

2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RESULTS OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT

on FY 2015 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Expenditures



VTA is delivering transportation solutions that are critical to the health, vitality, prosperity and quality of life for all those who live, work, study 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. Although most of the ballot-defined projects are massive and very complex, requiring years to plan, design and construct, VTA has delivered significant results in achieving Measure A goals including:

- *Extending BART to the Santa Clara County* cities of Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara, with the extension to Berryessa currently ahead of schedule and under budget.
- *Extending and improving light rail service* with projects such as the Mountain View Double-Track and Tasman Drive Pocket Track projects enabling enhanced service to Mountain View, Sunnyvale and Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara.
- Completion of environmental and planning to *increase Caltrain service and electrify the system* from Palo Alto to Gilroy.

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 ("Measure A") is holding a public hearing on Measure A revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015) to receive input from the community:

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 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 September 7 by email to: 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 ninth 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. A few of the projects specified in the ballot include:

- 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, and 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 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015). 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 tenth consecutive audit receiving a clean opinion. The audit report is available on VTA's website at www.vta.org/cwc and at the Valley Transportation Authority offices at 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA, in the Building B Lobby from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.



MEASURE A REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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BENEFITS AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

The Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) provides this report to inform the community on the status of 2000 Measure A projects and how they are enhancing the quality of life in the counties, communities, businesses and residents in Santa Clara County. The summary report is a snapshot of Measure A projects completed or significant milestones achieved during Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) in the period of 10/1/14 - 9/30/15. It lists those projects based on the categories and the CWC's conclusions that during the period Measure A investments were spent as intended by the ballot.

In November 2000, Santa Clara County voters approved Measure A. Measure A will continue to be dedicated to enhancing the county's public transit system. Because allocations did not begin until 2006 upon expiration of a previous sales tax measure, Measure A investments have concentrated during the first five years of the program. A table lists investments that occurred during FY15:

VTA's Extension of BART to Silicon Valley – Expressway Extension

VTA continues to effectively deliver the project, which will improve transportation options and reduce congestion, delay of schedule and other factors. VTA hopes to see an extension of BART service that will bring commuters and other passengers closer to Silicon Valley. The project includes the construction of light rail tracks, stations, and construction of station and parking facilities during FY15 using the funds available from Measure A.



Light Rail Efficiency Projects

Measure A View Inside-Track Project allows for increased light rail service and reliability by adding a second light rail track between the Mountain View and Redwood Stations and between the Mountain View and Santa Clara Stations. Project includes the construction of second light rail tracks, stations, and construction of station and parking facilities during FY15 using the funds available from Measure A.



Caltrain Service Upgrades

Santa Clara National Railroad is preparing to provide an enhanced passenger service under the Caltrain and light rail tracks at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station. The project is currently in the planning and engineering phase. The project includes the construction of station and parking facilities during FY15 using the funds available from Measure A.

Copies of Measure A Transit Improvement Program documents, including the results of the independent compliance audits commissioned by the Citizens Watchdog Committee, are 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. They are also available for viewing at local public libraries and other public locations throughout the county as well as at VTA's website: www.vta.org/projects-and-programs/Programs/2000-Measure-A-Citizens-Watchdog-Committee (accessible versions are available). A hard copy 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.

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.