

From: Eastridge to BART Regional Connector
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 10:55 AM
To: VTA Board Secretary
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Increased activities day and night

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PROJECT UPDATE

Eastridge to BART



Regional Connector Project

Tuesday, March 4, 2025



Resident Engineer Scott Hensler explains to homeowners the upcoming construction activities in front of their home while a surveyor ensures the accurate layout for the upcoming roadway, sidewalk, and driveway activities. [Photo: VTA/EBRC LFP].

Greetings,

The weather forecast indicates rain this week, which will push the construction activities such as installing K-Rail and striping by two days.

The rest of this month is filled with traffic shifts and subsequent lane and road closures, with a highlight on two important road closures: one at the intersection of Capitol Avenue and Wilbur Avenue for OCS purposes (Overhead Catenary System), and the closure at northbound Capitol Expressway between Ocala to Story to remove segments of falsework.

Drainage work will continue at night on Capitol Expressway north of Story Road, and on March 10th, the sidewalks and curbs on Kollmar Drive by K&K Apartments will be reconstructed.

Please remember that scheduled construction activities can change at any time due to weather and other conditions. Please check the “Anticipated Work” section below for details on each activity.

The speed limit throughout the construction zone is 35 mph. Worker and public safety are of the utmost importance. We remind the public to slow down, as some of the lanes at the intersections will be striped to a minimum width of 10'. Respect the construction zone if driving, and be alert while walking or riding bikes on temporary paths.

Moving Forward!





Hundreds of construction workers are building the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector, day and night. Their safety is of utmost importance. Everybody involved must continue reminding the public to slow down and respect the construction zone. [Photo by VTA/EBRC LFP]

ANTICIPATED WORK through Sunday, March 30, 2025
PARTIAL LIST - **Construction activities can change at any time*



Drainage work will occur overnight on northbound Capitol Avenue on Capitol Expressway/Capitol Ave/Excalibur Drive through March 19. *Expect road closures overnight.*

Pile driving continues on the west side of Capitol Expressway between Ocala Avenue and Tully

Road. Pile driving is conducted only during the day.

Falsework removal will occur on northbound Capitol Expressway between Ocala Avenue and Story Road from Wednesday, March 19, through Tuesday, March 25. *Expect overnight road closures between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am.*

Falsework installation will occur on southbound Capitol Expressway between Cunningham Avenue and Tully Road from Tuesday, April 1, through Friday, April 4.

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

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 to begin on Thursday, March 6. The temporary traffic shift will allow for pile-driving construction in the median. This operation will utilize lane closures at night *for two consecutive nights* on northbound Capitol Expressway south of Story Road to Capitol Avenue. After striping at night, the concrete barriers (K-rail) will be moved during the day into the section where re-striping has been completed. This will allow structure work in the median soon.

Lane striping on southbound Capitol Expressway from Excalibur Drive to Story Road is anticipated for Monday, March 17, and Tuesday, March 18, with K-Rail installation during the day and striping during the night. The temporary traffic shift will allow for pile-driving construction in the median.

The intersection of Capitol Avenue and Wilbur Drive will be closed for five days to disconnect the existing overhead electrical systems. The 24-hour-a-day operation is scheduled from Wednesday, March 19, through Monday, March 24. *This intersection will be closed during the day and at night for these five days.*

Please note:

This work will close the intersection and pose significant transit impacts for bus lines 23, 25, and the corresponding Bus Bridge in place. Expect delays of 15-30 minutes, as well as missed connections.

Please call the **VTA Customer Service Call Center at (408) 321-2300** to help plan your trip accordingly.

Pedestrians will not be able to cross Capitol Avenue at Wilbur Avenue and will need to cross at Florence Avenue.

Vehicles exiting Montevista Apartments via Nuestra Castillo Court will need to turn right towards Capitol Expressway; vehicles exiting Wilbur Avenue will need to turn right towards

Alum Rock Avenue. In both instances, turning left won't be possible.

Beginning on Monday, March 10, Crews will **replace the driveways** on S. Capitol Avenue that serve units 1-10 of K&K Apartments. Temporary parking will be provided on the VTA property located by S&S Market, for the tenants inconvenienced during construction.

Full road closure details have been broadcast via CMS boards placed along the project corridor and will be posted to the vta.org/ebrc website and shared on social media platforms (X, Instagram, Bluesky, Facebook, and Next Door). Please stay attentive when driving along the project site.

Night crews work from Sunday night through Friday morning, from 10:00 pm through 7:00 am. **Day crews** work Monday through Friday, from 7:00 am through 5:00 pm. **Crew schedules and construction activities can change at any time.**

Caution is recommended for motorists, pedestrians, and bike riders. The speed limit is 35 mph. PLEASE SLOW DOWN!



