

From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 9:08 AM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: From VTA: January 2026 Ridership Memo

VTA Board of Directors:

Attached is a memorandum from Nauni Singh, Chief Operating Officer, regarding VTA ridership for January 2026.

If you have any questions, please reply to this e-mail.

Thank you,

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Phone **408-321-5680**



Date: March 2, 2026
Current Meeting: NA
Board Meeting: March 5, 2026

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Carolyn M Gonot, General Manager/CEO *Carolyn M Gonot*

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

SUBJECT: VTA Ridership – January 2026

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:

VTA ridership report is routinely produced following each month. This report is for the month of January 2026.

CLIMATE IMPACT:

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

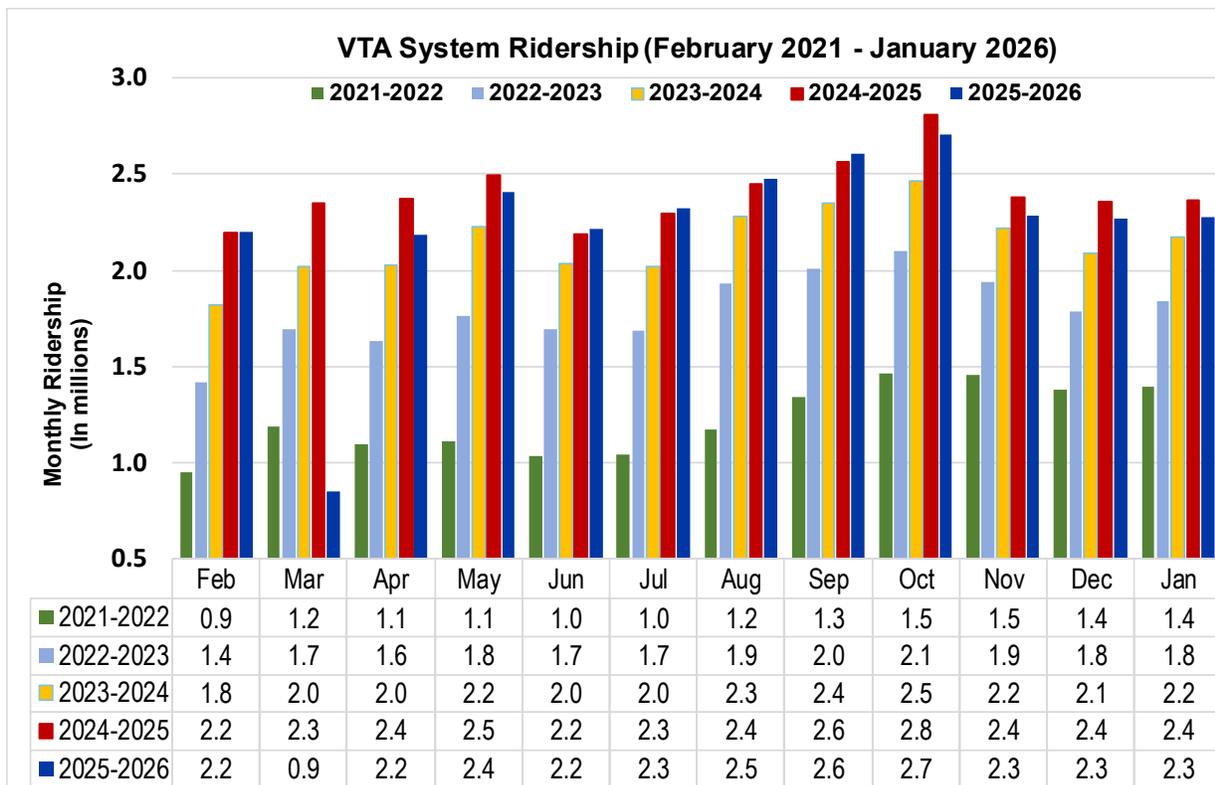
DISCUSSION:

January 2026 total monthly system ridership was 2,280,337, a decrease of 3.7% compared to January 2025. The total monthly bus ridership was 1,898,808, a decrease of 4.2% compared to January 2025. The total monthly light rail ridership was 381,529, a decrease of 1.1% compared to January 2025. The average weekday system ridership for January 2026 decreased by 2.7%.

Levi's Events: There was one San Francisco 49ers football game at Levi's Stadium in January 2026 that recorded about 16,315 riders. In January 2025, there were no events at Levi's Stadium.

