

From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 9:17 AM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: From VTA: Libby Schaaf named Bay Area Council CEO

VTA Board of Directors,

Please see message below from Beverly Greene, Chief Government Affairs Officer, regarding the appointment of Libby Schaaf as Bay Area Council CEO.

Dear Board Directors,

FYI. The Bay Area Council, of which VTA is a member, has appointed Libby Schaaf as its CEO and Tony Mestres of The Sobrato Organization as the Board Chair.

Regards, Beverly

Beverly Greene, VTA
Chief Gov't Affairs Officer

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bay Area Council
Date: April 13, 2026 at 9:19:35 AM EDT
To: "Greene, Beverly"
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Exciting News: Libby Schaaf named Bay Area Council CEO
Reply-To: us20-24d99dde3e-fc5ff8d3f2@inbound.mailchimpapp.net

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Dear Members, Partners and Friends,

I am delighted to share exciting news about the future leadership of the Bay Area Council.

Following a comprehensive national search, the Board of Directors has unanimously voted to appoint Libby Schaaf as our next President and Chief Executive Officer, effective May 4.

Libby is an exceptional leader whose career has been defined by results, collaboration, and a deep commitment to the Bay Area. As Mayor of Oakland, she demonstrated a unique ability to bring together business, government, and community partners to tackle complex challenges—from expanding housing and strengthening public safety to advancing economic opportunity. Her vision, energy, and proven leadership make her uniquely suited to guide the Bay Area Council into its next chapter and to help propel our work to even greater heights.

[Read the press release>>](#)

Thank you to Executive Committee member and former Board Chair Kausik Rajgopal for leading the Search Committee.

I am equally pleased to announce that Tony Mestres, CEO of The Sobrato Organization, has been appointed Chair of the Board of Directors, effective immediately. Tony is a respected leader and longtime champion of the Bay Area, and I know he will provide strong and thoughtful leadership as we continue advancing our mission.

I also want to extend my sincere thanks to John Grubb for his outstanding leadership as Interim President and CEO during this important transition. John provided steady guidance, continuity, and momentum for our work at a critical time. We are fortunate that he will continue in a new role as Chief Strategy and Growth Officer, where his deep institutional knowledge and strategic insight will help shape the Council's future and expand our impact.

It has been an honor to serve as Chair, and I am deeply grateful to each of you—our Board, members, and staff—for your continued support, partnership, and dedication. Together, we are working every day to ensure the Bay Area remains the most innovative and economically competitive region in the world.

Thank you for all that you do, and I look forward to all we will accomplish together in this exciting new era.

With gratitude,

Kristina Lawson
Chair, Board of Directors
Bay Area Council



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From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 8:11 AM
To: VTA Board of Directors ; VTA Advisory Committee Members
Subject: From VTA: ABC Plan Outreach

Board of Directors and Advisory Committee Members,

Please see the information below from Laura Posadas, Public Communications Specialist.
Feel free to share with your network.

Thank you,

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Phone **408-321-5680**



Help Shape VTA's Across Barrier Connections (ABC) Plan

The Across Barrier Connections (ABC) Plan is a county-wide initiative dedicated to making walking and biking safer and more accessible across local freeway interchanges. VTA is identifying and prioritizing key locations where new or improved freeway interchanges

can better connect neighborhoods. Whether you're commuting or headed to the park, we want to know where the "barriers" are for you.

Share your feedback this April:

- **Attend our Online Workshop:** April 22, 2026 | 6 p.m. via Zoom. Learn about our findings and share your concerns live. *Interpretation for the workshop is available upon request (due by April 17, 2026)* RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/4d5H5QD>
- **Take the Survey:** Tell us where new or improved connections are needed most by April 26, 2026. Click link: <https://bit.ly/4sBJGGS>

To learn more about the project, visit the web page: vta.org/abcplan

From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 7:49 AM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Cc: Chakmakjian, Marina
Subject: Invitation from VTA: Join VTA's World Cup Video Series

VTA Board Members,

As mentioned at the Standing Committees yesterday, VTA's Marketing Department is producing a series of social media videos to promote VTA service for the upcoming World Cup games.

We welcome the participation of any VTA board members who would like to be part of these videos in a cameo.

As a thank you for participating, Board members will receive VTA soccer gear created by our Marketing team.

If you are interested, please contact Marina Chakmakjian by Friday, April 24, to let us know your availability.

For questions, please reply to this email. Thank you.

