

**From:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2025 8:32 AM  
**To:** VTA Board of Directors  
**Subject:** VTA Information: Ridership for December 2024

**VTA Board of Directors:**

Attached is a memorandum from Derik Calhoun, Chief Operating Officer, regarding VTA ridership for December 2024.

If you have any questions, please reply to this e-mail.

Thank you,

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Date: January 29, 2025  
Current Meeting: NA  
Board Meeting: February 6, 2025

## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
Board of Directors

**THROUGH:** Carolyn M Gonot, General Manager/CEO

**FROM:** Derik Calhoun, Chief Operating Officer

**SUBJECT:** VTA Ridership – December 2024

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**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 December 2024.

### **CLIMATE IMPACT:**

The report is an information item and will have no impact on climate change.

### **DISCUSSION:**

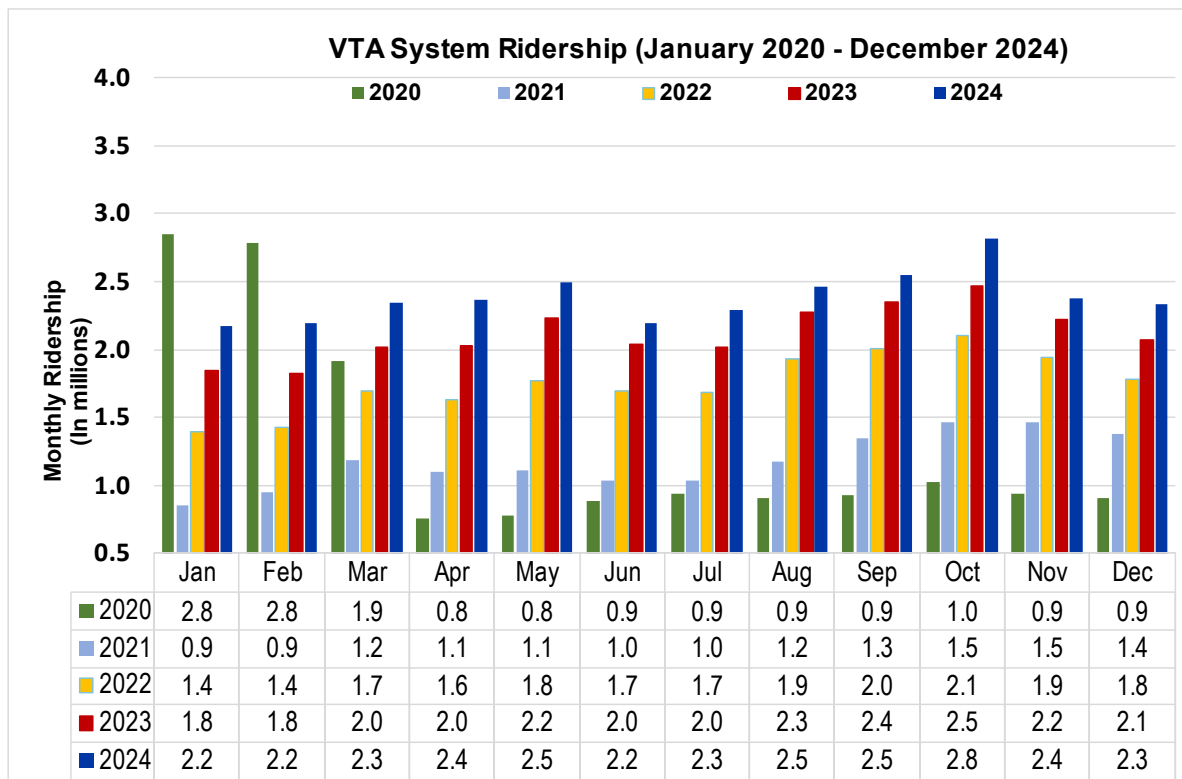
December 2024 total monthly system ridership was 2,333,782, an increase of 12.3% over December 2023. The total monthly bus ridership was 1,905,430, an increase of 12.3% over December 2023. The total monthly light rail ridership in December 2024 was 428,352, an increase of 12.3% over December 2023. The average weekday system ridership for December 2024 also increased by 11.2%. The Calendar year-to date (January through December) system ridership (bus and light rail) was 28,578,057, an increase of 12.6% compared to last year. The seasonal Historic Trolley service operated for a couple of days during December and recorded about 275 riders. No fares were collected.

