

## Notice of Public Hearing

2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee  
on FY 2007 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Expenditures  
Wednesday, May 7th, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

## Public Notification

Results of the Independent Audit  
on FY 2007 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Expenditures

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) for the 2000 Measure A Transit Sales Tax Program (“Measure A”) is holding a Public Hearing on Measure A expenditures for FY 2007 to receive input from the community:

**Wednesday, May 7th, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.**  
**County of Santa Clara Government Center, Room 157**  
**70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110**

*(This location is served by VTA Light Rail and Bus Lines 61, 62, 66, 180 and 181.)*

The public is encouraged to attend. Sign language services will be provided. If you require additional interpreter services, please contact VTA Customer Service at least five days prior to the meeting at (408) 321-2300, TDD (408) 321-2330. For those unable to attend, **written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 7** by email to: [board.secretary@vta.org](mailto:board.secretary@vta.org) or by mail to: Office of the Board Secretary, 3331 North First Street, Building B-2, San José, CA 95134-1927

### **Background**

Measure A, approved by Santa Clara County voters in 2000, is a 30-year half cent sales tax devoted to improvement projects for the area’s public transit network. Measure A specified the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) as the implementing authority and among the projects specified in the ballot are:

- Extend BART to Silicon Valley.
- Extend Light Rail from Downtown San Jose to the East Valley.
- Improve bus service in major bus corridors.
- Purchase zero-emission buses and construct service facilities.
- Provide connections from Mineta San Jose Airport to BART, Caltrain and VTA light rail.
- Construct a new Palo Alto Intermodal Transit Center.
- Increase Caltrain service and electrify from Palo Alto to Gilroy.

The Measure A ballot specified that the Citizens Watchdog Committee, comprised of the private citizens serving on VTA's Citizens Advisory Committee, must review all 2000 Measure A expenditures, have an independent audit conducted each fiscal year, hold public hearings and issue reports at least annually to inform Santa Clara County residents how the funds are being spent, and publish the results of the independent audit and the annual report in local newspapers and make them available to the public.

The VTA Board of Directors is responsible for implementation of the 2000 Measure A Program and for all policy-related decisions including the composition, implementation schedule and funding level of projects. The Citizens Watchdog Committee's responsibility is limited to reviewing 2000 Measure A expenditures to ensure funds are being spent in accordance with the intent of the ballot.

### **Reports and Additional Information**

Copies of Measure A Transit Improvement Program documents, including the Program's Annual Report for FY 2007 showing expenditures for both the period and cumulative for the program, are available for public inspection from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the Valley Transportation Authority offices at 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA, in the Building B Lobby. They are also available for viewing at local public libraries and at VTA's website: [www.vta.org](http://www.vta.org) (accessible versions are provided). A hard copy may be requested by writing to: VTA Office of the Board Secretary, 3331 N. First Street, Building B-2, San José, CA 95134-1927 or by emailing your request to: [board.secretary@vta.org](mailto:board.secretary@vta.org).

Questions on the public hearing should be directed to: Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, at (408) 321-5720 or to [stephen.flynn@vta.org](mailto:stephen.flynn@vta.org).

## **INDEPENDENT AUDIT**

Fulfilling its ballot-defined responsibilities, the CWC commissioned an audit of the Measure A Program financial records and statements for the period of Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007). Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Company, LLP, independent certified public accountants, conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards for the U.S. They issued an unqualified or "clean" opinion on the financial activities of the Measure A Program and its basic financial statements.

### **Audit Results and Additional Information**

Copies of 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program documents and reports, including the results of the independent audit of the Measure A Program financial records and statements for Fiscal Year 2007, are available for public inspection from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the Valley Transportation Authority offices at 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA, in the Building B Lobby. They are also available for viewing at local public libraries and at VTA's website: [www.vta.org](http://www.vta.org) (accessible versions are provided). A hard copy may be requested by writing to: VTA Office of the Board Secretary, 3331 N. First Street, Building B-2, San José, CA 95134-1927 or by emailing your request to: [board.secretary@vta.org](mailto:board.secretary@vta.org).