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## **VTA Comments on San Jose Data Center 04**

### Trail Connection

VTA supports this project further developing a trail connection between River Oaks Parkway and the Guadalupe River Trail, a VTA-designated bicycle superhighway (<https://www.vta.org/sites/default/files/2021-09/Bike%20superhighway%20Implementation%20plan%28print%29.pdf>). This important trail connection will provide an important place for trail users to access convenient public transportation at the VTA Component Light Rail Station. Trail users often have limited places to enter and exit trails, and this enhanced connection will provide new opportunities for those living and working in the area to have a sustainable option to driving an automobile.

This trail project is recommended in both the City of San Jose's Better Bike Plan 2025 (<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/transportation/walking-and-biking/better-bike-plan-2025>) and VTA's Countywide Bicycle Plan 2018 (<https://vta.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=264b7bdd84f847c591459fdbfc7c5376>).

VTA recommends the trail design follow the Caltrans Highway Design Manual standards and guidance for trails. Both the City of San Jose and VTA have guidance available as a resource for trail designs:

#### San Jose Trail Design Toolkit

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/9705/636656969262970000>

#### VTA Bicycle Technical Design Guidelines Manual:

[https://www.vta.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/vta\\_bicycle\\_technical\\_guidelines\\_complete\\_1.pdf](https://www.vta.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/vta_bicycle_technical_guidelines_complete_1.pdf) (Chapter 9)