



# June 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, installation of monitoring equipment and demobilization of certain drilling equipment. These activities continue to advance the construction of the West Portal Launch Structure.

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

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

#### Day Time Work Includes:

- **Installation of Monitoring Equipment:** Crews will complete the installation of monitoring instruments within the Caterpillar Shaft walls to track ground movement and structural performance. Expect minimal construction noise.
- **Slurry Walls Subcontractor Demobilization:** Machinery and equipment from the slurry walls (D-Walls) teams will continue to 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:

- **Excavation:** Excavation activities will progress 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 Steel Bracing at Underground Support Walls:** As excavation progresses, steel bracing will continue to be installed to support and stabilize the underground walls. Expect crane activity, as well as intermittent steel handling noise.
- **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.
- **Caterpillar Shaft Beam Excavation:** Reinforced concrete beams will be finished installing along the top of the Caterpillar Shaft walls. These beams help tie the structure together and support ongoing excavation. This month, crews will begin to excavate at the caterpillar shaft. Expect crane activity and intermittent steel handling noise.

### 28th Street/Little Portugal Station Site

- **Soils Testing and Drilling Activities:** Work is ongoing and anticipated to be completed by June 8th within 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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## April 2026 – May 2026 West Portal Construction Progress



*Picked rebar cage ready to be inserted into the ground*



*Crane operators move rebar cages to position*



*Loading excavated material into dump trucks*



*Rebar assembly for walls at front of launch structure*





*Rebar and formwork installation on top portion of caterpillar portion of the launch structure*



*Fine grading excavation in preparation for ramp slab to be poured in this section*

