



February 2026 Construction Update

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

Construction activities are located on VTA-owned property bound by Brokaw Road, Newhall Drive, Coleman Avenue, and the Railroad tracks.

Anticipated Work in February – What to Expect

In February, 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:

- **Excavation of Tunnel Boring Machine Launch Structure:** 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, increased truck activities, 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.
- **Arrival and Installation of Elevator:** An elevator is arriving on site and will be installed to support work deep underground. Once in place, it will allow crews to safely access lower levels of the construction area as work continues below ground. Expect minimal noise and vibration, as well as trucks entering and exiting the construction site to deliver equipment and materials.

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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December 2025 – January 2026 Construction Progress



Installation of walers, struts, and lookouts in the sheet pile area.



The disassembled Liebherr LR11000 crane, which once towered above the site, was removed in December.



Installation of Level 2 walers, struts, and lookouts in the sheet pile area.



Caterpillar shaft rebar cage lifting operation.

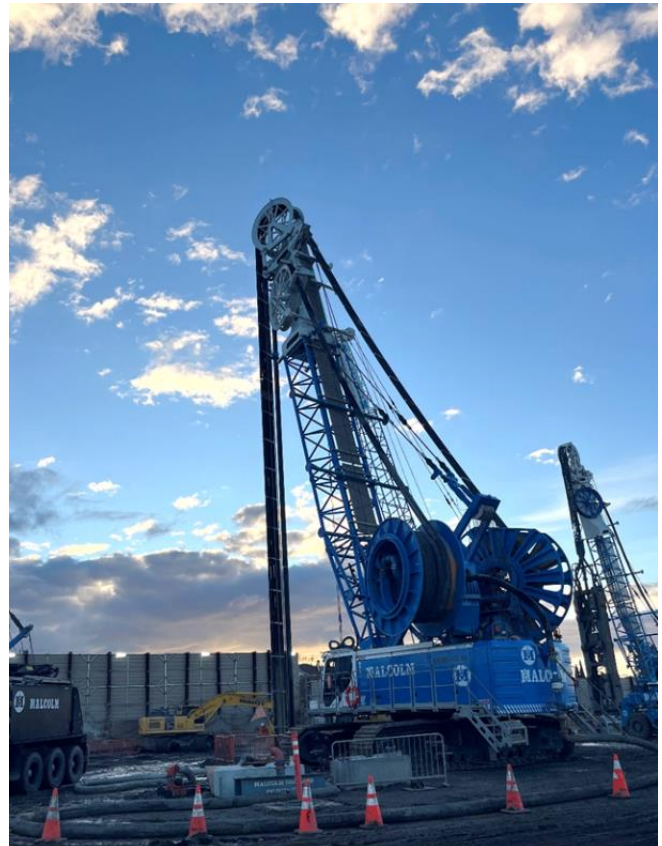




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Tripping a frame for the caterpillar shaft Y-Panels.



Milling work to prepare the site for caterpillar shaft.