Levi's Events: There were three San Francisco 49ers games at the Levi's Stadium in December 2024 that recorded an average of 14,897 riders per event.

On December 31, 2024, fare-free rides were offered beginning at 8:00 PM for New Year's Eve.

VTA Ridership	Current (December 2024)	Prior (December 2023)	Percent Change	Current (Jan'24-Dec'24)	Prior (Jan'23-Dec'23)	Percent Change
Bus	1,905,430	1,696,510	12.3%	23,661,300	20,913,789	13.1%
Average Weekday	72,470	65,640	10.4%	75,164	66,791	12.5%
Average Saturday	42,870	39,781	7.8%	43,776	39,104	11.9%
Average Sunday / Holiday	35,349	30,802	14.8%	36,948	32,465	13.8%
Light Rail	428,352	381,281	12.3%	4,916,757	4,466,595	10.1%
Average Weekday	15,618	13,570	15.1%	15,119	13,616	11.0%
Average Saturday	8,697	9,060	-4.0%	8,983	9,409	-4.5%
Average Sunday / Holiday	10,931	10,765	1.5%	9,986	8,761	14.0%
System	2,333,782	2,077,791	12.3%	28,578,057	25,380,384	12.6%
Average Weekday	88,088	79,210	11.2%	90,283	80,407	12.3%
Average Saturday	51,567	48,841	5.6%	52,759	48,513	8.8%
Average Sunday / Holiday	46,280	41,567	11.3%	46,934	41,226	13.8%

The system ridership (Bus and light rail) in millions for years 2020-2024 is presented in the chart below:



Note: Pre-pandemic data reflected in the chart for the months of January 2020 through February 2020 and a few days in March 2020. Mid-March 2020 onwards had impacts from COVID-19.

The boardings per total hour and boardings per revenue hour for bus and rail for December 2024 are shown in the table below:

	Boardings per Total hour <sup>1</sup>			Boardings per Revenue hour <sup>2</sup>		
	December 2024	December 2023	Percent Change	December 2024	December 2023	Percent Change
Bus	15.1	14.3	5.6%	16.1	15.3	5.6%
Light Rail	32.5	28.8	12.8%	34.8	30.7	13.4%

Total hours – Includes revenue hours and deadhead hours (hours that a vehicle travels when out of revenue service). <sup>2</sup> Revenue hours - Scheduled hours of service available to passengers for transport on the routes. Includes recovery/layover time.

**From:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2025 9:49 AM  
**To:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Subject:** VTA INFORMATION-EBRC Construction and Engagement Team Update

**Board of Directors:**

We are forwarding for your information the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Weekly Construction Update.

Thank you,

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# PROJECT UPDATE

**Eastridge to BART Regional Connector EBRC**



*Last week, crews poured concrete for the bridge slab and covered it for water curing.[Photo VTA/EBRC LFP].*

### **Eastridge to BART Regional Connector (EBRC)**

#### **Weekly Construction Update**

**Monday, February 3, 2025**

Greetings,

Construction of the bridge superstructure is progressing rapidly, with pile driving and concrete pours between Ocala Avenue and Story Road. Next week, more piles will be driven for the Story station structure near AutoZone.

Pile driving continues on the northwest side of Tully Road as the light rail alignment transitions from the median to the west side of the expressway in front of the airport.

Later in February (2/20), the driveways on S. Capitol Avenue that serve K&K Apartments will be replaced. During this time, tenants will not be able to access their parking stalls. To minimize disruption, construction crews will replace two driveways at a time while temporary parking will be provided in front of S&S Market. VTA Outreach has been coordinating with the property management and tenants well in advance of this activity.

Worker safety and the safety of the public is our number one priority. Please continue helping us spread the word regarding the 35mph speed limit.



Moving Forward!



