

**From:** VTA Board Secretary

**Sent:** Monday, March 4, 2024 2:38 PM

**To:** VTA Board Secretary

**Subject:** VTA Information: Addendum to the March 7, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Packet

**Board of Directors:**

The VTA Board of Directors Agenda packet for the **Thursday, March 7, 2024, Meeting** has been updated to include the following Addendum:

- **Agenda Item #5.2.A.X** Receive an update on SB 925 (Weiner): San Francisco Bay area: local revenue measure: transportation improvements.

Also, the packet has been updated to include a revised presentation for the following item:

- **Agenda Item #7.1.,** Paratransit Vehicle Fleet Maintenance, Repair, and Fueling Services Contract with the County of Santa Clara

You may view the Addendum to the Agenda and the updated agenda packet by clicking [on our website here](#).

Thank you,

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**From:** VTA Board Secretary

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:40 PM

**To:** VTA Board of Directors

**Subject:** VTA Information: March 7, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting 2nd update to Agenda Packet

**Board of Directors:**

The VTA Board of Directors Agenda packet for the **Thursday, March 7, 2024, Meeting** has been updated to include additional information (materials and/or public comment) for the following:

- **Agenda Item 5.1.C.** Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (BPAC) Chairperson's Report
- **Agenda Item #7.2.** Eastridge to BART Regional Connector – Construction Contract Award (C20120) (*we have 103 written public comments as of now*)
- **Agenda Item #7.4.** BSVII Business Resource Implementation Plan (*public comment*)

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**From:** VTA Board Secretary

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 3:48 PM

**To:** VTA Board of Directors

**Subject:** VTA Information: March 7, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting 3rd update to Agenda Packet

### **Board of Directors:**

The VTA Board of Directors Agenda packet for the **Thursday, March 7, 2024, Meeting** has been updated to include additional information (materials, presentations and/or public comment) for the following:

- **Agenda Item #5.1.D.** Standing Committee Chairpersons' Report. *(CMPP and SSTPO)*
- **Agenda Item #5.2.** General Manager Report *(Ridership and Crime Statistics)*
- **Agenda Item #6.13.** SB 129 Joint Labor Management Committee Report
- **Agenda Item #7.2.** Eastridge to BART Regional Connector – Construction Contract Award (C20120) *(staff presentation, fact sheets and public comments)(we have 109 written public comments as of now)*
- **Agenda Item #7.4.** BSVII Business Resource Implementation Plan *(updated presentation)*

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**From:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2024 1:57 PM  
**To:** VTA Board of Directors  
**Cc:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Subject:** From VTA: Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project Information

**VTA Board of Directors:**

Please see the attached information pertaining to the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project:

- 1) Memorandum from Carolyn M. Gonot, General Manager/CEO – Subject: Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project Values Document
- 2) Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Fact Sheet

Thank you.

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** VTA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Carolyn M. Gonot, General Manager/CEO



**DATE:** March 07, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project Values Document

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Tonight, the VTA Board is scheduled to take action to award the construction contract for the Eastridge BART Regional Connector light rail project. I am writing to introduce the enclosed "Project Values" document, which outlines the key principles and benefits of the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector project. As VTA takes on this transformative initiative, we believe it aligns seamlessly with our commitment to fostering sustainable, interconnected, and vibrant communities.

The extension from Alum Rock Station to the Eastridge Transit Center is not merely a transportation infrastructure project; it represents an investment in the prosperity of East San Jose. By connecting VTA's transit center with BART, this initiative enhances regional connectivity, providing residents with expanded transit options and contributing to the economic vitality of the community.

We are excited about the positive impact the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector will have on East San Jose and the wider Bay Area. Enclosed, please find the detailed "Project Values" document, as well as the project's Fact Sheet and Benefits. We welcome any feedback or inquiries.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

# Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project



## PROJECT VALUES

### About the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector

The Eastridge to BART Regional Connector will extend the existing Orange light rail line by 2.4 miles from the Alum Rock Station to the Eastridge Transit Center with an elevated guideway primarily in the center of Capitol Expressway. New light rail stations will be constructed with an elevated station at Story Road and at grade at Eastridge Transit Center. When this project is complete, VTA riders can board the light rail at Eastridge Station and connect directly with BART at the Milpitas Station.

