

2.1 Public Review of the Draft SEIS/SEIR

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) received comments from the public and agencies on the Draft SEIS/SEIR in a variety of ways.

- Written (i.e., post mail or e-mail) comment letters from public agencies received during the public comment period.
- Written public comment letters from individuals, including, but not limited to, local residents and property owners, during the public comment period.
- Oral comments recorded during the three Public Hearings in January 2017.

2.2 Comments and Responses

This section presents all written and oral comments received on the Draft SEIS/SEIR and VTA’s response to each substantive comment on environmental issues.

Table 2-1 lists all commenters who provided comments on the Draft SEIS/SEIR. The comments are organized by federal, state, regional, and local agency comments; public comments; and oral comments recorded on the transcript from the public hearings.

Each comment letter is reproduced in its entirety, including any supplemental material, and followed by VTA’s response to each comment in the letter.

Master Responses are also provided to address subject areas for which multiple comments were received.

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