

**From:** VTA Board Secretary

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 6:36 PM

**To:** VTA Board of Directors

**Subject:** From VTA: Public Hearing on 2000 Measure A Expenditures for FY24 - May 7, 2025

**VTA Board of Directors:**

On behalf of the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC), we are sharing the attached Public Hearing Notice inviting the community to provide input on [2000 Measure A Program](#) expenditures for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, including the [results of the annual compliance audit](#). The Committee commissioned an audit of the Measure A Program financial records and schedule for FY 2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024). Crowe LLP, an independent certified public accounting firm, conducted the compliance audit on behalf of the CWC and *issued an unqualified ("clean") opinion, indicating that VTA complied, in all material respects, with the requirements for the measure*. This is the 18th consecutive audit receiving a clean opinion.

The hearing is scheduled for:

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. (time certain)**

**In Person:** VTA Headquarters, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95134 - Conference Room B-106

**Via Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577175373> Webinar ID: 865 7717 5373

Kindly share this invitation with your constituents or network to help spread the word. In addition to the attached flyer, you may also use the following links:

- [Link to Facebook post – Reel #1](#)
- [Link to Facebook post – Reel #2](#)
- [Link to Instagram post – Reel #1](#)
- [Link to Instagram post – Reel #2](#)

If you have any questions, please reply to this email.

Thank you,

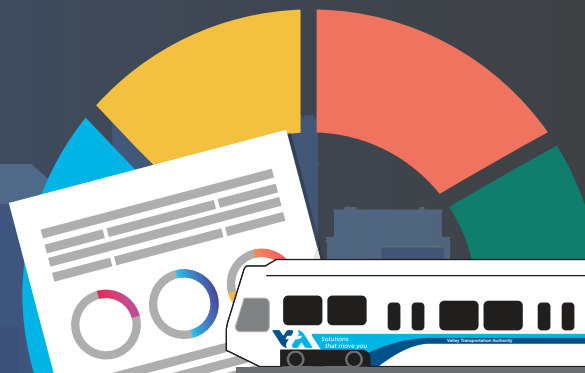
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# Let's Talk 2000 Measure A

*The audit is done — now we need your feedback.*

The Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) invites you to provide your input on 2000 Measure A expenditures, including the results of the annual compliance audit for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024.



Join us at the annual public hearing:  
**Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. (time certain)**

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San Jose, CA 95134 – Conference Room B-106

Via Zoom: [us02web.zoom.us/j/86577185373](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577185373)  
Webinar ID: 865 7718 5373

Contact the Office of the Board Secretary for questions. Sign language and interpreter services will be provided upon request at least five days prior to the meeting. Written comments are accepted until 10:00 a.m. on May 6, 2025 by email to [board.secretary@vta.org](mailto:board.secretary@vta.org).

## The Audit Results are In!

The Committee commissioned an audit of the Measure A Program financial records and schedule for FY 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024). Crowe LLP, an independent certified public accounting firm, conducted the compliance audit and issued an unqualified (“clean”) opinion on Measure A Program compliance with the ballot, making this the 18th consecutive audit receiving a clean opinion.

The Audit results are available on VTA’s website at [vta.org/cwc-fy24audit](https://vta.org/cwc-fy24audit) and at the VTA Administrative Office at 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95134 in the Building B Main Lobby.

## Here's the Back Story!

In November 2000, Santa Clara County voters approved Measure A, a half-cent sales tax for specific public transit capital improvement projects and operations. Revenue collection began in April 2006. Highlights for FY 2024 include key activities for VTA’s BART Silicon Valley Extension project, Eastridge to BART Regional Connector project, and Caltrain Electrification efforts.



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**From:** VTA Board Secretary  
**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 3:58 PM  
**To:** VTA Board of Directors  
**Subject:** From VTA: March 2025 Ridership Memo

**VTA Board of Directors:**

Attached is the final ridership report for March 2025. In summary:

- Total monthly system ridership was 850,923, a decrease of 63.8% when compared to March 2024.
- Average weekday ridership was down 5.0%.
- Total bus ridership was 739,149, (down 62.1%)
- Total light rail ridership was 111,774 (down 72%) over March 2024.
- Calendar year-to-date system ridership (bus and light rail) was 5,418,114, a decrease of 19.1% compared to the same period last year.

For questions, please reply to this email. Thank you.

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
3331 North First Street,  
San Jose, CA 95134-1927



Date: May 1, 2025  
Current Meeting: NA  
Board Meeting: NA

## BOARD MEMORANDUM

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

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

**FROM:** Naunihal (Nauni) Singh, Interim Chief Operating Officer

**SUBJECT:** VTA Ridership – March 2025

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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 March 2025.

