

Proposed Light Rail Improvements in Mountain View

VTA's Light Rail Efficiency Program includes track improvements that yield benefits for local residents, businesses, and VTA riders.

Benefits include:

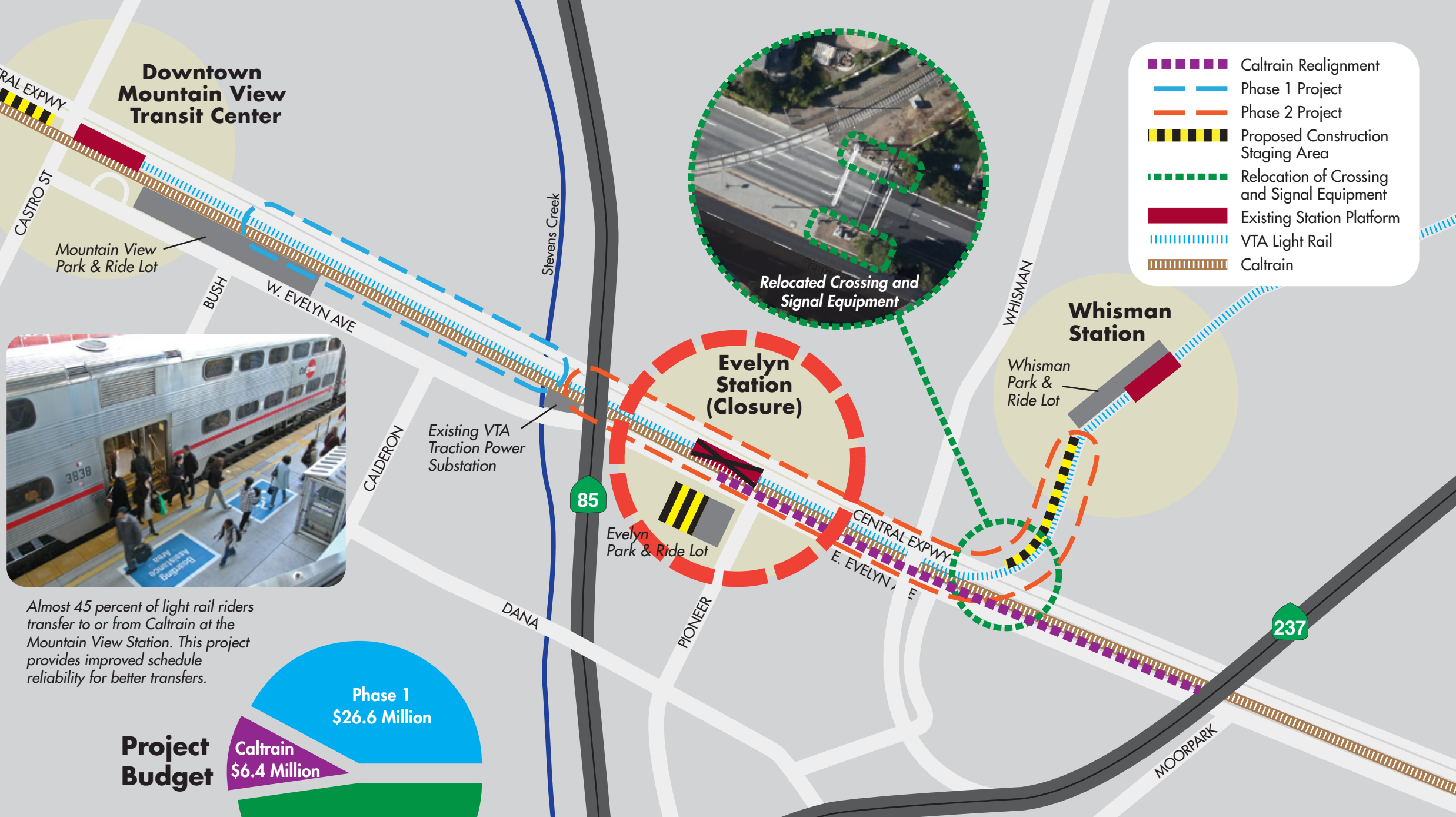
- More frequent service, including commute hour express service
- Improved light rail connections to Caltrain service
- Fewer delays at the Whisman and Mountain View stations
- Faster travel times to and from the Mountain View Station.

The proposed improvements involve adding a second set of light rail tracks from the Mountain View Station to the Whisman Station (and also an increased capacity to park extra trains at the Mountain View Station). The single set of tracks in this area often creates service delays with impacts that ripple throughout the light rail system.

This work will be done in two phases. The first phase adds a second track from the Mountain View Station to just west of State Route (SR) 85 and also constructing a new, longer train storage track adjacent to the station. Projected completion date for this work is July 2015.

