



# January 2026 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 the Railroad tracks.*

**As we ring in 2026, the Project marks another significant milestone:** Completion of the underground wall structures, except the Caterpillar Shaft, that make deep excavation possible for the future Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) launch. This required 102 underground support wall panels and around 37,000 cubic yards of concrete, enough concrete to fill 11 Olympic swimming pools! Crews worked to construct and secure the underground support walls that now form the structural backbone of the site needed for the next phase of excavation.

### Anticipated Work in January – What to Expect

In January, work activities at West Portal will occur **Monday through Saturday for 24 hours a day and Sundays as needed from 6 AM to 6 PM.**

#### Day Time Work Includes:

- **Tunnel Boring Machine Launch Structure – Excavation:** Excavating between the completed underground support walls for the future Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) launch area, where the massive drill will eventually excavate soil and install the tunnel's initial concrete lining. Expect major crane activity, continuous concrete truck noise, increased truck activities, concrete pours, generators, and nighttime lighting.
- **Installation of Walers, Grout, and Struts at Underground Support Walls:** Installing steel bracing to stabilize the underground support walls as the excavation progresses deeper. Expect crane and lift activity and intermittent steel handling noise.
- **Installation of In-Wall Inclinometers:** Installing instrumentation and monitoring equipment used to measure ground movement. Expect minimal noise during installation and testing.

#### Day and Night Time Work Includes:

- **Construction of Caterpillar Shaft Underground Support Walls:** Constructing the underground support walls that form the reinforced perimeter of the Caterpillar Shaft. Expect major crane activity, continuous noise from concrete trucks and pours, generators, and nighttime lighting.

#### Sunday Work Includes:

- Routine on-site maintenance with minimal anticipated impacts to the surrounding area.



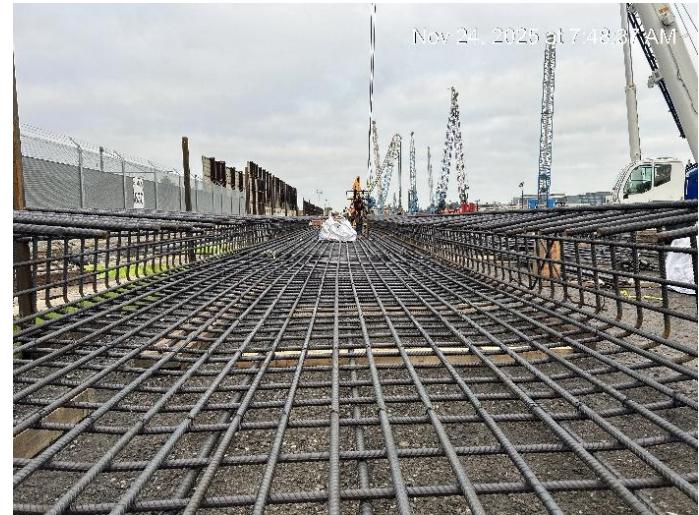


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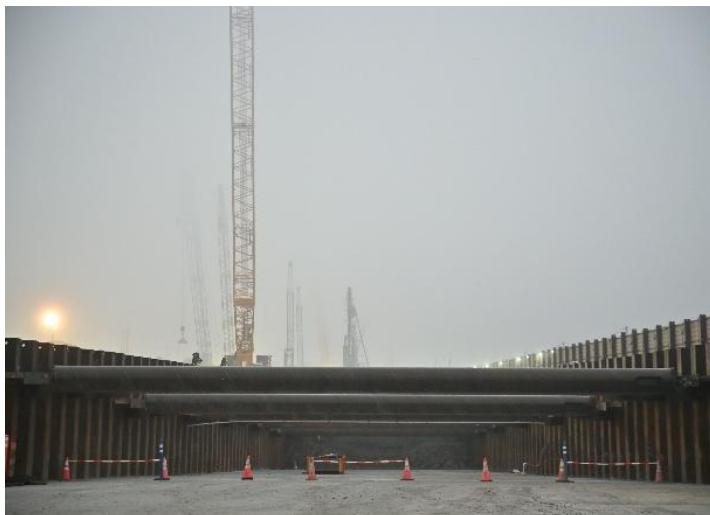
## November - December 2025 Construction Progress



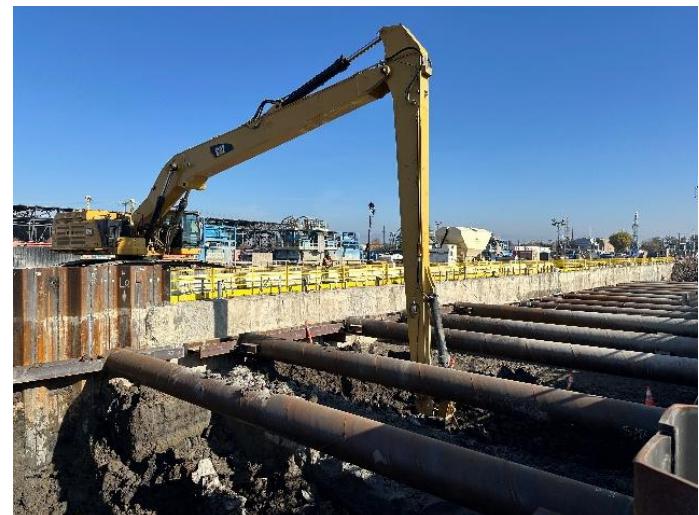
Lowering a rebar cage into the excavated hole at dawn.



Continuing to progress rebar cage assembly at the Caterpillar Shaft.



Steel struts outwards against the walls to stabilize the excavation.



Sheet pile excavation commences.





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Hydraulic mill used to excavate and profile underground support walls, with a skid steer staging materials nearby.



A water truck is refilled onsite to support dust management and keep drilling and excavation running safely and smoothly.

