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Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project Update

Transportation and Environment Committee

December 1, 2025

Presenter: Ven Prasad

Project Scope

- Extend Light Rail from South of Alum Rock Station to Eastridge
- Aerial Guideway in median of Capitol Expressway
- 2.4 Miles Long
- Minor Roadway Widening
- Construct Two Stations - Story Road and Eastridge
- Construct Pedestrian Overcrossing at Story Station
- Construct Two Traction Power Substations
- Relocate Major Utilities (Completed)



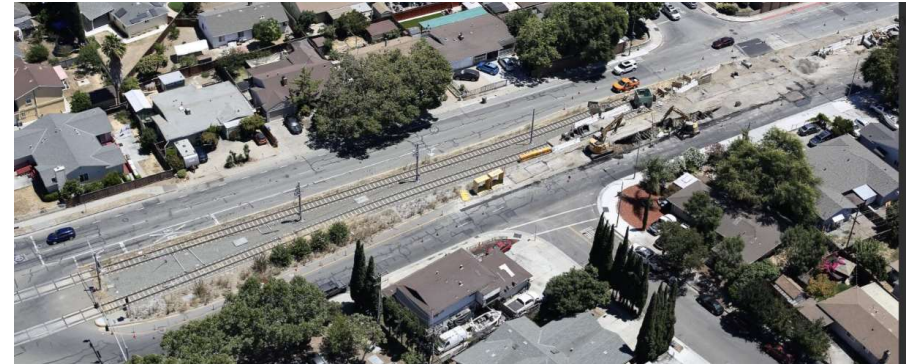
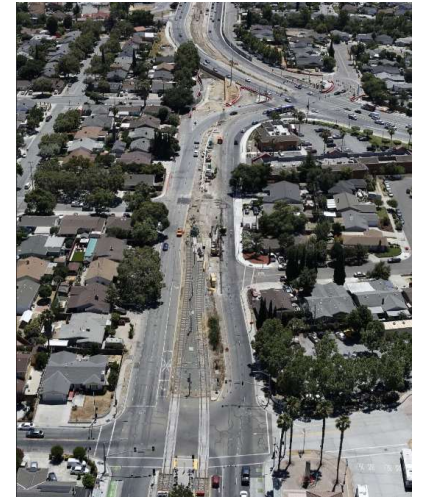
Construction Status

- Over one mile of bridge structure complete
- Foundation pile driving is complete
- Bridge construction at Ocala, Cunningham and Story intersections underway
- About 50% of the project is complete
- Project in a dense urban area with several challenges
- Project complete in end of 2027



Work along Capitol Avenue

- Roadway widening is complete
- Tail tracks have been removed south of Wilbur Avenue
- Bridge foundation work completed along Capitol Avenue
- Foundation type changed to minimize noise and vibration
- Residents and businesses notified of construction activities



Bridge between Ocala Ave and Story Road



Aerial view of Capitol Expressway between Ocala Ave and Story Road

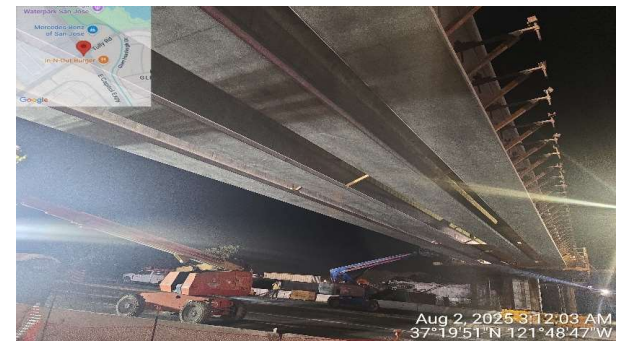
Bridge Between Cunningham and Tully Road



Aerial view of Capitol Expressway



Bridge at Tully Road



Construction near Story Road



Bridge falsework south of Story Road



Bridge falsework supports in ground north of Story Road

Activities next 6 months

- **Story Road to Wilbur Avenue**
 - Foundation and bridge construction
 - Traffic lane closure during off peak hours
- **Story, Ocala and Cunningham Intersections**
 - Construct bridge structure over the intersection
 - Occasional traffic detour at night
 - Story station structure at Story Road
- **Story to Ocala Avenue**
 - Trackwork over the bridge
 - Drainage work under the bridge
- **Ocala Avenue to Eastridge**
 - Complete remaining bridge section
 - Trackwork over the bridge



Traffic Mitigation & Safety

- Recruitment of off-duty police officers
- Extensive planning including real time monitoring of traffic
- Regular traffic advisories related to project
- Working with City of San Jose on traffic calming on side streets
- Speed limit is 35 MPH
- Crossing guards at Ocala



