



## April 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.*

Upcoming construction activities include underground support wall installation, continued excavation, concrete pours and installation of monitoring equipment. These activities continue to advance the construction of the West Portal Launch Structure.

#### Anticipated Work in April – What to Expect

In April, 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:

- **Installation of Walers, Grout and Struts at Underground Support Walls:** Steel bracing will continue to be installed to stabilize the underground support walls. Expect crane and lift activity and intermittent steel handling noise.
- **Caterpillar Shaft Beam Installation:** Installation of reinforced concrete beams along the top of the Caterpillar Shaft walls. These beams tie the underground walls together and provide structural support for excavation. Expect crane activity and intermittent steel handling noise.
- **Excavation:** Excavation of soil will continue reaching deeper levels in areas where underground support walls are in place. Expect truck noise and crane activity to support equipment placement in the excavation.
- **Installation of Monitoring Equipment:** Equipment will be installed within the Caterpillar Shaft walls to track ground movement and structural stability during excavation. Expect minor drilling activity and occasional construction noise.
- **Elevator Parts Delivered:** Elevator components will be delivered to the site. The elevator will support access to the deeper parts of the Launch Structure. Expect trucks entering and exiting the construction site to deliver equipment and materials.
- **Maintenance on Adjacent Railroad Tracks:** Planned maintenance of the adjacent railroad tracks will include installing new rocks “ballast” on the tracks. This work will be undertaken by Union Pacific Railroad and will not be performed by VTA’s contractor. Expect an increase in freight train activity and noise during daytime hours.
- **Gas Utility Connection at Brokaw Road:** Utility work will connect gas infrastructure serving the project area. Expect lane closures, drilling activity, and increased traffic near the work zone.

#### Day and Nighttime Work Includes:

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

**Sunday Work Includes:** Routine on-site maintenance with minimal anticipated impacts to the surrounding area.





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## February 2026 – March 2026 Construction Progress



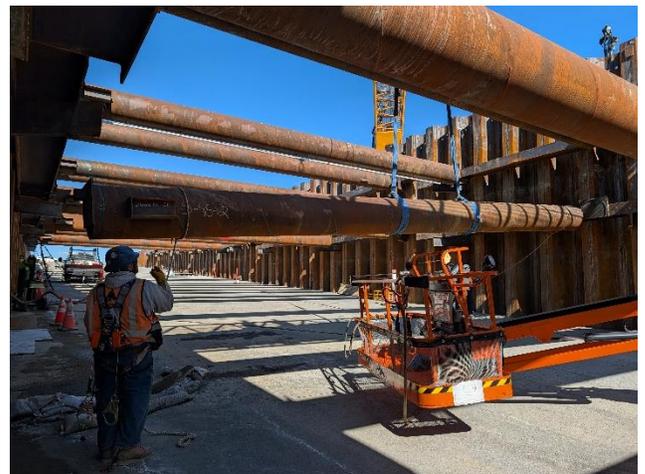
An excavator loads a haul truck prepared to transport soil.



Welding the structural bracing inside the excavation area.



Monitoring the flow of concrete into a hopper, a large, funnel-shaped receptacle that sits on top of a pump.



Assisting the careful placement of temporary steel bracing used to support the excavation walls during construction.





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The excavation takes shape as structural supports are installed throughout the site.



Lowering a rebar cage into the Caterpillar Shaft to reinforce the upcoming concrete pour.

