

From: VTA Board Secretary <
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2026 10:03 AM
To: VTA Board of Directors < >
Cc: Gonot, Carolyn < >; Greene, Beverly < >; Haywood, Scott < >; Richardson, Greg < >; Singh, Naunihal < >
Subject: From VTA: June 2026 Ridership Memo

VTA Board of Directors:

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

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

Thank you,

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Date: July 31, 2026
Current Meeting: NA
Board Meeting: August 6, 2026

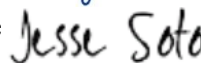
BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Carolyn M. Gonot, General Manager/CEO



FROM: Jesse Soto, Deputy Director of Maintenance



SUBJECT: VTA Ridership – June 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 June 2026.

CLIMATE IMPACT:

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

DISCUSSION:

June 2026 total monthly system ridership was 2,552,860, an increase of 14.3% when compared to June 2025. The total monthly bus ridership was 1,953,819, an increase of 5.2% compared to June 2025. The total monthly light rail ridership was 599,041, an increase of 59.1% compared to June 2025. The average weekday system ridership for June 2026 increased by 12.1%. Calendar year to date system ridership (bus and light rail) was 14,515,187, an increase of 18.6% compared to CY 2025. These increases in ridership were primarily due to the FIFA World Cup Games at the San Francisco Bay Area Stadium and more specific to light rail ridership.

Stadium Events: A total of 6 FIFA World Cup games (5 in June) were held at the San Francisco Bay Area (Levi's) Stadium. The five matches in June totaled 195,849 riders, averaging 39,170 riders per game day. Jordan vs. Algeria on 6/22 had the highest ridership of the World Cup

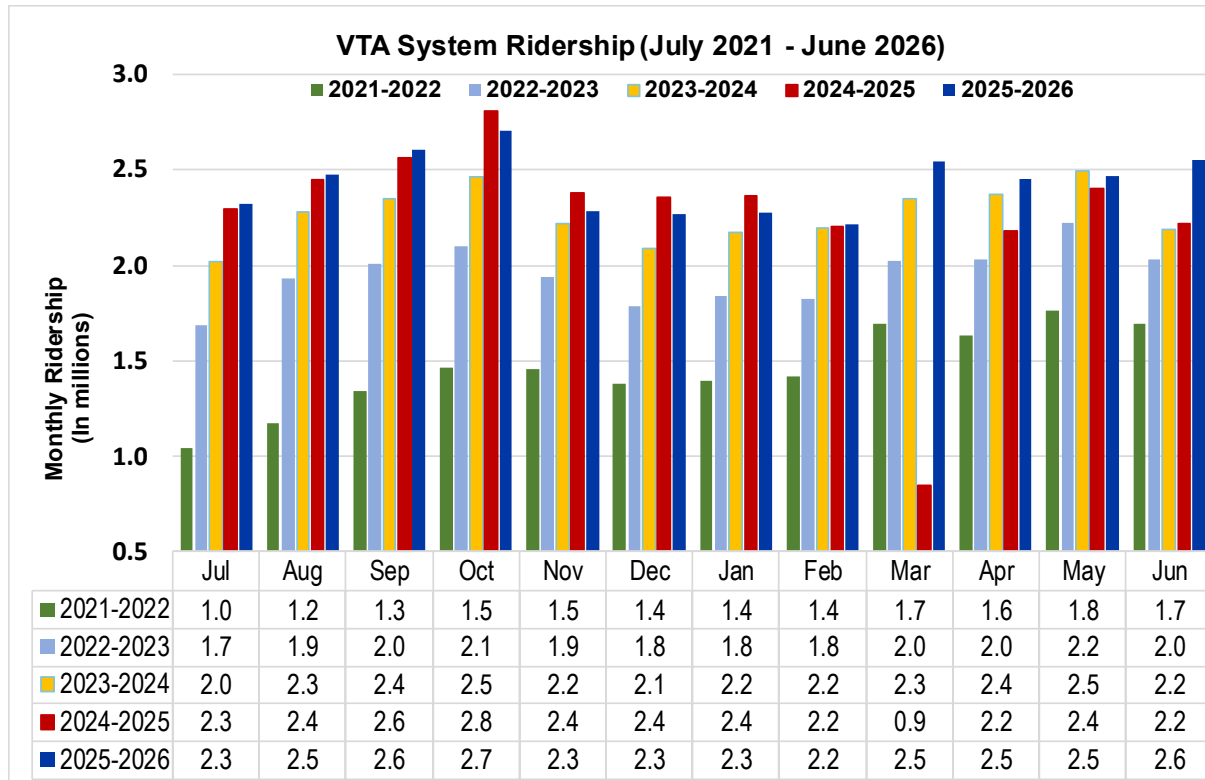
Games at 41,870 — and Juneteenth (6/19, Paraguay vs. Turkey) also fell on a game day at 37,768.