Samples of Traffic Calming Features

- Quick Build Curb Bulbouts



District 1: Fallbrook & Parkwest



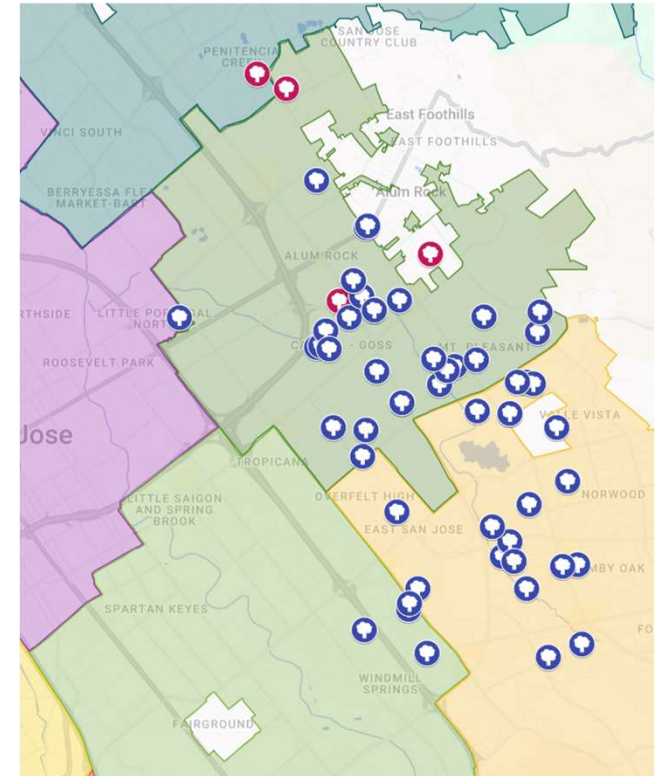
District 9: New Jersey & Josephine



District 8: Daniel Maloney & Silver Creek

Environmental Mitigation

- Project committed planting 249 trees within 2-mile radius
- VTA's partnering with Our City Forest
- Free trees for residents who are interested
- We have found homes for 70 trees on the east side of San José
- We are ahead of plan to meet our commitment to plant 249 trees by the end of the project



Community Outreach

- Weekly construction updates
- Monthly updates
- Quarterly updates
- Home visits to follow up on complaints
- Robust Project Website
- Print Media
- Social Media Campaigns highlighting safety, businesses, and construction updates
- Radio and TV



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Eastridge to BART Regional Connector - EBRC



Before and after photos of one of our initial tree planting near the EBRC Project. (Photos by OCF Staff).

Sam, Jessica, and Angela from Our City Forest recently planted a Shumard Oak (*Quercus shumardii*) for a family living near the VTA/EBRC Project area. The cooler fall weather provides ideal conditions for young trees to establish strong roots, giving this oak a great start.

This planting is part of a larger effort to bring more trees and shade to parts of East San José. OCF staff and Colleen Campbell from VTA/EBRC Environmental will continue working with local families to restore tree canopy and support a healthier urban environment.

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Project Menu

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Construction Notices

EBRC Intersection Closure - EB/WB Cunningham Avenue
Road Closure - Southbound Capitol Expressway
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EV Chargers-Eastridge Transit Center Park & Ride
EBRC Lane Reduction - Northbound Capitol Expressway onto Westbound Ocala Avenue

[View all EBRC notices](#)

Upcoming Meetings

EBRC - Kipp Heartwood Fall Festival

Date: 10/08/2025 4:00 PM - 10/08/2025 6:00 PM

Location: KIPP HEARTWOOD ACADEMY
1250 S KING RD SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 95122

Project Background

The Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project (EBRC) extends light rail from the existing Alum Rock Light Rail Station to the Eastridge Transit Center with an elevated guideway primarily in the center

Sign up for stakeholder emails!

