

From: VTA Board Secretary

Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 5:08 PM

To: VTA Board of Directors; VTA Advisory Committee Members

Subject: VTA Information: Community Outreach and Public Engagement Updates - May 2024

VTA Board of Directors and Advisory Committee Members:

Please see below or refer to attached list of [VTA Community Outreach and Public Engagement](#) activities for May 2024. Please share with your network and constituents. If you have any questions, please reply to this email.

Thank you.

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VTA's Community Outreach and Public Engagement Activities

May 2024

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Zoom: zoom.us/join

Webinar ID: 822 4698 7924

Passcode: 802206; 1-669-900-9128

More information is available at vta.org/TOCgrant. Email questions to tocgrant@vta.org.

Five Wounds Urban Village Plan Update

Workshop 5: Community Open House

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Community Workshops

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- Virtual Thursday, May 30, 2024 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

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Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 9:48 AM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Cc: VTA Board Secretary
Subject: VTA Information: Cancellation of May 11, 2024, VTA Light Rail Rodeo

VTA Board of Directors:

We must regretfully inform you that the VTA Light Rail Rodeo scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2024, has been cancelled due to lack of participants. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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From: VTA Board Secretary

Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 4:44 PM

To: VTA Board of Directors

Subject: VTA Information: May 16, 2024, Standing Committees and Board Special Closed Session Meeting Agenda Packets

VTA Board of Directors:

You may now access your VTA CMPP, SSTPO, Special Board Closed Session Meeting Agenda packets and the A&F Cancellation Notice on our Agenda Portal via the links below:

- **Congestion Management Program and Planning (CMPP) Committee** - Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. [CMPP Agenda Packet](#)
- **Administration and Finance (A&F) Committee** - Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. [A&F Cancellation Notice](#)
- **Special Board Closed Session Meeting** – Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. [Board Agenda Packet](#)
- **Safety, Security, and Transit Planning and Operations (SSTPO) Committee** - Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. [SSTPO Agenda Packet](#)

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