

**From:** VTA Board Secretary

**Sent:** Monday, February 24, 2025 1:29 PM

**To:** VTA Board of Directors; VTA Advisory Committee Members

**Subject:** VTA Information: Community Open House - Branham Station Transit-Oriented Development - March 10, 2025, 6 p.m.

Board of Directors and Advisory Committee Members

[Charities Housing](#) and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) welcome neighbors to an information session about the planned Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) at VTA's Branham Station Park and Ride lot.

The event will be held on **March 10, 2025, between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** at the Vista Park Community Center, 475 Hyde Park Drive, San Jose 95136.

Drop in any time between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. This open house will provide an opportunity to learn more about:

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- New public improvements, including connections to bike paths and the light rail station
- Information regarding affordability levels and potential homebuying opportunities
- Preliminary construction schedule

Family-friendly event with activities for children and light refreshments.

Please register in advance to receive email reminders and project updates at

[BranhamTOD.eventbrite.com](https://BranhamTOD.eventbrite.com).

Spanish interpretation will be provided at the meeting. For other language services or accommodations, please contact VTA Community Outreach at (408) 321-7575/TTY (408) 321-2330 or email [community.outreach@vta.org](mailto:community.outreach@vta.org) by February 28, 2025.

Additional information is available at [vta.org/branhamdevelopment](https://vta.org/branhamdevelopment).

Thank you,

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# Community Open House



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## Reunión comunitaria de puertas abiertas - Desarrollo orientado al transporte público de la Estación Branham

Lunes, 10 de marzo de 2025 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Vista Park Community Center

475 Hyde Park Drive, San José, 95136

Charities Housing y la Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) invitan a los vecinos a una sesión informativa sobre el plan de Desarrollo Orientado al Transporte Público (TOD, por sus siglas en inglés) en el lote de estacionamiento Park and Ride de la Estación Branham de VTA.

Pase en cualquier momento entre las 6 p.m. y las 7:30 p.m. Esta reunión de puertas abiertas le brindará la oportunidad de obtener más información sobre:

- Planos arquitectónicos del edificio y distribución del terreno
- Nuevas mejoras públicas, incluidas conexiones con carriles para bicicletas y la estación de tranvía
- Información sobre los niveles de asequibilidad y las posibles oportunidades de compra de vivienda
- Calendario preliminar de construcción

Sera un evento familiar con actividades para niños y refrigerios ligeros.

Regístrese con anticipación para recibir recordatorios por correo electrónico y actualizaciones del proyecto en [BranhamTOD.eventbrite.com](http://BranhamTOD.eventbrite.com).

Habrará interpretación al español. Para solicitar otros servicios de traducción o adaptaciones, comuníquese con VTA Community Outreach llamando al (408) 321-7575/TTY (408) 321-2330, o enviando un correo electrónico a [community.outreach@vta.org](mailto:community.outreach@vta.org) a más tardar el 28 de febrero de 2025. Hay información adicional disponible en [vta.org/branhamdevelopment](http://vta.org/branhamdevelopment).

## Nhà Mở Cộng Đồng – Phát Triển Theo Định Hướng Phương Tiện Công Cộng của Trạm Branham

Thứ Hai, ngày 10 tháng 3 năm 2025

6 giờ chiều - 7 giờ 30 tối

Vista Park Community Center

(Trung Tâm Cộng Đồng Vista Park)

475 Hyde Park Drive, San Jose 95136

Nhà Ở Từ Thiện và Cơ Quan Giao Thông Thung Lũng Santa Clara

(VTA) chào đón những người trong khu phố đến với một buổi thông tin về dự án Phát Triển Theo Định Hướng Phương Tiện Công Cộng (TOD) đã được hoạch định, tại bãi Đậu Xe và Đi Xe Công Cộng thuộc Trạm Branham của VTA.

Ghé vào bất kỳ lúc nào trong khoảng thời gian từ 6 giờ chiều đến 7 giờ 30 tối. Nhà mở này sẽ mang đến cơ hội để tìm hiểu thêm về:

- Kế hoạch xây dựng kiến trúc và bố trí mặt bằng
- Các cải tiến cộng đồng mới, bao gồm kết nối với đường dành cho xe đạp và trạm đường sắt nhẹ
- Thông tin về mức khả năng chi trả và cơ hội mua nhà tiềm năng
- Lịch trình thi công sơ bộ

Các gia đình có thể tham gia sự kiện này, có các hoạt động dành cho trẻ em và thức ăn đồ uống nhẹ.

Vui lòng đăng ký trước để nhận email nhắc nhở và thông tin cập nhật về dự án tại [BranhamTOD.eventbrite.com](http://BranhamTOD.eventbrite.com).