Visit the project webpage: vta.org/eastridgetobart

Community Outreach and Public Engagement

(408) 321-7575, TTY (408) 321-2330

community.outreach@vta.org

Community Outreach Field Office

1091 S. Capitol Avenue, San Jose

Tuesdays 1 – 5 pm and by appointment

Eastridge Station Artwork

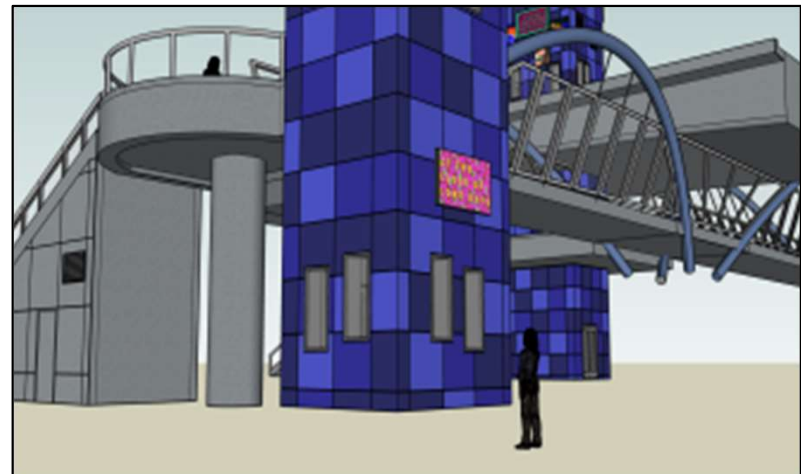
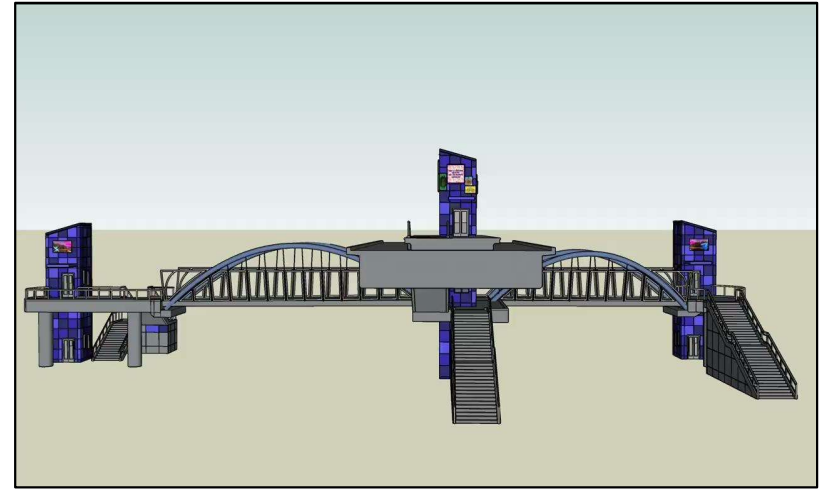


- Approved by City Public Art Committee
- Abstract sculpture titled 'Radiant' representing surrounding diverse community and nature



Story Station Artwork

- Approved by City Public Art Committee
- Artwork titled 'Interwoven' portrays intersection of landscapes and culture that is San Jose
- Attached light boxes has lines of poetry from San Jose poets

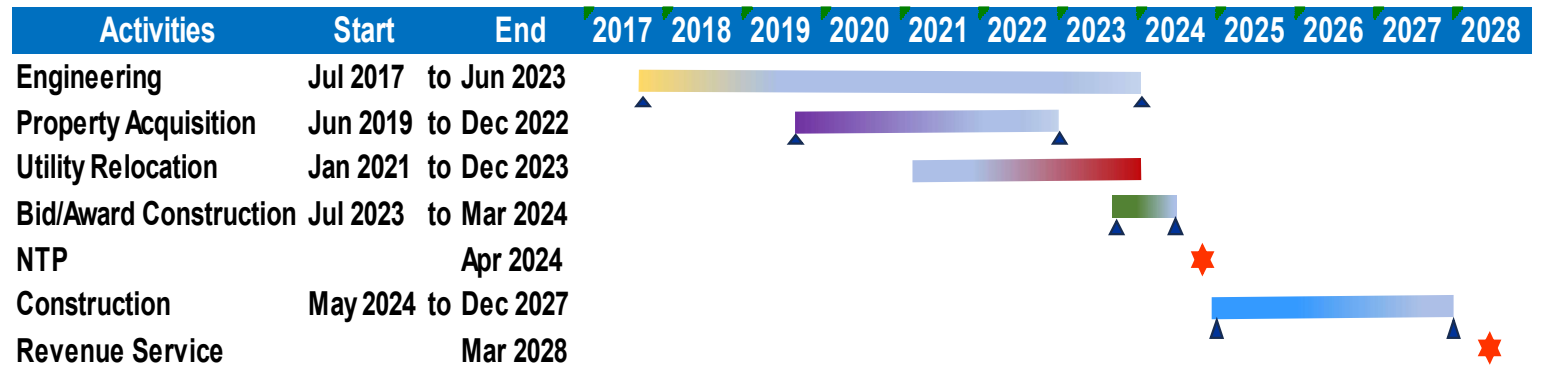


Budget and Schedule

As of October 2025

Description	Budget	Incurred	% Spent
VTA Labor	\$ 24,350,211	\$ 14,379,051	59%
Design Consultant	\$ 37,637,477	\$ 34,085,788	91%
Non Technical Services	\$ 794,006	\$ 583,166	73%
Professional Consultants	\$ 38,250,000	\$ 14,559,216	38%
Real Estate	\$ 14,188,992	\$ 13,437,605	95%
Utility Relocation	\$ 18,300,000	\$ 16,815,941	92%
Construction	\$ 503,110,000	\$ 216,277,208	43%
Field Operations	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 1,493,457	21%
Contingency	\$ 9,287,319	\$ -	0%
Total	\$ 652,918,005	\$ 311,631,432	48%

- Project on Schedule for completion
- Project trending to complete on budget



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