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**BOARD MEMORANDUM**

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

**THROUGH:** Michael T. Burns  
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**SUBJECT:** Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2030 update

**FOR INFORMATION****DISCUSSION:**

As the Congestion Management Agency for Santa Clara County, VTA is responsible for the development of the countywide long-range transportation plan, called Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2030. VTP 2030 was adopted by the VTA Board of Directors in February 2005. The Plan provides a planning and policy framework over a 25-year period, which is then carried through via programs and projects listed in the plan. This memo is intended to provide an overview of the development of the updated plan for Santa Clara County. A draft schedule of key events is provided in Table 1.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is also beginning the update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the 25-year long-range transportation plan for the nine-county Bay Area region. The update to VTP 2030 will proceed on a schedule that is slightly ahead of the RTP. The RTP sets a planning framework for transportation in the entire Bay Area by establishing a regional "vision" for transportation policy issues and also transportation program development and project funding. Countywide long-range transportation plans, such as VTP 2030, provide county-level input into the RTP.

**Next Steps:**

VTP projects serve as VTA's recommendations for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), scheduled for adoption by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in early 2009.

The core planning and policy development work for both the VTP and RTP will occur over the next 12-18 months leading to the adoption of both plan updates in late 2008 and early 2009, respectively. This work will include program and project development, strategic planning work, policy development, and community outreach.

At the May committee meeting, staff will provide a brief presentation about the VTP and RTP updates, including an outline of issues and key events. Over the next 18-months additional items will be periodically brought through committees and to the Board for information and action.

Table 1. VTP 2030 – Draft schedule of Key Events

Key Event	Timeframe
Staff develops initial project lists for inclusion in the RTP Visioning exercise	Summer 2007
VTA issues formal VTP call-for-projects	Late Summer 2007
Begin VTP Visioning, Goal setting, and Policy Development	Fall 2007
Formalize VTP programs and project lists	Winter/Spring 2008
Community Outreach	Spring/Summer 2008
Submit final project lists to MTC	Summer/Fall 2008
Adopt VTP 2035	Winter 2008
MTC adopts the RTP	Early 2009

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