

Date: January 25, 2008

Committee Meeting Date: February 14, 2008

Board Meeting Date: March 6, 2008

**BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**ACTION ITEM**

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

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

**FROM:** John H. Ristow  
Chief CMA Officer

**SUBJECT:** VTP 2035 - Project List Submittal to MTC

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Review and recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the VTP 2035 Project lists for submittal to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

**BACKGROUND:**

VTA is in the process of its periodic update of the countywide Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) which establishes a long-range transportation program for Santa Clara County. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is also in the process of updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The VTP and RTP planning efforts are proceeding on similar timelines that will conclude in late 2008 and early 2009 with plan adoptions. Both plans cover a 25-year timeframe through year 2035.

In September 2007, VTA issued a call for transportation projects to all Santa Clara County local agency governments and transportation agencies such as Caltrans, Caltrain and ACE. The call requested that each agency provide updated project information and new projects for inclusion in VTP. In early January 2008 the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) issued an RTP call for projects to all Congestion Management Agencies and the public with a due date of March 5, 2008. The projects listed in VTA's countywide plan typically serve as the projects submitted to MTC for inclusion in the RTP.

**DISCUSSION:**

At the February 2008 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, staff will present the results of the February 4<sup>th</sup> VTP Project List workshop and a refined draft list of projects to be submitted to MTC for inclusion in the RTP (Attachment A). Adjustments to these lists will result from input received during the February TAC workshop and the Advisory and CMPP Committee meetings. Following the March project submittal, MTC will engage its Commission and the public in a discussion of policies related to the funding of projects and programs, and strategies

for implementing the regional vision and goals. These discussions will provide additional time to refine project lists. Accordingly, the draft VTP project lists are a work-in-progress that will undergo further refinements over the coming months. Attachment B provides an overview of the current schedule of key RTP and VTP events.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board may revise the project lists or choose not to submit a list the MTC.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no direct fiscal impact to this action.

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Attachment A: Draft VTP 2035 Project Lists

Attachment B: VTP and RTP Key Event timelines