

Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project

Master Cooperative Agreements with VTA

**JPB TOPS Committee
August 26, 2026**



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- Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project is a grade-separation project in the City of Mountain View, Santa Clara County, California.
- The project involves eliminating an existing at-grade crossing road by lowering Rengstorff Avenue and creating a grade-separated crossing. A new pedestrian overcrossing will be constructed across Rengstorff Avenue to maintain east-west pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.



Project Background

- JPB previously entered into a Cooperative Agreement with VTA and the City of Mountain View for the Final Design, Environmental Permitting, Right of Way Engineering and Right of Acquisition Phases of the Rengstorff Grade Separation project.
- September 15, 2021, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provided National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Categorical Exemption of the Project.
- December 7, 2023, JPB awarded design to AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
- August 15, 2024, JPB executed contract for Construction Management/General Contractor services to Atkinson Clark
- By August 31, 2026, 65% design completion including comments resolution.

Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA)

- Past several months, staff from Caltrain, VTA, and the City of Mountain View have participated in a series of risk assessment and roles and responsibilities workshops.
- VTA will be the Delivery Agency for final design, construction, and close-out
- Establish a bilateral Master Cooperative Agreements (MCA) between JPB and VTA
 - Clarify Roles and Responsibilities among parties
 - Define Caltrain's Scope of Work Post 65% Design
 - Clarify Liabilities and indemnification
 - Define Commercial Terms
 - Protect the railroad from risks since the design/construction contracts procured by VTA but constructed on Caltrain ROW
- Establish another bilateral MCA between VTA and City of Mountainview

Caltrain's Roles and Responsibility

- Review Final Design and assisting procurement of grade separation construction contractor
- Provide railroad safety personnel and railroad safety training, as well as approving all safety plans for construction on Caltrain's ROW
- Approve site specific work plan for all work on Caltrain's ROW, provide railroad field support and OCS isolation
- Be the liaison with regulatory agencies
- Performing inspection and final verification and acceptance of the Project

Budget Impact

- VTA will reimburse the JPB for all Project Costs
- Estimated \$627,500, the cost of the current phase through 100% design phase.
- Already included in the 2026 Fiscal Year budget

Timeline

- VTA August Committee and September Board
- Caltrain TOPS Committee (Information Only) and September Board Approval
- Execute MCA between Caltrain and VTA
- Caltrain terminate designer contract with AECOM post 65%
- VTA procure design contract with AECOM directly to resume remaining design work through project completion
- Caltrain also terminate CMGC contract
- Continue project transition and transmit 65% design package to VTA / City
- Establish Change Management Committee among three parties

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