

Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project

Master Cooperative Agreement with VTA

**JPB BOARD Meeting
OCT 1, 2026**



Staff Recommendation

- Authorize the Executive Director or designee to complete negotiations and execute a Master Cooperative Agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to delineate the funding obligations, duties and responsibilities of the parties for delivery of the Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project (Project).
- Authorize the Executive Director to take any other action necessary to implement the Master Cooperative Agreement.

Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project

- Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project is a project in the City of Mountain View
- 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 City of Mountain View participated in series of risk assessment and roles / 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 liability and indemnification obligations
 - Define commercial terms
 - Protect the railroad from risks since the design/construction contracts procured by VTA but constructed on Caltrain ROW

Caltrain's Roles and Responsibility

- Review final design and assist with 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 for railroad operations/safety
- Perform inspection, 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, with additional reimbursement for construction phase.
- No budget impact, already included in the 2026 Fiscal Year budget

Outstanding Issues on MCA

- Liability and Indemnification
- Insurance
 - Railroad Protective Liability
- Reimbursement and Payment Mechanism

Timeline and Next Steps

- VTA August Committee and September Board – Complete
- Caltrain October Board delegation to Executive Director
- Complete negotiations and execute MCA between Caltrain and VTA
- Complete project transition and transmit 65% design package to VTA / City
- Caltrain terminate designer contract with AECOM post 65%
- VTA procure design contract with AECOM directly to resume remaining design work through project completion
- Caltrain terminate CMGC contract - 9/30/2026
- Establish Change Management Committee among three parties

Recommended Action

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