

**From:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 4:59 PM  
**To:** VTA Board of Directors  
**Subject:** VTA Information: Ridership for December 2020

**VTA Board of Directors:**

Attached is a memorandum from Chief Operating Officer David Hill regarding VTA ridership for December 2020.

Thank you.

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Date: January 29, 2021  
Current Meeting: NA  
Board Meeting: February 4, 2021

## **BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
Board of Directors

**THROUGH:** Evelyn Tran, General Counsel & Interim General Manager/CEO

**FROM:** David Hill, Chief Operating Officer

**SUBJECT:** VTA Ridership December 2020

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**Policy-Related Action:** NA

**Government Code Section 84308 Applies:** No

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

- To present the bus and light rail ridership performance of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:**

The report is an information item only.

### **BACKGROUND:**

This report is routinely produced after each month. This report is for the month of December 2020.

### **CLIMATE IMPACT:**

The report is an information item and will have no impacts to climate change.

### **DISCUSSION:**

December 2020 total monthly system ridership for bus and light rail was 910,829, a decrease of 67.2% over December 2019. Bus ridership was down by 66.0% compared to December 2019. Light rail ridership was down by 71.3% compared to December 2019. December 2020 recorded a decrease of 3.2% over November 2020.

Ridership	Dec-2020	Compared to				Calendar-Year-to-Date		
		Dec-19	Percent Change	Nov- 20	Percent Change	Current Jan'20-Dec'20	Prior Jan' 19-Dec'19	Percent Change
Bus	720,164	2,116,078	-66.0%	740,385	-2.7%	12,441,420	26,928,611	-53.8%
Light Rail	190,665	664,167	-71.3%	200,846	-5.1%	3,175,194	8,350,769	-62.0%
System	910,829	2,780,245	-67.2%	941,231	-3.2%	15,616,614	35,279,380	-55.7%

VTA operated at reduced service levels compared to last year while limiting vehicle capacity to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Free service was provided as usual on New Year's Eve.

The boardings per total hour and boardings per revenue hour for bus and light rail for December are shown in the table below:

	Boardings per Total hour <sup>1</sup>			Boardings per Revenue hour <sup>2</sup>		
	Dec-2020	Dec-2019	Percent Change	Dec-2020	Dec-2019	Percent Change
Bus	8.2	18.5	-55.7%	7.7	17.0	-54.9%
Light Rail	18.2	53.5	-66.0%	17.0	50.7	-66.5%

<sup>1</sup> Total hours – Includes revenue hours and deadhead hours (hours that a vehicle travels when out of revenue service).

<sup>2</sup> Revenue hours - Scheduled hours of service available to passengers for transport on the routes. Includes recovery/layover time

**From:** VTA Board Secretary

**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:14 PM

**To:** VTA Board of Directors

**Subject:** VTA Info: Board of Directors Updated Agenda Packet for the February 4, 2021 Meeting

**Importance:** High

### **VTA Board of Directors:**

The February 4, 2021, Board of Directors Agenda Packet has now been updated to include additional materials for:

- **Agenda Item #5.3:** Standing Committee Chairpersons' Reports
- **Agenda Item #6.8:** Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Annual Report – Public Comment
- **Agenda Item #6.11:** Unapproved Minutes/Summary Reports from VTA Committees, Joint Powers Boards (JPB) and Regional Commissions
- **Agenda Item #7.1:** Governance and Audit Committee and Auditor General Duties Overview - Presentation
- **Agenda Item #7.2:** Auditor General Recommended Work Plans for FY 2021, 2022 and 2023 – Presentation
- **Agenda Item #8.1.A:** General Managers Report - COVID-19 Safety Related Measures Update Presentation
- **Agenda Item #8.1.B:** General Managers Report - Public Safety and Ridership Data; and Public Comment

You may access the updated packet on our [Agenda Portal](#).

- Also please see attached timed Board Agenda

Thank you,

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**From:** VTA Board Secretary

**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2021 1:59 PM

**To:** VTA Board of Directors

**Subject:** VTA Information: Board of Directors Updated Agenda Packet for the February 4, 2021 Meeting

**VTA Board of Directors:**

The February 4, 2021, Board of Directors Agenda Packet has now been updated to include additional information for:

- **Agenda Item #2.2:** Resolution of Appreciation for Nuria Fernandez – Public Comment (Beekman)
- **Agenda Item #3:** Public Comment (Beekman)
- **Agenda Item #6.4:** Technology Consulting and Support Services – Public Comment (Beekman)
- **Agenda Item #6.9:** Revised 2021 Appointments – Public Comment (Lebrun)
- **Agenda Item #8.2:** Chairperson’s Report – Public Comment (Lebrun)

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