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Montague Light Rail Station in Milpitas to Close Temporarily for Five Months due to VTA's BART Silicon Valley Project Construction

Milpitas, Calif. – Beginning Monday, March 23, 2015, the Montague Light Rail Station in Milpitas will be completely closed for approximately five months. Modifications will be made to the station to accommodate the new pedestrian overcrossing over Capitol Avenue to the future Milpitas BART Station.

During the station closure, a shuttle will operate approximately every 15 minutes (same headway as light rail) between Capitol Avenue near the Montague Light Rail Station and Great Mall/Main Transit Center. Scheduled hours of operation for the shuttle are:

- Weekdays from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Sundays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Construction activities during the five months will include the reconstruction of the existing stairs, elevator modifications, installation of a new escalator and construction of a deck connecting the bridge to the future Milpitas BART Station.

When the station reopens in fall 2015, riders will be able to use the new station stairs; however the new escalator and the pedestrian overcrossing to the Milpitas BART Station will be completed in a later phase of construction.

Once BART opens, the Milpitas Station will be served by two lines providing access to the entire BART system. The station campus will feature a bus transit center with connections to VTA, private shuttles, passenger drop-off/pick-up areas, parking facilities with ground floor retail, and convenient bicycle and pedestrian connections and storage.

VTA has already reached the half way mark of construction on this major transportation improvement, the largest in Santa Clara County's history. The project is ahead of schedule with planned service to begin as early as fall 2017.

Advanced communications about the closure include rider notifications, directional signage to shuttle stops, station platform signage, social media, outreach to surrounding businesses and residents, and VTA Ambassadors will be available days before the closure to answer questions. For more information please visit vta.org/bart/milpitas, email vtabart@vta.org or call our project hotline at 408-934-2662.

BART Silicon Valley

VTA's Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Silicon Valley Project is a 16-mile extension of the existing BART system to San Jose, Milpitas and Santa Clara, which will be delivered through a phased approach. The first phase, the Berryessa Extension, is a 10-mile, two-station extension, beginning in Fremont south of the future BART Warm Springs Station and proceeding in the former Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way through Milpitas, the location of the first station, and then to the Berryessa area of north San Jose, at the second station. VTA continues project

development activities for the second phase of the project that includes a subway tunnel through downtown San Jose. Construction on the second phase of the project will commence as additional funding is secured.

For more information, please contact VTA Community Outreach at (408) 934-2662, TTY (408) 321-2330, or visit www.vta.org/bart.

About VTA

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district that provides sustainable, accessible, community-focused transportation options that are innovative, environmentally responsible, and promote the vitality of our region. VTA is responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations and also serves as the county's congestion management agency. As such, VTA is responsible for countywide transportation planning, including congestion management issues, specific highway improvement projects, pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects, and provides these services throughout the county, including the municipalities of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Sunnyvale. VTA continually builds partnerships to deliver transportation solutions that meet the evolving mobility needs of Santa Clara County.

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