Phiên dịch tiếng Tây Ban Nha sẽ được cung cấp tại cuộc họp. Đối với các dịch vụ ngôn ngữ hoặc hỗ trợ khác, vui lòng liên lạc với ban Tiếp Cận Cộng Đồng (Community Outreach) của VTA theo số (408) 321-7575/TTY (408) 321-2330 hoặc email cho [community.outreach@vta.org](mailto:community.outreach@vta.org) chậm nhất vào ngày 28 tháng 2 năm 2025. Có thông tin bổ sung tại [vta.org/branhamdevelopment](http://vta.org/branhamdevelopment).

## 社區開放日 – Branham 站公交導向型開發專案

2025 年 3 月 10 日, 星期一 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Vista 公園社區中心

475 Hyde Park Drive, San Jose 95136

Charities Housing 和聖達卡拉穀交通局 (VTA) 歡迎鄰居們參加有關計畫在 VTA 的 Branham 車站的停車換乘地段進行公交導向型開發 (TOD) 的資訊發佈會。

您可以在下午 6 點至 7 點 30 分之間的任何時間參加此次開放日活動。本次開放日將提供一個瞭解有關以下方面更多資訊的機會：

- 建築規劃和場地佈局
- 新增公共設施改善, 包括與自行車道和輕軌站的連接
- 有關可負擔水準和潛在購房機會的資訊
- 初步施工時間表

適合家庭參加的活動, 包括兒童活動和提供小點心。

請提前在 [BranhamTOD.eventbrite.com](http://BranhamTOD.eventbrite.com) 上註冊, 以接收電子郵件提醒和專案更新資訊。

會議將提供西班牙語口譯服務。如需其他語言服務或便利, 請於 2025 年 2 月 24 日之前撥打電話 (408) 321-7575/TTY (408) 321-2330 或發送電子郵件至 [community.outreach@vta.org](mailto:community.outreach@vta.org) 聯繫 VTA 社區外聯部。如需更多資訊, 請訪問 [vta.org/branhamdevelopment](http://vta.org/branhamdevelopment)。

**From:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Sent:** Monday, February 24, 2025 4:00 PM  
**To:** VTA Board of Directors  
**Subject:** VTA Information: Upcoming Changes to Traffic for EBRC

Board of Directors:

Please see the weekly update for the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector project below.

Thank you,

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**PROJECT UPDATE**



# Eastridge to BART



## Regional Connector Project

Tuesday, February 24, 2025

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*There will be changes to the Capitol Expressway and Story Road intersection this March, when traffic lanes will be shifted. As a result, the Expressway will have three lanes in each direction. [Aerial Photo by Mark DeFeo, Heliphotos/MCM Construction].*

Greetings,

Night work is steadily happening at various locations, allowing the project to move forward according to schedule. Additionally, night work is pivotal for minimizing traffic disruptions during the day. Beginning on **Sunday evening, February 23**, and for the next four weeks, night crews will be performing utility work on northbound Capitol Expressway towards Capitol Ave.

**Anticipated for March 4th at night**, crews will stripe northbound Capitol Expressway between Story Road and Capitol Avenue, followed by setting K-rail. This will take at least two days. A

couple of weeks later, they will perform similar work (striping and setting K-Rail), but on southbound Capitol Expressway between Excalibur Drive and Story Road.

**Starting at midnight on March 19**, a major construction activity will take place at the north end of the project by the VTA Alum Rock Station. The intersection of Capitol Avenue and Wilbur Drive will be closed for a few days for crucial work to relocate the existing overhead electrical systems.

Moving Forward!





*(Left to Right) - Jake McDaniel, Project Engineer for MCM Construction, Johnny Rowe, Project Engineer for VTA, and Wenlin Yang, Deputy Project Manager for VTA. The three engineers were recognized by their peers for their commitment to the successful construction of the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector. This happened during a recent Partnering Workshop in Milpitas, CA. [Photo VTA/EBRC LFP].*

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*Temporary support system for the new VTA Guideway on Capitol Expressway. [Photo by Bill Faoro/MCM Construction].*

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Anticipated work through Sunday, March 23, 2025  
PARTIAL LIST



**Drainage work** is occurring on Capitol Expressway between Tully Road and Capitol Avenue.

**Pile driving** continues on Capitol Expressway between Ocala Avenue and Tully Road. Pile driving is conducted only during the day.

**Falsework** moves northbound on Capitol Expressway towards Story Road as construction crews continue building columns.

**Concrete pouring** for the superstructure on Capitol Expressway continues between Ocala Avenue and Story Road.



**Night work** continues at Capitol Expressway between Story Road and Capitol Avenue through the middle of March. Night crews work from Sunday night through Friday morning. Night crews work from 10:00 pm through 7:00 am.

**Night work** continues in the median of Capitol Expressway between Ocala Avenue and Story Road. Caution is recommended for motorists, pedestrians, and bike riders. Night crews work from 10:00 pm through 7:00 am.

Crews will **work at night** to install a drainage system that crosses Capitol Expressway near the S&S Market and McDonald's driveway.