### **CLIMATE IMPACT:**

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

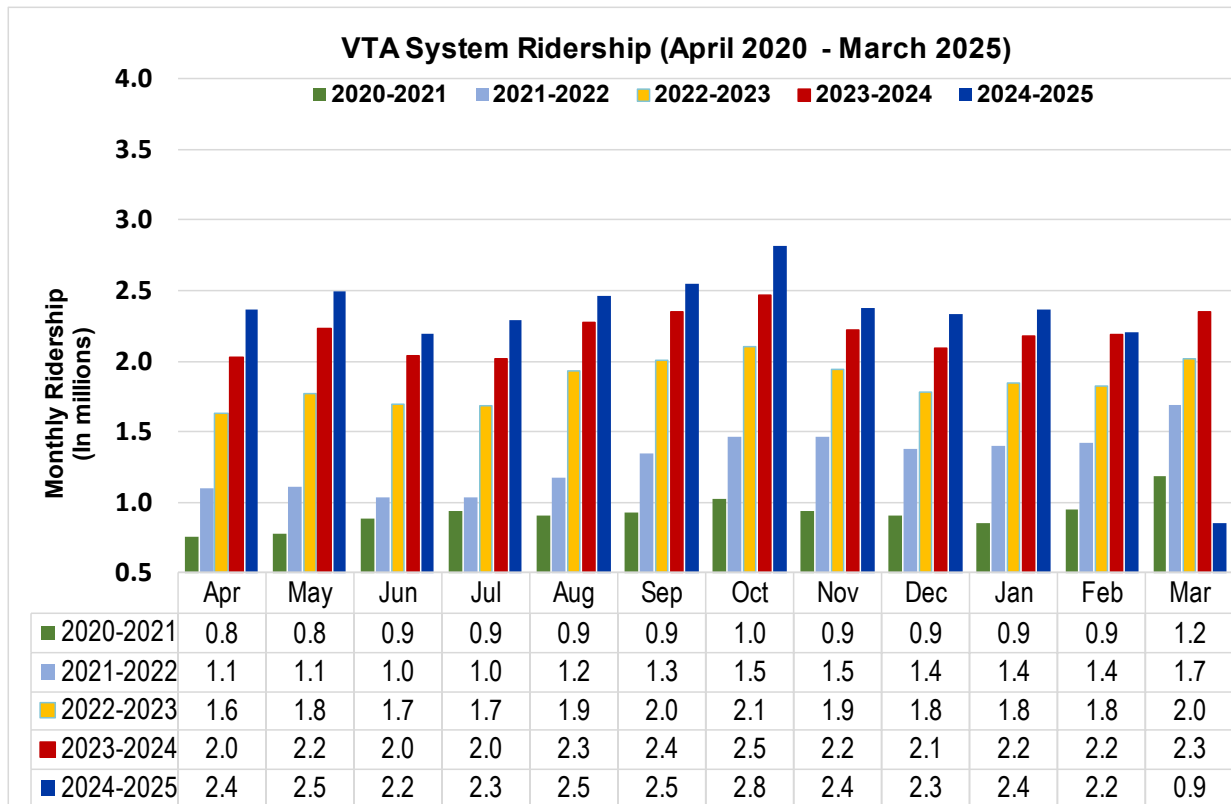
### **DISCUSSION:**

March 2025 total monthly system ridership was 850,923, a decrease of 63.8% when compared to March 2024. The average weekday ridership was down 5.0%. The total bus ridership was 739,149, (down 62.1%) and the total light rail ridership was 111,774 (down 72%) over March 2024. Calendar year-to-date system ridership (bus and light rail) was 5,418,114, a decrease of 19.1% compared to the same period last year.

In March 2025, fixed route service was severely impacted due to the Amalgamated Transit Union- Local 265 strike from March 10<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. Bus service was discontinued from March 10, 2025, to March 27, 2025, and light rail service was discontinued March 10, 2025, through March 30, 2025. Due to the strike, the estimated loss of ridership is 1.6 million (about 1.33 million for bus, and 0.27 million for rail) and does not include estimated loss of ridership from events such as the NVIDIA GPU Technology Conference that occurred in San Jose during the week of March 17. Last year this conference averaged about 17,000 riders per day.

	Monthly			Calendar Year-to-Date		
VTA Ridership	Current (March 2025)	Prior (March 2024)	Percent Change	Current (Jan'25-Mar'25)	Prior year (Jan'24-Mar'24)	Percent Change
Bus	739,149	1,949,048	-62.1%	4,572,841	5,520,323	-17.2%
Average Weekday	72,103	74,573	-3.3%	74,644	70,734	5.5%
Average Saturday	43,015	41,305	4.1%	43,634	40,031	9.0%
Average Sunday / Holiday	35,127	35,298	-0.5%	36,274	33,780	7.4%
Light Rail	111,774	398,966	-72.0%	845,273	1,177,265	-28.2%
Average Weekday	13,078	15,092	-13.3%	13,966	14,391	-3.0%
Average Saturday	9,099	8,396	8.4%	7,545	9,026	-16.4%
Average Sunday / Holiday	7,558	8,009	-5.6%	6,497	9,923	-34.5%
System	850,923	2,348,014	-63.8%	5,418,114	6,697,588	-19.1%
Average Weekday	85,181	89,665	-5.0%	88,610	85,125	4.1%
Average Saturday	52,114	49,701	4.9%	51,179	49,057	4.3%
Average Sunday / Holiday	42,685	43,307	-1.4%	42,771	43,703	-2.1%

The system ridership (Bus and light rail) in millions for years 2020-2025 is presented in the chart below:



Note: April 2020 onwards had impacts from COVID-19. March 2025 had decreased ridership due to the ATU strike.

The boardings per total hour and boardings per revenue hour for bus and rail for March 2025 are shown in the table below:

	Boardings per Total hour <sup>1</sup>			Boardings per Revenue hour <sup>2</sup>		
	March 2025	March 2024	Percent Change	March 2025	March 2024	Percent Change
Bus	13.6	15.8	-14.3%	14.5	16.9	-14.2%
Light Rail	19.5	29.7	-34.3%	20.9	31.7	-34.1%

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.