

VTA Overview 2022



Agency

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority employs more than 2,000 people dedicated to providing 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 for all.

Priorities

Board Chair Charles "Chappie" Jones, in conjunction with the General Manager/CEO Carolyn Gonot, has established 2022 priorities which focus VTA's efforts, and guide planning and use of resources.

The Recovery of VTA's Workforce and Transit Service

VTA continues to navigate the extreme challenges brought on during the past year, including an extended pandemic, and the devastating shooting attack at the Guadalupe Light Rail Yard. Building our team, retaining our talent, and restoring our service are front and center for the year ahead.

Amidst a significant driver shortage, VTA has doubled the rate of hiring and training new

operators, in an effort to keep up with attrition, due largely to promotions and retirements. Those efforts are intended to allow VTA to reach and maintain transit service at 100% of pre-pandemic levels.

Advance Transportation Solutions through City/County Collaboration

Multi-jurisdictional partnership is vital to addressing transportation challenges. The Board and VTA staff continue to work with local cities and the County to advance initiatives such as bringing high-capacity transit to the Stevens Creek Corridor, improved transit solutions in South County, and the Central Bikeway project.

Fight Climate Change Through Sustainable Mode Shift

With more than half of greenhouse gas emissions created from transportation, more must be done to battle the effects of climate change. VTA is working to foster changes in travel behavior away from cars toward transit, biking, and walking. This includes supporting local pilot programs like Cupertino's Via and the Mountain View Community Shuttle. VTA's own fleet is stepping into a greener future, as we convert to zero emissions vehicles to meet state mandates by 2040.

Strengthen VTA Governance

The VTA Board is working to address issues regarding the agency's governance and is collaboratively developing needed changes to move forward in a meaningful way.





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 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 councilmembers 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 (Chair)
- Rich Constantine, Mayor, City of Morgan Hill (Vice Chair)
- 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, Mayor, City of Palo Alto
- Darcy Paul, Mayor, City of Cupertino
- Rob Rennie, Alternate, Mayor, Town of Los Gatos
- Marie Blankley, Alternate, Mayor, City of Gilroy
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- Glenn Hendricks, Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale
- Carmen Montano, Alternate, Vice Mayor, City of Milpitas
- Cindy Chavez, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
- Otto Lee, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
- Margaret Abe-Koga (Ex-Officio), Councilmember, City of Mountain View