VTA Ridership	Monthly			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	Current (Jan 2026)	Prior year (Jan 2025)	Percent Change	Current (Jan'26)	Prior year (Jan'25)	Percent Change
Bus	1,898,808	1,981,454	-4.2%	1,898,808	1,981,454	-4.2%
Average Weekday	72,450	74,155	-2.3%	72,450	74,155	-2.3%
Average Saturday	42,267	43,020	-1.8%	42,267	43,020	-1.8%
Average Sunday / Holiday	33,204	35,591	-6.7%	33,204	35,591	-6.7%
Light Rail	381,529	385,945	-1.1%	381,529	385,945	-1.1%
Average Weekday	13,652	14,364	-5.0%	13,652	14,364	-5.0%
Average Saturday	11,752	8,429	39.4%	11,752	8,429	39.4%
Average Sunday / Holiday	7,219	7,246	-0.4%	7,219	7,246	-0.4%
System	2,280,337	2,367,399	-3.7%	2,280,337	2,367,399	-3.7%
Average Weekday	86,102	88,519	-2.7%	86,102	88,519	-2.7%
Average Saturday	54,019	51,449	5.0%	54,019	51,449	5.0%
Average Sunday / Holiday	40,423	42,837	-5.6%	40,423	42,837	-5.6%

The system ridership (Bus and light rail) in millions for 2021-2025 (rolling 12 months) is presented in the chart below:



Note: February 2021 through the next two-year period was impacted by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. March 2025 had decreased ridership due to ATU service disruption.

The boardings per total hour and boardings per revenue hour for bus and rail for January 2026 are shown in the table below:

	Boardings per Total hour ¹			Boardings per Revenue hour ²		
	January 2026	January 2025	Percent Change	January 2026	January 2025	Percent Change
Bus	14.8	15.4	-4.1%	15.8	16.4	-4.1%
Light Rail	27.1	28.3	-4.2%	29.1	30.4	-4.3%

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: Thursday, March 5, 2026 8:11 AM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: From VTA: Microgrant Fund for Businesses



March 5, 2026

Contact VTA Media Relations
(408) 464-7810 (no texts)

Business Microgrant Fund Established for Merchants Affected by East San Jose Light Rail Construction

San Jose, CA – In response to the concerns of the business community located near the construction zone of VTA’s [Eastridge to BART Regional Connector](#) (EBRC) light rail extension, and due to the diligence and collaboration of the EBRC Policy Advisory Board, VTA has established a Business Microgrant Program to reimburse businesses for losses incurred attributed to construction activities.

Businesses located within 100 feet of the project, with fewer than 35 employees, and store frontage facing Capitol Avenue or Capitol Expressway directly in the light rail construction alignment are eligible for grant amounts ranging from \$5,000 - \$50,000. Businesses outside the 100 feet of construction, but within 1,200 feet, are eligible for a one-time grant of \$3,500. All grant amounts are contingent on the application request and the documentation provided.

Further details about qualifications and how to apply are available here: <https://www.vta.org/projects/eastridge-bart-regional-connector>.

For questions, business owners can call VTA's Community Outreach and Public Engagement department at **(408) 321-7575**, or email community.outreach@vta.org.

Business owners can also visit the VTA Community Outreach Field Office, located at 1091 S. Capitol Avenue, San Jose, open Tuesday 1p.m. – 4 p.m. or by appointment.

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.



From: VTA Board Secretary

Sent: Friday, March 6, 2026 4:19 PM

To: VTA Board of Directors

Subject: From VTA: VTA Correspondence: Week Ending March 6, 2026

Board of Directors,

Attached is correspondence for the week ending March 6, 2026 as described below.

From	Topic
Kathy Le	Public Comment

Thank you,

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From: [Kathy Le](#)
To: [VTA Board Secretary](#)
Cc: [Meo Lon](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Safety Concern Bus Stop
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 3:06:40 PM

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Dear Board of Directors,

I am writing to express my ongoing concerns regarding Bus Stop 66 (#66053), which is located directly in front of my home. Since purchasing my home in 2017, this bus stop has consistently created significant issues. Although I have submitted multiple complaints through the VTA service line, the problems persist as long as the bus stop remains in its current location.

My concerns are as follows:

1. Safety risks at a busy intersection

The bus stop is located at a busy intersection where children frequently cross the street on their way to Curtner Elementary School. Please refer to the attached map for a visual reference of the location.

- Numerous car accidents have occurred at this intersection.
- Speeding is a common problem along this road.

2. Frequent vandalism and ongoing maintenance issues

- Transients often leave shopping carts, trash, and personal belongings at the bus stop, and I have repeatedly had to clean the area myself.
- Graffiti regularly appears on my fence as a result of the bus stop's proximity to my property.

I am deeply concerned that the current placement of this bus stop creates unsafe conditions for both pedestrians and drivers. I fear that, if this situation continues, it could eventually lead to a serious or even fatal accident.

Given the safety concerns and ongoing disturbances, I respectfully request that the Board strongly reconsider relocating this bus stop to a safer location further down the street.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy Le

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Google Street View history card for Feb 2023 with 'See more dates' link.



Inset map showing the current location on a street grid with a red pegman icon.

Google Maps