



Memorandum

TO: BUILDING BETTER
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

FROM: James R. Helmer

SUBJECT: VTP 2030 UPDATE

DATE: 03-22-04

Approved

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RECOMMENDATION

Receive update regarding final recommendations for the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2030.

BACKGROUND

The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is preparing an update to the transportation master plan for Santa Clara County. The master plan is updated on a 3-year cycle and the new plan is referred to as Valley Transportation Plan 2030 (VTP 2030). The purpose of the plan is to identify and prioritize improvement projects for various regional transportation funding sources.

During the months of September through December 2003, the Building Better Transportation (BBT) Committee reviewed reports and recommendations regarding the City's priorities for regional transportation funding. On December 16, 2003, the City Council approved recommendations to the Valley Transportation Authority on the City's priorities for VTP 2030. The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the status of VTP 2030.

ANALYSIS

The VTA Board has held workshop meetings on the VTP 2030 program on February 27th and March 19th. The next workshop is scheduled for April 23rd and the final program is proposed for Board approval in May.

Attached is a listing of the status of the City's priorities and the following is a list of key remaining policy issues:

- Countywide geographical balance of major transit investments
- Supplemental funding strategy for unfunded City priorities related to pavement maintenance, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, operations, soundwalls and aesthetics.

- Development of a “reward policy” to encourage local and developer investment in regional transportation priorities
- Identification of priorities for bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements

Staff will be available at the Committee meeting to facilitate discussion of the above issues.

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Attachment