### Eastridge to BART Regional Connector is an investment in East San Jose

The project aligns with VTA's strategic plan that involves developing and maintaining a highly integrated transportation network with a focus on transit. The project will construct a 2.4-mile extension of light rail with a direct connection between BART and VTA's transit center located at Eastridge Mall. The project will also intersect with VTA's Bus Rapid Transit corridor at Alum Rock Avenue.

### Community engagement deepens relationships with residents, businesses and others

VTA is committed to a robust public engagement effort to encourage the active participation of a broad range of stakeholders in the development and construction of this project. Initial engagement efforts date back to 1999 with the goal of establishing the community's vision and continue today by delivering on that vision. With construction to commence in the near term, community outreach will be frequent and deliberate with the intent of meeting residents, businesses and others where they are with timely information and a mechanism for asking questions and expressing concerns.

### Transit creates urban vibrancy

The transit enhancements of the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector will contribute to the vibrancy and economic vitality of East San Jose by making it easier for residents to navigate to and from home and school as well as join others in enjoying local entertainment venues, retail, restaurants and outdoor activities the neighborhood has to offer.

### Transit contributes to the health of the community

Increasing transit options improves regional air quality and reduces the growth of automobile emissions. Additionally, each trip to transit begins and ends with a walk. Walking is a healthy habit that connects residents with their local community and improves overall health and wellbeing.

### Millennials prefer a transit lifestyle over sprawl

Millennials prefer walkable communities and seek to live around robust transit, shops, restaurants, libraries, parks and a mix of housing styles, such as apartments and housing. VTA is bringing transit and housing to East San Jose to help reduce urban sprawl.

### Mobility is amplified by transit

Enhancing regional connectivity through expanded, interconnected transit services along some of the primary travel corridors in Santa Clara County gives each person in the community the opportunity to go virtually anywhere they desire. Many people are unable to drive, and most drivers would appreciate the ability to walk, cycle or take transit instead, at least sometimes.

### Transit is an equitable form of transportation

VTA is helping make communities more accessible through equitable transportation. The Eastridge to BART Regional Connector creates a link to BART, allowing communities in East San Jose to easily access an expanded transit system that rings the Bay Area by rail. Through this extension, there is greater access to local, regional and statewide transit.

### Proximity to transit increases property value

It is well-known that homes within a reasonable distance to transit have a higher value. The proximity to the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector makes homes in the neighboring area more attractive because of the additional transportation options it offers.



# FACT SHEET: Transit

## Eastridge to BART Regional Connector

### Overview

The Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project (formerly Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project) extends light rail from the existing Alum Rock Light Rail Station to the Eastridge Transit Center, with an elevated guideway primarily in the center of Capitol Expressway. The Eastridge extension will include a light rail station at Story Road that is elevated and accessed by a pedestrian overcrossing, and an at-grade station located at the Eastridge Transit Center. When this project is complete, VTA riders will be able to board light rail at the Eastridge Transit Center and connect directly with BART at the Milpitas Station.

### Background

The Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project has been delivered in phases, and first phase was delivered in two parts. In Phase 1A, VTA addressed pedestrian access, and improved safety measures along the expressway between Quimby Road and Capitol Avenue. This was completed in Fall 2012. It included new sidewalks, street lighting, and a landscaping buffer.

Phase 1B of the project was the reconstruction of the Eastridge Transit Center. The improvements to the transit center included new shelters and amenities and supports BRT. This was completed in 2015.

