

**From:** b. beekman

**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 10:29 AM

**To:** VTA Board Secretary; monica.mallon; jcourtney

**Subject:** Blair Beekman. August 31, 2020. \_\_\_\_ VTA Budget & Fare Elimination.

Dear VTA,

I hope we can all work, to be open minded, this fall, with the important, VTA budget questions, that need to be answered, by the end of the year.

I hope, the LA Metro Transit Service press release, below, can be of help.

SF Muni, and AC Transit, can also be of help, with important perspectives, at this time.

And have years of experience, with No Fare Ridership.

Can this letter be placed, in VTA weekly staff reports.

Sincerely,  
Blair Beekman

<https://thesource.metro.net/2020/08/27/metro-to-study-and-consider-eliminating-bus-and-rail-fares/>

**From:** VTA Board Secretary

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 4:35 PM

**To:** VTA Board of Directors

**Subject:** VTA Information: Board of Directors Updated Agenda Packet for September 3, 2020

**VTA Board of Directors:**

The following items on the **September 3, 2020** Board Agenda have been updated to include additional information for the following items:

- **Agenda Item #1.3**, Orders of the Day
- **Agenda Item #3**, Public Comment
- **Agenda Item #6.9**, Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan
- **Agenda Item #7.1**, Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update
- **Agenda Item #7.2**, BART Phase II Project – FTA Grant Application Support
- **Agenda Item #7.3**, BART Phase II Project – Funding Development and Implementation
- **Agenda Item #7.4**, Selection of a Developer for Curtner Transit-Oriented Development Negotiations
- **Agenda Item #7.5**, Naming Rights Asset Valuation Report and Marketing Authorization

You may access the updated VTA Board of Directors Agenda packet on our [agenda portal](#).

Board Members have received a closed session calendar invite for September 3, 2020 at 9:00 pm.

Thank you,

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**From:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 10:40 AM  
**To:** VTA Board of Directors  
**Subject:** VTA Information: Ridership for July 2020

**VTA Board of Directors:**

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

Thank you.

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**TO:** VTA Board of Directors

**THROUGH:** Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager/CEO

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

**DATE:** September 1, 2020

**SUBJECT:** VTA Ridership for July 2020

July 2020 total monthly system ridership for bus and light rail was 937,868, a decrease of 66.8% over July 2019. Bus ridership was down by 64.5% compared to July 2019. Light rail ridership was down by 73.9% compared to July 2019.

| Ridership  | July-2020 | Compared to |                |          |                | Calendar-Year-to-Date  |                       |                |
|------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|----------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|            |           | July-19     | Percent Change | June- 20 | Percent Change | Current Jan'20-Jul' 20 | Prior Jan' 19-Jul' 19 | Percent Change |
| Bus        | 755,140   | 2,126,003   | -64.5%         | 736,302  | 2.6%           | 8,726,196              | 15,323,126            | -43.1%         |
| Light Rail | 182,728   | 701,083     | -73.9%         | 149,498  | 22.2%          | 2,178,723              | 4,766,267             | -54.3%         |
| System     | 937,868   | 2,827,086   | -66.8%         | 885,800  | 5.9%           | 10,904,919             | 20,089,393            | -45.7%         |

Reduced service levels and vehicle capacity (to adhere to social distancing guidelines) continue to be in effect due to COVID-19.

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

|            | Boardings per Total hour <sup>1</sup> |           |                | Boardings per Revenue hour <sup>2</sup> |           |                |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|---|-----------|----------------|
|            | July-2020                             | July-2019 | Percent Change | July-2020                               | July-2019 | Percent Change |
| Bus        | 9.5                                   | 16.8      | -43.4%         | 10.3                                    | 18.3      | -43.4%         |
| Light Rail | 23.5                                  | 54.7      | -57.0%         | 25.0                                    | 58.1      | -57.0%         |

<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, September 3, 2020 2:41 PM

**To:** VTA Board of Directors

**Subject:** VTA Information: Board of Directors Updated Agenda Packet for September 3, 2020

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

The following items on the **September 3, 2020** Board Agenda have been updated to include additional information:

- **Agenda Item #3**, Public Comment
- **Agenda Item #5.2**, Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Chairperson's Report
- **Agenda Item #5.3**, Standing Committee Chairpersons' Report
- **Agenda Item #5.4**, Policy Advisory Board (PAB) Chairperson's Report
- **Agenda Item #6.11**, Unapproved Minutes/Summary Reports from VTA Committees, Joint Powers Boards (JPBs), and Regional Commissions
- **Agenda Item #7.1**, Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update
- **Agenda Item #7.4**, Selection of a Developer for Curtner Transit-Oriented Development Negotiations
- **Agenda Item #7.5**, Naming Rights Asset Valuation Report and Marketing Authorization
- **Agenda Item #7.6**, 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Studies Competitive Grant Criteria
- **Agenda Item #7.7**, Financial Impacts of COVID-19
- **Agenda Item #8.1**, General Manager Report
- **Agenda Item #8.1.A**, Government Affairs Report

You may access the updated VTA Board of Directors Agenda packet on our [agenda portal](#).

Attached you will find the timed agenda for tonight's meeting.

Board Members have received a Teams closed session calendar invite for September 3, 2020 at 9:00 pm. If you have not received this link please contact our office at your earliest convenience. When going into closed session please remember to mute your microphone and turn off your camera in Zoom. After closed session return to Zoom with your camera and microphone on.

Thank you,

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**From:** b. beekman

**Sent:** Friday, September 4, 2020 1:15 PM

**To:** VTA Board Secretary

**Subject:** Blair Beekman. Friday. Sept. 4, 2020. VTA. No fare ridership.

Dear community and VTA,

I hope there can be, space and room, with many ideas available, this fall, to the serious questions, of the VTA budget, that will be answered, by the end of December.

I hope, no fare ridership ideas, will also be studied.

The work of David Chiu, Ash Kalra, and other Ca. State assembly persons, around housing forgiveness bills, has been incredible.

A thank you, to their continued efforts & work.

I think we are at a time, to re-establish, and clearly describe, the purpose & depth, of the well-intentioned, good ideas, of tenant and owner forgiveness issues, at this time of Covid-19.

As it seems, Covid-19, can be calming, by the summer of 2022.

And in understanding, how state and federal funding, can help often, at the local level, for the next few years

I hope, no fare ridership, from other transit agencies, and concepts, can be understood.

And can work well, in conjunction, with the many other VTA budget ideas and proposals, this fall.

sincerely,  
blair beekman