

Burlingame Broadway Grade Separation Project

City Council Update DRAFT

July 2026



Meeting Purpose



*Provide update
on Broadway
Burlingame
Grade Separation*



*Outline the
project next steps*



*Answer questions
and receive input*

Agency Partnerships



Project Background



The Burlingame Broadway Grade Separation Project will elevate the railroad above the roadway at Broadway.



Jan 2017



Project Study
Report Approved

Oct 2020



Preliminary
Engineering &
Environmental
Complete

Jan 2021



Design Phase
Initiated

Jan 2024



CMGC Awarded
Contract

Mar 2025



Updated Cost Estimate
Prompting Joint
Reassessment, City
Council Agreed to "No
Station" Option

Aug 2025



JPB/TA/City MOU
for 65% Redesign
Approved

65% Redesign



2025

2026

**65%
Redesign**

65% Redesign Purpose

Redesign due to:

- Construction costs for the original 65% design increased significantly

Key changes in the redesign:

- No station
- No temporary shoofly (temporary tracks used for construction)

2025

2026

March 2025

City Council agreed to “**No Station**” option

August 2025

JPB/TA/City MOU for **65% redesign approved**

July 2026

65% submittal and update total project cost estimate

65% Re-design Status



2025

2026

65%
Redesign

65% Design Status

Redesign based on JPB/TA/City approved MOU

65% Design submitted June 2026 & under review

- Refined track, roadway, structures, utilities, and drainage designs
- Refined property impacts
- Developed landscaping design and aesthetic options
- Continued fiber and utility relocation coordination
- Continued geotechnical analysis for structural design

Current Project Schedule (July 2026)



2025

2026

2027

2028

2029

2030

2031

2032

65% Redesign

Final
Design

Funding - SMCTA, City of
Burlingame

We are here

Property Acquisition
Activities

SMCTA

Pre-Construction
& Early Works
Activities

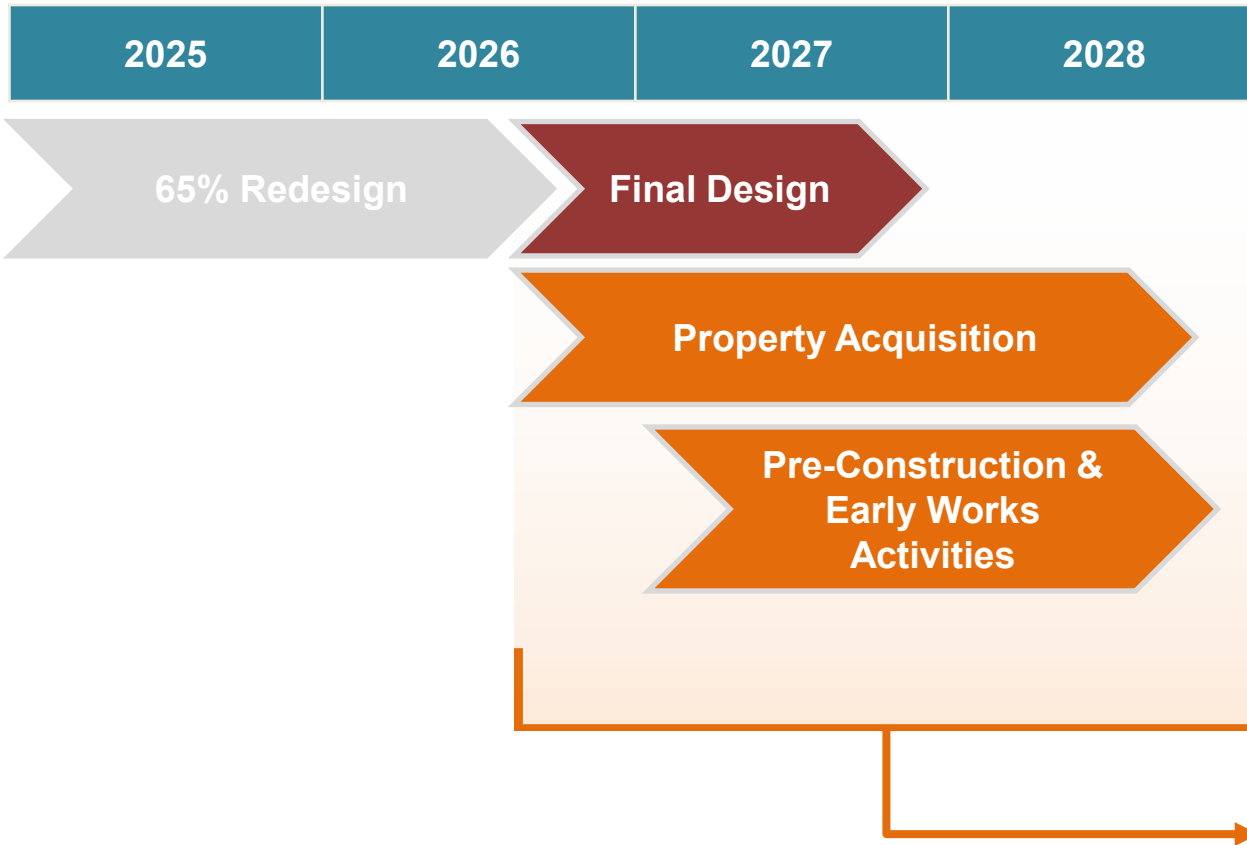
TIRCP

Construction

RCE, TIRCP, SMCTA, TBD

The current Project Schedule is dependent on funding availability.

