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INFORMATION ITEM

**BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Committee for Transit Accessibility  
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
Board of Directors

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

**FROM:** Donald A. Smith, Jr  
Chief Operations Officer

**SUBJECT:** Mobility Options Task Force

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**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**BACKGROUND:**

In keeping with the broad goal of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Accessible Services Department has taken the lead to develop a Mobility Options Program (MOP) that will provide persons with disabilities and seniors, with the skills that will empower them to freely travel on public transportation in Santa Clara County.

**DISCUSSION:**

An integral part of the MOP is the development of the Mobility Options Task Force which met for the first time on February 13, 2008. Representatives from Hope Services, Outreach, San Andreas Regional Center, CTA and various departments within VTA attended the meeting. This diverse group of individuals was brought together to create a collaborative Task Force to share experience, knowledge and ideas to ensure the success of the Mobility Options Program.

VTA Staff presented a PowerPoint presentation that outlines the Mobility Option Program and the role of the Task Force. That PowerPoint presentation is attached to this memorandum. Task Force members discussed the purpose of the Task Force and their rolls in promoting successful mobility options for persons with disabilities and seniors in Santa Clara County. Attendees contributed valuable comments that will be helpful to promote interest in the Mobility Options Program.

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 10:30 AM and will be held at VTA. Members of the committee will share experiences from various workshops they have attended. VTA will share information on the Easter Seals Project ACTION (ESPA) hands-on Introduction to Travel Training workshop that will be held in Portland, Oregon on March 10-12, 2008; and, Hope Services staff will share information on the ESPA People on the Move workshop, Using all Transportation Options, that will be held in San Diego, California on February 21-22, 2008.

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