

From: VTA Board Secretary

Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:00 PM

To: VTA Board of Directors

Subject: VTA Information: Board of Directors Update to Agenda Packet for the March 4, 2021 Meeting

VTA Board of Directors:

The VTA Board of Directors Agenda outline for the **5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 4, 2021, Meeting** has been updated to include additional information (presentations, materials and/or public comment) for the following items:

- **Agenda Item # 6.12.,** Unapproved Minutes/Summary Reports from VTA Committees, Joint Powers Boards (JPB), and Regional Commissions
- **Agenda Item #7.1.,** Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update
- **Agenda Item #7.2.,** Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Addendum #3
- **Agenda Item #7.3.,** 2016 Measure B Innovative Transit Service Models Competitive Grant: Program of Projects
- **Agenda Item #7.5.,** Review Fiscal Year 2021 Statement of Revenue and Expenses Forecast
- **Agenda Item #7.6.,** Draft 2016 Measure B 10-year Program Principles & Project Selection Criteria
- **Agenda Item #8.1.,** General Manager Report

You may access the updated agenda outline and packet on our [agenda portal](#).

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Thank you.

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From: VTA Board Secretary
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To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: From VTA: Incident Involving VTA Bus Theft

VTA Board of Directors:

Earlier today, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a disturbance onboard a VTA bus that quickly escalated to the theft of that bus. Due to the quick actions of the VTA operator and local authorities, the subject was apprehended. Details of this event are in the attached press release.

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For Immediate Release- Media

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bus Carjacking

LOCATION: Monroe Street at Fremont Street, Santa Clara

CASE NUMBER: # 21-061-0068T

DETAILS:

On 03/02/2021 at approximately 0748 hours, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a disturbance onboard a Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) bus coach in the area of Scott Boulevard at Space Park Drive, located in the city of Santa Clara.

A male passenger, later identified as Suspect Jonathan Clemson (47), began acting erratic and became belligerent while on board the bus. The bus driver parked and exited the bus to call 911. While the bus driver was on the phone with 911, Clemson jumped into the driver's seat and attempted to operate the bus. The bus driver immediately got back on board which lead into a physical struggle with Clemson. One passenger was able to escape and exit the bus, but Clemson was able to steal the bus with one additional passenger on board which caused a threat to public safety.

Clemson drove the bus approximately 1-2 miles while running multiple stop signs. Due to a mechanical malfunction related to his inability to operate it properly, the bus came to a stop in the area of Monroe at Fremont Street. Clemson tried to flee on foot, but was detained by Santa Clara Police Officers who responded to assist. One passenger on board received minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital. Sheriff's Deputies arrested and booked Clemson into the Santa Clara County Main Jail without incident for Carjacking, Auto Theft, Kidnapping, False Imprisonment, and Interfering with VTA bus operations.

We would like to thank the Santa Clara Police Department for their assistance. This is an active and ongoing investigation. Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office at 408-808-4500. Alternatively, you can contact the Sheriff's Office Investigative Services anonymous tip line at 408-808-4431.

Prepared By: Deputy Russell Davis
Approved By: Undersheriff Kenneth Binder

Date / Time Prepared: 03/02/21 @1130
Date / Time Approved: 03/02/21 @1145



Jonathan Clemson (47)
PFN: EGC180

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From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:04 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: From VTA: Loss of Employee

VTA Board of Directors:

Attached for your information is a memorandum addressed to VTA employees from VTA General Counsel and Interim General Manager/CEO Evelyann Tran regarding the loss of an employee. Jon Finister, Mechanic, passed away yesterday, March 1, 2021, as a result of complications from COVID-19

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MEMORANDUM

TO: VTA Employees

FROM: Evelynn Tran, General Counsel and Interim General Manager/CEO

DATE: March 2, 2021

SUBJECT: Loss of VTA Family Member Jon Finister



It is with a heavy heart that we share with you the passing of one of our VTA family members, Jon Finister, Badge Number 5461. Jon passed away yesterday, March 1, 2021, as a result of complications from COVID-19.

Known as a very hard worker, Jon was employed at VTA as a Mechanic for over 21 years. Jon is described as a family man who loved and cared for his wife, kids, and grandkids immensely.

We understand this is a very sensitive topic and that you may have questions. Jon's last day at work was February 9, 2021. He exhibited COVID-19 related symptoms on February 10, 2021, called off sick, and remained off work. We know that Jon was not identified as a close contact to any other VTA employees prior to calling in sick and are unaware of any close contacts to him during that time frame. As a Road Transit Mechanic, Jon typically worked alone and had his own work truck. Jon followed all VTA COVID-19 protocols, including mask wearing and social distancing. He is the second VTA employee to pass away from COVID-19 complications.

