



## VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project Sustainability Charter

We, the BSVII team and VTA, commit to design and deliver the BSVII Project in a manner that is environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable. To fulfill our commitment, we will design, construct, operate, and maintain the BSVII Project using the most cost-effective practices, providing the greatest environmental benefit, without adverse effects on the construction schedule or budget. Our delivery of the BSVII Project will:

- Provide a comfortable, healthy, and secure environment for patrons and staff by maximizing safety and reliability, reflecting the local context, and promoting transit-oriented development that will help bring riders into the system.
- Integrate sustainable strategies in the design and construction of the whole project.
- Reduce energy dependency by minimizing nonrenewable energy consumption and employ renewable sources of energy.
- Protect, conserve, and enhance natural resources.
- Reduce resource consumption by using environmentally preferable products and recycling/reusing resources and materials.
- Support VTA's, BART's, and Santa Clara County's sustainability missions.

The BSVII Project will demonstrate exemplary achievement of these principles using the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure's Envision™ standards and rating system.

### *Acknowledgements and Signatures*

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