

# FACT SHEET: Transit

# Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project

#### **Overview**

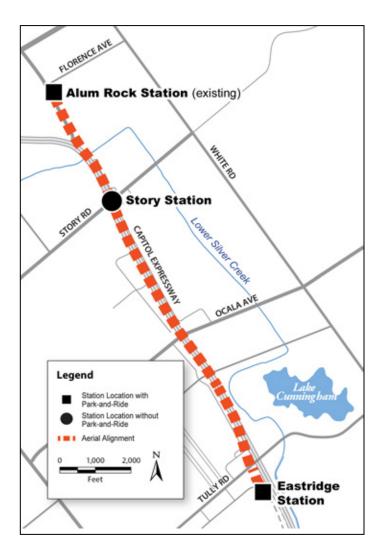
This project will extend light rail on Capitol Expressway from the Alum Rock Station to the Eastridge Transit Center, providing a regional connection to BART. The light rail tracks will be on an elevated guideway with grade separations at Capitol Avenue, Story Road, Ocala Avenue, Cunningham Avenue, and Tully Road. The Eastridge extension will include a light rail station at Story Road that is elevated and accessed by a pedestrian overcrossing and an Eastridge station at-grade next to the Eastridge Transit Center.

#### **Background**

The Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project is part of the larger Capitol Expressway Transit Improvement Project that transforms Capitol Expressway into a multimodal boulevard offering bus rapid transit (BRT), light rail transit, and safe connections to the regional transit system. VTA first addressed pedestrian access and improved safety measures along the expressway between Quimby Road and Capitol Avenue. This was completed in fall 2012 and included new sidewalks, pedestrian and street lighting, and a landscaping buffer. This was followed by the reconstruction of the Eastridge Transit Center which was completed in 2015. The final portion will extend light rail from the existing Alum Rock Light Rail Station to the Eastridge Transit Center.

#### **Project Status:**

- In June 2016 VTA Board of Directors approved funding to complete design, acquire right of way and relocate utilities.
- Construction is dependent upon funding availability.



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#### **Project Funding Partners**









### **Project Schedule:**

Environmental Updates	Complete late summer 2018
Final Design	Complete late summer 2019
Right of Way Acquisition	Complete fall 2019
Utility Relocation	Begin early 2019 through summer 2019
Construction	Begin early 2020 through fall 2023*
* Contingent upon funding availability	

## **Project Cost**

\$453 million for design, right of way, utilities and construction.

#### **How to Reach Us**

If you have any questions about the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project, please visit www.vta.org/eastridgetobart, 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 www.vta.org, or e-mail us at community.outreach@vta.org.