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Congested Exit Ramp Widened (US 101/SR 87 connector ramp gets two lanes)

SAN JOSE – Getting from US 101 Southbound to SR 87 Southbound (near San Jose Airport) will be easier for commuters and travelers to San Jose International Airport, with **the addition of a second lane on the connector ramp.**

As the Congestion Management Agency of Santa Clara County, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) builds projects that improve transportation infrastructure. The 101/87 southbound connector ramp was a sore spot as traffic leaving Highway 101 infamously backed up as vehicles attempted to exit on the way to the airport, downtown San Jose and points further south.

The widening project took about seven months, and regular drivers along that route will notice an immediate difference. The construction provided for two standard 12-foot lanes with standard inside and outside shoulders; reconstructed a lined drainage ditch; and installed a new Traffic Monitoring System (TMS). The work is expected to ease congestion and cut down on the backup to Highway 101.

[Video of the newly constructed off-ramp is available here.](#)

About VTA

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district that is responsible for bus, light rail, paratransit operations, transportation planning, and serves as the county's congestion management agency in Santa Clara County. VTA is building the 16-mile extension of BART into Silicon Valley with 6 stations including a cutting-edge single-bore tunnel through Downtown San Jose. The first two stations opened in Milpitas and Berryessa/North San Jose in 2020, the next four stations are scheduled to open around 2030.