


MEMORANDUM

Engineering Department



DATE: September 14, 2018

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Julie Edmonds-Mares, City Manager 

FROM: Steve Erickson, Engineering Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT: September 14, 2018 Weekly Report - BART Schedule

VT/BART Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension:

The official service delivery schedule with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has now been revised from August 31, 2019 to December 31, 2019 as the opening for the new BART extension.

The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension (SVBX) Project is a 10-mile extension of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system, from the Warm Springs Station in Fremont, through the new Milpitas Station to the new Berryessa Station in San Jose. This large Project consists of several concurrent construction contracts to relocate utilities for the BART alignment, complete flood improvements, construct the rail extension, and to build the BART station campuses.

Major portions of the construction of the BART Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension are essentially complete. Progress on construction elements through August include installation of fare gates and station agent booths at the stations, continued mechanical and electrical systems testing at stations and continuing communications systems testing throughout the alignment.

While some areas of VTA testing are reaching completion, however, other area of testing specific to train control and communications systems continue to face challenges. VTA was recently informed that some of the train networking equipment installed to date does not comply with contract requirements and must be replaced. VTA is in the process of replacing the non-compliant parts in an expedient manner. The replacement equipment has been ordered and some has already been delivered. This replacement and testing program will continue through the end of this calendar year. In earlier 2019, they will be able to better forecast an actual opening date.

Additional information may be found on VTA's website at: <http://www.vta.org/News-and-Media/Connect-with-VTA/VTAs-BART-Berryessa-Extension-Update#.W5ITmc726Uk>