



May 2026 Construction Update

Construction Activities Continue to Progress at West Portal, Newhall Yard & Maintenance Facility and 28th Street/Little Portugal Station Site

West Portal Launch Structure

Upcoming construction activities include continued 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 May– What to Expect

In May, work activities at West Portal will occur **Monday through Saturday for 24 hours a day.**

Day Time Work Includes:

- **Installation of Steel Bracing at Underground Support Walls:** Work will progress on installing steel bracing to support and stabilize the underground walls. Expect crane and lift activity, as well as intermittent steel handling noise.
- **Caterpillar Shaft Beam Installation:** Continued installation of reinforced concrete beams along the top of the Caterpillar Shaft walls. These beams help tie the structure together and support ongoing excavation. Expect crane activity and intermittent steel handling noise.
- **Excavation:** Excavation activities will move further into the Launch Structure as crews continue digging to greater depths. Expect crane activity and truck traffic to support material removal and equipment placement.
- **Installation of Monitoring Equipment:** Crews will continue installing monitoring instruments within the Caterpillar Shaft walls to track ground movement and structural performance. Expect minor drilling and periodic construction noise.
- **Elevator Installation:** The elevator that will support access to the deeper parts of the Launch Structure will be installed this month. Expect crane activity and intermittent steel handling noise.
- **Drilling Subcontractor Demobilization:** Machinery and equipment from the drilling teams will be taken down. Expect crane activity and intermittent steel handling noise.
- **Gas Utility Connection at Brokaw Road:** Utility work will connect gas infrastructure serving the project area. Expect lane closure and detour on Brokaw Road, drilling activity and increased traffic near the work zone.
 - More information can be found here: [Brokaw Gas Tie-In Construction Notice](#)

Day and Nighttime Work Includes:

- **Construction of Underground Support Walls:** Crews will continue the construction of the underground support walls for the tunnel launch structure. Expect noise, crane activity, generators and nighttime lighting.

28th Street/Little Portugal Station Site

- **Soils Testing and Drilling Activities:** Work planned for May 4 through June 8 on VTA property within construction area bounded by E. Saint James, N. 30th Street, Five Wounds Lane, and 28th Street. Expect occasional drilling noise from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday through Friday.
 - More information can be found here: [28th Street/Little Portugal Station Site Soils Testing Notice](#)





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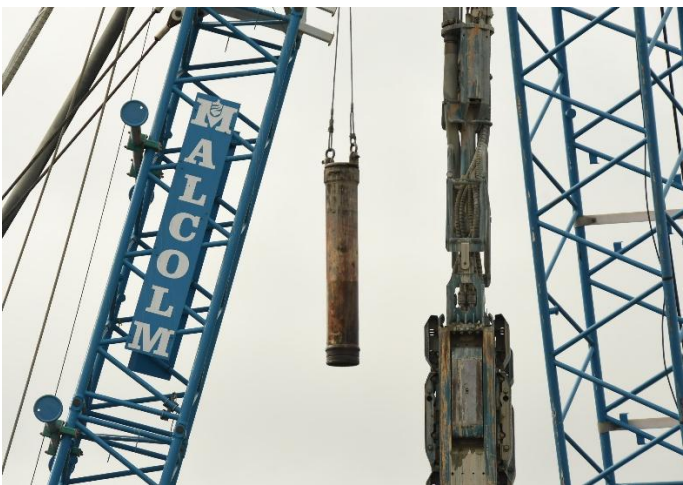
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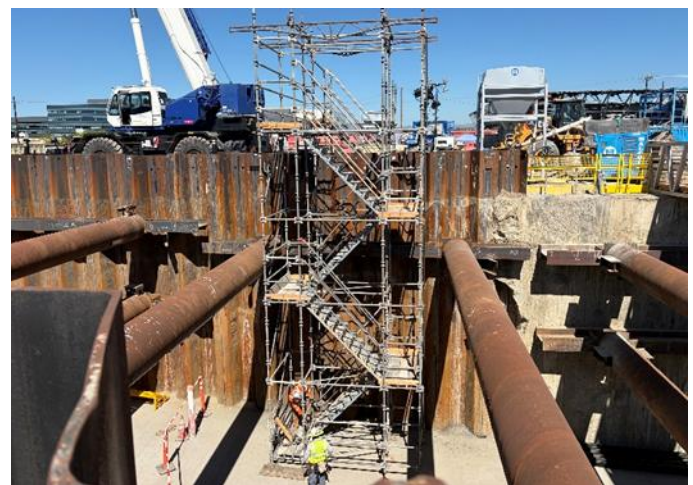
View from inside the launch structure underneath two levels of bracing.



Steel bracing materials being transported from laydown area to the launch structure.



Crane lifting pipe section used to pour concrete in excavation pits for underground support walls.



View of stair tower into the launch structure.





BART SILICON VALLEY PHASE II EXTENSION PROJECT



Stormwater detention basin which is used to collect and control stormwater on site during rain events.



Concrete quality control testing to ensure quality of the materials

