

From: Board.Secretary
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To: Board.Secretary
Cc: Burns, Michael
Subject: ATU Contract Ratification

VTA Board of Directors:

Please see attached memorandum from Michael T. Burns, General Manager, regarding the ATU Contract Ratification.

MEMORANDUM

TO: VTA Board of Directors

FROM: Michael T. Burns
General Manager

DATE: September 19, 2008

SUBJECT: ATU Contract Ratification

Last night, ATU members voted to ratify the contract terms that were reached in negotiations with VTA on September 12, 2008. The vote was 597 in favor and 427 against. Salient terms of the agreement were outlined in a Board notification sent to members on Saturday, September 13, 2008, and details were discussed yesterday. The final contract agreement will be presented to the full VTA Board for approval at the October 2, 2008 General Meeting.

I am extremely pleased that we were able to reach accord on this agreement, without any interruption to service, and that we were successful in negotiating an agreement that is both fair and reflects current economic conditions. I commend the VTA negotiating team, Bob Escobar, Joseph Smith, and Bill Lopez, for their leadership and commitment throughout this 11-month process.



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The Honorable Liz Kniss, Chair
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
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Dear Chairperson Kniss:

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As you are aware, BART and VTA have been working closely on the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit BART Extension project. As members of the Joint VTA/BART Policy Advisory Committee for this extension, we are pleased that the project is moving forward.

Recently, BART staff met with VTA staff and AECOM consultants to review the methodology AECOM used to calculate the Operating and Maintenance costs of the extension. In addition to specifying the methodology for calculating the operating costs, the agreement also requires an annual contribution to a capital replacement fund, which will build over time.

BART staff confirmed to us that, in calculating the O&M costs of the extension, AECOM followed the methodology contained the 2001 Comprehensive Agreement between VTA and BART. BART staff is satisfied that VTA's responsibility for meeting the operating and capital costs will be met using this methodology.

We are excited by this extension, which will complete a long-awaited rail link around the Bay and provide much-needed traffic relief on the Highway 880 and 680 corridors by generating nearly 100,000 average daily commute trips on public transit.

While approval of the 1/8-cent sales tax on the November '08 ballot is up to the voters in Santa Clara County, we welcome this extension of the BART system to Santa Clara County.

Sincerely,

Gail Murray
President
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Thomas Blalock
Vice President
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cc: BART Board of Directors
BART General Manager
VTA General Manager

