

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 the Palo Alto Transit Center. VTA believes that the project would 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. VTA expects that 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 and off-board fare collection, transit signal priority, BRT branding for vehicles and stations, and improved pedestrian and bicycle access. The project would use vehicles that VTA is currently procuring in conjunction with another BRT project. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$188 million. VTA may seek up to \$74.99 million from the Small Starts program.

A preliminary locally preferred alternative (LPA) was adopted into the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in April 2009. VTA anticipates selecting a final LPA in September 2014, completing the environmental review process with receipt of a Finding of No Significant Impact in January 2015, and receiving a Small Starts Grant Agreement in late 2015. Revenue service would begin in late 2018.

