

El Camino Real Corridor BRT Project
San Jose, California
Small Starts Project Development
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The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) in the 17.4-mile El Camino Real corridor between downtown San Jose and downtown Palo Alto. VTA expects the project will include dedicated lanes over a portion of the alignment, 16 stations (14 of which would be constructed as part of the project) with level boarding, off-board fare collection, transit signal priority, BRT branding for vehicles and stations, and improved pedestrian and bicycle access. The project is planned to use vehicles that VTA procured in conjunction with another BRT project. The project's current capital cost estimate is \$188.0 million. VTA may seek up to \$74.99 million from the Small Starts program.

VTA believes that the project will improve transit travel times, attract new transit riders and encourage transit- and pedestrian-oriented redevelopment in a corridor with strong existing transit ridership and substantial forecasted population and employment growth over the next 20 years.

A preliminary locally preferred alternative (LPA) was adopted into the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in April 2009. Due to local community opposition, it is currently unclear when VTA anticipates selecting a final LPA, completing the environmental review process, receiving a Small Starts Grant Agreement, and starting revenue service.