From: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2026 5:42 PM
To: VTA Board Secretary; VTA Board of Directors
Cc: Gonot, Carolyn ; Greene, Beverly ; Haywood, Scott ; Richardson, Greg
Subject: From VTA: VTA Correspondence Week Ending October 30, 2026

Board of Directors,

Attached is correspondence for the week ending October 23, 2026 as described below:

- My RTM vote is not a blank check: VTA must demonstrate financial accountability from a Member of the Public
- CCJPA Board of Directors Meeting | Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 10:00AM - BART Board Room from CCJPA
- Caltrain eNews - October 2026 from Caltrain

Thank you,

Office of the Board Secretary

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Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

From: wtfullers
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2026 3:52 PM
To: VTA Board Secretary
Cc: District5; citycouncil
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My RTM vote is not a blank check: VTA must demonstrate financial accountability
Importance: High

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Dear Chair Lopez, Members of the VTA Board of Directors, and General Manager Gonot:

I am a Cupertino resident, taxpayer and supporter of public transportation. I intend to vote in favor of Measure RTM because I want a reliable, accessible transit system to succeed.

However, my vote should not be interpreted as confidence in VTA's financial leadership or willingness to support an indefinite succession of additional taxes. It is not a blank check.
I cannot in good faith support future requests for additional taxpayer funding unless VTA produces a clear, credible, publicly accessible financial and service forecast—and subjects its assumptions and subsequent performance to independent verification and audit.

That forecast must show:

1. **Service levels:** Routes, frequency, operating hours, reliability targets and projected ridership, separately for bus and light rail.
2. **Cost per passenger:** Operating cost per passenger trip and passenger-mile, with consistent definitions, historical comparisons and appropriate peer benchmarks. Capital costs should be disclosed separately.

3. **Required annual subsidy:** Total taxpayer support and subsidy per passenger trip, identifying each funding source, its restrictions and its expiration date.
4. **A plan for expiring revenue:** How recurring expenses will be covered when RTM and other temporary funding sources expire. If the plan assumes another tax measure, renewal, service reduction or fare increase, say so explicitly.

The forecast should extend beyond RTM's expiration and include realistic scenarios for weaker sales-tax receipts, slower ridership growth and higher operating costs. It must account for the future operating and maintenance obligations created by capital projects, including the BART extension.

I recognize that the pandemic, remote work, inflation and economic uncertainty have created genuine difficulties. But identifying external difficulties does not discharge the Board's responsibility. Planning for uncertainty, controlling costs and adjusting commitments to available resources are fundamental duties of management and the governing board.

In my judgment, the Board has not demonstrated the financial discipline and transparent long-term planning taxpayers are entitled to expect.

VTA should also rigorously evaluate what can be learned from Uber, Lyft and autonomous services such as Waymo. These services have different obligations and are not substitutes for every public transit function. Nevertheless, their approaches to technology, customer convenience and matching service to demand deserve serious examination. Where partnerships or alternative service models could deliver comparable accessibility, safety and reliability at a lower total public cost, VTA should publish an objective evaluation.

Accountability must continue after the forecast is published. I ask the Board to require quarterly reporting against its service and financial targets, annual independent review of the forecast's methods and assumptions, and an audit of reported results. Forecasts cannot be audited as guarantees of the future, but their underlying data, methods and subsequent accuracy can be examined. Material shortfalls should trigger a public explanation and a corrective action plan with named responsibilities and deadlines.

I am copying Supervisor Abe-Koga and the Cupertino City Council because VTA's accountability is also a responsibility of the elected officials who serve on its Board or participate in selecting its representatives. I ask each of you to support these requests publicly and seek a formal Board response with a specific timetable. Please advise whether you will request that this matter be placed on an appropriate VTA committee or Board agenda.

Please provide a written response within 30 days identifying which existing documents satisfy these requests and, where they do not, a timetable for producing them. Please circulate this letter to every Board member, the General Manager/CEO and the Finance, Audit and Administration Committee, and include it in the Board's public correspondence.

I support public transit. I also expect its leadership to demonstrate what taxpayers are buying, what it costs and how it will remain financially sustainable. Without that evidence and independent scrutiny, you should not count on my support for future funding increases.

