



August 2026 Construction Update

Activities Continue to Progress at West Portal, Newhall Yard & Maintenance Facility, East Portal, Downtown San José, Diridon and 28th Street/Little Portugal Station Sites

West Portal Launch Structure

Upcoming construction activities include continued excavation, installation of structural support systems, instrumentation work and removal of temporary support elements. These activities continue to advance construction of the West Portal Launch Structure.

Anticipated Work in August – What to Expect

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

Day and Nighttime Work Includes:

- **Excavation and Installation of Steel Bracing within the Launch Structure:** Excavation activities will expand further into the launch structure near the Cat Shaft area. Expect crane activity, haul trucks removing material and continuous construction noise.
- **Excavation and 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.
- **U-Wall Lower-Level Bracing Removal:** Crews will remove temporary lower-level bracing within the underground support walls. This work marks a transition as excavation progresses and permanent support systems are installed. Expect crane activity and intermittent steel handling noise.
- **Concrete Slab Work into the Launch Structure:** Crews will construct the tunnels concrete slabs in the Cut and Cover section. This work forms the permanent base of the tunnel. Expect crane and pumping activity, haul trucks removing material, and continuous construction noise.

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





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Diridon Station Site

- **Soils Testing:** Beginning as early as July 20 for an estimated duration of three months, the parking lot south of Santa Clara St. between Barack Obama Blvd. and S Montgomery St. will be temporarily closed for soils testing and trenching activity. Field equipment will include a sawcut machine, excavator/backhoe, and a geotechnical coring machine. Minor dust, noise, and vibration may occur during the working hours of 7am-7pm.
 - More information can be found here: [Soils Testing Construction Notice](#)
- **Third-Party Utilities Activities:** AT&T has nearly completed a manhole installation near West Santa Clara Street and Stockton Avenue. Trenching and sidewalk placement will follow. Utility relocation by PG&E is targeting a remobilization/completion date by the end of August 2026, pending reimbursement agreements with Owner and Tenant on acceptable dates. Work will be overnight 9:00 pm - 5:00 am.
- **Third-Party Utilities Installation:** An AT&T vault will be installed within the western sidewalk along Stockton Boulevard adjacent to Whole Foods Market. Excavation for the vault is scheduled to take place as early as August 3 followed by conduit trenching within the sidewalk and sidewalk concrete restoration through mid-August. To accommodate construction activities and maintain a safe work area, the sidewalk and adjacent traffic lane will be closed during work hours. Flaggers will be on-site to assist pedestrians with road crossings and to direct vehicular traffic as needed. All work is scheduled to occur between 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM daily Monday through Friday.
- **Thid-Party Utilities Installation:** A total of three AT&T vaults will be installed within the southwest sidewalk area of The Alameda, across from Whole Foods Market between Bush Street and White Street. Excavation and vault installation activities are scheduled to take place as early as August 17, followed by conduit trenching within the sidewalk and along Stockton through the end of August. To support construction operations and maintain a safe work zone, the sidewalk and the adjacent traffic lane will be closed during work hours. Flaggers will be on-site to assist pedestrians with road crossings and to help direct traffic. Construction activities are expected to occur between 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.

28th Street/Little Portugal Station Site

- **Site Demolition:** Demolition work at three properties within the station block has been underway since late June and continued throughout July. Work is expected to continue through August, with completion anticipated by the end of the month.
 - More information can be found here: [Site Demolition Construction Notice](#)

East Portal Area

- **Parking Lot Restoration:** Construction is beginning in August to restore and improve the property adjacent to East Portal with new parking lots, drainage, utilities, lighting, fencing, landscaping, sidewalks and pavement improvements. Expect construction equipment and trucks entering and exiting the work area, temporary noise, dust and vibration, temporary lane, sidewalk or driveway impacts as well as construction fencing around active work areas. Traffic control, signage and flaggers will be on-site as needed.

All VTA Construction Notices can be found here: [Construction Notices](#).





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June 2026 – July 2026 West Portal Construction Progress



Crew member installing inclinometers



Survey crews scanning the launch structure as excavation and strut installation progresses



Caterpillar Shaft Completion Overview and Handrail



Long Reach Excavator between Level 1 and 2

