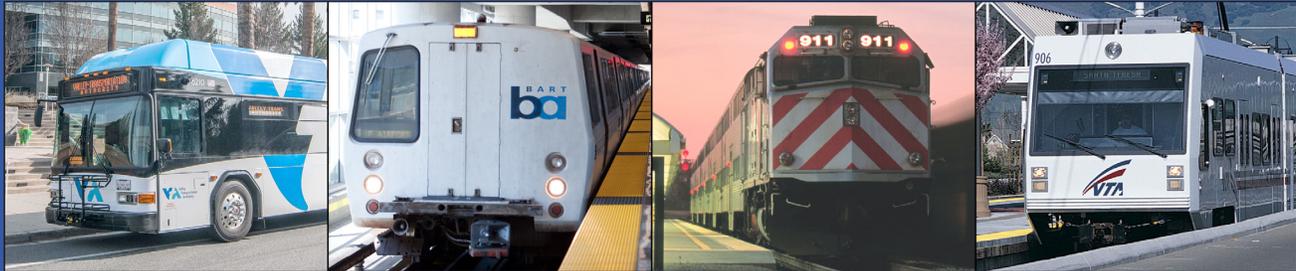


## 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## RESULTS OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT

### 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Expenditures for FY 2016



VTA is delivering transportation solutions that are critical to the vitality, prosperity and quality of life for all who live, work, and play in Santa Clara County.

This commitment can be seen in VTA's ongoing, successful implementation of Measure A, a voter-approved 30-year half cent sales tax devoted to specified public transit capital improvement projects and operations. Most of the ballot-defined projects in the 2000 Measure A Transit Sales Tax Program ("Measure A") are massive and very complex, requiring years to plan, design and construct. Although FY 2016 is just the 10th year of the 30-year program (tax collection started in mid-2006), VTA has achieved significant results towards achieving Measure A goals including:

- ***Extending BART to the Santa Clara County cities of Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara***  
The extension to Berryessa currently is trending well ahead of schedule and under budget, with opening projected for late 2017.
- ***Extending and improving light rail service***  
A new light rail line from Mountain View to Alum Rock is being established to connect with Caltrain and the new Milpitas BART Station in order to integrate VTA's BART to Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension. Several integral component projects, including the Mountain View Double-Track and Santa Clara Pocket Track projects, have been completed
- ***Increase Caltrain service and electrify the system from Palo Alto to Gilroy***  
VTA has partnered with Caltrain on implementation from Palo Alto to the Tamien Station in south San José. The environmental process has been completed and contracts awarded for design and construction of the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project, which Caltrain is managing, and for the purchase of electric trains. Caltrain expects to begin rollout of electrified passenger service in winter 2020

VTA is fully committed to successfully delivering all Measure A projects.

## PUBLIC HEARING

The Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) for the 2000 Measure A Transit Sales Tax Program is holding a public hearing on Measure A revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) to receive input from the community:

**Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

**VTA Auditorium**

**3331 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95134**

*(This location is served by VTA Light Rail and Bus Line 58.)*

The public is encouraged to attend. Sign language and additional interpreter services will be provided upon request by contacting VTA Customer Service at least five days prior to the meeting at (408) 321-2300, TTY (408) 321-2330. For those unable to attend, written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 10th by email to: [board.secretary@vta.org](mailto:board.secretary@vta.org) or by mail to: Office of the Board Secretary, 3331 North First Street, Building B-1, San Jose, CA 95134-1927.

## BACKGROUND



**Proposed conceptual BART station design in Santa Clara County**



**Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) at hydrogen fueling station**



**Low-floor Light Rail vehicle**



**Caltrain Baby Bullet**

Measure A, approved by Santa Clara County voters in November 2000, is a 30-year half cent sales tax devoted to improvement projects for the area's public transit network. The Measure A program is in its 10th year, since fund collection did not begin until 2006 upon expiration of a previous measure. Measure A specified the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) as the implementing authority. The ballot specifically listed 14 projects or programs, among them:

- Extend BART to Silicon Valley.
- Extend Light Rail from Downtown San Jose to the East Valley.
- Improve bus service in major corridors, including implementing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).
- Purchase zero-emission buses and construct service facilities.
- Provide connections from Mineta San Jose Airport to BART, Caltrain and VTA light rail.
- Construct a new Palo Alto Intermodal Transit Center.
- Increase Caltrain service and electrify from Palo Alto to Gilroy.

The Measure A ballot specified that the Citizens Watchdog Committee, comprised of the private citizens serving on VTA's Citizens Advisory Committee, must:

- Review all 2000 Measure A expenditures
- Have an independent audit conducted each fiscal year
- Hold public hearings and issue reports at least annually to inform Santa Clara County residents how the funds are being spent
- Publish the results of the independent audit and the annual report in local newspapers and make them available to the public

The VTA Board of Directors is responsible for implementation of the 2000 Measure A Program and for all policy-related decisions including the composition, implementation schedule and funding level of projects. The Citizens Watchdog Committee is responsible for reviewing all 2000 Measure A expenditures to ensure funds are being spent in accordance with the intent of the ballot.



**Enhanced bus & light rail station**



**Eastridge Transit Center & Light Rail Station**

## INDEPENDENT AUDIT

Fulfilling its ballot-defined responsibilities, the CWC commissioned an audit of the Measure A Program financial records and schedule for Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016). Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP, independent certified public accountants, conducted the compliance audit in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Accordingly, their audit included examining, on a test basis, evidence about VTA's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as they deemed necessary. They issued an unqualified, or "clean," opinion, meaning that in their professional opinion VTA complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements that are applicable to the 2000 Measure A Program. This makes the 11th consecutive audit receiving a clean opinion.



The compliance audit report on FY 2016 is available for viewing at local public libraries, certain government buildings, and at VTA's website at [www.vta.org/cwc](http://www.vta.org/cwc). It is also available for public inspection from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the VTA's office at 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA, in the Building B Lobby.

Compliance audit reports for prior years are also available at the aforementioned website.

## MEASURE A REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Measure A Transit Improvement Program reports and information is available at VTA's website at: [www.vta.org/projects-and-programs/programs/2000-measure-a-transit-improvement-program](http://www.vta.org/projects-and-programs/programs/2000-measure-a-transit-improvement-program). Accessible versions are available.

A hard copy version of any of the reports may be requested by writing to: VTA Office of the Board Secretary, 3331 N. First Street, Building B-1, San José, CA 95134-1927 or by emailing your request to: [board.secretary@vta.org](mailto:board.secretary@vta.org) (accessible versions are available).

Questions on the public hearing, independent audit or other Measure A matters should be directed to: Stephen Flynn, Advisory Committee Coordinator, at (408) 321-5720 or [stephen.flynn@vta.org](mailto:stephen.flynn@vta.org).