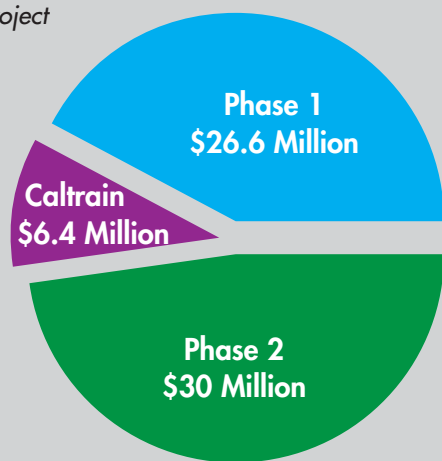
Before the second phase of construction can take place, Caltrain tracks need to be realigned between the Evelyn Light Rail Station and SR 237 to create space for VTA's second track. This work will be completed by December 2014.

The second phase of construction will begin at SR 85, cross over Central Expressway, and end at the Whisman Station. The Phase 2 Project is within one of narrowest sections of railroad right-of-way between San Francisco and Gilroy. Projected completion date is October 2015.



Almost 45 percent of light rail riders transfer to or from Caltrain at the Mountain View Station. This project provides improved schedule reliability for better transfers.

Project Budget



Project Schedule

Caltrain Realignment

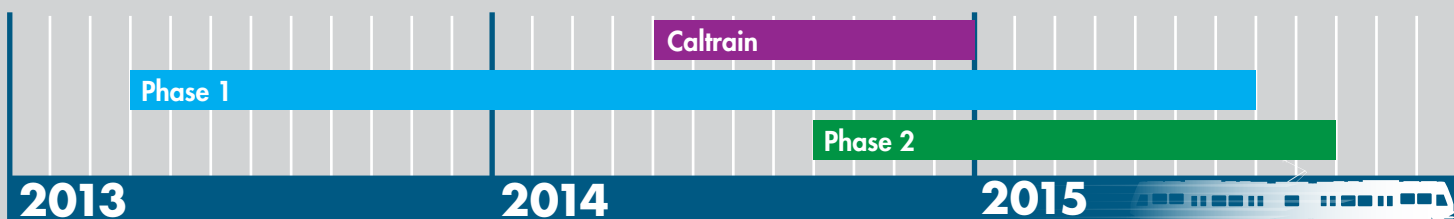
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VTA Trackwork Phase One

Environmental: April 2013
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 Contract award: August 2014
 Completion: July 2015

VTA Trackwork Phase Two

Environmental: August 2014
 Design: July 2014
 Contract award: December 2014
 Completion: October 2015



Mountain View Double Tracking Project

This project adds another light rail track between the Mountain View and Whisman stations where currently only one track exists. It also adds additional train storage capacity at the Mountain View Station.

Project Details:

▲ Phase One

- Adds second, 1,400-foot light rail track by extending the existing storage track east of the Mountain View Station toward the west side of SR 85
- Constructs replacement storage track.

▲ Phase Two

- Extends second light rail track by about 3,000 feet from west side of SR 85 to Whisman Station
- Requires removal of Evelyn Station, which is between the northbound Caltrain track and the single VTA track and is located where the second light rail track will be added
- VTA's Board of Directors will be asked to approve the station consolidation. When taken out of service in early 2015, customers will use either the Mountain View or Whisman stations.

▲ Realignment of Caltrain tracks

- Will be completed at the same time as Phase 1 due to timing constraints and to avoid construction conflicts with other Caltrain work planned for the area.

▲ Interesting Facts:

- Total track length – 4,400 feet = 0.8 mile = 14 2/3 football fields
- Travel time savings of up to 30%. Examples: 17% from downtown Mountain View to Lockheed Martin, 30% from future Milpitas BART Station to Levi's Stadium
- Storage track will hold two three-car trains.

