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Ms. Nuria Fernandez General Manager Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority 3331 North First Street San Jose, CA 95134

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Dear Ms. Fernandoz

RE: Record of Decision for the VTA BART to Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has completed its review of the public and interagency comments on the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) to Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project. FTA has issued the enclosed Record of Decision (ROD) for the Project.

If VTA and/or BART contemplate any change to the Project, VTA and/or BART must notify FTA immediately and refrain from taking any action related to the proposed change until FTA has determined what, if any, additional environmental analysis is necessary, and that analysis has been completed and approved by FTA. For example, VTA and/or BART wish to make a change to the mitigation measures in the Final SEIS, the ROD, or a change to the Project that would cause new or changed environmental or community impacts not presented in the Final SEIS, then VTA and/or BART must notify FTA in writing of the desire to make a change.

Any such change will be reviewed in accordance with FTA environmental procedures (23 CFR § 771.129-130) on supplemental documentation. FTA will determine the appropriate level of environmental review for this or any other proposed change (i.e., a written reevaluation of the Final SEIS, an environmental assessment of the change, or a supplemental EIS), and the NEPA process for this supplemental environmental review will conclude with a separate NEPA determination or, if necessary, with an amendment to this ROD.

Please make the ROD and supporting documentation available to affected government agencies and the public. Availability of the document should be published in local newspapers and should be posted on the Project website. The document also should be provided directly to affected government agencies, including the State Inter-governmental Review contact established under Executive Order 12372.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to bring this important Project to fruition. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Dominique Kraft, FTA Region IX Community Planner, at 415-734-9469.

Sincerely,

Edward Carranza, Jr.

Acting Regional Administrator