



June 22, 2020

Mayor Larry Klein  
Sunnyvale City Hall  
456 W. Olive Ave  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Subject: Policy Implementing Senate Bill 743 (SB 743) and the Use of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in Transportation Analysis

Dear Mayor Larry Klein:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), I am writing to express VTA's support for the proposed policy to implement SB 743 that the Sunnyvale City Council will be considering this month.

VTA has worked with its Member Agencies (the 15 cities/towns of Santa Clara County, as well as the County of Santa Clara) extensively over the past several years to prepare for the implementation of SB 743. These efforts have included information-sharing through a countywide working group of agency staff; generation of base VMT estimates across Santa Clara County from the VTA travel demand model; and development of a Santa Clara Countywide VMT Evaluation Tool for Member Agencies to use when evaluating VMT generated by land development projects. Sunnyvale staff has been actively involved in all efforts.

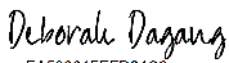
More broadly, VTA will continue to work with the City of Sunnyvale and all its Member Agencies to provide mobility solutions that help implement SB 743 and reduce VMT. Transit will be an important part of this equation, and VTA is planning to incrementally restore service which has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as operating revenues allow and passenger demand returns. Telecommuting and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures will be another important part of the solution, and VTA will continue to work with public and private sector partners to support such initiatives. VTA will also continue to fund bicycle and pedestrian improvements, Caltrain grade separations and other targeted infrastructure investments that provide multimodal transportation options, support lower-VMT development, and create more sustainable, equitable, and economically vibrant communities.

The City proposed policy also aligns with many VTA goals, such as promoting more focused, mixed-used development near transit, facilitating the development of multimodal transportation networks, and supporting the reduction of Greenhouse Gas emissions. VTA encourages the Sunnyvale City Council to adopt this policy and looks forward to continuing to partner with the City on its implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments on the City's proposed policy.

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Sincerely,

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