

# VTA Overview 2021

## Agency

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority employs more than 2,000 people dedicated to working together to provide solutions that move Silicon Valley. Unique among transportation organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area, VTA is Santa Clara 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 provide mobility solutions.



women move into jobs the otherwise have not been encouraged to pursue, that will help them take care of their families with good benefits and solid futures.

- **Sustain Operations**

For the first time in more than a decade, VTA made significant changes to its transit service plan, to serve more riders with more frequent service. Now, 90 per cent of our resources are focused on bus lines with the highest ridership that run every 15 minutes or better. Maintaining a strong public transportation service helps to meet the needs of the community as well as the environment.

- **Form Stronger Partnerships**

To stay relevant, VTA must continue to build alliances at an accelerated rate with cities, the County, businesses, and regional transit partners. This means making changes to land use policies and accepting improvements like Bus Rapid Transit.



## Priorities

The VTA Board of Directors, in conjunction with the General Manager and CEO, has established a list of 2020 priorities, which focus VTA's efforts and guide planning and use of resources.

- **Address Climate Change**

There is an urgent need to address climate change through transportation. Getting people out of gas-powered cars, into electric cars and onto public transit is an important way to do that. VTA will use funds to make transit options more attractive to increase ridership and reduce the impact of carbon emissions on our environment.

- **Recruit Women for Non-traditional Transit Jobs**

VTA has been a leader in promoting women in transportation, but there is more to do, locally and nationally. VTA feels the responsibility to help



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## Responsibilities and Functions

### Transit Service

Operate, maintain and improve bus, light rail and paratransit services.

### Transit Planning and Construction

Plan, design and construct new bus and light rail and BART projects, stations and facilities.

### Highway Planning and Construction

Plan, design and construct selected new highway and roadway improvements.

### Congestion Management Program

Develop, implement and monitor the Congestion Management Program (CMP), which is intended to link transportation and land use planning within Santa Clara County.

### Transportation Programming

Establish transportation capital improvement project priorities for local, state and federal funding.

### Caltrain Service

In partnership with the transit agencies for San Mateo and San Francisco counties, VTA contributes funds to the Caltrain Commuter Rail service between the cities of San Francisco and Gilroy.

### Regional Transit Partnerships

Join with transit operators in other counties to provide:

- Intercity rail service on the Capitol Corridor between the cities of San Jose and Sacramento
- Regional bus service between the cities of San Jose and Santa Cruz along Highway 17
- Regional bus service between Santa Clara and Alameda counties across the Dumbarton Bridge
- Commuter rail service over the Altamont Pass and Sunol Grade between the cities of Stockton and San Jose

### Implement Local Transportation

#### Ballot Measure Programs

- 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program
- 2008 Measure B BART Operations and Maintenance Funding
- 2016 Measure B Mobility Enhancements

## Board of Directors

VTA policy is set by the VTA Board of Directors. The Board has 12 voting members and 6 alternates all of whom are elected officials appointed to serve on the Board by the jurisdictions they represent.



Fifteen Directors are city council members and three Directors are county supervisors. Three VTA Board members also serve on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission: Margaret Abe-Koga (Ex-Officio), Sam Liccardo, and Cindy Chavez.

### Board Members

- **Charles “Chappie” Jones**, Vice Mayor, City of San Jose
- **Sergio Jimenez**, Councilmember, City of San Jose
- **Magdalena Carrasco**, Councilmember, City of San Jose
- **Sam Liccardo**, Mayor, City of San Jose
- **Raul Peralez**, Councilmember, City of San Jose
- **Devora “Dev” Davis**, Alternate, Councilmember, City of San Jose
- **Lynette Lee Eng**, Alternate, Councilmember, City of Los Altos
- **Patrick “Pat” Burt**, Vice Mayor, City of Palo Alto
- **Darcy Paul**, Mayor, City of Cupertino
- **Rob Rennie**, Alternate, Councilmember, Town of Los Gatos
- **Marie Blankley**, Alternate, Mayor, City of Gilroy
- **Rich Constantine**, Mayor, City of Morgan Hill
- **Lisa Gillmor**, Alternate, Mayor, City of Santa Clara
- **Glenn Hendricks**, Vice Mayor, City of Sunnyvale
- **Carmen Montano**, Vice Mayor, City of Milpitas
- **Cindy Chavez**, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
- **Joe Simitian**, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
- **Otto Lee**, Alternate, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
- **Margaret Abe-Koga**