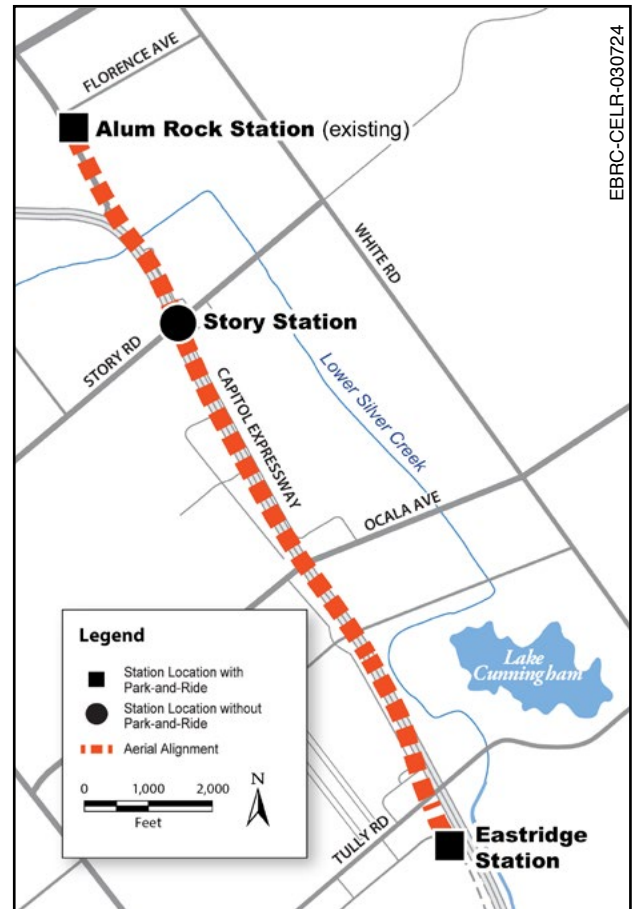
Phase 2 is the light rail extension. This is the final phase of the larger Capitol Expressway Transit Improvement Project that transforms Capitol Expressway into a multi-modal expressway offering safe connections to the regional transit system.

### Project Schedule

Environmental Updates . . . . .	Completed 2019
Environmental Addendum 1 . . . . .	Completed 2020
Environmental Addendum 2 . . . . .	Completed 2021
Final Design . . . . .	Completed 2022
Right of Way Acquisition . . . . .	Complete 2022
Utility Relocation . . . . .	Begin early 2021 through 2023
Construction . . . . .	Begin April 2024 through Fall 2027
Revenue service. . . . .	Expected Early 2028

### How to Reach Us

If you have any questions about the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project, please visit [www.vta.org/eastridgetobart](http://www.vta.org/eastridgetobart), or contact VTA's Community Outreach Department at (408) 321-7575, TTY for the hearing-impaired (408) 321-2330. You may also visit us on the web at [www.vta.org](http://www.vta.org), or e-mail us at [community.outreach@vta.org](mailto:community.outreach@vta.org).



### Project Cost

\$652.9 million for design, right of way, utilities, and construction.

VTA 2000 Measure A	\$313.6M
SB1 LLP – State	\$25.1M
RM3 – Regional	\$130.0M
LCTOP – State*	\$14.8M
TRICP – State**	\$46.6M
Other funding sources***	\$122.8M

\*\*LCTOP – Low Carbon Emissions Transit Operations Program, managed by Caltrans

\*\*TRICP – Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program

\*\*\*To be secured



# Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project



## Benefits

The Eastridge to BART Regional Connector (EBRC) Project aligns with VTA's strategic plan, which involves developing and maintaining a highly integrated transportation network, with a focus on transit. The Project will construct a 2.4-mile extension that will include an elevated light rail station at Story Road and an at-grade station located at the Eastridge Transit Center. This is the last phase of a program of major transportation improvements along Capitol Expressway. When completed, VTA riders can board light rail at the Eastridge station and connect with BART at the Milpitas station.

### Equity and Community Support

The entire EBRC project lies within East San Jose communities underserved by public transportation connectivity, and is designed to enhance residents' connections to jobs, education and recreation in the greater Silicon Valley and the rest of the region. Transit dependent local residents also need to travel some of the county's most congested roadways to reach Santa Clara County's concentrated employment areas.