Remaining Pre-Construction Work



Remaining Pre-Construction Work

Progress project to be shovel ready

Scope

- ⚙️ Finalize design plans, specifications, and costs
- ⚙️ Finalize constructability reviews
- ⚙️ Monitor risk management
- ⚙️ Conduct community engagement
- ⚙️ Submit and obtain all necessary permits
- ⚙️ Finalize construction document package
- ⚙️ Progress property acquisition activities (e.g., assessments, appraisals, and plat maps)
- ⚙️ Progress utility relocation agreements

What is Early Works?



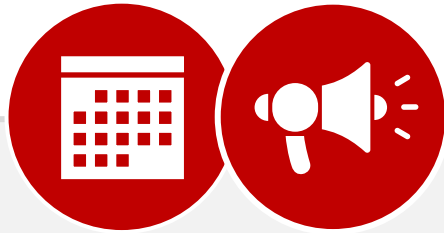
Early works activities consists of early construction activities before the main construction work begins.

Delivery Strategy

- Allows activities to occur simultaneously with final design
- Enables early procurement of long-lead materials
- Helps to address unforeseen site conditions upfront, minimizing delays and risk
- Provides operational flexibility and increases construction windows

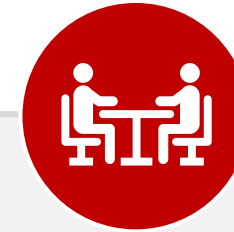
Examples

- Utility relocation
- Geotechnical investigation for construction
- Environmental remediation
- New Control Point



Caltrain, collaborating with City,
to develop engagement approach
and schedule

Preliminary engagement approach
and schedule presented at August
City Council meeting



**Anticipated engagement with
the following groups:**

 **Community Members**

 **Business Owners**

 **Property Owners**

 **City Council**

Final Design Phase Cost



Type	Role	Cost
Caltrain <i>(Includes staff and consultant support)</i>	✓ Oversight of scope, schedule, and budget ✓ Oversight of design, cost, and risk management ✓ Support property acquisition activities ✓ Conduct community engagement	\$8 M
Designer	✓ Develop final design plans and specifications	\$10 M
Construction Manager General Contractor	✓ Refine cost estimate ✓ Conduct constructability reviews	\$4 M
SUBTOTAL		\$22 M
Contingency	Approximately 10% of cost	\$2 M
TOTAL FINAL DESIGN PHASE COST		~\$24 M

Real Estate Acquisition Cost



Type	Role	Cost
Property Acquisition Activities	Environmental assessments, property appraisals, mapping, and purchases	\$26 M *

Total Project Cost Estimate Update



**March 2025:
\$615 Million**

- **Assumed 2026 construction start**
- Based on **2025 value engineering concepts 35% Design**
- No station, removal of shoofly
- Total Project Cost is ~\$660 Million if construction start in 2028, assuming 3.5% escalation



**July 2026:
\$TBD**

- **Assumed 2028 construction start**
- Based on **2026 redesigned 65%**
- No station, removal of shoofly
- CMGC detail construction cost estimate and Caltrain Independent contractor style cost estimate



**95% Design:
\$TBD**

- **Confirm construction start**
- Based on **final design**
- No station, removal of shoofly
- CMGC Guaranteed Maximum Pricing
- Establish Project Baseline Budget

Recent Funding Activities



- **Secured:** **\$3M** federal Community Project Funding* (Congressman Mullin, FY 2026)
- **SMCTA Board has:**
 - Programmed & Allocated: **\$21.6M** for Final Design
 - Programmed, Contingent on FRA RCE Award: **\$273.6M** for ROW and Construction
- **Pursuing:** **\$90M** FRA RCE grant for construction— jointly submitted by Caltrain, SMCTA, and City
- **Next Step:** Complete Funding and Advocacy Roadmap (SMCTA, Caltrain, & City) by Fall 2026



Project Top Risks



RISK	MITIGATION
1. Funding	• Actively pursue grants • Burlingame joint ad hoc funding committee • Funding and advocacy roadmap
2. Tenant relocation schedule	• Start tenant relocation • Optimize relocation terms and conditions
3. 3 rd Party utility relocation	• Establish relocation agreements • Early works package
4. Construction work windows	• Operational analysis

Project Next Steps



July

- Complete 65% redesign
- Complete refined project delivery cost estimate
- Develop engagement approach and schedule

August

- **August 17 City Council**
Action: approval of \$2.4M of City contribution to proceed with final design phase
- Provide refined total project cost estimate
- Review public engagement approach and schedule

September

- Action: JPB Board Approval of Final Design MOU
- Execute Final Design MOU
- Start Final Design development



Conduct Community Engagement

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