



Memorandum

TO: TRANSPORTATION AND
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: James R. Helmer

SUBJECT: VALLEY TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY PROJECTS AND
PROGRAMS

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RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation on the status of various Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) projects and programs of interest to the City of San Jose.

BACKGROUND

The Transportation and Environment Committee work plan includes the presentation of quarterly reports on current issues related to projects and programs involving the VTA. The first scheduled report is for the September 17th Committee meeting. A subsequent report is scheduled for the December 3rd Committee meeting.

The Committee report will include an overview presentation by City and VTA staff on key topic areas and then staff will be available for discussion of key items of interest to the Committee. The format of the agenda item is proposed to be similar to the semi-annual reports the Committee receives on Caltrans issues.

For the September 17th meeting, topics expected to be addressed in the VTA report include the following:

- BART Project – Overall progress report and status of key issues such as Downtown portal location, Coyote Creek alignment, station design, station area planning, and construction education outreach program.
- Bus Service Modifications – On August 30th, the VTA Board approved a comprehensive update to the countywide bus transit system. The service modifications are scheduled for implementation beginning in January 2008.
- VTP 2035 – The VTA is initiating an update to the 30-year transportation master plan for Santa Clara County, currently referred to as Valley Transportation Plan 2030 (VTP 2030).

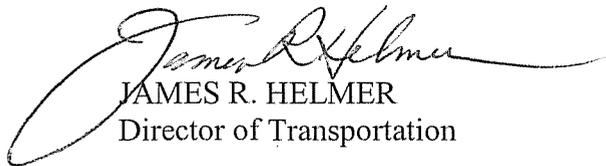
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The new plan (VTP 2035) is proposed for VTP Board approval in 2008. Attached is a list of the City Council's adopted priority projects for the current VTP 2030 program.

- Highway Projects – Various highway projects are being developed by VTA for construction within the next 5 years. They include: Route 101/Tully Interchange Upgrade, Route 880 Widening (237 to 880), Blossom Hill/Monterey Area Pedestrian Overcrossing, Route 101/Blossom Hill Interchange Upgrade, and Route 280/880/Stevens Creek Interchange Upgrade (Phase 1).
- Transit Projects – Various transit projects are being designed or studied. They include: Capitol Expressway Light Rail (Extension to Eastridge), Bus Rapid Transit (Line 522, Santa Clara/Alum Rock, Monterey Highway, and San Carlos/Stevens Creek), and the San Jose Mineta International Airport People Mover.


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For questions please contact Hans Larsen, Deputy Director, at 535-3835.

Attachment

Valley Transportation Plan 2030 – Priority City Projects

(Initially established based on City Council action from December 2003; Updated by City Council on September 26, 2006;
Projects are not listed in priority order)

	Project	Comments/Status
1	BART Extension to San José	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2016 completion
2	Airport Automated People Mover	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2018 completion
3	Capitol LRT Extension to Eastridge	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2012 completion
4	Santa Clara/Alum Rock Transit Corridor	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2021 completion; BRT option under consideration for State Bond funding and MTC's Urban Core Transit Improvements program
5	Monterey Highway Bus Rapid Transit	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2015 completion
6	Stevens Creek/San Carlos Bus Rapid Transit	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2015 completion; Under consideration for State Bond funding and MTC's Urban Core Transit Improvements program
7	Guadalupe South LRT Corridor Station Retrofit	In VTA's Transit Capital Budget to support construction starting in 2009
8	Transit Mall Station Retrofit	Complete
9	Diridon Station Expansion Planning	City funding share of \$0.1M is budgeted. VTA is pursuing possible MTC grants
10	Route 101 Improvements (280 to Yerba Buena)	Partially funded by Federal grant; Environmental clearance complete; Phase 1 project including 101/Tully is funded by State Transportation Bond program.
11	Route 880/Stevens Creek Interchange Upgrade	Funded by Federal grant;
12	Freeway Aesthetic Enhancements	Caltrans is implementing pilot litter project
13	Freeway Soundwalls	VTA is identifying candidate projects for future STIP programming
14	Montague Expwy Widening	Part of North San José plan
15	Almaden Expwy Improvements (near 85)	Partially funded by Federal grant
16	Lawrence Expwy Improvements	Unfunded

Valley Transportation Plan 2030 – Priority City Projects
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	Project	Comments/Status
17	San Tomas Expwy Improvements	Part of North San José plan
18	Charcot Ave Overcrossing (at 880)	Part of North San José plan; preliminary design in progress
19	Autumn Street Extension (St John to Coleman)	Part of Downtown plan; preliminary design in progress; Candidate project for VTA Local Streets grant
20	Coleman Ave Widening (880 to Autumn)	Part of Downtown plan; preliminary design in progress
21	Downtown Couplet Conversions	Includes seven couplet conversion segments (3th/4 th and 10 th /11 th South projects are complete). Partially funded by SNI program and North San José plan. Part of Downtown Plan. Candidate project for VTA Local Streets grant
22	Blossom Hill/Monterey Ped Improvements	Partially funded by Federal, City and VTA sources. Candidate project for State Transportation Bond program
23	Almaden Expwy Ped Overcrossing (near Coleman)	Environmental clearance complete
24	Branham Lane Ped Overcrossing (at 101)	Candidate project in VTP 2030 bicycle program
25	San José Traffic/Incident Management Center	Funded by Federal grant
26	San José Traffic Signal System Upgrades	LRT signal system upgrade funded by grants
27	Guadalupe River Trail (Airport to Alviso)	Airport to 101 section under construction; North of 101 funded by Federal grant
28	Los Gatos Creek Trail (Downtown Connection)	Under construction from Lincoln to Auzerais
29	Coyote Creek Trail (Keyes to Montague)	Partially funded by Federal grant
30	Local Street Pavement Maintenance	Partially funded by various sources
31	Downtown San José Freeway Access Management System	Part of Downtown plan. Candidate project for State Transportation Bond program
32	Route 101/Trimble Interchange Upgrade	Part of North San José plan; preliminary design in progress by VTA
33	Route 101/Zanker/Skyport/Fourth Interchange	Part of North San José plan; preliminary design in progress by VTA
34	Route 101/Oakland Rd Interchange Upgrade	Part of North San José and Downtown plans; preliminary design in progress by VTA
35	Route 101/Mabury Interchange	Part of North San José plan; preliminary design in progress by VTA
36	Route 101/Blossom Hill Interchange Upgrade	Part of Edenvale plan