With the local bus service and existing light rail service, this additional line will provide service to all income communities, as well as those who visit our County through bus route connections, translating to more equitable transportation. This project is desperately needed to address this inequity and VTA has garnered substantial support from the East San Jose residents who are dependent on public transportation.

### Climate Impact

Equally important, increasing transit options improves regional air quality. The project goes a long way toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions and criteria pollutants emitted by the transportation sector by reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and shifting automobile trips to transit. Each trip to transit begins and ends with a walk. Walking is a healthy habit that connects residents with their local community and improves overall health and wellbeing.

### Travel Time Savings

Opting for light rail at the Eastridge Transit Center reduces travel time along the Capitol Expressway Corridor. The journey between Eastridge Station and Alum Rock Station is projected to take 4.5 minutes on light rail, while car travel will vary from 5 to 11 minutes, depending on the time of day and direction. During the morning commute,

boarding light rail at Eastridge for a ride to Milpitas BART is projected to take 17.5 minutes, contrasting with up to 26 minutes it will take by car for the same distance.

### Urban and Economic Vibrancy

The Eastridge to BART Regional Connector enhances urban vibrancy and economic vitality in East San Jose. It facilitates easier navigation for residents, fostering access to schools, homes, entertainment venues, retail, restaurants and outdoor activities. In addition, the project improves bicycling conditions on Capitol Expressway by constructing 8-foot-wide shoulders and improving pedestrian safety at five intersections. A pedestrian overcrossing will be built over Capitol Expressway at Story Road (integrated into the station).

### Increased Property Values

It is well-known that homes with a reasonable distance to transit have a higher value. The proximity to the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector makes homes in the neighboring area more attractive because of the additional transportation option.

### Employment and Workforce Development

The EBRC Project drives employment and workforce development through a Project Labor Agreement with unions. This agreement aims to ensure construction efficiency, quality outcomes, skills development for future VTA projects and the peaceful resolution of labor disputes without strikes or lockouts.

### Enhancing Benefits

The EBRC light rail extension was always envisioned as a multimodal corridor improvement project. The first phase was pedestrian and bus improvements, including sidewalk, landscaping and lighting along Capitol Expressway between Capitol Avenue and Quimby Road. Even without light rail, these improvements began transforming the corridor by planting trees, improving safety and creating a more attractive and hospitable environment. The combined improvements have totaled more than \$80 million, approximately \$40 million of which was provided by the State through the State Transportation Improvement Program.



**From:** VTA Board Secretary

**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2024 2:24 PM

**To:** VTA Board of Directors

**Subject:** VTA Information: March 7, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting 4th update to Agenda Packet

**Board of Directors:**

The VTA Board of Directors Agenda packet for the **Thursday, March 7, 2024, Meeting** has been updated to include additional information (materials, presentations and/or public comment) for the following:

- **Agenda Item #5.1.** Committee Reports
- **Agenda Item #5.2.** General Manager Report
- **Agenda Item #5.2.A.X** Receive an update on SB 925 (Weiner): San Francisco Bay area: local revenue measure: transportation improvements (*presentation*)
- **Agenda Item #7.2.** Eastridge to BART Regional Connector – Construction Contract Award (C20120) (*revised fact sheets, staff responses from questions at Board workshop, and public comments*)(*we have 127 written public comments as of now*)
- **Agenda Item #7.5.,** FY2024 Q2 Statement of Revenues & Expenses

You may view the updated agenda packet by clicking [on our website here](#).

Also, attached is the timed agenda for the Board meeting tonight.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION & REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 7, 2024

5:00 PM

### ESTIMATED TIMES:

**5:00 PM - START SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

**5:30 PM - START REGULAR MEETING**

**6:30 PM - HEAR AGENDA ITEM #7.2 (EBRC)**

**8:10 PM - RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

**10:10 PM- ADJOURN**

## SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

*(2 mins: 5:00-5:02 pm)*

#### 1.1. ROLL CALL

### 2. CLOSED SESSION

*(25 mins: 5:02-5:27 pm)*

#### 2.1 Recess to Closed Session

##### 2.1. Recess to Closed Session

Threat to Public Services or Facilities  
[Government Code Section 54957(a)]

Consultation with the following staff:  
Aston Greene, Chief of System Safety & Security

##### 2.2. Reconvene to Open Session

##### 2.3. Closed Session Report

### 3. ADJOURN *(5:30 pm)*

## REGULAR MEETING

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (5 MINS: 5:30- 5:35 P.M.)

