

From: VTA Board Secretary

Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 11:18 AM

To: VTA Board of Directors

Subject: VTA Reschedule Meeting Notice - September 22, 2023 Board of Directors Workshop Meeting

Board of Directors:

Please be advised that the Board of Directors Workshop meeting scheduled for September 22, 2023, at **9:00 a.m.** has been rescheduled **to a date and time to be determined.**

You may access the Reschedule Meeting Notice on our [agenda portal](#).

Thank you,

Office of the Board Secretary

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From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 2:15 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: From VTA: Two VTA Mechanics Injured After Heroic Attempt to Extinguish Bus Fire

Contact: VTA Media
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Media.Relations@VTA.org
408-464-7810 (no texts)

September 1, 2023

Two VTA Mechanics Injured After Heroic Attempt to Extinguish Bus Fire

SAN JOSE, CA – Two VTA mechanics suffered smoke inhalation Friday, September 1, 2023, after heroically trying to extinguish a fire the ignited on a battery electric bus. The bus was at VTA’s Cerone maintenance yard for repairs at the time, and there were no passengers on board.

After initial failed attempts to put the fire out, the two mechanics pushed the bus out of the maintenance bay to avoid further damage to the building. Nearby employees were evacuated, and emergency responders arrived moments later and extinguished the flames. The two mechanics were taken to a local hospital for treatment.

The bus that caught fire was one of VTA’s fleet of 10 battery electric Proterra buses, all of which have now been taken out of service pending an investigation of the fire. Employees returned to their normal workstations after the fire was extinguished. The bus that caught fire was damaged beyond repair.

VTA’s Cerone Bus Yard is on Zanker Road near SR 237, and houses more than 400 VTA employees including bus operators, mechanics, dispatchers and other administrative staff.

About VTA

VTA is an independent special district responsible for bus and light rail operations, congestion management, specific highway improvement projects and countywide transportation planning. As such, VTA is both an accessible transit provider and multi-modal transportation planning organization involved with transit, highways, roadways, bikeways, and pedestrian facilities.

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From: VTA Board Secretary

Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 3:59 PM

To: VTA Board of Directors

Subject: VTA Information: September 7, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Packet

Board of Directors:

You may now access the September 7, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Packet on our [agenda portal](#).

Thank you,

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From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 4:34 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Cc: VTA Board Secretary
Subject: VTA Information: Ridership for July 2023

VTA Board of Directors:

Attached is a memorandum from Derik Calhoun, Chief Operating Officer, regarding VTA ridership for July 2023.

Thank you.

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Date: August 31, 2023
Current Meeting: NA
Board Meeting: September 7, 2023

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Carolyn Gonot, General Manager/CEO

FROM: Derik Calhoun, Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: VTA Ridership – July 2023

Policy-Related Action: NA

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No

INFORMATION ITEM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To present the bus and light rail ridership performance of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:

The report is an information item only.

BACKGROUND:

This report is routinely produced after each month. This report is for the month of July 2023.

CLIMATE IMPACT:

The report is an information item and will have no impact on climate change.

DISCUSSION:

