

From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 4:11 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: VTA Information: February 2025 Ridership Memo

Board of Directors:

Please see the attached ridership numbers for February 2025.

Thank you,

Office of the Board Secretary
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
3331 North First Street, Building B
San Jose, CA 95134-1927
Phone **408-321-5680**



Date: March 28, 2025
Current Meeting: NA
Board Meeting: April 3, 2025

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Carolyn M Gonot, General Manager/CEO

FROM: Naunihal (Nauni) Singh, Interim Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: VTA Ridership – February 2025

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 February 2025.

CLIMATE IMPACT:

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

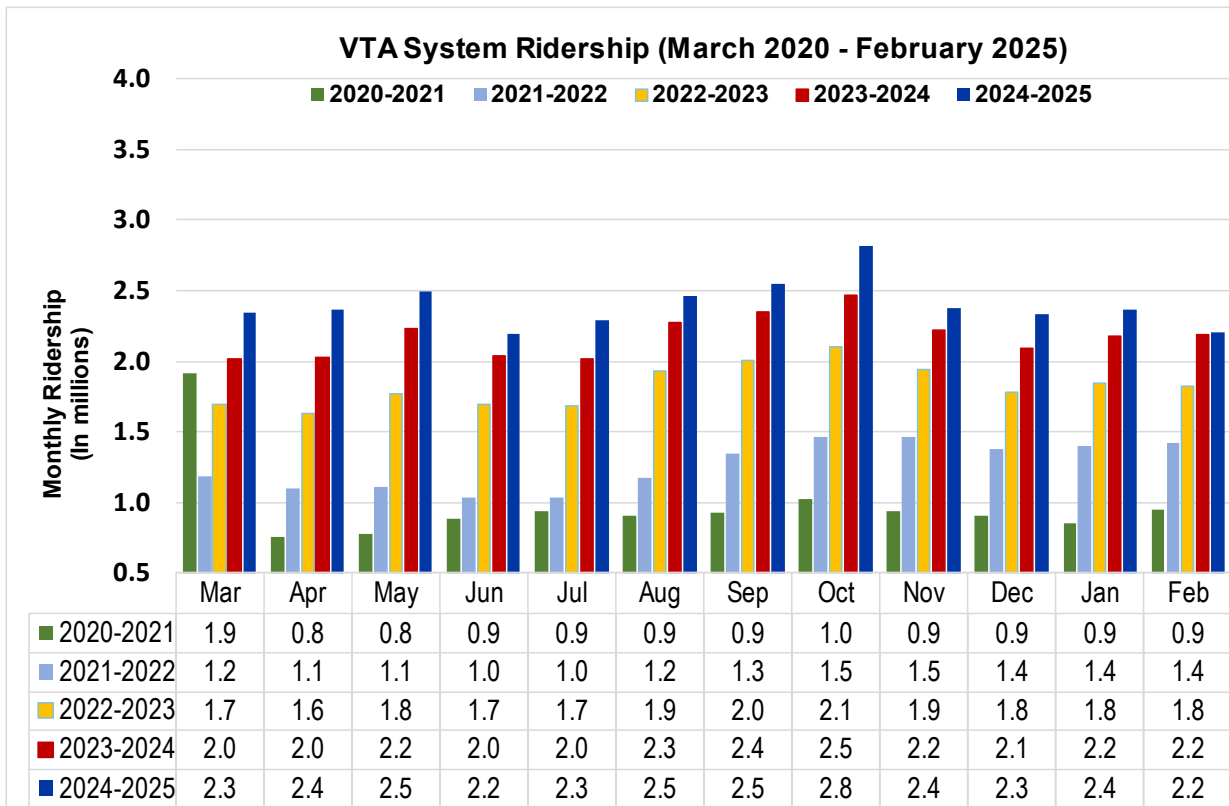
DISCUSSION:

February 2025 total monthly system ridership was 2,200,096, with no notable increase in the total ridership when compared to February 2024; since 2024 was a leap year, February 2024 had an additional weekday. However, average Weekday ridership was up by 3.9%. The total monthly bus ridership was 1,852,542, an increase of 2% over February 2024. The total monthly light rail ridership in February 2025 was 347,554, a decrease of 7.4% over February 2024. Calendar year to date system ridership (bus and light rail) was 4,567,495, an increase of 5% compared to February 2024.

From Thursday, February 13, 2025, to Tuesday, February 18, 2025, there was rail rehabilitation work done in the area surrounding the 1st/Bonaventura station that involved bus bridge service. VTA also offered free fares to people who traveled to or from Santa Clara Warming Centers from Friday, February 7, 2025, to Monday, February 10, 2025.