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#### 1.1. ROLL CALL

#### 1.2. Orders of the Day

**Addendum:** 5.2.a.x - SB 925 update.

**Time Certain at 6:30 PM:** Item #7.2 - EBRC construction contract and funding

**Motion not needed UNLESS there are changes to the order of the agenda.**

### 2. AWARDS AND COMMENDATION (0 MINS)

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*There are no Awards and Commendations.*

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINS: 5:35-5:50 PM)

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This is for items NOT on the agenda.

1 minute per speaker. Those in person will be heard first then those who are on Zoom.

Total time allotted is up to 30 minutes.

After 30 minutes, those who were unable to address the Board on matters not on the agenda may address the board before adjournment.

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (0 mins)

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*There are no Public Hearings.*

### 5. REPORTS (20 MINS: 5:50-6:10 PM)

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#### 5.1. Committee Reports

**5.1.A.** Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairperson's Report.  
**Ryan Globus, CAC Chair will provide the report.**

**5.1.B.** Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Chairperson's Report. **Report in the [packet](#).**

- 5.1.C. Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chairperson's Report. Report in the [packet](#).
- 5.1.D. Standing Committee Chairpersons' Report. Report in the [packet](#).
- 5.1.E. Policy Advisory Board Chairpersons' Report. Report in the [packet](#).
- 5.1.F. VTA's BSV II Steering Committee Chairpersons' Report. (Verbal Report). Report in the [packet](#).
- 5.2. General Manager Report. (Verbal Report)  
  
Slides available [online](#)  
Preliminary Ridership and Security [online](#)
  - 5.2.A. INFORMATION ITEM -Receive Government Affairs Update. [online](#)
  - 5.2.A.X INFORMATION ITEM -Receive an update on SB 925 (Weiner): San Francisco Bay area: local revenue measure: transportation improvements. [online](#)
- 5.3. Chairperson's Report. (Verbal Report)

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

(10 MINS: 6:10-6:20 PM)

Chair will open public comment before asking for a motion/second.

Note before motion/second if you are abstaining or recusing from an item.

**NEED MOTION/SECOND**

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (A&F) COMMITTEE**

*The Administration and Finance Committee did not meet.*

**CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM & PLANNING (CMPP) COMMITTEE**

- 6.1. ACTION ITEM -Approve the employee compensation pay schedule to adhere to the obligations of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) outlined in the California Code of Regulations (CCR) 570.5, which is utilized in determining employee pension calculations.
- 6.2. ACTION ITEM -Amend the FY2024/FY2025 Biennial Budget to appropriate and an additional \$31,700,000 of budget in FY2024 to fund an unbudgeted expense to debt service that resulted from the August 2023 bond refunding.

**Note: Motion must be approved by at least 2/3 of the Board (8 members).**

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- 6.3. ACTION ITEM -Adopt the Monterey Corridor Community-Based Transportation Plan (CBTP).
  - 6.4. ACTION ITEM -Adopt the updated Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Congestion Management Program (CMP) Document.
  - 6.5. ACTION ITEM -Adopt a program resolution for VTA's FY16-17 and FY17-18 Low Carbon Transportation and Operations Program (LCTOP) to increase the Charging Infrastructure & Microgrid Technology project (P-1085) budget by \$5,464,323 which includes transferring \$3,987,295 LCTOP fund from Zero Emission Bus Pilot (P-0961) and increasing project appropriation by \$1,447,028 to program accrued LCTOP interest this amount.
  - 6.6. ACTION ITEM -Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract amendment with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (Jacobs) for additional Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) professional services for the SR 17 Corridor Congestion Relief Project (Project) in the amount of \$418,050 for a new total contract amount of \$4,020,453 and to use the new total contract value to calculate the General Manager's amendment authority under Administrative Code Section 9.2(h).
  - 6.7. INFORMATION ITEM -Receive an overview of the Transit Oriented Communities Program and new Transit Oriented Communities grant.

