

**From:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:26 PM  
**To:** VTA Board of Directors  
**Subject:** VTA Correspondence: Letter of Support for the California High-Speed Rail Authority Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan

**VTA Board of Directors:**

We are forwarding to you the following correspondence:

<b>From</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Board Chairperson Glenn Hendricks	Letter of Support addressed to The Honorable Laura Friedman and The Honorable Richard Bloom re: the California High-Speed Rail Authority Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan

Thank you.

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March 9, 2021

The Honorable Laura Friedman Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee  
102 N Street, Room 112  
Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Richard Bloom Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee 3 on Climate Crisis,  
Resources, Energy, and Transportation  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for California High-Speed Rail Authority Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan**

Dear Chair Friedman and Chair Bloom:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), I am writing to express our support for the direction laid out in the California High-Speed Rail Authority Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan. We support how the Plan advances implementation of the high-speed rail system regionwide. Additionally, we support how the current proposal calls for completion of the 119 miles under active construction in the Central Valley, extension to 171 miles of electrified rail connecting Merced, Fresno, and Bakersfield as an interim operating segment as the rest of the project is completed.

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority 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 provides bus, light rail, and paratransit services, as well as participates as a funding partner in regional rail service including Caltrain, Capital Corridor, and the Altamont Corridor Express.

VTA provides these services and continually builds partnerships to deliver transportation solutions that meet the evolving mobility needs in Santa Clara County. We are unique among transportation organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area. VTA is the County's authority for transit development and operations (light rail and bus), congestion management, transportation-related funding, highway design and construction, real estate and transit-oriented development, and bicycle and pedestrian planning. With partners on the local, State and Federal levels, VTA works to innovate the way Silicon Valley moves and provides mobility solutions.

As partners in transportation, we support building the nation's first truly high-speed rail system linking the Bay Area to Los Angeles and Anaheim. Completing the work is in California's interest to maintain its position as a global leader when it comes to economic prosperity and opportunity, job creation, combating climate change and building world-class infrastructure. Having recently successfully completed Phase 1 connecting BART to our county and advancing on Phase 2, helps us understand the importance of advancing environmental clearance and follow-on pre-construction steps across the State in advance of pursuing additional funding for construction.

VTA stands as a transportation partner in the Bay Area to accomplish the objectives laid out in the Revised 2020 Business Plan. We support asking the California Legislature to appropriate the remaining \$4 billion in Proposition 1A funds to complete construction and electrify the corridor in the Central Valley. We urge the Legislature to appropriate the funding from the general obligation bonds to the Authority before they are expended.

We are pleased to lend our active support for the Revised 2020 Business Plan and look to a future where people have options in mobility in the Bay Area and across California.

Sincerely,

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Glenn Hendricks

Chairperson, Board of Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

cc: Members, Assembly Transportation Committee  
Members, Assembly Budget Subcommittee 3 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and  
Transportation  
Brian Kelly, Chief Executive Officer, California High-Speed Rail Authority  
VTA Board of Directors

**From:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 11:25 AM  
**To:** VTA Board of Directors  
**Subject:** From VTA: State approves Transit Workers for COVID-19 Vaccinations  
**Importance:** High

## **VTA Board of Directors:**

Attached is a letter from VTA General Counsel and Interim GM Evelynn Tran regarding the approval of vaccination for transit workers. Transit workers can now schedule vaccination appointments starting March 15, 2021. Please open the attached file or scroll down to see the full memo. Thank you.

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** VTA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Evelynn Tran, General Counsel and Interim General Manager/CEO  
**DATE:** March 12, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** State approves Transit Workers for COVID-19 Vaccinations

The State of California announced that transit workers are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations following strong advocacy by transit operators across the state. VTA and its four labor unions worked together to advocate at the state and local level to urgently prioritize frontline transit employees to receive the vaccine as soon as possible. Santa Clara County Public Health Officials support this move and will begin to take vaccination appointments for transit workers starting March 15, 2021.

To prepare for this moment VTA submitted to the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health a prioritized list of job classifications with those workers with the most public interaction at the top. A plan is being put into action while setting a realistic expectation that this process will evolve and still depend heavily on vaccine availability.

We have already begun to educate all VTA employees while encouraging those at the top of our priority list to make an appointment as soon as possible.

I want to thank you all for the support and advocacy you also provided in this important effort. The vaccination of our transit workers, as you know, is urgently needed. We are so pleased and could not be more ready!

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**From:** VTA Board Secretary

**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 4:13 PM

**To:** VTA Board of Directors

**Subject:** VTA Information: March 18, 2021 Standing Committee Agenda Packets

**VTA Board of Directors:**

You may now access your VTA CMPP and A&F agenda packets on our agenda portal via the links below.

- **Congestion Management Program and Planning (CMPP) Committee** – Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. – [CMPP Agenda Packet](#)
- **Administration and Finance (A&F) Committee** – Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. – [A&F Agenda Packet](#)

Committee Members will receive a unique “Panelist” link via email from VTA Board Secretary. The email will provide instructions on how to join the meeting.

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**From:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 4:28 PM  
**To:** VTA Board of Directors; VTA Advisory Committee Members  
**Subject:** VTA Information: ADA Transition Plan Survey

**VTA Board of Directors and Advisory Committee Members:**

VTA is implementing its Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Transition Plan and self-evaluation. It is a comprehensive plan for improving access for individuals with disabilities to VTA facilities, programs, services, activities, and events.

For this effort, VTA and its consultants have prepared a survey to help evaluate community perspectives on accessibility of the aforementioned, and to receive public input for approximately 90 days, starting March 15 through June 13, 2021.

We ask that you please share this information through your various communication channels. Details can be found on VTA's website at [www.vta.org/accessibility](http://www.vta.org/accessibility).

Please also share these links to the surveys:

- [ADA Public Input Survey](#)
- [Survey for Organizations Representing Individuals with Disabilities](#)

Should you have any questions, please reply to this email.

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