Sincerely,
William T. Fuller
Cupertino, California

From: Mimi Kyi
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2026 3:15 PM
To: Mark Foley; Melissa Hernandez; Janice Li; Robert Raburn; Matthew Rinn; Edward Wright; bhoudesheldt; Ken.Broadway; Suzannejones; rdickinson; rbrewer; cmaple; SupervisorKennedy; Melissa Lee; Sudhanshu Jain; Linda Sell;
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ecragin; mogaveror; aescobar; mle; mcasorla; Baltao, Elaine; Garza, Michelle; VTA Board Secretary; Paris, Amy; sernst; lruiz; vjaimes; cgagnon; Tara.Thronson; emily.ault; michaelspelis; fudvarhely; estherbeavers; CCJPA Staff; Faoud Karim; Arjimy Quinsay; Iqraam Nabi; Angie West
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CCJPA Board of Directors Meeting | Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 10:00AM - BART Board Room

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CCJPA Board of Directors:

This is a reminder that the next **CCJPA Board of Directors Meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 10:00am**. The meeting will be held in person in the **SF Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Board Room, located at 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, CA 94612**, with an option for participation via teleconference. **Please let me know asap or by Tuesday, November 3, 2026, if you plan to participate and advise if you can join in person or if you intend to join via teleconference.**

Some action and discussion items that will be on the agenda are as follows:

1. Approve the FY 2027 Operating Agreement with Amtrak
2. Equipment Overhaul and Refresh Update
3. Capitol Corridor Website Redesign Project Status
4. Capitol Corridor Vision Plan Draft Release
5. CCJPA Capital Project Update
    a. Right-of-Way Safety & Security Program Update and Union Pacific Special Agent Contract
    b. CCJPA Capital Project Portfolio
6. Legislation and Funding Update
7. Managing Director's Report (including Program and Project Updates)

Traditional Teleconferencing Rules Under the Brown Act:

i. We must include all remote/teleconference physical locations on the notice/agenda.
ii. We must post the notice/agenda at all remote/teleconference locations **AT LEAST 72 hours (by 5:00pm on November 13, 2026)** in advance of the scheduled Board meeting and allow for public access during the public meeting, even if the location is your home (not recommended due to potential ADA access issues). All remote/teleconference locations must be ADA accessible.
iii. There must be a quorum of the Board present within the jurisdiction to hold the public meeting. Quorum can be satisfied by physical presence at the primary public meeting location (SF Bay Area Rapid Transit [BART] Board Room for this meeting) and remote/teleconference presence within the jurisdiction (if a Board Member wants to call or Zoom in, they need to physically be located within the jurisdiction in order to satisfy the quorum requirement). We need at least nine (9) members in the SF Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Board Room or Zoom/call-in to the meeting from a physical location within the eight (8) county jurisdiction of

CCJPA.

Thank you!

Mimi Kyi | Executive Assistant

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Caltrain eNews - October 2026

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Officially Outstanding

In this issue, we are celebrating a national Outstanding Public Transportation System Award, sky-high customer satisfaction ratings, the new Caltrain Code of Conduct and a key capital project completed ahead of schedule.





Caltrain wins nation's top transit award

This month, Caltrain accepted the America Public Transportation Association 2026 Outstanding Public Transportation System award, the highest honor a North American transit system can receive.

Learn More about the Outstanding Public Transportation System Award

Record highs in latest customer survey

Caltrain's 2026 Customer Satisfaction Survey has delivered more record-high reviews, with 92% of riders saying they're satisfied with the system.



Learn More about the Customer Satisfaction Survey



Caltrain adopts Code of Conduct

Caltrain joined its fellow Bay Area transit agencies in adopting a Code of Conduct, laying out proper behavior at stations and on board.

Learn More about the Code of Conduct

San Francisquito Creek capital project finishes ahead of schedule

Caltrain completed the stabilization of San Francisquito Creek ahead of schedule, protecting the creek from potential storm impacts from El Niño.



Learn More about San Francisquito Creek



Warriors start their season as Valkyries close out the Finals at Chase Center

With the Valkyries in the Finals and the Warriors kicking their season off, there's no better time to leave traffic behind and take Caltrain to Chase Center.

Learn More about Caltrain's Warriors and Valkyries Service

Celebrating Clean Air Day with Westlight Energy and San Jose Clean Energy

Caltrain and its energy providers Westlight Energy and San Jose Clean Energy celebrated Clean Air Day with dollar youth fares onboard and dollar youth tickets to San Jose's Tech Interactive.



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- **Nov. 5** - Caltrain Board Meeting **- Millbrae Station**
- **Nov. 8** - 49ers vs. Raiders **- Mountain View Station**
- **Nov. 28** - Stanford vs. SMU **- Palo Alto Station**



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