“It’s quicker and less unreliable than the DASH (Downtown Area Shuttle), and I don’t have to deal with traffic.”
-Dennis, San Jose

**SPONSOR:** VTA, Cities of Palo Alto, Mountain View, and San Jose

**LOCATION:** Palo Alto, Mountain View, and San Jose

**AWARD:** $500,000

Safe Routes to Transit provided funding for VTA’s pilot bike sharing project in the South Bay, which created bike sharing stations at Caltrain stops, downtown centers, and major locations in Palo Alto, Mountain View, and San Jose. Bike Share provides an easy and cost-effective “last mile” solution, linking public transit with riders’ final destination. It also reduces bike space demand on trains and provides transit during off-peak hours. Seeing the value of bike sharing regionally, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and local agency partners funded the expansion of Bike Share to San Francisco, Redwood City with future expansion to the East Bay. Bay Area Bike Share is the first bike share system in California and the first unified regional system in the United States

**More information:** [www.bayareabikeshare.com](http://www.bayareabikeshare.com)

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**70 STATIONS, 1,000+ BIKES**

San Francisco: 35  
Redwood City: 7  
Palo Alto: 5  
Mountain View: 7  
San Jose: 16

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Bay Area Bike Share
“I made a conscious decision not to own a car. I live in an apartment in downtown San Jose and it costs $2000 to have a car, whereas bike sharing costs $88 a year. I also like Bike Share because I don’t have to take it on Caltrain or worry about it being stolen.”
-Michael, San Jose

“I use it every day. I work in San Jose and live in Belmont. I prefer Bike Share to driving because I can avoid traffic and I don’t have to pay for parking. The cost of Bike Share and Caltrain comes out to be the same as driving and parking. It’s cheaper if you buy it at the year price.”
-Alethea, Belmont

“It was between VTA and Bike Share to get to Diridon. I chose Bike Share because it relies only on me.”
-Terry, San Jose

“I like Bike Share because I don’t have to lug it onto Caltrain. I live in San Jose and work in San Francisco, so I can also use Bike Share in San Francisco. Bike Share is also cheaper the second year. The renewal rate is lower.”
-Roy, San Jose