The **relocation of the BRT station** continues at the southwest corner of Capitol Expressway and Ocala Avenue, and it is expected to be completed in March 2025.

**A 4-to-3 lane reduction** on northbound Capitol Expressway from Story Road to Capitol Avenue is anticipated for March 4 and 5. The temporary traffic shift will allow for pile driving and Cast Drilled Hole (CIDH) pile construction in the median.

**Lane striping** on southbound Capitol Expressway from Excalibur Drive to Story Road is anticipated for March 13 and 14. The temporary traffic shift will allow for pile driving and Cast Drilled Hole (CIDH) pile construction in the median.

**The intersection of Capitol Avenue and Wilbur Drive will be closed** for a few days for crucial work to disconnect the existing overhead electrical systems and remove the tracks. This is scheduled to begin on March 19.

Crews will **replace the driveway** on S. Capitol Avenue that serves the K&K Apartments. Temporary parking will be provided on the VTA property in the S&S Market lot for the tenants inconvenienced during construction.



**Respect the Cone, Protect the Workforce.**

***Be Our Partner in Safety!***

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



*EBRC Winter Newsletter.*

The EBRC Winter Newsletter was mailed to 14,000 residents and businesses near the project. This publication includes an article on environmental stewardship, an explanation of how the aerial light rail extension is built, and a summary of outreach activities for 2024. The newsletter is translated from English to Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Tagalog.

We have hard copies and a digital, ADA-compliant version. Groups or organizations interested in having copies of the EBRC Winter Newsletter should email us for pick up or delivery.

### STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Community Outreach staff met with members of the Stakeholder Working Group on Thursday, February 20, via Zoom. If you would like us to attend neighborhood meetings,

please don't hesitate to contact us.

### **OUTREACH OFFICE TRAILER**

The Community Outreach Office has a new schedule: Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and by appointment. Our address is 1091 S. Capitol Avenue (near Story Road), in San Jose. Staff is available week-long to respond to the concerns of residents, business owners, and the community at large.

### **CONTACT**

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**From:** VTA Board Secretary

**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2025 10:06 AM

**To:** VTA Board of Directors

**Subject:** VTA Information: Employee Pay and Time Off During a Potential Work Stoppage

**Board of Directors:**

We are forwarding the attached memo about employee pay and benefits and VTA equipment during a potential work stoppage (strike) at the request of Board Chairperson Lopez.

Please reply to this email if you have questions or concerns about this.

Thank you,

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Employees

**CC:** Operations Division Staff  
Payroll

**FROM:** Sonya Morison, Chief People Officer

**DATE:** 2/27/2025

**SUBJECT:** Application of Employee Pay and Time Off During a Potential Work Stoppage (Strike)

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The contract between Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) will expire on March 3, 2025. If an agreement has not been reached, there is the potential for a work stoppage. This memorandum serves to provide clarification on the treatment of pay and time off for those employees who are participating in a work stoppage (strike).

### **Pay Status and Previously Approved Time Off**

In the event of a work stoppage, employees will not be paid for any time they have not worked. Furthermore, any previously authorized paid time off, such as vacation time, personal leave, floating holidays, and incentive days, which fall during the time period of a work stoppage will be canceled and returned to the employees' bank.

### **Documentation Required to Support Paid Sick Leave**

Any employee who submits a request for paid sick leave during a work stoppage will be required to provide documentation from a doctor to support their absence. Failure to do so will result in a denial of their request, and progressive discipline.

### **Impact of Work Stoppages on ATU Pension Benefits**

If an ATU employee participates in a work stoppage, the missed workdays are considered missed time and may result in zero earnings for those pay periods. ATU pension calculations require *paired* pay periods with earnings. Work stoppage time, resulting in consecutive zero-earnings pay periods, could negatively impact an employee's pension benefit service credit, potentially reducing their final pension amount.

### **Impact of Work Stoppages on CalPERS Pension Benefits**

If an employee in the CalPERS pension system participates in a work stoppage, the missed workdays are considered missed time and will not be reported as earnings to CalPERS, this could negatively impact an employee's pension benefit service credit, potentially reducing their final pension amount.

### **Other Benefits**

A work stoppage does not meet the definition of 'hardship' to take a hardship withdrawal from your 457 accounts.

EDD Unemployment Insurance claims will be contested for employees participating in a work stoppage.

### **VTA Equipment and Assets**

In the event of a work stoppage, all VTA-owned equipment, vehicles, tools, and property must be returned to designated VTA facilities and may not be left unattended on the mainline under any circumstances. Failure to comply with this directive may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment as well as personal liability for any unattended vandalized/stolen equipment. Ensuring the security and proper handling of VTA assets is of the utmost importance, and we appreciate your full cooperation in adhering to this requirement.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me for clarification at [sonya.morrison@vta.org](mailto:sonya.morrison@vta.org) or 408-321-5605.