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South Bay BART Stations Are Opening!

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Dear Friends,

At long last, the Milpitas and Berryessa BART stations are opening!

Today, I joined ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the two stations, along with other supervisors, councilmembers, VTA and BART officials and invited guests, and took an inaugural ride. The Silicon Valley Bay Area Rapid Transit will open for passenger service on Saturday.

If it weren't for the health emergency that we are still facing in Santa Clara County, the opening of this long-awaited transit extension would have been celebrated with a huge public ceremony and lots of photo opps. But COVID-19 has altered the way we do things, as you know, so only invited guests were able to participate in the two ceremonies this morning. You can watch the recorded events on YouTube at this [link](#).

VTA built the 10-mile extension from the BART Warm Springs Station in Fremont, adding two new transit centers in Milpitas and Berryessa, where BART will connect with VTA transit services. In Milpitas, passengers will be able to connect to the new VTA Orange Light Rail Line and ride north to Mountain View, or south to the Alum Rock Transit Center. VTA bus service connects with both new stations, providing dozens of routes across the County.

[Phase II](#), currently in design and engineering stages, will extend service from the Berryessa Transit Center to stations at 28th Street/Little Portugal, Downtown San José, and Diridon Station with the end of service in Santa Clara.

Because of Shelter in Place Orders, BART operates from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends. Click [here](#) for current schedules. Face coverings are required to ride on BART or VTA light rail or buses. As the region began to reopen, BART created a [15-step plan](#) to welcome back riders.

I have long been a champion of mass transit and the BART extension to San Jose as a Metropolitan Transportation Commission member, a Valley Transportation Authority member, a County Supervisor representing District 3, where the two stations are located, and as a resident. I pushed hard for funding for this project and will continue to advocate for Phase 11 funding.

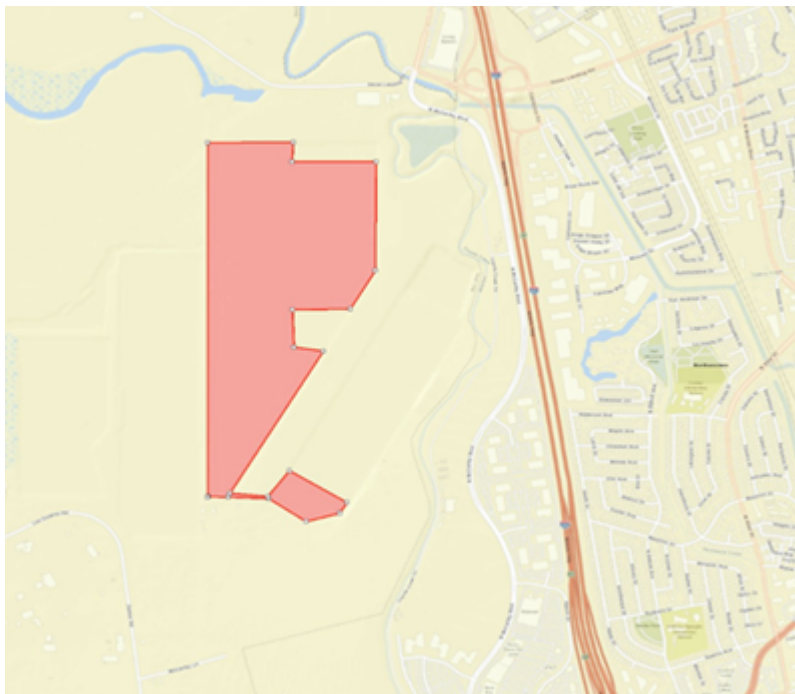
Before COVID-19 forced us to adapt to teleconference meetings, I took BART to San Francisco for in-person meetings. I am confident that BART will become an asset to South Bay residents when we are no longer under pandemic restrictions.

[Coronavirus Dashboards Update](#)

As of Thursday, there were 3,063 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 148 deaths. There are currently 59 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to

have COVID-19. So far, 96,003 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 3.2 percent positive rate. The [dashboards](#) are updated daily.