Anticipated work through Sunday, February 23, 2025

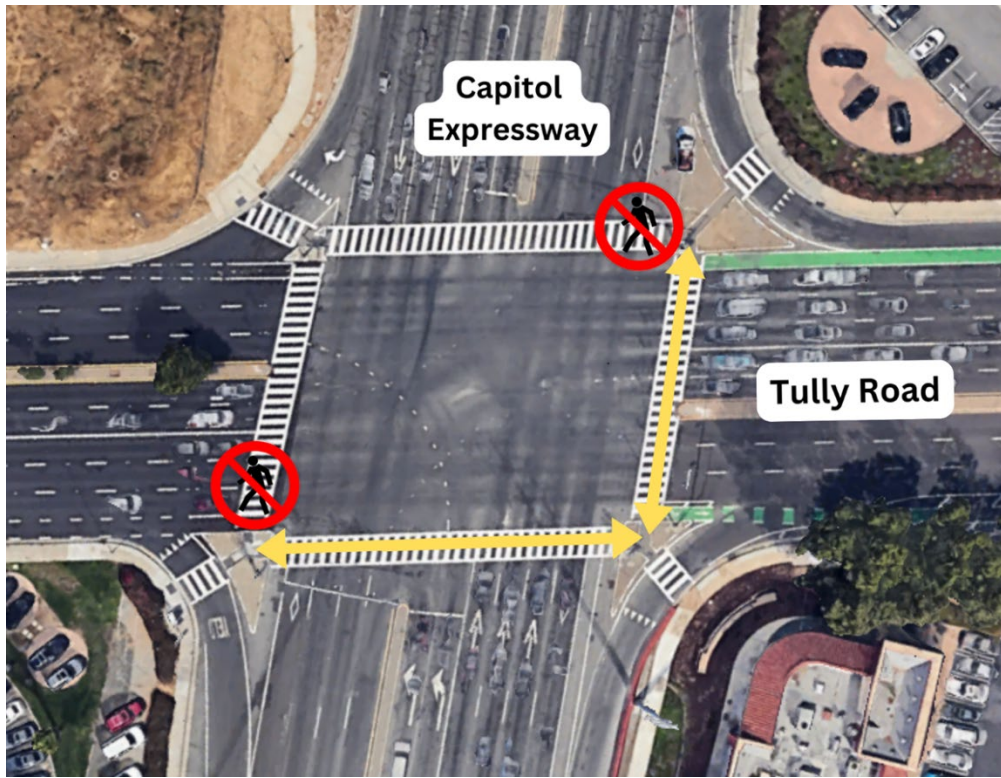


*In preparation for rain, the contractor uses best construction management practices to reduce mud tracking by construction vehicles.*

### **PARTIAL ACTIVITY LIST**

- Paving and related activities, including K-rail rearrangement, continue on S. Capitol Avenue and Excalibur Drive.
- The relocation of the BRT station continues at the southwest corner of Capitol Expressway and Ocala Avenue, and it is expected to be completed in March 2025.
- Pile driving continues at various locations throughout the project. Pile driving is conducted only during the day.
- Drainage work is occurring at several locations on Capitol Expressway between Tully Road and Story Road.
- Concrete pouring for the superstructure on Capitol Expressway continues between Ocala Avenue and Story Road.
- In mid-February, crews will replace the driveways on S. Capitol Avenue that serve K&K Apartments. To minimize disruption, construction crews will replace two driveways at a time, while temporary parking will be provided in front of S&S Market.
- Night work continues on Capitol Expressway between Story Road and Capitol Avenue through the middle of February. Night crews work from Sunday night through Friday morning.
- Drainage work is underway on the corner of Story Road and Capitol Expressway toward the VTA bus station.
- Two crosswalks at the Tully Road intersection are closed and will continue for the next six months. Pedestrians and cyclists are reminded to use the available crosswalks, be cautious, and follow the signs.





*A map showing the crosswalks at the Tully Road intersection closed for the next six months.*

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**COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**



*On a sunny day last week, Environmental Programs and Community Outreach staff visited the bridge site and received an update on activities from structural inspectors Justin Carr and David Nguyen.*

### **Community Outreach**

The Community Outreach Office has a new schedule. Beginning on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, it will be open on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and by appointment. Community Outreach staff is available weeklong to respond to the concerns of residents, business owners, and the community at large.

For questions or concerns, please get in touch with the Community Outreach Office by calling (408) 321-7575 or via email at [community.outreach@vta.org](mailto:community.outreach@vta.org)

### **SHOP LOCAL**



The VTA/EBRC project supports businesses through a [“Shop Local”](#) marketing campaign. All

businesses are open during construction, and the public is encouraged to visit their favorite East San Jose store and shop.

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