	Monthly			Calendar Year-to-Date		
VTA Ridership	Current (February 2025)	Prior (February 2024)	Percent Change	Current (Jan'25-Feb'25)	Prior year (Jan'24-Feb'24)	Percent Change
Bus	1,852,542	1,817,041	2.0%	3,833,996	3,571,275	7.4%
Average Weekday	76,087	72,438	5.0%	75,068	68,860	9.0%
Average Saturday	44,713	41,067	8.9%	43,866	39,235	11.8%
Average Sunday / Holiday	37,987	32,894	15.5%	36,656	32,936	11.3%
Light Rail	347,554	375,531	-7.4%	733,499	778,299	-5.8%
Average Weekday	14,493	14,702	-1.4%	14,426	14,048	2.7%
Average Saturday	7,770	9,075	-14.4%	8,100	9,419	-14.0%
Average Sunday / Holiday	6,655	7,622	-12.7%	6,984	10,986	-36.4%
System	2,200,096	2,192,572	0.3%	4,567,495	4,349,574	5.0%
Average Weekday	90,580	87,140	3.9%	89,494	82,908	7.9%
Average Saturday	52,483	50,142	4.7%	51,966	48,654	6.8%
Average Sunday / Holiday	44,642	40,516	10.2%	43,640	43,922	-0.6%

The system ridership (Bus and light rail) in millions for years 2020-2025 is presented in the chart below:



Note: Pre-pandemic data reflected in the chart for 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 February 2025 are shown in the table below:

	Boardings per Total hour ¹			Boardings per Revenue hour ²		
	February 2025	February 2024	Percent Change	February 2025	February 2024	Percent Change
Bus	15.9	15.4	2.9%	16.9	16.4	2.9%
Light Rail	28.1	29.2	-3.8%	30.2	31.2	-3.2%

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.

From: VTA Board Secretary

Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 12:24 PM

To: VTA Board of Directors

Subject: VTA Information: Day and Night Shifts: Bridge Work in Full Swing!

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PROJECT UPDATE

Eastridge to BART



Regional Connector Project

Monday, March 31, 2025



[Forward](#)



Crews adjusted an existing utility box on the west side of Capitol Expressway. [Photo by VTA/EBRC LFP].

Greetings,

The work to build the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector has intensified, with day and night activities, traffic shifts, demolition, drainage, and utility work at the intersections. People who drive by can see how fast and steady the light rail extension is being built.

The speed limit throughout the EBRC Construction Zone is 35mph. San Jose Police Officers may fine or double-fine speeding motorists. Worker and public safety during night work has been increased with the presence of retired police officers and their patrolling vehicles.

Construction activities constantly shift, and we adapt to keep things moving forward. Please see the “Anticipated Work” section below for details on the latest schedules.

Moving Forward!



The Construction and Engagement Team

BE OUR PARTNER IN SAFETY!



Journeymen finish cleaning storm debris close to Capitol Expressway and Story Road. [Photo by

VTA/EBRC LFP].



Anticipated work through April 2025 - Partial List

****Construction activities can change at any time***

**** Follow detour signs***



Journeymen finish cleaning storm debris close to Capitol Expressway and Story Road. [Photo by VTA/EBRC LFP]

Sunday, March 30

ROAD CLOSURE | Northbound Capitol Expressway

Preparations for Falsework removal began Sunday night on northbound Capitol Expressway from Ocala Avenue to Story Road, and night work will continue through Friday morning, April 4. Expect overnight road closures with detours between 10:00 pm and 5:30 am. ***Follow detour signs.***

Please note: A similar week-long activity will occur from Sunday, April 6 through Friday, April 11.

Monday, March 31

DRIVEWAYS, SIDEWALK, and CURB | Kollmar Drive

On Monday, March 31, the area and crews were ready to replace the 10-carport driveway on S. Capitol Avenue that serves K&K Apartments, 5 carports at a time. Rain has delayed construction for a few days, but construction is still on schedule. Temporary parking was provided for selected tenants, on the VTA property located by S&S Market. Construction is anticipated to continue through the end of April.

Monday, April 14

ROAD CLOSURE | Southbound Capitol Expressway

Falsework installation will occur on southbound Capitol Expressway between Cunningham Avenue and Tully Road from Monday, April 14 through Friday, April 18. Expect overnight road closures with detours between 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. ***Follow detour signs.***

Sunday, April 20

ROAD CLOSURE | Northbound S. Capitol Avenue

Drainage work will occur overnight on northbound Capitol Expressway and northbound Capitol Avenue. Expect overnight road closures with detours between 10:00 pm and 5:30 am from Sunday, April 20 through Wednesday, April 23. ***Follow detour signs.***

ONGOING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

- Pile driving continues on the west side, and in the median of Capitol Expressway between Cunningham Avenue and Eastridge Loop, and in the median near the Story Road intersection. Pile driving is conducted only during the day.
- Concrete pouring for the superstructure on Capitol Expressway continues in segments between Ocala Avenue and Story Road.
- The relocation of the BRT station continues at the southwest corner of Capitol Expressway and Ocala Avenue, and it is expected to be completed later this Spring.

