



## VTA Overview

### Agency

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district that provides sustainable, accessible, community-focused transportation options that are innovative, environmentally responsible, and promote the vitality of our region. VTA is responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations; congestion management; specific highway improvement projects; countywide transportation planning and provides these services throughout the county including the cities of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Sunnyvale. VTA continually builds partnerships to deliver transportation solutions that meet the evolving mobility needs of Santa Clara County.

### VTA Vision

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### VTA Mission

VTA provides sustainable, accessible, community-focused transportation options that are innovative, environmentally responsible, and promote the vitality of our region.

### VTA Values

Dependability  
Quality – Sustainability  
Safety – Integrity – Diversity  
Accountability

### Strategic Goals

- **Maintain Financial Stability:** Manage costs, maximize revenues and balance system expansion with maintenance service.
- **Improve Mobility and Access:** Invest resources and services in areas with greatest need, to enhance the quality of life of all residents, including vulnerable populations. Provide a selection of transportation modes to attract choice riders as well as promote economic vitality of our region.
- **Integrate Transportation and Land Use:** Advance the principles and practices in the Community Design and Transportation Program and promote transit-oriented development in the county.



- **Enhance Customer Focus:** Put customers first. Provide safe, reliable, demand-driven service that reflects community input and promotes the benefits of transit.
- **Increase Employee Ownership:** Engage employees in refinement of business practices. Offer professional development, advancement opportunities and reward personal investment, making VTA an employer of choice.
- **Build Ridership on Transit System:** Increase VTA's operating efficiency, reduce road congestion and promote sustainability.
- **Improve Relationships throughout the County:** Leverage resources, facilitate information sharing and tap expertise in private and public sector organizations.
- **Deliver on Capital Program:** Build projects that compliment and enhance the core services within available resources.

## Responsibility and Functions

### Transit Service

Operate, maintain and improve bus, light rail and paratransit services.

### Transit Planning and Construction

Plan, design and construct new bus and light rail projects, stations and facilities.

### Highway Planning and Construction

Plan, design and construct selected new highway and roadway improvements.

### Caltrain Service

In partnership with the transit agencies for San Mateo and San Francisco counties, administer and fund the Caltrain Commuter Rail service between the cities of San Francisco and Gilroy.

### Congestion Management Program

Develop, implement and monitor the Congestion Management Program (CMP), which is intended to link transportation and land-use planning within Santa Clara County.

### Transportation Programming

Establish transportation capital improvement project priorities for local, state and federal funding.

### Regional Transit Partnerships

Join with transit operators in other counties to provide:

- Intercity rail service on the Capitol Corridor between the cities of San Jose and Sacramento.
- Regional bus service between the cities of San Jose and Santa Cruz along Highway 17.
- Regional bus service between Santa Clara and Alameda counties across the Dumbarton Bridge.
- Commuter rail service over the Altamont Pass and Sunol Grade between the cities of Stockton and San Jose.



## Implement Local Transportation Ballot Measures Programs

- 1996 Measure B Transportation Improvement Program
- 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program
- 2008 Measure B Funding Source



## Board of Directors

VTA policy is set by the VTA Board of Directors. The Board has 17 members and two ex-officio members, all of whom are elected officials appointed to serve on the Board by the jurisdictions they represent. Fourteen Directors are City Council members and three Directors are County Supervisors. Twelve Directors serve as voting members and five Directors serve as alternates. The ex-officio members are non-voting members and are Santa Clara County's representatives to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

## Board Members

- Sam Liccardo, Chairperson, City of San Jose Councilmember
- Margaret Abe-Koga, Vice Chairperson, City of Mountain View Councilmember
- Marshall Anstandig, (Alternate), City of Monte Sereno Councilmember
- Nora Campos, (Alternate), City of San Jose Councilmember
- Don Gage, Santa Clara County Supervisor
- Rose Herrera, City of San Jose Councilmember
- Ash Kalra, City of San Jose Councilmember
- Liz Kniss, Santa Clara County Supervisor
- Rich Larsen, Town of Los Altos Hills Councilmember
- Jamie Matthews, (Alternate), City of Santa Clara Councilmember
- Pete McHugh, (Alternate), City of Milpitas Councilmember
- Chris Moylan, City of Sunnyvale Councilmember
- Chuck Page, City of Saratoga Councilmember
- Nancy Pyle, City of San Jose Councilmember
- Chuck Reed, City of San Jose Councilmember
- George Shirakawa, (Alternate), Santa Clara County Supervisor
- Perry Woodward, City of Gilroy Councilmember

## Ex-officio Members

- Ken Yeager, Metropolitan Transportation Commission Member and Santa Clara County Supervisor
- Dean J. Chu, Metropolitan Transportation Commission Member and City of Sunnyvale Councilmember

### General Manager

Michael T. Burns

### Administrative Offices

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