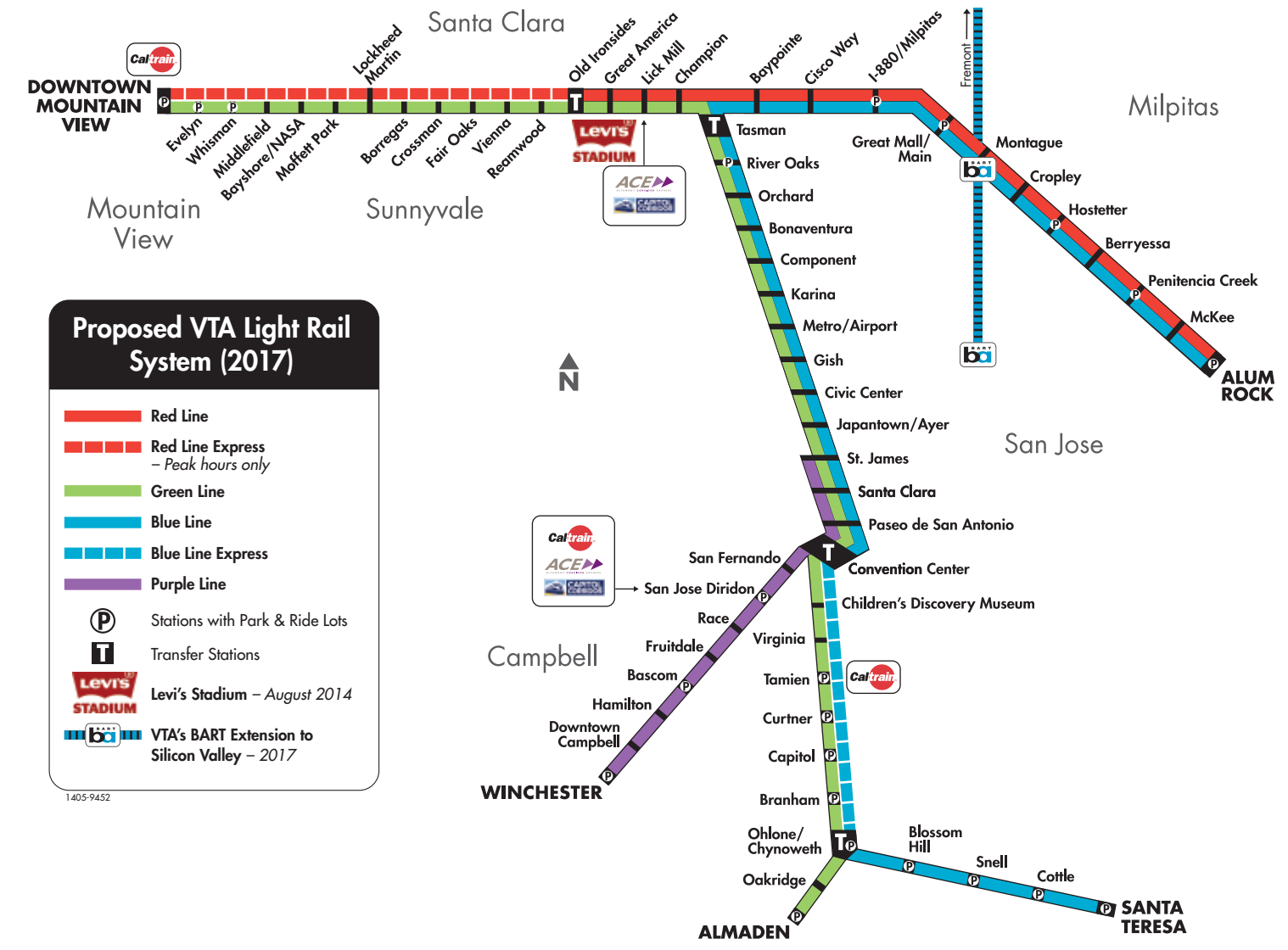
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Light Rail Efficiency Project/Mountain View Quick Facts

A second LRT track enables north- and south-bound trains to operate simultaneously between Whisman and Mountain View stations.

This simple improvement allows VTA to:

- **Double the frequency** of peak hour service with a new Express line
- **Improve connections** at the Mountain View Transit Center with Caltrain, buses, and shuttles
- **Reduce delays** in light rail service
- **Provide convenient service** to Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara and direct service to BART in Milpitas (opening in 2017)



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Proposed Light Rail Changes Add Capacity, Reduce Travel Times

VTA is planning improvements to its light rail system and service to improve efficiency and meet future service demands.

The opening of Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, the rapidly expanding transit villages and commercial developments along North First Street in San Jose and the opening of VTA's BART Silicon Valley Extension in 2017 will all contribute to the need to provide increased levels of service while fulfilling new opportunities and satisfying new service demands.

Four goals are guiding VTA's Light Rail

Efficiency Program: increase ridership, speed up the system, spend transit dollars wisely, and actively respond to the changing needs of the valley.

There are a series of construction projects at the core of the Light Rail Efficiency Program. The projects include installing a second set of light rail tracks in the Mountain View area, adding a pocket track in Santa Clara at Levi's Stadium, and improvements to speed light rail service through downtown San Jose.

These improvements will facilitate exciting changes to light rail service.

New express peak hour service between Mountain View and Alum Rock will be added, which will provide a direct link between the Milpitas BART Station projected to open in 2017 and downtown Mountain View. Additionally, express service from south San Jose to downtown San Jose will also be expanded from peak hour to all day service.

These investments in its light rail system will enable VTA to improve on-time performance and deliver significant time savings to current and future riders.

