

Next phase for South Bay Rapid begins

Construction on the transit project begins early September between Santa Cora Avenue and Santa Flora Road



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Chula Vista — The next stage of construction for South Bay's Rapid transit project is beginning early this month.

The South Bay Rapid is a \$113 million project created to provide travelers with frequent and reliable transit.

The 26-mile Rapid bus route will run between the Otay Mesa Port of Entry and Downtown San Diego via eastern Chula Vista.

Once complete it will connect to downtown San Diego and the South County.

Starting early September, construction crews will be focusing on tree protection, vegetation removal and median work on along East Palomar Street between Santa Cora Avenue and Santa Flora Road to make way for the six-mile transit-only bridge along East Palomar Street.

After construction is complete crews will plant new trees, water-efficient shrubs and build a storm water management system along the edges of the median along East Palomar Street. This will create a pedestrian-friendly environment, according to transportation officials.

Work will also continue on the transit bridge median of East Palomar Street between Olympic Parkway and Santa Cora Avenue.

During construction there will be intermittent construction noise and dust and walk and bike paths periodically closed near the site.

There will also be temporary lane closures, detours, reduced lane widths, and construction vehicles traveling in and out of the median along the construction area.

A few routes on the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System may have temporary service interruptions.

Those include the bus stops on westbound East Palomar Street near Santa Cora Avenue and eastbound East Palomar Street near Santa Flora Road.

For the latest MTS route and detour information, [click here](#).

The majority of construction will occur between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., with the speed limit reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph in construction areas.

The South Bay Rapid Transit is a project of the San Diego Association of Governments.