

**Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)  
Transit-Oriented Communities Grant Program Cycle 2  
2025 Pre-Award Appeal Process**

Applicants who would like to appeal the grantee selection may appeal the decision via electronic mail. Appeals should be sent via email to the Director of Multimodal Planning and Real Estate Jessie O'Malley Solis at [jessie.o'malleysolis@vta.org](mailto:jessie.o'malleysolis@vta.org). The deadline for submitting an appeal letter is 4:00 PM PST Wednesday, September 10, 2025. All appeals will be responded to no later than September 17, 2025. No further appeals will occur. See below for details on the types of appeals that may be considered.

**Basis for Pre-Award Appeals**

Appeals may be filed only on the basis of one or more of the following circumstances:

- Accessibility, and/or clarity of application requirements affecting a submitted application;
- Conflict of interest;
- Restrictive or discriminatory specifications.

Appeals will not be considered if they are based on any other grounds, including the following circumstances:

- Unfounded complaints (e.g., personal attacks, conjecture);
- Disagreements about the merits of the application;
- Correcting applicant errors and omissions in the application. All application materials considered had to be submitted June 11, 2025 @ 4 PM;
- Events and/or organization developments that occurred after the June 11<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Appeal Requirements and Determination**

Appeals shall include the name and address of the appellant, a statement of grounds for appeal and all supporting documentation, and the requested resolution to the appeal desired from VTA.

Appeals that are filed based on acceptable circumstances, as defined above, will be reviewed by the VTA Director of Multimodal Planning and Real Estate. VTA will make a final determination/response to the substantive issue(s) raised. No further appeals will be accepted.