Funeral details will be shared when they become available.

The loss of an employee is painful and affects us all. Should you need to speak with a grief counselor, please contact the VTA Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at 1-800-962-1306. All calls to EAP are kept confidential.

Please continue to take care of yourselves, your families, and take all necessary precautions to combat the spread of COVID-19.

From: VTA Board Secretary

Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 2:55 PM

To: VTA Board of Directors

Subject: VTA Information: 2nd Update to Board of Directors Agenda Packet for the March 4, 2021 Meeting

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- **Agenda Item #3.**, Public Comment
- **Agenda Item #5.**, Committee Reports
- **Agenda Item # 6.12.**, Unapproved Minutes/Summary Reports from VTA Committees, Joint Powers Boards (JPB), and Regional Commissions
- **Agenda Item #7.1.**, Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update (*Presentation Updated*)
- **Agenda Item #7.2.**, Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Addendum #3
- **Agenda Item #8.1.**, General Manager Report

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From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 5:51 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: VTA Correspondence: Week ending March 5, 2021

VTA Board of Directors:

We are forwarding to you the following correspondence:

From	Topic
David Hill, Chief Operating Officer	VTA Ridership for January 2021
Roland Lebrun, Member of the Public	Comments addressed to Caltrain Board re: 1) Gilroy Caltrain parking lot; and 2) Caltrain "Ad Hoc" Committees

Thank you.

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Conserve paper. Think before you print.

Date: March 1, 2021

Current Meeting:

Board Meeting: March 4, 2021

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Evelyn Tran, General Counsel & Interim General Manager/CEO

FROM: David Hill, Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: VTA Ridership January 2021

Policy-Related Action: NA

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No

INFORMATION ITEM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- To present the bus and light rail ridership performance of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:

The report is an information item only.

BACKGROUND:

This report is routinely produced after each month. This report is for the month of January 2021.

CLIMATE IMPACT:

The report is an information item and will have no impacts to climate change.

DISCUSSION:

January 2021 total monthly system ridership for bus and light rail was 852,139, a decrease of 70.0% over January 2020. Bus ridership was down by 68.9% compared to January 2020. Light rail ridership was down by 73.7% compared to January 2020. January 2021 recorded a decrease of 6.4% over December 2020.

Ridership	January -2021	Compared to			
		January -2020	Percent Change	December- 2020	Percent Change
Bus	671,035	2,156,218	-68.9%	720,164	-6.8%
Light Rail	181,104	688,247	-73.7%	190,665	-5.0%
System	852,139	2,844,465	-70.0%	910,829	-6.4%

VTA operated at reduced service levels compared to last year while limiting vehicle capacity to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

The boardings per total hour and boardings per revenue hour for bus and light rail for January are shown in the table below:

	Boardings per Total hour ¹			Boardings per Revenue hour ²		
	Jan-2021	Jan-2020	Percent Change	Jan-2021	Jan-2020	Percent Change
Bus	7.4	16.8	-56.2%	7.9	18.1	-56.5%
Light Rail	16.5	47.5	-65.3%	17.7	50.3	-64.8%

¹ Total hours – Includes revenue hours and deadhead hours (hours that a vehicle travels when out of revenue service).

² Revenue hours - Scheduled hours of service available to passengers for transport on the routes. Includes recovery/layover time

From: Roland Lebrun

Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:26 AM

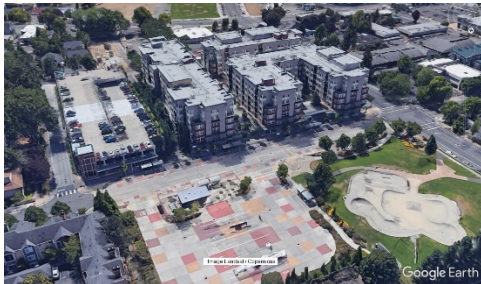
To: Caltrain Board <board@caltrain.com>

Cc: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>; MTC Info <info@bayareametro.gov>; Caltrain CAC Secretary <cacsecretary@caltrain.com>; publiccomment@caltrain.com

Subject: Item 3 General Public Comment Gilroy Caltrain parking lot

Dear Chair Davis,

Further to the recent release of a Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI) research paper which compared transit ridership increases generated by TOD vs. parking spaces (<https://transweb.sjsu.edu/research/1820-TOD-Park-Ride>),