**SAFETY, SECURITY, AND TRANSIT PLANNING & OPERATIONS (SSTP&O) COMMITTEE**

- 6.8. ACTION ITEM -Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with SolutionPoint + for a term of three years with four one-year options not to exceed \$1,091,792 to provide De-Escalation Training for VTA Frontline Employees.

**GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT (G&A) COMMITTEE**

*There were no items submitted for the Consent Agenda from the Governance and Audit Committee.*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 6.9. ACTION ITEM -Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2024.
- 6.10. ACTION ITEM -Approve the Special Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2024.
- 6.11. ACTION ITEM -Approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2024.
- 6.12. INFORMATION ITEM -Receive unapproved Minutes/Summary Reports from VTA Committees, Joint Powers Boards (JPB), and Regional Commissions.
- 6.13. INFORMATION ITEM -Receive SB 129 Joint Labor Management Committee Report.

**TIME CHECK.**  
If it's close to 6:30 by the time consent is done,  
the chair may choose to take a quick recess.

**7. REGULAR AGENDA**

*(1 HR 40 MINS: 6:20-8:00 PM)*

- 7.1. ACTION ITEM -Authorize the General Manager to amend Contract S18141 with the County of Santa Clara for the maintenance, repair and fueling services of the VTA ACCESS Paratransit fleet to extend the term through June 30, 2029, and to increase the contract value by \$18,853,194 for a new total contract value not to exceed \$33,853,194.

Staff Presentation: 5 minutes

Presenters: Rachelle Tagud, Regional Transportation Services Manager, and Derik Calhoun, Chief Operating Officer

**NEEDS MOTION/SECOND**

- 7.2. ACTION ITEM -Approve the following actions:

a) Authorize the General Manager/CEO to execute a contract with MCM - Railworks, Joint Venture, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount of \$437,161,464 for the construction of the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector (EBRC) Project;

b) Increase of appropriation for the EBRC Project from \$530,159,553 to \$652,946,416, an increase of \$122,786,863, that includes programming of Low Carbon Transportation (LCTOP) funds from the State, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funds from the State and local transit funds to cover the construction cost;

c) Use \$115,354,595 from the debt reduction fund as the local transit funds; and

d) Amend the FY24-25 capital budget to appropriate funds for the contract.

Note: Motion must be approved by at least 2/3 of the Board (8 members).

Staff Presentation: 10 minutes

EBRC Fact Sheet is available [online](#)

Written Public Comments are available [online](#).

Presenters: Casey Emoto, Chief Engineer & Program Delivery Officer, and Ken Ronsse, Deputy Director, Rail & Facilities

**NEEDS MOTION/SECOND. NEEDS 2/3 VOTE OR 8 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES.**



- 7.3. ACTION ITEM -Authorize the General Manager/CEO to: 1) Amend Contract S16250 in the amount of \$3,500,000 with BKF Engineers (BKF) to provide Design Support during Construction (DSDC) for the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector (EBRC) project (Project), resulting in a new contract amount of \$34,616,965; 2) extend the contract term to September 30, 2029; and 3) use the new contract value to calculate the General Manager's amendment authority under Administrative Code Section 9.2(h).

Staff Presentation: 5 minutes

Presenters: Casey Emoto, Chief Engineer & Program Delivery Officer, and Ken Ronsse, Deputy Director, Rail & Facilities

**NEEDS MOTION/SECOND.**

- 7.4. ACTION ITEM -Authorize up to \$3 million per year, up to a maximum of \$15 million, in local funding for the implementation of the Small Business Resource Program (BRP) during major construction of VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II (BSVII) Extension Project.

