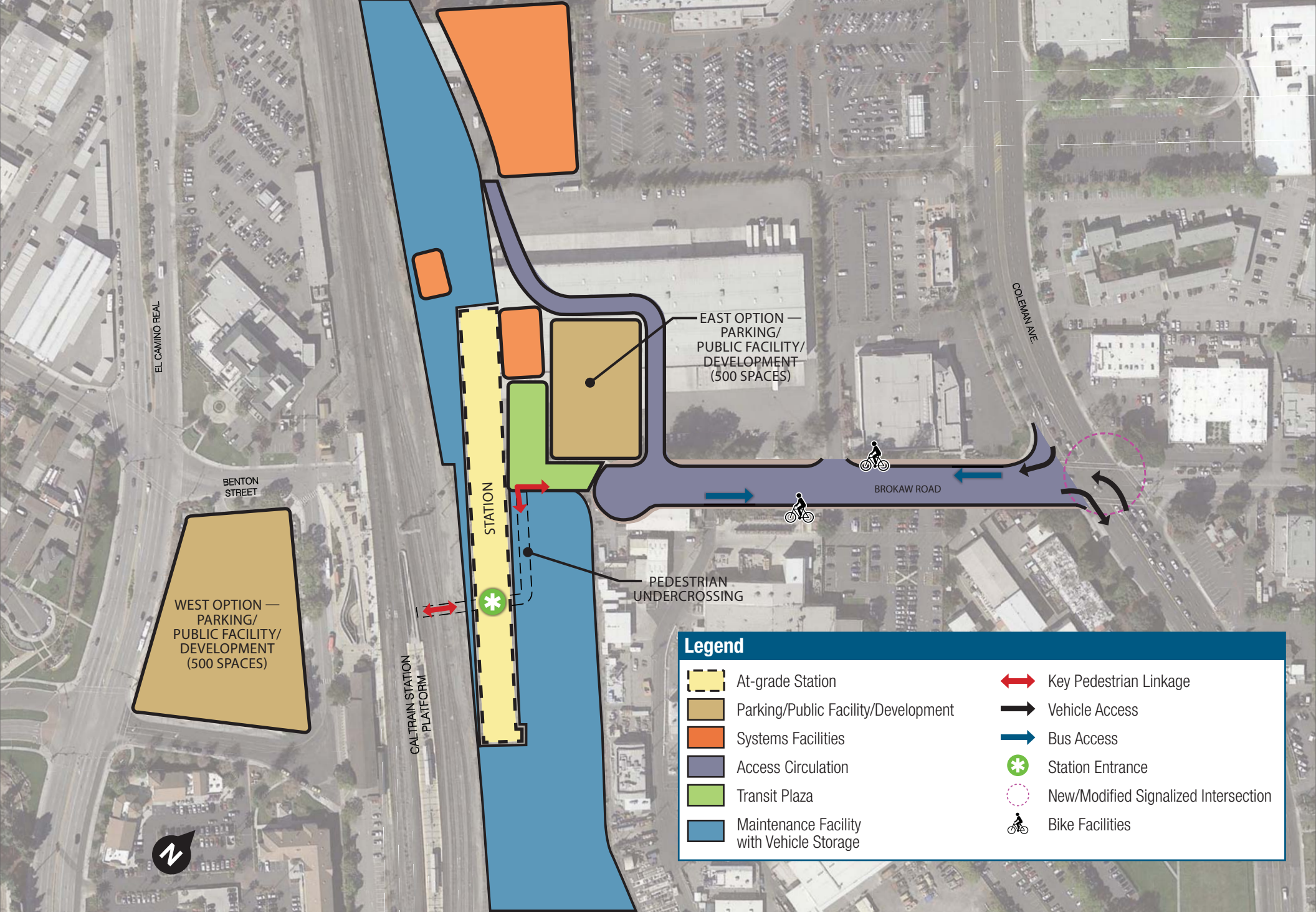


Legend

- Underground Station
- Systems Facilities
- Access Circulation
- Key Pedestrian Linkage
- Vehicle Access
- Bus Access
- Station Entrance Options
- New/Modified Signalized Intersection

Diridon Station Conceptual Site Plan

Phase II Extension Project



Santa Clara Station Conceptual Site Plan

Phase II Extension Project