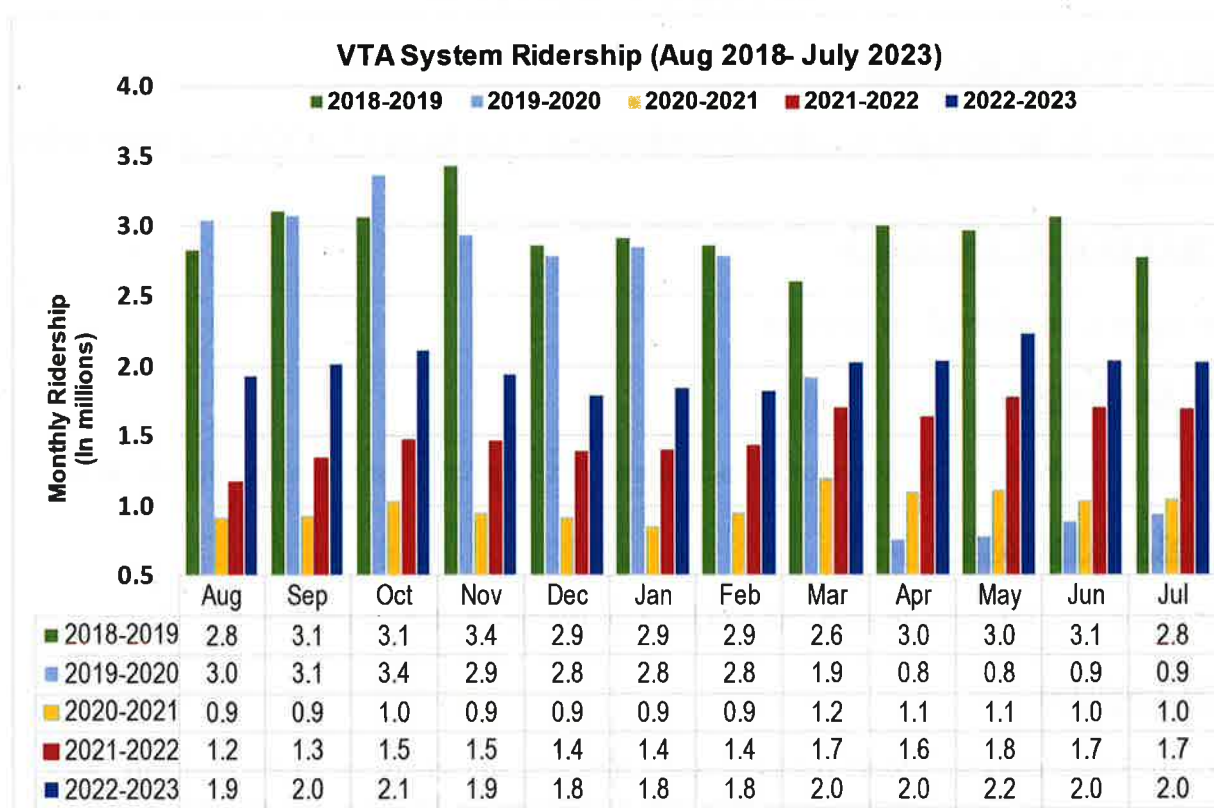
July 2023 total monthly system ridership was 2,019,322, an increase of 19.8% over July 2022. The total monthly bus ridership was 1,635,265, an increase of 19.0% over July 2022. The total monthly light rail ridership in July 2023 was 384,057, an increase of 23.3% over July 2022. July 2023 monthly system ridership decreased by less than 1.0 % compared to June 2023. The system ridership (bus and light rail) in the calendar year through July 2023 is about 30% less compared to a similar period prior to the pandemic.

During the month of July, the OCS (Overhead Catenary System) had overhead wire replacement on sections of the light rail system. This required a light rail shut down for affected sections for a major portion of the month. Bus bridges were in place to minimize impacts on the riding public.

Levi's Events: There were three major events at Levi's stadium in July 2023. The average ridership from the events was about 15,000 riders. The events included a double-header soccer game and two Taylor Swift concerts that averaged over 20,000 riders per event.

Ridership	July-23	Compared to:				CYTD				
		July-22	Percent change	Jun-23	Percent change	Current 2023	Prior 2022	Percent change	Pre-Pandemic 2019	Percent change
						Jan-Jul	Jan-Jul		Jan-Jul	
Bus	1,635,265	1,373,664	19.0%	1,694,902	-3.5%	11,513,373	9,458,126	21.7%	15,323,126	-24.9%
Light Rail	384,057	311,357	23.3%	338,750	13.4%	2,478,804	1,799,623	37.7%	4,766,267	-48.0%
System	2,019,322	1,685,021	19.8%	2,033,652	-0.7%	13,992,177	11,257,749	24.3%	20,089,393	-30.4%

The system ridership (Bus and light rail) in millions from August 2018 through July 2023 is presented in the chart below:



Note: Pre-pandemic data reflected in the chart for the months of August 2018 through February 2020 and a few days in March 2020. Mid-March 2020 onwards had impacts from COVID-19.

The boardings per total hour and boardings per revenue hour for bus and rail for July 2023 are shown in the table below:

	Boardings per Total hour ¹			Boardings per Revenue hour ²		
	July 2023	July 2022	Percent Change	July 2023	July 2022	Percent Change
Bus	14.4	12.4	16.2%	15.3	13.2	16.2%
Light Rail	31.1	28.6	8.7%	33.0	30.6	7.8%

Total hours – Includes revenue hours and deadhead hours (hours that a vehicle travels when out of revenue service). ² Revenue hours - Scheduled hours of service available to passengers for transport on the routes. Includes recovery/layover time.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Chairperson Pat Burt
Board Vice Chairperson Cindy Chavez

FROM: Carolyn M. Gonot, General Manager/CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carolyn M. Gonot'.

DATE: August 30, 2023

SUBJECT: Out of Office Notification

I will be away from the area from Thursday, August 31 through Tuesday, September 5, 2023. I am delegating my signature authority to Greg Richardson, Assistant General Manager/CFO.

Greg may be reached on his desk phone at (408) 321-5630 or cell phone at (408) 332-0733.

cc: Executive Team