Staff Presentation: 5 minutes

Presenters: Bernice Alaniz, Director of SVRT Business Operations and Tom Maguire, Chief Capital Megaprojects Delivery Officer

**NEEDS MOTION/SECOND.**

- 7.5. ACTION ITEM -Review and accept the Fiscal Year 2024 Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the period ending December 31, 2023.

Staff Presentation: 7 minutes

Presenters: Jayden Sangha, Controller, and Greg Richardson, Assistant GM and CFO

**NEEDS MOTION/SECOND.**

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## 8. OTHER ITEMS

*(10 MINS: 8:00-8:10 PM)*

- 8.1. ITEMS OF CONCERN AND REFERRAL TO ADMINISTRATION
- 8.2. Announcements
- 8.3. Public Comment (Continued)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons who had requested but were not able to address the Board of Directors under Item #3 due to the time limit and for those individuals who would like to address the Board on agenda items under "Other Items." **Speakers are limited to 1 minute.** The law does not permit Board action or extended discussion of any item not on the agenda

except under special circumstances. If Board action is requested, the matter can be placed on a subsequent agenda. All statements that require a response will be referred to staff for reply in writing.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

*(2 HRS: 8:10-10:10 PM)*

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*Closed Session will be held in Room 157.*

**9.1. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

- A.** Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Name of Case: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority v. Green Valley Corp., et al.

(Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No.: 21-CV-389078)

- B.** Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Significant Exposure to Litigation: 1 case relating to NSI Engineering

- C.** Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Significant Exposure to Litigation: claim relating to May 26, 2021, 1 case.

- D.** Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
[Government Code Section 54957]

Title: General Manager

*Go back to the Chambers.*

**9.2. Reconvene to Open Session**

**9.3. Closed Session Report**

*Evelynn Tran will provide the closed session report for Items 9.1.A thru 9.1.C.*

*Chairperson Chavez will provide the closed session report for Items 9.1.D*

**10. ADJOURN**

*(10:10 PM)*

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**From:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2024 3:16 PM  
**To:** VTA Board of Directors  
**Cc:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Subject:** VTA Information: Ridership for January 2024

**VTA Board of Directors:**

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

Thank you.

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Date: March 01, 2024  
Current Meeting: NA  
Board Meeting: March 7, 2024

