



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Hans F. Larsen

**SUBJECT:** VTA GOVERNANCE  
STRUCTURE CHANGES

**DATE:** 02-16-10

Approved

Date

2/19/10

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide

## RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of a resolution to amend the Joint Powers Agreement for the Administration of the Santa Clara County Congestion Management Program changing the governance structure related to small city groupings, and having no impact to the City of San José.

## OUTCOME

The modified governance structure for the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board aligns with overall preferences for VTA representation from small cities in Santa Clara County.

## BACKGROUND

At the November 5, 2009 meeting of the Santa Clara VTA Board of Directors, the Board voted to reconfigure the small city groupings to include a new city group comprised of Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and Milpitas. In order to make this change to VTA's governance structure, an amendment must be made to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for the Administration of the Santa Clara County Congestion Management Program originally established on December 1, 1994.

## ANALYSIS

All amendments to the JPA require the approval of the VTA Board of Directors, the County Board of Supervisors and a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population. Adoption of the attached resolution will allow the City of San José to address the proposed change in VTA's governance structure. Of the twelve members on the VTA Board, the City of San José would continue to have five appointed members and the County of Santa Clara would continue to have two appointed members. The following table illustrates the proposed change to the grouping of small cities and their five appointed representatives on the VTA Board.

**Current Small City Groups**

<i>West Valley(1 Member)</i>	<i>North County(3 Members)</i>	<i>East &amp; South County(1 Member)</i>
Campbell, Cupertino	Los Altos, Los Altos Hills	Milpitas, Morgan Hill
Los Gatos, Monte Sereno	Mountain View, Palo Alto	Gilroy
Saratoga	Santa Clara, Sunnyvale	

**Proposed Reconfigured City Groups**

<i>West Valley(1 Member)</i>	<i>North West (1 Member)</i>	<i>North East (2 Members)</i>	<i>South County (1 Member)</i>
Campbell, Cupertino	Los Altos, Los Altos Hills	Santa Clara, Sunnyvale	Morgan Hill, Gilroy
Los Gatos, Monte Sereno	Mountain View, Palo Alto	Milpitas	
Saratoga			

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP**

No evaluation or follow-up required at this time.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**

- Criterion 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criterion 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criterion 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

Although this item does not meet any of the criteria, it will be posted on the City's website for the March 9, 2010 Council Agenda.

**COORDINATION**

This item has been coordinated with the Office of the City Attorney.

**CEQA**

Not a project.

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