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May 18, 2011

The Amgen Tour of California, the largest cycling event in America, is a Tour de France-style cycling road race, presented by AEG that challenges the world's top professional cycling teams to compete along a demanding course throughout the state of California from May 15-22, 2011. On May 18, 2011, San Jose, the Capital of Silicon Valley, will host the Stage 4 Finish of the 2011 Amgen Tour of California (81 miles)—showcasing the race's first-ever mountaintop finish and welcoming back, for the sixth year in a row, the world's elite cyclists.

Stage 4 presented by United Health Care, will contain climbs that are legendary in California cycling lore and make the finish on San Jose's Sierra Road one of the most exciting in the Tour's history. The City of San Jose began hosting the Amgen Tour of California in 2006.

For a map with the best places to view the race in San Jose or to find out how to get to these places, visit our website at www.vta.org.

For information about the race, please visit www.amgentourofcalifornia.com

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More than 100,000 recycled tires
were used under these rails to
reduce noise
in surrounding neighborhoods.

Green Rails-Quiet Rails
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If you ride VTA trains, you may have noticed a new "Green Rails" advertisement in some of our cars. And if you live in a home along the Vasona Line (from San Fernando to Winchester stations), the sound of trains rushing past may be quieter than in other rail-hugging neighborhoods.

When VTA constructed the Vasona Line extension in 2001, we placed recycled tires under sections of track between San Jose and Campbell. This new use for discarded tires – called tire-derived aggregate (TDA) – was developed with help from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

to minimize the noise and vibration that occurs in surrounding homes as light rail trains pass.

Since its placement, TDA has proven extremely effective. By using TDA, our agency saved \$1 million and found a creative new use for 100,000 waste tires that may have otherwise ended up in landfills.

This environmentally friendly upgrade saves money and benefits our neighbors. Look for the "Green Rails" ad next time you ride VTA, and visit www.pavinggreenroads.com to learn more about other uses for recycled tires.