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From: VTA Board Secretary

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 3:57 PM

To: VTA Board of Directors

Subject: From VTA: VTA Correspondence: Week Ending April 17, 2026

Board of Directors,

Attached is correspondence for the week ending April 17, 2026 as described below.

From	Topic
Capitol Corridor	Capitol Corridor Service Disruption: Train 744 Trespasser Incident
Member of the Public	BSV II Project
Capitol Corridor	Capitol Corridor Service Disruption: Train 539 Trespasser Incident
LAFCO	LAFCO Environmental Justice Workshop (Special Meeting) Agenda
Planning Commission	Agenda Posted: Planning Commission 4/23/26 Meeting

Thank you,

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MEMO



To: CCJPA Board Directors
From: Robert Padgette, Managing Director
Date: April 13, 2026
Subject: Capitol Corridor Service Disruption: Train 744 Trespasser Incident – Antelope, CA on April 12, 2026

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This memo is regarding a Trespasser incident in the city of Antelope, CA that occurred on Sunday night, April 12, 2026.

Incident Summary:

At around 8:16pm, train 744 struck and fatally injured a trespasser approximately four miles west of Roseville Station in the city of Antelope. Local police and fire responded to the scene along with Amtrak Police and division management. There were no initial reports of injuries to 29 passengers or crew and no reports of damage to equipment. The coroner arrived at 10:11pm, and the scene was released at 11:00pm. The scene was advanced to Roseville, and the crew was changed for the remainder of the trip to Auburn. The total delay to train 744 from this incident was three hours and eight minutes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Charles Franz, Manager of Transportation at CharlesF@capitolcorridor.org.

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Managing Director

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Kyle Gradinger, Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transit
SCG Members

TO: VTA Board Secretary (for Official Record and Distribution to Directors)
CC: FTA Project Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC);
VTA Auditor General; Independent SME AZ
FROM: David Dearborn, Member of the Public
DATE: April 14, 2026

Executive Summary: The “Data Blackout” Crisis

The BSVII project is currently undergoing a Design Regression, moving from a Board-approved 65% twin-bore maturity (2008) to an unproven 40% single-bore maturity. This regression is occurring within a Management Vacuum characterized by suppressed geotechnical data and administrative failure.

Core Findings:

- **Geotechnical Default:** The project creates a "5-story subterranean dam" across the Santa Clara Valley axial trough without modeling the resulting hydrostatic pressure on downtown foundations.
- **Seismic Instability:** Failure to model divergent shear-wave velocities between stiff clay and saturated sand lenses at 100ft+ depths threatens the integrity of station-to-tunnel "adit" connections.
- **Administrative Failure:** An 18-day latency in processing safety-critical certified mail and a 48-day "Blackout" on Public Records Requests (PRR) for piezometric data, Geotechnical Data Reports GDRs, indicate a failure of Management Capacity.

I. Artifact A: Technical Forensic Audit

Clinical analysis of Soil-Structure Interaction (SSI) and Hydrological Deficiencies.

1. Stratigraphic Complexity & Seismic SSI

Tunnel and stations span heterogeneous alluvial strata where stiff clay and saturated sand and gravel lenses that exhibit divergent behaviors. Modeling must reconcile these forces during:

- Assembly of internal track support construction.
- Adit excavation and construction between the large bore and station wells.
- Useful life long-term seismic fatigue.
- Risk without contemporary GDRs, the transient forces exerted during liquefaction-prone events remain un-quantified, threatening the project’s safety and fiscal baseline.

2. The "Dam Effect" & Hydrostatic Pressure

The Large Single Bore (LSB) and off-street station wells act as a massive hydraulic barrier.

- Unbalanced hydrostatic pressure leads to structural breach (mounding) or regional groundwater drawdown (unplanned subsidence).
- This creates an unquantified foreseeable risk of Inverse Condemnation for downtown San Jose surface structures.

II. Artifact B: Director and public Briefing

1. The 5-Story Underground Dam

Directors are being asked to indemnify a structure that blocks the ancient underground flows from the Hamilton and Santa Cruz ranges.

- This is not just a tunnel; it and deep stations create a dam. If the water cannot flow, it builds pressure. This pressure threatens the foundations of surface structures in Little Portugal and Downtown.

2. "Jello vs. Sand"

At 100+ feet deep, the ground is a "layer cake" of clay (jello) and sand (liquids).

- VTA Staff is asking you to approve a "40% complete" guess on how these layers will shake in an earthquake. A wrong guess means billions in repairs that the local taxpayer —not the Feds— will be forced to cover.

