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SUBJECT: Draft Core Principles for the Transit Sustainability Policy and Comprehensive Operations Analysis

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

VTA staff will present the draft Core Principles for the Transit Sustainability Policy (TSP) and the Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA). The intention for developing one set of principles for both the TSP and COA is to establish a common foundation that VTA can now and in the future use as guidance in creating a transit system that is well used, cost and operationally efficient, supported by local jurisdictions, and meets market needs.

The TSP is building upon several existing VTA efforts, including the Service Management Plan, the Community Design & Transportation Program, Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2030, and recommendations from VTA's Ad Hoc Financial Strategies Committee to develop a process to guide the development and implementation of new projects and services. Upon adoption, the first application of the TSP Core Principles will be with the COA. The COA is examining VTA's existing services and performance and will result in recommendations for a set of transit service restructuring alternatives to help VTA build transit ridership and improve financial performance.

In October, VTA staff will return with updated Core Principles materials as needed. It is anticipated that the VTA Board of Directors will consider adoption of the TSP at its December 2006 meeting. The COA will be brought to the committees in the form of draft service alternatives in early 2007.

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