

**Authorize Executing the
Necessary Agreements
and Amendments and to
Act as the Project Lead to
Deliver Preliminary
Engineering and
Environmental Clearance
Work for the Connecting
Palo Alto Project**

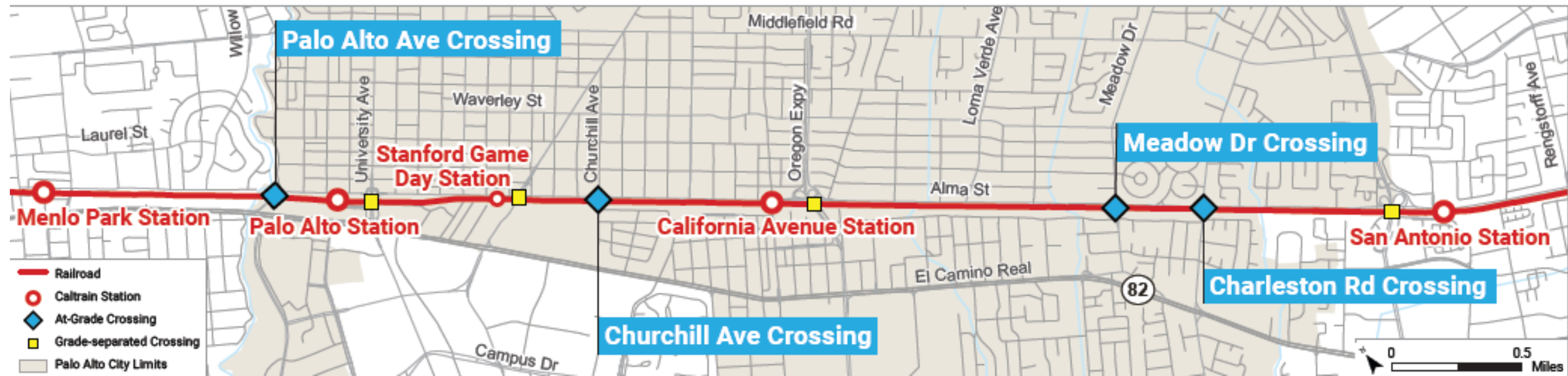
**TOPS Committee
November 20, 2024**



Proposed Actions

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2. Amend the Project budget from \$106,677 to \$17,106,677, to include additional \$17,000,000 reimbursable expenses from the Agreement.

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- Caltrain entered into a service agreement with the City in June 2023 to review five alternatives
- In June 2024, Palo Alto's City Council confirmed the following alternatives for further study:
 - Churchill Avenue Partial Underpass alternative, paired with a bicycle and pedestrian undercrossing at Seale Avenue
 - Churchill Avenue Closure as a backup
 - Meadow Drive/Charleston Road Hybrid
 - Meadow Drive/Charleston Road Underpass

Scope

- The Scope of Work for the Cooperative Agreement addresses the technical work to be performed, project roles, and public engagement
 - Targeted studies to obtain information required for durable selection of preferred alternatives at each location
 - Preliminary engineering to 35% design and environmental clearance (NEPA and CEQA)
 - Regular public engagement throughout the process

Budget

- Total project budget for this phase is \$20M
- VTA has allocated \$14M through Measure B
- City secured a \$6M grant through an FRA Rail Crossing Elimination grant
- The three parties have allocated Caltrain \$17M from the total project budget
- Work is currently expected to be completed in Q4 2027

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Questions

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