III. Evidence Log (Exhibits A – E)

Exhibit A: The Axial Trough Warning

- Reference: USGS Wentworth (2005). The 28th Street area sits in the "axial trough" where Coyote Creek collects groundwater discharge from both mountain ranges.
- Evidence: Test well BH-107 (Santa Clara St) explicitly noted "temporary artesian conditions" and "odorless out-gassing" upon penetrating the confining clay layer.

Exhibit B: Geotechnical PRR Default

- 48 days since the February 24, 2026 formal Public Records Request PRR for monthly piezometric data from all test wells portal to portal... nothing to date.
- VTA cannot produce or chooses not to comply with the production of raw data for wells BH61-85 and other, preventing an independent analysis conditions for this project.

Exhibit C: Administrative Latency (CMRR 5023 containing key safety information)

- Certified Mail Receipt Required Number 9598071052703535365023 to Board Secretary.
- Post Marked March 20 in town to travel 15 miles from VTA HQ has not been acknowledged, suggesting a breakdown in administrative oversight.

Exhibit D: Oversight Committee Defiance (April 9, 2026)

- A recommendation for a NO VOTE on the WSP non-competitive contract extension (\$600K–\$2.0M) was argued in a Public Comment by a concerned citizen.
- It argued funding 2 years of "What-If" models without underlying geotechnical reports would be fiscally irresponsible.

Exhibit E: The Broken Quorum (that Staff request for approval)

- Item #4 (WSP Contract) was pulled by two Directors and ultimately deferred to the full Board as a third Director left before the vote, breaking the quorum. This indicates a growing awareness of the technical and fiduciary risks identified in this disclosure.

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MEMO



To: CCJPA Board Directors
From: Robert Padgette, Managing Director
Date: April 15, 2026
Subject: Capitol Corridor Service Disruption: Train 539 Trespasser Incident – Union City, CA

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This memo is regarding a Trespasser incident in the city of Union City, CA that occurred on Tuesday afternoon, April 14, 2026.

Incident Summary:

At around 2:40pm, train 539 struck and fatally injured a trespasser approximately four miles east of Fremont Station in the City of Union City. The incident did not occur at a public grade crossing. Local police and fire responded to the scene along with Amtrak Police and division management. There were no initial reports of injuries to 34 passengers or crew, and no reports of damage to equipment. The incident occurred in single-track territory, so the ability to move traffic past the incident was complex. The coroner arrived at approximately 4:40pm, and the scene was released at approximately 5:35pm.

Being in single-track territory, passengers on the incident train had no method of transfer and were delayed until the scene was released, for a total of three hours. Trains 538 and 543 were rerouted via the Coast Subdivision and, as a result, bypassed Fremont and Hayward stations. ACE provided mutual aid for passengers traveling to these two stations from San Jose. Trains 542, 544, and 551 were delayed waiting for the incident scene to clear, as well as waiting for delayed inbound arrivals. The delay details are summarized below.

Associated CCJPA Train Delays:

538 – Bypassed Fremont and Hayward
539 – Three hours
542 – One and a half hours
543 – Bypassed Fremont and Hayward
544 – One hour forty minutes
551 – Half an hour

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Charles Franz, Manager of Transportation at CharlesF@capitolcorridor.org.

Robert Padgette
Managing Director

Cc:

Robert Powers	Alicia Trost
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Shane Edwards	SCG Members

From: Humphrey, Sonia <sonia.humphrey

Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 12:41 PM

Cc: LAFCO

Subject: [EXTERNAL] LAFCO Environmental Justice Workshop (Special Meeting) Now Available - 4/20/26

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The agenda for the April 20, 2026 LAFCO Environmental Justice Workshop (Special Meeting) is now available on the LAFCO website: <https://santaclaralafco.org/meetings/lafco-environmental-justice-workshop-special-meeting-2026-04-20-093000>.

Best regards,

Sonia Humphrey, LAFCO Clerk
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From: Planning Commission

Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 4:16 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Posted: Planning Commission 4/23/26 Meeting

Importance: High

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Good afternoon,

The agenda and related materials for the April 23, 2026 meeting of the Planning Commission are now available online at:

https://sccgov.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=17731

Members of the public may access the virtual meeting through the following link:

<https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/89774826187> (recommended) or by smart phone at (669) 219-2599, Meeting ID 897 7482 6187# (participant ID not required)

Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions.

Warm Regards,

Cynthia M. Murray

Board Clerk II

Clerk of the Board | Board of Supervisors

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