Agency

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district that provides sustainable, accessible, community-focused transportation options that are innovative, environmentally responsible, and promote the vitality of our region. VTA is responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations; congestion management; specific highway improvement projects; countywide transportation planning and provides these services throughout the county including the cities of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Sunnyvale. VTA continually builds partnerships to deliver transportation solutions that meet the evolving mobility needs of Santa Clara County.

Priorities

The VTA Board of Directors, along with the General Manager, has established a list of 2015 priorities. These priorities focus VTA’s efforts and are guiding planning, and use of resources.

- **Envisioning Silicon Valley**: VTA’s Envision Silicon Valley process, which began last year and will continue into 2016, will engage community leaders in a dynamic visioning process to discuss current and future transportation needs, identify solutions and craft funding priorities.

- **Service to Avaya Stadium**: New home to the San Jose Earthquakes, Major League Soccer fans have a new shuttle service, Bus Line 231, to take from downtown San Jose that connects to VTA Light Rail, making it an easy way to attend from anywhere in the county.

- **Service to Levi’s Stadium for Super Bowl 50**: With one season of service to the San Francisco 49ers new home stadium under our belt, VTA is preparing for the biggest NFL matchup of the year. Super Bowl 50 is expected to bring 75,000 people to Levi’s Stadium, and our focus is moving transit riders quickly and safely.

- **VTA’s BART Silicon Valley Extension**: Phase I, the extension from Alameda County to the Berryessa area of San Jose, is halfway through construction and slated to begin service in fall 2017. Preliminary work has begun on Phase II which includes community engagement, planning and funding discussions to facilitate the delivery of the line farther into Santa Clara County.

- **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**: VTA broke ground on the first BRT line in the Bay Area in 2014 and will continue planning for a second line along El Camino Real. As a viable alternative to trips made in cars, BRT is expected to help relieve congestion on Santa Clara County roadways.

Responsibility and Functions

**Transit Service**
Operate, maintain and improve bus, light rail and paratransit services.

**Transit Planning and Construction**
Plan, design and construct new bus and light rail projects, stations and facilities.

**Highway Planning and Construction**
Plan, design and construct selected new highway and roadway improvements.

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Caltrain Service
In partnership with the transit agencies for San Mateo and San Francisco counties, VTA administers and funds the Caltrain Commuter Rail service between the cities of San Francisco and Gilroy.

Congestion Management Program
Develop, implement and monitor the Congestion Management Program (CMP), which is intended to link transportation and land-use planning within Santa Clara County.

Transportation Programming
Establish transportation capital improvement project priorities for local, state and federal funding.

Regional Transit Partnerships
Join with transit operators in other counties to provide:
- Intercity rail service on the Capitol Corridor between the cities of San Jose and Sacramento.
- Regional bus service between the cities of San Jose and Santa Cruz along Highway 17.
- Regional bus service between Santa Clara and Alameda counties across the Dumbarton Bridge.
- Commuter rail service over the Altamont Pass and Sunol Grade between the cities of Stockton and San Jose.

Implement Local Transportation Ballot Measures Programs
- 1996 Measure B Transportation Improvement Program
- 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program
- 2008 Measure B Funding Source

Board of Directors
VTA policy is set by the VTA Board of Directors. The Board has 12 voting members, five alternates and two ex-officio members, all of whom are elected officials appointed to serve on the Board by the jurisdictions they represent. Fourteen Directors are city council members and three Directors are county supervisors. The ex-officio members are non-voting members and are Santa Clara County’s representatives to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

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