DAY AND NIGHT WORK SCHEDULES

Crews continue working day and night at different locations, from Capitol Avenue/Wilbur Avenue, where the project begins, to Capitol Expressway /Quimby Road, where the project ends.

- Day crews work Monday through Friday, from 7:00 am through 5:00 pm
- Night crews work from Sunday night through Friday morning, from 10:00 pm through 7:00 am.

- Weekend day and night crews work as needed.
- Crew schedules and construction activities can change at any time.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



We appreciate the management at K&K Apartments for coordinating parking alternatives with VTA while we reconstruct their driveways. [Photo by VTA/EBRC LFP].

Staff continue communicating and coordinating activities impacting private property with residents, homeowners, and business owners near the project.

The Community Outreach Office is open Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and by appointment. Our address is 1091 S. Capitol Avenue (near Story Road) in San Jose. Staff is available week-long to respond to the concerns of residents, business owners, and the community at large.

CONTACT US:

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From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 6:15 PM
To: VTA Board Secretary
Subject: VTA Information: Restoration of VTA Service

Board of Directors:

Attached, please find a memorandum from Carolyn M. Gonot, General Manager/CEO.

Thank you,

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San Jose, CA 95134
Tel: 408.321.5680

MEMORANDUM

TO: VTA Board of Directors

FROM: Carolyn M. Gonot, General Manager/CEO



DATE: April 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Restoration of VTA Service

I am writing with very good news. After nearly three weeks, our transit service is operational again. As of last Friday morning, our bus service has been fully restored. The train horns have returned as the Orange Line is operational. Additionally, the Blue Line has resumed partial service, running from downtown San Jose to the Baypointe Station, and will be fully operational tomorrow Wednesday.

However, I must note that copper wire theft on the Green line has delayed the restoration of full service. I'll keep you updated as repairs progress to ensure you're informed when complete light rail service is back online.

A special thank you to all our Operations leaders and staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing equipment for service and inspecting tracks and overhead lines, enabling us to get the system up and running again.

From: VTA Board Secretary

Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 8:39 PM

To: VTA Board of Directors

Cc: Maguire, Tom; Roecks, Erica

Subject: From VTA: latest BSVII Newsletter (Spring 2025) and Construction Update (March 2025)

VTA Board of Directors:

Links to the latest BSV II Newsletter and the Construction Update are below. Printed copies will be provided for you at Thursday's Board meeting.

[VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project – Spring 2025 Newsletter – VTA BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project](#)

[VTA's BART Phase II: March 2025 Construction Update](#)

Please feel free to forward these links to your constituents.

For questions, please reply to this email.

Thank you.

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
3331 North First Street,
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From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 10:59 AM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: VTA Information: AB 1237 (McKinnor) VTA Support Letter

Board of Directors:

Please find attached the Letter of Support for AB1237 (McKinnor), which would add \$5 to the daily ticket price for FIFA World Cup and NCAA March Madness in 2026.

Thank you,

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April 2, 2025

The Honorable Lori Wilson
Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee
1020 N Street, Room 112
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1237 (McKinnor) SUPPORT

Dear Chair Wilson:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), I write in strong support of AB 1237 (McKinnor), which would assess at least a \$5.00 fee (the cost of an LA Metro or VTA day pass) on official game ticket purchases of the 2026 FIFA World Cup and in Santa Clara the 2026 NCAA March Madness games. Fees collected would be transmitted to LA Metro and VTA respectively and ticket purchasers would be able to use their event admission ticket as a same-day transit ticket anywhere on the LA Metro or VTA system.

The upcoming 2026 FIFA World Cup and March Madness games present a unique opportunity to showcase the vibrancy and diverse culture of California to the world. When the games begin, increased domestic and global visitors will further congest LA County's and Santa Clara County's already stressed road based transportation infrastructure, complicating game related logistics and impacting public safety response times.

AB 1237 will provide sports fans participating in the World Cup and March Madness with an easy way to utilize transit when attending these sporting events, reduce traffic congestion, improve local air quality and provide critical support for local transit services as Los Angeles and Santa Clara prepares to host the world in the coming years.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important measure. Should you have any questions about this bill please contact Aaron Quigley, Senior Analyst for Governmental Relations, at (408) 888-9982 or aaron.quigley@vta.org or, Beverly Greene, Chief Government Affairs Officer at (408) 506-9943 or beverly.greene@vta.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sergio Lopez', is written over a large, loopy circular flourish.

Sergio Lopez
Chairperson, Board of Directors
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

cc: Assemblymember Tina McKinnor
Members, Assembly Transportation Committee
Legislative Delegation of the County of Santa Clara