

From: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>
Sent: Monday, August 4, 2025 6:04 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors <VTABoardofDirectors@vta.org>
Subject: VTA Information: Visionary Network

VTA Board of Directors:

Please find attached information on the Visionary Network as requested at the Board Workshop on August 1, 2025. If you have any questions or wish to discuss the Visionary Network feel free to reach out to Jay Tyree, Deputy Director, Transit Service & Capital Planning, via [email](#).

Thank you,

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What is VTA's Visionary Network?

WHAT IT WILL DO FOR RIDERS

- ✓ **More Weekend Service:** more weekend service, both in frequency and hours
- ✓ **More Frequent Service:** all bus and rail routes run 1.5x to 2x more often
- ✓ **Expanded Hours:** expanded hours & new 24-hour “owl” overnight network
- ✓ **Service in New Areas:** new routes in growing areas & stronger regional connections
- ✓ **New Service Models:** partnerships and innovative service models to fill gaps

HOW IT WAS DEVELOPED

- Developed over 7 years (2018-2024) with more than 10,000 community comments
- Built on VTA's Next Network principles, prioritizing high-ridership frequent service
- Incorporates new post-pandemic travel patterns
- Adopted by VTA's Board of Directors in 2024

WHY IT MATTERS

- ✓ **Restores service levels per capita** to match peers like Denver, AC Transit, San Diego
- ✓ **Expands access** for underserved groups like shift workers and late-night riders
- ✓ **Improves what riders and residents consistently ask for:** frequency, coverage, hours
- ✓ **Supports growth** by aiding local governments to add transit-oriented housing and jobs
- ✓ **Ridership-driven:** estimated to grow ridership 45-70% based on today's land use
- ✓ **Adaptable:** includes room for future routes and needs identified by communities
- ✓ **Accountable:** details of every phase return to Board for review and approval

HOW IT WILL BE ROLLED OUT

Implemented in 8 phases, each with **Board of Directors approval:**

1. **Weekend frequency increases** (Frequent routes¹) currently developing
2. **Weekend frequency increases** (Local routes)
3. **Weekday frequency increases** (Frequent routes)
4. **Weekday expanded hours** (Frequent routes)
5. **Weekday frequency increases** and **expanded hours** (Local routes)
6. **Weekend expanded hours** (Frequent routes)
7. **Weekend expanded hours** (Local routes)
8. **Overnight owl network**

¹ Frequent Network includes bus and light rail routes with 15-minute or better daytime frequency

From: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:15 AM
To: VTA Board of Directors <VTABoardofDirectors@vta.org>
Cc: Greene, Beverly <Beverly.Greene@vta.org>
Subject: From VTA: FYI: Samtrans voted to opt - in to SB 63

VTA Board of Directors and Policy Advisory Committee Members,

Please see message below from Beverly Greene, VTA's Chief Government Affairs Officer.

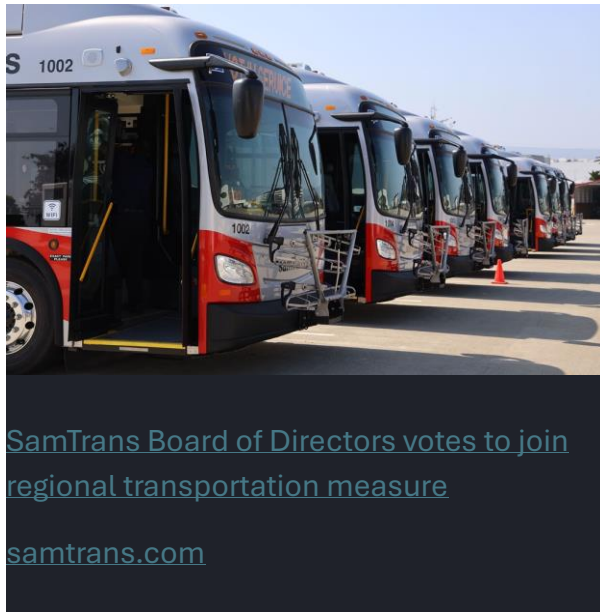
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Be advised that Samtrans has voted to opt - in to SB 63.

Please click the [photo](#) below for more information.

Regards,

Beverly



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From: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>

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To: VTA Board of Directors <VTABoardofDirectors@vta.org>; VTA Advisory Committee Members <VTAAdvisoryCommitteeMembers@vta.org>

Subject: VTA Board Votes to Join California Senate Bill 63



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA STATEMENT

VTA Board Votes to Join California Senate Bill 63

SAN JOSE, CA – In a decisive move to support public transportation across the Bay Area, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors voted unanimously last evening to join California Senate Bill 63 (Weiner/Arreguin). This landmark funding measure is poised to preserve and enhance transit service throughout the region.

By participating in SB 63, VTA joins a coalition of Bay Area counties—Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and San Mateo— committed to preventing service cuts. The measure is expected to provide \$264 million annually to VTA to support local transit improvements, positioning Santa Clara County to receive funding for critical needs such as VTA’s Visionary Network—an ambitious plan to improve frequency, reliability, and connectivity.

“SB 63 represents a transformative opportunity to invest in the future of public transit,” said Carolyn Gonot, VTA General Manager/CEO. “With this measure, we can deliver faster, more reliable service and ensure equitable access for all riders across Santa Clara County.”

“The board’s vote affirms VTA’s regional leadership role and will allow Bay Area residents to not just protect but transform vital public transit services,” added Sergio Lopez, VTA Board Chair. “I am grateful to all who invested countless hours in putting in the hard work to improve this measure and ensure a fair deal for Santa Clara County, while strengthening our regional network.”

SB 63 would create a special district across five counties that would allow this regional funding measure to be placed on the November 2026 ballot. It would include transformational regional investments such as enhancing speed and reliability, supporting cross-county paratransit, streamlining fare programs, and unifying wayfinding across systems. VTA’s endorsement underscores its leadership in shaping a more integrated, equitable, and sustainable transit future.

This board decision follows voter engagement research and a thorough evaluation of the bill’s alignment with VTA’s strategic priorities. VTA’s action ensures Santa Clara County has a seat at the table in shaping the future of Bay Area mobility.

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About VTA

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district that is responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations, transportation planning, and serves as the county’s congestion management agency.