

FACT SHEET: **Transit**

El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project

What is BRT?

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a term applied to an enhanced bus system that provides faster, more frequent service and increased customer convenience in comparison to an ordinary bus line. This will be achieved by making improvements to existing streets, stations and traffic signal infrastructures. BRT provides the flexibility of buses with the efficiency of rail.

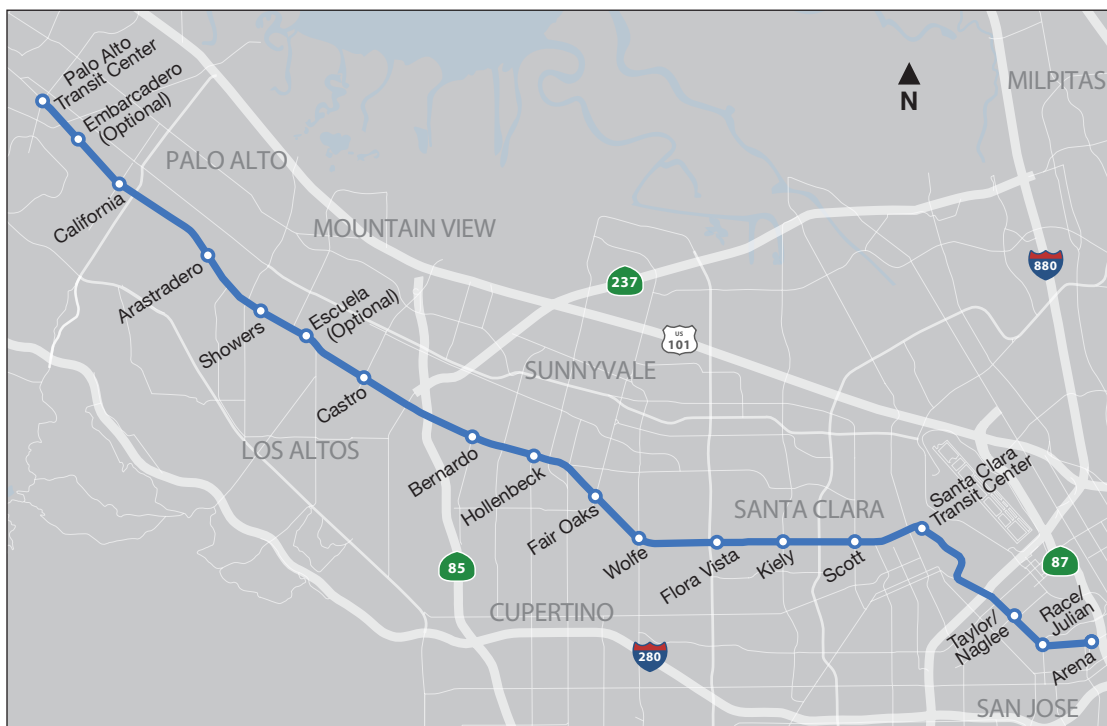


Why BRT on El Camino Real?

El Camino Real currently is one of our busiest corridors with Route 22 and Rapid 522 buses. VTA and cities are preparing for future population and business growth by building a transit network for today and tomorrow. The goal is to create sustainable, auto-competitive transportation options for the future.

Project Description

The El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project will upgrade the current Rapid 522 bus service from Palo Alto to downtown San Jose. The project will improve the El Camino Real corridor by implementing bus-only lanes in some locations, installing light rail-like stations that will create faster and more frequent bus service. The project could also add bicycle lanes to El Camino Real. Proposed service would include the cities of Palo Alto, Los Altos, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and San Jose. El Camino Real Project is the second of three BRT lines preceded by Santa Clara/Alum Rock BRT, and followed by Stevens Creek BRT.



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Proposed BRT station.

The El Camino Real BRT service will include the following:

- **Specialized Vehicles** – Hybrid, comfortable modern interiors, and Wi-Fi on board
- **Enhanced Stations** – Weather protection, live schedule displays, and passenger amenities
- **Rapid Boarding** – All-door boarding means faster stops
- **Bus-Only Lane in Some Areas** – These would allow the buses to bypass traffic – decreasing travel time
- **Transit Signal Priority** – Improves speed by holding green lights for approaching buses
- **Fast, Frequent, Reliable** – Service every ten (10) minutes

Project Benefits

Travel Time Savings: The improvements throughout corridor, especially new bus-only lanes, means faster trips.

Safety Improvements: Safety is a top priority for VTA. Stations will have enhanced lighting, low-floor bus boarding and security cameras.

Increased Ridership: VTA anticipates a significant increase in ridership due to an overall decrease in travel time and more efficient use of the corridor.

Proposed Project Schedule

Preliminary Planning	May 2010-August 2013
VTA Board Decision on Project Alternative	Late 2015
Project Engineering	2016-2017
Construction	2018-2020

Project Cost and Funding

The estimated cost for the El Camino Real BRT project is \$90-240 million. Funding for this project will come from Measure A dollars. VTA is also seeking funding through FTA's (Federal Transit Administration) Small Starts Program.

How to Reach Us

For more information on the El Camino Real BRT project, please contact VTA Community Outreach (408) 321-7575, TTY for the hearing-impaired (408) 321-2330. You may also visit us on the web at www.vta.org/el-camino-brt, or e-mail us at community.outreach@vta.org.



VTA Mission: VTA provides sustainable, accessible, community-focused transportation options that are innovative, environmentally responsible, and promote the vitality of our region.