Respect the Cone, Protect the Workforce.
Be Our Partner in Safety!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



(Capitol Expressway & Capitol Avenue) - Before and After. Graffiti by the construction zone is a recurring problem. Thankfully, the community outreach team is working closely with the contractor to promptly respond and repaint. [Photo by MCM Construction, AK].

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

A construction update is scheduled to be mailed this week to 14,000 residents and businesses near the project. This publication includes important information that will help the public navigate the construction zone through May. The EBRC construction update is translated from English to Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Tagalog.

RESOURCE FAIRS & NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

The Community Outreach team is eager to connect! Feel free to reach out if you'd like us to table with information at your resource fair or present updates at your Neighborhood Association meeting

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.

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From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 7:10 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors; VTA Advisory Committee Members
Subject: Press Release from VTA: Improvements Coming to US 101/SR 25 Interchange Community Meetings Provide Updates

VTA Board of Directors and Advisory Committee Members:

For your information only. Please feel free to forward to your constituents/interested parties.



Improvements Coming to US 101/SR 25 Interchange Community Meetings Provide Updates

San Jose, CA – A series of public meetings is scheduled to provide commuters with more information about the changes coming to the [Highway 101 and State Route 25 Interchange](#).

This project is intended to accommodate traffic demands due to rapid growth in commuter, commercial, and recreational traffic that uses State Route 25 in Gilroy.

The project will enable future improvements to US 101 and State Route 152 and provide a connection for a future Santa Teresa Boulevard extension from Castro Valley Road. The VTA project team will make a brief presentation and answer any questions from the public.

These meetings will include an introduction to the project and breakout stations staffed by topic experts on topics of final design, traffic impacts, and communications.

These in-person and online meetings will take place on the following dates:

- **(IN PERSON)** Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Gilroy Library, Community Room, 350 W. 6th Street in Gilroy
- **(IN PERSON)** Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm, at Gavilan College, North & South Lounge Rooms, 5055 Santa Teresa Boulevard in Gilroy
- **(ONLINE)** Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:00 pm (ENGLISH & SPANISH)

Link to Virtual Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87434744208?pwd=UjJK0RGSQNwMtpoCPNU48idUrcag1t.1>

[Project Fact Sheet:](#)

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From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 12:02 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: From VTA: Press Briefing at 1 pm re ATU strike

VTA Board of Directors and Advisory Committee Members,

For your information.

From: VTA Media Relations <media.relations@vta.org>
Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 11:10 AM
Subject: Press Briefing at 1 pm re ATU strike



March 7, 2025
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Media Briefing Regarding ATU Strike Announcement

San Jose, CA – The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority will hold a briefing **Friday, March 7 at 1 p.m.** about the announcement made by its largest union, ATU Local 265, regarding its intention to strike beginning Monday March 10.

News media is invited to attend the briefing at VTA Headquarters, 3331 North First Street, San Jose. The briefing will be streamed on [Facebook Live](#).

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From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 8:26 AM
To: VTA Board Secretary; VTA Advisory Committee Members
Subject: VTA Will Shut Down Service During Strike

VTA Board of Directors and VTA Advisory Committee Members:

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Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Plans For Strike By Amalgamated Transit Union Local 265

SAN JOSE, Calif. -- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) received notification at its Thursday, March 6 board meeting that members of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 265 will go on strike starting on or after March 10, 2025, at 12:01 a.m.

As a result, VTA bus and light rail service may not run starting Monday morning, and some routes may be interrupted if they are normally scheduled to run past midnight. Alternatives to public transportation include carpooling, ridesharing, taking regional rail, walking, and biking. VTA Paratransit service will continue regular operations.

“VTA is extremely disappointed that ATU is leaving the communities of Silicon Valley stranded without much-needed bus and light rail service, said Greg Richardson, VTA Deputy General Manager.

VTA offered a wage increase of 4%, 3%, 2% for a total 9% over three years, compounded over the 3-year period is 9.3%. The wage package keeps VTA operators as the second highest paid in the Bay Area and as the fifth highest paid in the nation. Additionally, the package includes comprehensive benefits and a pension plan.

“We value our employees and have made a fair and reasonable offer. Our appreciation extends to the riders we serve. While VTA has tried to reach an agreement, through conversations as late as this afternoon, there has been no progress. We need the union to return to the bargaining table,” Richardson added.

For the latest updates on transit services, check VTA's social media channels, Transit App, and/or visit the [VTA website](#).

ATU represents over 1,500 VTA employees, including bus and light rail operators, maintenance staff, dispatchers, fare inspectors and customer service representatives.

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