



August 2025 Construction Update

West Portal Construction Activities Continue to Progress at Newhall Yard & Maintenance Facility

Construction activities are situated within VTA-owned property bound by Brokaw Road, Newhall Drive, Coleman Avenue, and Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

Anticipated Work in August – What to Expect

In the month of August, work activities at West Portal will occur **Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 4 a.m.**

Day Work Includes:

- **Sheet Pile Installation:** Metal sheets are being driven into the ground to create strong side walls for excavation. Expect noise, banging, and vibration. This work will occur through Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Guide Wall Construction:** Crews are excavating, building, and backfilling guide walls to help direct machines that will construct underground support walls. Expect light machinery noise and concrete trucks.
- **Crane Setup and Equipment Delivery:** Large cranes and crane mats are being assembled and delivered to support heavy lifting operations. Expect large trucks, metal sounds, and visible crane activity.
- **Electrical Infrastructure Work:** Crews are installing control panels, duct banks, and utility pads. Expect light equipment noise to support trenching and installation.

Day and Night Work Includes:

- **Underground Support Walls:** Crews are building deep concrete walls to hold back water and soil – expect construction noise and nighttime lighting.
- **Ground Improvements:** Soil is being mixed and strengthened using large equipment. Expect loud machinery, off-hauling trucks, and nighttime lighting.

Night Work Considerations:

- To ensure safety and visibility during night work, additional lighting will be used and aimed downward toward the site to protect workers and minimize light towards homes.
- Nearby residents may expect flashing of safety lights from construction vehicles. White (low) noise backup alarms will be used for safety.
- A 16-foot and 24-foot noise curtain has been installed between the West Portal work site and the rail corridor to help reduce noise to nearby residential properties.





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June – July 2025 Construction Progress



Completed soundwall framing and panels.



Excavation of guide wall for ground improvements.



Rebar cage prior to lift and installation.



Underground support wall concrete being poured.





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Rebar cage being lifted for underground support wall construction.



Desanders being used to remove sand and other particles from drilling fluids.



Night shift operations.

