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CALTRANS AND TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF SECOND PHASE OF MISSION BLVD/I-880 INTERCHANGE PROJECT

Project Paves the Way Towards Future San Jose BART Connection

FREMONT - Caltrans and its local partners today announced the completion of the next phase of an important Silicon Valley transportation project that promotes local and regional transportation and supports the upcoming BART extension into Santa Clara County.

"These key improvements and safety upgrades will promote local and interregional connections in southern Fremont and prepare for the BART extension into Santa Clara County," said Caltrans District 4 Director, Director Bijan Sartipi. "We want to thank commuters for their patience as we make improvements to this vital economic corridor."

Caltrans and its partners worked together to complete Phase 1B of construction for the Mission Boulevard/State Route 262/Warren Avenue/Freight Railroad Relocation Project. These improvements to SR-262, an important commuter and goods movement corridor, ease congestion, support interregional transportation and lay groundwork for BART's planned extension to San Jose.

This phase of the project relocated Union Pacific Railroad tracks onto a new and longer double-track structure. The \$152 million project also widened and repaved Mission Boulevard (State Route 262) from four to six lanes between Interstate 880 and Warm Springs Boulevard. The next phase of the project will construct a new grade separation just south of Mission Boulevard at Warren Avenue between Kato Road and Warm Springs Boulevard. This will create an underpass beneath the railroad tracks to enhance safety and efficiency for both rail and street traffic by separating Warren Avenue from Union Pacific Railroad tracks and future BART tracks.

"This project is improving California's existing transportation system as we prepare for growing population and continued economic growth in the Bay Area and Silicon Valley," Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "Important new infrastructure will allow BART to extend further into Silicon Valley, improving interregional transportation and strengthening California's economy."





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A joint effort of Caltrans, the city of Fremont, Alameda County Transportation Commission and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, the \$152 million project is being funded with federal, state and local sources, including \$9.6 million in funding from Proposition 1B. To date, more than \$17 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes.

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