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BOARD MEMORANDUM

DISCUSSION ITEM

TO: Policy Advisory Committee
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns
General Manager

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SUBJECT: Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 – Initial Vision, Goals and Policy
Discussion

FOR DISCUSSION

BACKGROUND:

The 2008 update to the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) builds on the foundation of the previous long-range transportation plan, Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2030. The vision, goals and policy section of VTP 2035 will serve to define both VTA objectives for its long-range planning activities and as an advocacy platform to pursue broader policies and programs that support the transportation-related core objectives of VTA, its Member Agencies and the Bay Area region.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this agenda item is to foster discussion of the plan vision, goals and policies that will be addressed in VTP 2035. There are several areas of interest that will help frame this discussion. These include, but are not limited to, long-range planning goals and policies; accommodating projected growth; funding needs and sources; social and environmental issues; integration of transportation and land uses; and implementing a strategic and sustainable expansion of our multimodal transportation system to meet emerging and changing needs. At the April committee meetings staff will present background information on the VTP 2035 setting and initial recommendations for VTP 2035 goals, policies and focus areas. These discussions will be shared with the VTA Board of Directors, and will inform the development of the plan's vision, planning goals and policy strategies for further discussion over the coming months with VTA committees and Board, Member Agencies, the public, and our regional partners.

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