## BOARD MEMORANDUM

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

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

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

**SUBJECT:** VTA Ridership – January 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 January 2024.

### **CLIMATE IMPACT:**

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

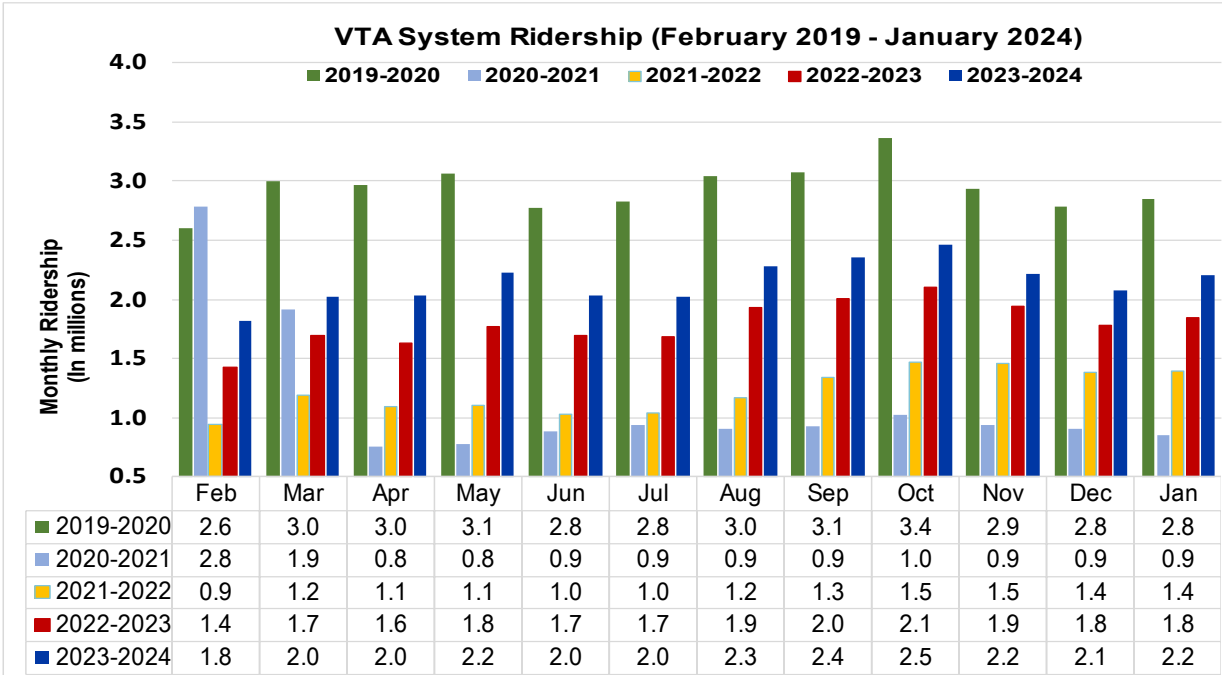
### **DISCUSSION:**

January 2024 total monthly system ridership was 2,174,573, an increase of 18.2% over January 2023. The total monthly bus ridership was 1,754,260, an increase of 17.7% over January 2023. The total monthly light rail ridership in January 2024 was 420,313, an increase of 20.2% over January 2023. January 2024 monthly system ridership increased by 4.9% compared to December 2023. January 2024 system ridership is at about 76% of pre-pandemic levels.

Levi's Events: There were three San Francisco 49er games at Levi's stadium in January 2024. The average ridership from the three games was recorded at about 15,655 riders.

Ridership	24-Jan	Compared to:				Pre-Pandemic	Percent change
		23-Jan	Percent change	23-Dec	Percent change		
							Jan' 20
Bus	1,754,260	1,490,156	17.7%	1,696,510	3.4%	2,156,218	-18.6%
Light Rail	420,313	349,766	20.2%	375,919	11.8%	688,247	-38.9%
System	2,174,573	1,839,922	18.2%	2,072,429	4.9%	2,844,465	-23.6%

The system ridership (Bus and light rail) in millions from February 2019 through January 2024 is presented in the chart below:



Note: Pre-pandemic data reflected in the chart for the months of February 2019 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 January 2024 are shown in the table below:

	Boardings per Total hour <sup>1</sup>			Boardings per Revenue hour <sup>2</sup>		
	January 2024	January 2023	Percent Change	January 2024	January 2023	Percent Change
Bus	14.2	13.0	9.2%	15.1	13.8	9.2%
Light Rail	33.2	28.2	17.7%	35.4	30.0	18.0%

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.

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**VTA Board of Directors and Advisory Committee Members:**

Please see news release regarding the FTA Risk Assessment for VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II.



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## **Federal Transit Administration BART Risk Assessment Closely Aligns with VTA Estimate**

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** – The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), to whom the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is applying for funding for the BART Silicon Valley Phase II (Phase II) Project, completed an assessment of VTA's cost and schedule projections. The assessment made by the FTA's Project Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC), was part of the Risk Review that the FTA requires of funding applicants.

The FTA briefed VTA on its assessment of VTA's estimated \$12.2 billion-dollar project, adding precautionary estimates of \$600 million in cost and extending the completion date to 2037. Multiple factors contribute to the higher estimate. The Bay Area has a higher cost escalation rate primarily due to the volatility in construction costs, specifically in labor and supplies. VTA is working on the funding plan to support this new estimate and remains optimistic in its ability to fund this project with the expectation the federal government will pitch in roughly 50% of the cost of the project.

VTA is building the six-mile extension with four new stations from the Berryessa Transit Center into downtown San Jose, ending in Santa Clara. Completion of the project will "ring the bay" with frequent rail service. Early construction work will begin in 2024.

A final report from the FTA regarding the project risk assessment is expected later this Spring; however, FTA officials have shown confidence their initial assessment will not change.

VTA will have more information on this topic, including a detailed funding plan.

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