Spraying for West Nile Virus Scheduled for June 14 in Milpitas, Alviso



Because of a high volume of West Nile virus activity in the Milpitas 95035 Zip code area, and an ongoing need to reach areas in the Alviso sewage lagoons, the County Vector Control District will use an aerial spray to target mosquitoes on Sunday, June 14. This treatment applies naturally occurring microbes that the District has been using for more than 25 years.

The treatment is scheduled to start after 7:30 a.m. and last a few hours. This method allows for targeted and effective application for difficult to reach treatment areas. A map of the area is above. Vector Control will begin outreach through the media and social media today.

The District is adhering to all recommendations from the Centers for Diseases Control and the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department regarding the COVID-19, and will be following guidelines for applying the treatment. You can reach Vector Control staff from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 408-918-4770. Questions can also be sent by email to vectorinfo@cep.sccgov.org.

Free New Testing Sites Open Next Week

The County Health System will deploy COVID-19 teams next week into areas across the County to provide free diagnostic tests, beginning on Tuesday, June 15. No appointments are necessary.

- Overfelt High School, [1835 Cunningham Ave, San Jose](#), 1 to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.
- Palo Alto City Hall, [250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto](#), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.
- Cupertino Creekside Park, [10455 Miller Avenue, Cupertino](#), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday.
- Los Altos City Hall Community Meeting Chambers, [1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos](#), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday.
- Consulate General of Mexico in San José, [302 Enzo Drive #200, San Jose](#), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday.

- Roots Clinic at Antioch Baptist Church, [268 East Julian Street, San Jose](#), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

Special Hearing – Coming out of COVID-19



JUNE 16, 2020
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

SUPERVISOR DAVE CORTESE PRESENTS

COMING OUT OF COVID-19

Finance and Government Operations Committee
SPECIAL HEARING

County departments will discuss service delivery strategies as reopening begins.

JOIN THE HEARING:
[TINYURL.COM/SCCSPECIALHEARING](https://tinyurl.com/sccspecialhearing)

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Please join me as I chair a Special Hearing of the Finance and Government Operations Committee at 9:30 a.m. on June 16, 2020. County Departments will be joining me to discuss service delivery strategies as we move to safely reopen county services.

Use this [link to join the Zoom webinar](https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/92407273968) to provide public comment during the meeting: <https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/92407273968>. You can also provide public comment over the phone by calling 408-638-0968 and providing the following Meeting ID: 924 0727 3968.

TOMORROW - Town Hall with CEO of Santa Clara Valley Medical Center





COVID-19 TOWN HALL WITH SUPERVISOR DAVE CORTESE

**EVERY SATURDAY
IN JUNE FROM 3-4PM PST**

**LIVE ON FACEBOOK:
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Join me every Saturday for an Online Town Hall streamed live on my Facebook page: www.facebook.com/davecortese.gov.

The live discussions can be streamed on Saturday, June 13, June 20 and June 27, from 3 to 4 p.m. Ask questions through Facebook, call in and ask your questions at 408-287-3587, or text my Office at 408-480-7833.

Tomorrow, I will be joined by Santa Clara Valley Medical Center CEO Paul Lorenz who will be available to answer your questions about our County's hospital system.

You do not need to have a Facebook account to stream this Town Hall.

We hope to hear from you!

Virtual Forum on Racial Injustice

The Human Rights Commission is hosting a special meeting on racial justice and law enforcement use of force in Santa Clara County. The public forum will be held via virtual teleconference beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16. Click [here](#) to link to the agenda, and [here](#) to read instructions on how to participate.

D3 Website Hosts COVID-19 Resources and Updates

My [website](#) hosts a dedicated section, updated regularly, that is focused on COVID-19. Here, you can view all of our previous newsletters, recordings of our town halls, and learn about resources and recommendations around the current public health emergency. We hope you, your family and friends find this information useful during this time.

D3 COVID-19 Informational Flyer

My staff and I have been working hard to supply the public with as many resources and as much knowledge as possible. These resources are vital to many, but reaching everyone who may need them is difficult. Please partner with me in getting the word out by [sharing our COVID-19 Informational Flyer](#) with your neighbors, family and friends. Together, we can ensure that every family has access to the help they need to stay healthy and safe during this pandemic.

As always, you can reach my office at 408-299-5030, email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org or visit the District 3 webpage at supervisorcortese.org.

Stay safe,



Dave Cortese
County Supervisor, Third District



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