

**From:** VTA Board Secretary

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 4:12 PM

**To:** VTA Board of Directors

**Subject:** From VTA: Join VTA at Upcoming Events for the Draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

VTA Board of Directors and Advisory Committee Members:

Please see below regarding [VTA's Draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan](#). The first event is this Thursday, October 26 from 3:00 to 4:30 PM at De Anza College. Please see below for details and kindly share with your network or constituents.

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

Thank you.

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# CAAP

## CLIMATE ACTION & ADAPTATION PLAN

## Engage with VTA's Draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

As Santa Clara County's congestion management agency and provider of bus, light rail, and paratransit services, VTA understands the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions now, while simultaneously taking steps to adapt, and prepare for more frequent and intense flooding, extreme heat, sea level rise, wildfire, and drought. That's why VTA drafted a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) that addresses both GHG reduction and climate change adaptation.

[VTA's Draft CAAP](#) is now available for public review and comment.

Please [submit your comments online](#) or by email to [community.outreach@vta.org](mailto:community.outreach@vta.org).

Comments must be received by Friday, November 17, 2023.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Join VTA and Students for Equity and Environment at De Anza to learn more about the CAAP and related projects that seek to reduce GHG emissions on

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**Thursday, October 26** from 3:00 to 4:30 PM. This event will be held at De Anza College, Campus Center Upper Level Conference Room A, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd. in Cupertino, and is accessible by Bus Routes 23, 25, 51, and 55. [RSVP on Eventbrite](#).

You are also invited to a virtual lunch-time talk about climate change adaptation on **Tuesday, November 7** from 12:00 to 1:00 pm on Zoom. This event will include presentations from VTA and Valley Water. [Register on Eventbrite](#).

For more information, check out the project website at <http://www.vta.org/climateplan>.



**From:** VTA Board Secretary

**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 6:05 PM

**To:** VTA Board of Directors

**Subject:** VTA Information: November 2, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Packet

**Board of Directors:**

You may now access the November 2, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Packet on our [agenda portal](#).

Thank you,

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**From:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2023 5:38 PM  
**To:** VTA Board of Directors  
**Cc:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Subject:** VTA Correspondence: Week Ending 10/27/23

**VTA Board of Directors:**

We are forwarding you the following:

<b>From</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Joint Memo from Board Chairperson Pat Burt and General Manager Carolyn M. Gonot sent to VTA Employees	VTA United Against Hate Week
Updated letter reflecting additional Organizations	Support for the Clipper Bay Pass Pilot Phase 2

Thank you.

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** VTA Employees

**FROM:** Board Chairperson Pat Burt  
Carolyn M. Gonot, General Manager/CEO



**DATE:** October 27, 2023

**SUBJECT:** United Against Hate Week

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Dear Team,

We are pleased to inform you that our transit agency will be participating in United Against Hate Week, which will take place from November 12th to November 18th. This initiative aligns with VTA's commitment to fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for all passengers and employees.

United Against Hate Week aims to raise awareness about the importance of promoting respect, tolerance, and unity within our communities. During this week, we will engage in several activities to demonstrate our support for this cause, including:

- **Awareness Campaign:** We will display posters and videos at our yards and launch a social media campaign to promote the message of unity and inclusivity.
- **Employee Training:** We will provide Unconscious Bias and Upstander training and resources to our employees on recognizing and addressing hate speech, discrimination, and harassment, ensuring that everyone feels safe while using our services.
- **Community Outreach:** We will collaborate with [UnitedAgainstHateWeek.org](https://UnitedAgainstHateWeek.org) to promote community events to encourage open discussions on the topic of combating hate.
- **Employee Engagement:** We invite all employees to participate in various events and community activations throughout the week to show our solidarity.

By participating in United Against Hate Week, VTA reaffirms our dedication to creating a transit system that welcomes diversity and opposes all forms of hatred, discrimination, and bias. Your involvement and support in these activities are highly encouraged and appreciated.

Together, we can make a positive impact on our community and the passengers we serve. Let's stand united against hate and work towards a more inclusive and respectful transit environment.

Look for photos and video messages from leaders and coworkers on standing United Against Hate on The Hub and social media. [Visit](#) our site for more information on VTA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion efforts.

Thank you for your commitment to our agency's core values and our community.



October 20, 2023

Dear Fare Integration Task Force members, Transit Agency Board Members, and MTC Commissioners,

Thank you very much for advancing the Clipper BayPass all-agency transit pass pilot, expanding from the initial participant base of public higher education and affordable communities to include up to 10 employers and transportation management associations with up to 20,000 participants.

We are very pleased to see the dramatic success of the first phase of the BayPass pilot showing a 35% increase in transit ridership among people whose access was expanded from a single agency to all agencies, improving mobility for people, helping the transit system regrow ridership, and advancing our region's goals on climate, equity and congestion relief.

Our organizations strongly believe that an all-agency institutional pass is one of the fastest and most meaningful options available to the region to regrow transit ridership and expand access to the transit system. While we are glad that this next phase of the pilot is advancing we urge MTC and transit operators to maintain their focus on this effort and to work expediently toward a full scale launch and region-wide formalization of the BayPass program as soon as possible. We understand that this will require formalizing a pricing and revenue distribution structure for the program as well as addressing long term implications for existing institutional pass programs.

We are confident that MTC and operators can come together to creatively overcome these implementation hurdles without further delay or compromise to the overall program. The need to rebuild ridership and strengthen public trust in the region's transit system is an imperative and mutual responsibility that all operators share. Transit is not on a sustainable course and the need for public investment in the system has never been greater- showing that we have the capacity to work together and change is essential.

Thank you for your consideration,

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