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Millbrae BART Station project to feature street named after Harriet Tubman



A rendering of Gateway at Millbrae Station.
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In light of Black History Month, the developers behind a transit-oriented project at the Millbrae BART Station have committed to honoring the legacy of Harriet Tubman by renaming a major roadway at the project site after the abolitionist and political activist.

Republic Urban Properties, which is building the \$450 million Gateway at Millbrae Station, worked with BART and the San Mateo chapter of the NAACP to effectuate the renaming of South Station Road to Harriet Tubman Way.

Tubman famously escaped her own slavery and helped others do the same through a network of activists and safe houses that became known as the "Underground Railroad." The developer said in a statement on Tuesday that the name change is a "tangible reminder of Tubman's contribution to freedom."

Take a look at renderings for the project in the slideshow below.



The name change will be accompanied by an art installation commissioned by a Bay Area artist — sculptor Kristine Mays and visual artist Cheryl Derricotte are currently working on proposals, and the art memorial project will be awarded in mid-March.

"Republic Urban Properties is known for building landmarks across the country. This memorial will be a landmark honoring arguably one of the most important African American woman in history," Republic Urban Properties West Coast President Michael Van Every said.

The 17-acre Gateway at Millbrae Station broke ground in late 2019 and is slated for completion in 2025. It will feature a 164-room hotel, 150,000 square feet of office space, 44,000 square feet of retail and 400 homes, including 80 subsidized apartments for veterans.