



August 27, 2015

The Honorable Perry Woodward, Chair  
Valley Transportation Authority  
3331 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95134-1906

Dear Chair Woodward:

The Mayors and City Managers of West Valley and North County cities have been meeting in recent weeks to discuss regional transportation issues and our common interests in addressing the transportation-related needs of our residents and businesses. A commitment to an innovative, intermodal and geographically balanced transportation vision for Santa Clara County is critical to the continued growth and vitality of the Silicon Valley as well as the quality of life of its residents.

The Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA's) current effort to update the list of projects to be included in the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040 provides Valley leaders with a critical opportunity to shape a new and transformative long-range vision for transportation in Santa Clara County.

Representatives of the West Valley and North County cities believe that in addition to VTP project requests submitted from each city, a stronger "systems" perspective is needed to support an integrated regional strategy and decisions on future mass transit investments. Specifically, the cities signing this letter respectfully request that the VTA **initiate a comprehensive study**, leading to an alternatives analysis and formal Federal environmental review process and clearance, to develop a system-wide plan that integrates future mass transit investments in Santa Clara County with connections to other counties, via such systems as Caltrain, as well as community-level systems and "first/last mile" strategies. The study's initial focus should be on the Highway 85/U.S. Route 101/State Route 237/Interstate 280 corridors, recognizing the changing dynamics of commute patterns within the Peninsula, East Bay and southern Santa Clara County that affect West Valley and North County cities.

The undersigned cities all agree that it is imperative that work on this study begin as soon as possible, so that the study can inform near-term project funding decisions, and

that the study process include the consideration of the formation of a joint powers advisory board.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Christina, Mayor  
City of Campbell



John McAlister, Mayor  
City of Mountain View



Rod G. Sinks, Mayor  
City of Cupertino



Karen Holman, Mayor  
City of Palo Alto



Jan Pepper, Mayor  
City of Los Altos



Howard Miller, Mayor  
City of Saratoga



Courtenay C. Corrigan, Mayor  
Town of Los Altos Hills



James Griffith, Mayor  
City of Sunnyvale



Marcia Jensen, Mayor  
Town of Los Gatos

cc: Nuria Fernandez, General Manager, VTA  
VTA Board of Directors  
Carl Guardino, Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
Mark Linder, City Manager, City of Campbell  
David Brandt, City Manager, City of Cupertino  
Marcia Somers, City Manager, City of Los Altos  
Carl Cahill, Town Manager, Town of Los Altos Hill  
Les Whiles, Interim Town Manager, Town of Los Gatos  
Daniel H. Rich, City Manager, City of Mountain View  
James Keene, City Manager, City of Palo Alto  
James Lindsay, City Manager, City of Saratoga  
Deanna Santana, City Manager, City of Sunnyvale



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December 3, 2015

The Honorable Perry Woodward, Chair  
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Dear Chair Woodward:

We are writing to follow up on our letter dated August 27, 2015 regarding the need to initiate a comprehensive study to develop a system-wide plan that integrates future mass transit investments in Santa Clara County. The continued economic vitality of the region is dependent on congestion relief and getting people from where they live to where they work to ensure a continued high quality of life for all residents.

We appreciate your quick response dated September 3, 2015. In that letter, you stated that you would refer our request to Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) staff at the VTA Board of Directors' September 3 meeting. It has been almost three months now and we are not clear what the status of our request is.

We ask that the Board take up this issue by the end of the year. If that is not possible, please provide a firm commitment of when it will happen. Although a draft scope of a transportation study of the State Route 85 corridor was discussed by the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (PAB) during its first meeting last week, we want to make it clear to the VTA Board that the proposed West Valley study, while beneficial, is not the comprehensive study the nine cities requested in our joint letter.

We understand the comprehensive study we are requesting cannot be completed before a 2016 sales tax measure, but, as we noted in our letter, it is imperative that work on the study begin as soon as possible and not wait for the sales tax measure before it gets underway. Please let us know when the VTA Board will be taking up the issue of initiating the comprehensive study.

We would also appreciate your assistance in directing VTA staff to share any relevant data they have developed regarding current and future employment, housing and

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commute patterns/data within and outside of Santa Clara County. This information will help cities as we evaluate and prioritize all the VTP 2040 proposals.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Jason Baker, Mayor  
City of Campbell



John McAlister, Mayor  
City of Mountain View



Barry Chang, Mayor  
City of Cupertino



Karen Holman, Mayor  
City of Palo Alto



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