[TOD and Park-and-Ride: Which is Appropriate Where? | Mineta Transportation Institute](#)

JOHN S. NILES John Niles is Founder and President of Global Telematics, a policy research consultancy based in Seattle that focuses on designing policies and actions for transportation improvement. As a Research Associate at Mineta Transportation Institute he has led team studies on transit oriented development, urban freight mobility planning, bus rapid transit, and park-and-ride productivity ...
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please direct staff to initiate negotiations to purchase the Gilroy Caltrain parking lot from the VTA (<https://www.vta.org/projects/gilroy-transit-center-transit-oriented-development>)

[Gilroy Transit Center Transit Oriented Development | VTA](#)

The Gilroy Transit Center is a 7.8-acre property located at Monterey Highway and 7th Street in Gilroy, California. This property currently serves as a Park & Ride Lot for Caltrain and VTA bus passengers. This land has the potential for mixed-use Transit-Oriented Development (TOD). Projects that are transit-oriented allow people to live and work near public transportation, which helps clear the ...

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Background

The 2019 Deutsche Bahn Early Train Operator (ETO) report estimated 10,000 passengers (**a 50x increase**) on day one of electrified service to Gilroy with an expected parking demand for 860 spaces

https://hsr.ca.gov/docs/about/legislative_affairs/Central_Valley_and_Peninsula_Corridors_Operations_Financial_Plan_Study.pdf (Section 19.3.2 Base Metric Drivers on Page 205 of 232)

CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL EARLY TRAIN OPERATOR

Revision Log . Revision Date of Release Description of Changes . 1 May 1. st, 2019 . Initial release . Document ID: ETO_MGM_Central Valley and Peninsula Corridors Operations
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Funding

The attached slide shows that there is currently \$4.8M in 2016 Measure B funds available for the acquisition of this parcel. There may be additional 2016 Measure B funds available because the **VTA misappropriated approximately \$4.5M of 2016 Measure B funds dedicated to Caltrain Corridor Capacity enhancements for the mid-life diesel overhauls** which should have been funded by 2000 Measure A.

Thank you in advance for your urgent attention to this matter.

Roland Lebrun.

CC

MTC Commissioners
VTA Board of Directors
Caltrain CAC
VTA CAC

Program Allocations & Expenditures

Program Category	Allocated thru FY21	Committed to date	Balance to date	Expenditures thru Jan 2021
Local Streets & Roads	\$170.0 M	\$170.0 M	-	\$63.9 M
BART Phase II	\$150.0 M	-	\$150 M*	-
Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$33.3 M	\$31.6 M	\$1.7 M	\$30 K
Caltrain Grade Sep	\$38.0 M	\$11.0 M	\$27.0 M	\$401 K
Caltrain Corridor Cap.	\$13.1 M	\$8.3 M	\$4.8 M	\$2.8 M
Highway IC	\$206.9 M	\$159.9 M	\$47.0 M	\$34.1 M
County Expressways	\$50.0 M	\$50.0 M	-	\$427 K
SR 85 Corridor	\$14.5 M	\$11.4 M	\$3.1 M	\$1.1 M
Transit Operations	\$66.6 M	\$66.6 M	-	\$52M
Administration	\$13.2 M	\$13.2 M	-	\$4.8 M
TOTAL	\$755.6M	\$522.0M	\$233.6M	\$159.5M

*Included in EPD funding plan

From: Roland Lebrun

Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 1:48 PM

To: Caltrain Board <board@caltrain.com>

Cc: MTC Info <info@bayareametro.gov>; SFCTA Board Secretary <clerk@sfcta.org>; VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>; SFCTA CAC <cac@sfcta.org>; Caltrain CAC Secretary <cacsecretary@caltrain.com>

Subject: Caltrain "Ad Hoc" Committees

Dear Chair Davis,

Please provide the following information pursuant to Government Code §6250 et seq.:

- Complete list of Caltrain "Ad Hoc" Committees
- Name of entity/individual(s) responsible for establishing each "Ad Hoc" Committee
- Board resolution(s) establishing each "Ad Hoc" Committee
- Roster on each "Ad Hoc" committee
- Copies of agendas, minutes and recordings for each "Ad Hoc" committee
- A legal opinion by independent counsel on the legality of the exemption of these "Ad Hoc" Committees from the Brown Act.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

Roland Lebrun

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