FIFA World Cup @ Bay Area Stadium	Ridership
6/13 - Qatar vs. Switzerland (Saturday)	38,576
6/16 - Austria vs. Jordan (Weekday)	40,028
6/19 - Paraguay vs. Turkey (Juneteenth)	37,768
6/22 - Jordan vs. Algeria (Weekday)	41,870
6/25 - Paraguay vs. Australia (Weekday)	37,607
Average	39,170

During the events, watch parties were held at various locations. One such area, around San Pedro Square, recorded increased stop activity of about 49%.

VTA Ridership	Monthly			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	Current (Jun 2026)	Prior year (Jun 2025)	Percent Change	Current (Jan'26-Jun'26)	Prior year (Jan'25-Jun'25)	Percent Change
Bus	1,953,819	1,857,236	5.2%	11,890,628	10,349,760	14.9%
Average Weekday	72,734	70,638	3.0%	75,960	73,723	3.0%
Average Saturday	47,874	44,839	6.8%	45,429	40,614	11.9%
Average Sunday / Holiday	40,544	38,896	4.2%	37,950	37,041	2.5%
Light Rail	599,041	376,468	59.1%	2,624,559	1,890,552	38.8%
Average Weekday	22,081	13,926	58.6%	16,267	13,329	22.0%
Average Saturday	19,505	8,522	128.9%	11,634	7,364	58.0%
Average Sunday / Holiday	8,810	9,983	-11.7%	9,147	7,634	19.8%
System	2,552,860	2,233,704	14.3%	14,515,187	12,240,312	18.6%
Average Weekday	94,815	84,564	12.1%	92,227	87,052	5.9%
Average Saturday	67,379	53,361	26.3%	57,063	47,978	18.9%
Average Sunday / Holiday	49,354	48,879	1.0%	47,097	44,675	5.4%

The system ridership (Bus and light rail) in millions for 2021-2026 (rolling 12 months) is presented in the chart below:



Note: July 2021 through the next two-year period was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

	Boardings per Total hour ¹			Boardings per Revenue hour ²		
	June 2026	June 2025	Percent Change	June 2026	June 2025	Percent Change
Bus	15.3	14.8	3.4%	16.3	15.8	3.4%
Light Rail	43.2	27.4	57.7%	46.3	29.4	57.5%

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.

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Subject: From VTA: VTA project illustrates need for conservation bill



August 7, 2026

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VTA Wildlife Crossing Shows Need for California Conservation Bill

SAN JOSE, CA – The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is constructing one of California's most significant wildlife crossing projects, providing a real-world example of why Senate Bill 1250 seeks to establish dedicated state funding for wildlife connectivity projects.

State Senator Dave Cortese, author of SB 1250, will feature VTA's General Manager Carolyn Gonot at a **press conference regarding the bill on Friday, August 7, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Lexington Reservoir in Los Gatos, CA.**

Caltrans and conservation partners will also be on hand to discuss how the legislation would help accelerate projects that improve public safety by reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions while reconnecting habitats fragmented by highways.

VTA's [State Route 17 Wildlife and Trail Crossing](#) near the Lexington Reservoir in Los Gatos demonstrates the type of innovative infrastructure SB 1250 is designed to support. The project will create a safe passage for mountain lions, bobcats, deer, and other wildlife while also providing a new recreational trail connection for the public. [Renderings and maps available](#). The project is expected to open in 2028.

Senator Cortese's press conference takes place Friday, August 7, 2026 at 10:30 am at [Lexington Dam, 17770 Alma Bridge Road, Los Gatos.](#)



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