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**BOARD MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
 Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
 Board of Directors

**THROUGH:** Michael T. Burns  
 General Manager

**FROM:** Carolyn M. Gonot  
 Chief Development Officer

**SUBJECT:** Bicycle Plan Update Part 1- Setting and Policy Framework

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Countywide Bicycle Plan, adopted by the VTA Board of Directors in October 2000, is a comprehensive document that serves as a foundation for bicycle planning and program development, as well as for programming bicycle capital projects through a Bicycle Expenditure Plan (BEP). Over the last five years, the Bicycle Plan has become outdated in several ways, and new issues and opportunities have developed that should be addressed in the plan. The Countywide Bicycle plan is currently being updated with the help of the Bicycle Plan Update Working Group (BPUWG) which consists of four Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) members, two Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members, a representative of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) and one member of the public representing utility transportation cyclists.

The plan is comprised of four parts:

- Part 1 – Vision, Policy Framework and Current Conditions
- Part 2 – Bicycle Capital Needs for Cross-county Corridors and Regional Infrastructure
- Part 3 – Recommendations for Bicycle Program and Bicycle-friendly Community
- Part 4 – Funding and Bicycle Expenditure Program

To date, staff with the BPUWG have drafted Part 1 for review and comment.

**DISCUSSION:**

Part 1 of the Bicycle Plan Update (Attachment A) contains background data and existing conditions for Santa Clara County. It describes the geographic and transportation setting for Santa Clara County. It also describes past bicycle planning efforts performed at the County level and current activities being conducted by Member Agencies. In addition, it presents existing bicycle mode data, bicycle counts and other demographic data available at the county and city levels.

Part 1 also contains the goals, policies and action steps that guide VTA's Bicycle Program. The BPUWG and VTA have developed a revised set of policies and action steps. The overall structure of the goals and policies remains the same with the following five goal areas:

- A. Transportation Planning and Programming
- B. Land Use Planning
- C. Local Ordinances and Guidelines
- D. Design and Construction
- E. Complementary Policies that Encourage Bicycling

However, over three meetings, VTA and the BPUWG rewrote and reorganized the policies, redesignating some policies as "implementing actions " and created new policies and implementing actions to help achieve the overall goals and policies. These proposed policies and actions steps are presented in Attachment A.

The BPAC is asked to provide comments on the revised goals, policies and action steps. This input will be incorporated into the draft 2006 Bicycle Plan.

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