

From: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>

Sent: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 9:18 AM

To: VTA Board of Directors <VTABoardofDirectors@vta.org>

Subject: VTA Correspondence: Weeks Ending November 21, 2025 and November 28, 2025

Board of Directors,

Attached is correspondence for the weeks ending November 21, 2025 and November 28, 2025 as described below.

From	Topic
Planning Commission	Planning Commission Supplemental Information for 11/20/25
Mimi Kyi, CCJPA	Capitol Corridor Board of Directors Public Comment for 11/19/25
Robert Padgett, CCJPA	Capitol Corridor Service Disruption: Train 529 Trespasser Incident - Oakland, CA, and other service disruptions - November 18, 2025
Interested Citizens	Public Safety around Hamilton Light Rail Station
Sonia Humphrey	LAFCO Agenda Packet and Supplemental Information for 12/3/25
Dan Lieberman	Caltrain e-news – November 2025

Thank you,

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Phone **408-321-5680**



From: [Planning Commission](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supplemental Information (2): Planning Commission 11/20/25 Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 3:10:28 PM
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[image002.png](#)

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Good afternoon,

The following supplemental information has been added to the November 20, 2025 agenda:

Item No. 12c: [Receive correspondence.](#)

- [Waters Development Project - Notice of Deemed Approval of Application](#) 
Supplemental Information
- [Waters Development Project - County Response to Notice of Deemed Approval of Application](#)  **Supplemental Information**

The agenda and related materials, including the above supplemental information, may be viewed online at:

https://sccgov.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=16777

Members of the public may access the virtual meeting through the following link:

<https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/82001682748> (recommended) or by smart phone at (669) 219-2599, Meeting ID 8200 168 2748# (participant ID not required)

Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions.

Regards,

Peggy Doyle
Deputy Clerk
Clerk of the Board
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East Wing, 10th Floor
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From: [Mimi Kyi](#)
To: [Mark Foley](#); [Melissa Hernandez](#); [Janice Li](#); [Robert Raburn](#); [Matthew Rinn](#); [Edward Wright](#); [Bruce Houdesheldt](#); [Ken Broadway](#); [Suzanne Jones](#); [rdickinson](#); [tschaefer](#); [rbrewer](#); [Patrick Kennedy](#); [Melissa Lee](#); [Sudhanshu Jain](#); [sellcouncil](#); [sbird_fordixoncitycouncil](#); [sbird_dixonpd](#); [sbird](#); [Alma Hernandez](#); [cmoy](#); [JChapman](#); [lucas.frerichs](#); [lucasf](#); [mayra.vega](#)
Cc: [Robert Franklin](#); [Byron Toma](#); [David Melko](#); [mclick](#); [aadams](#); [JDrake](#); [Gonzalez-Estay](#); [Manolo R](#); [Greene](#); [Beverly](#); [Daryl Halls](#); [kgregana](#); [Robert Guerrero](#); [Autumn Bernstein](#); [bvaughanbechtold@sacog.org](#); [Robert Franklin](#); [Jennifer Halpern](#); [Sandra Schrimsher](#); [Mag Tatum](#); [Jeana Zelan](#); [Robert Powers](#); [Monique Salas](#); [Michael Jones](#); [Alfonzo Rigel](#); [Joseph Beach](#); [Michaela Morales](#); [SSabol](#); [tismith](#); [gkirbyson](#); [DValdezJones](#); [avan](#); [afeeney](#); [jlowe](#); [mogaveror](#); [mlee](#); [mle](#); [mcasorla](#); [Baltao](#); [Elaine](#); [Garza](#); [Michelle](#); [VTA Board Secretary](#); [Paris](#); [Amy](#); [jmasiclat](#); [lruiz](#); [vjaines](#); [cgagnon](#); [Tara.Thronson](#); [emily.ault](#); [michaelspelis](#); [fudvarhely](#); [Melissa Hernandez](#); [Melissa Lee](#); [Sudhanshu Jain](#); [mlee](#); [mle](#); [mcasorla](#); [sbird_fordixoncitycouncil](#); [sbird_dixonpd](#); [sbird](#); [Lupe Ruiz](#); [Alma Hernandez \(ahernandez\)](#); [Lucas.Frerichs](#); [Josh Chapman](#); [Tara Thronson](#); [emily.ault](#); [tschaefer](#); [avan](#); [Lowe](#); [Jordan](#); [Feeney](#); [Ashley](#); [Faoud Karim](#); [Angie West](#); [Arjimy Quinsay](#); [Stephen Connell](#); [CCJPA Staff](#); [Erin Spragan](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] [Public Comments Received via Email] CCJPA Board of Directors Meeting - Nov 19, 2025
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Attachments: [Nov 19, 2025 CCJPA Board Mtg_Written Public Comments_FINAL2.pdf](#)
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CCJPA Board Members,

We have received **two (2) written public comments** via email for the **November 19, 2025 CCJPA Board meeting**. The comment will be included as part of the permanent Meeting record.

Thank you!

Mimi Kyi | Executive Assistant

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority Board Meeting

November 19, 2025

**Written Public Comments received by
November 18, 2025 at 3:00 pm are attached and
will become part of the Meeting record.**

From: [Cautn1](#)
To: [CCJPA Board](#)
Cc: [cwang](#); [office](#)
Subject: Rail versus Trucking
Date: Friday, November 14, 2025 6:12:43 PM

Dear Chair Houdescheidt and other members of the Capitol Corridor Board

As you probably know, Caltrans has instituted a major "study" evaluating the practicality of permitting large trucks to operate on I-580 and Highway 13. During their first public meeting held on November 12, 2025, five Caltrans panelists responded to a large number of questions, virtually always with the same answer: "Yes, that's a valid question, which we will be evaluating in the Study". In other words the Caltrans' reps. danced around or otherwise avoided answering any of the tough questions. During the course of the meeting, observers were told that there was already substantial support for the Study from.....you guessed it....the truckers, the unions, other interest groups, as well as from several affected State Legislators. In other words the political snowball is already rolling downhill.

"OK" you are asking, "but how does this involve us?" Well it does and here's why:

Port of Oakland freight traffic is projected to rise. Bay Area population and commercial activity are also headed up. That would suggest that despite the attempts made at the meeting to suggest that the objective was merely to shift some trucks from I-880 to I-580, in fact new space for truck invariably leads to more trucks. Not discussed were the momentous changes of their proposal on Highway I-980, I-24, the interfaces between freeways, Mission Boulevard leading southward through Hayward, and Tunnel Road leading northward into Berkeley, to say nothing of the hundreds residential streets leading to and from the affected freeways and arterials.

In other words this is a huge multibillion dollar juggernaut of a program that for many reasons would have a profound effect on East Bay cities.

Needless to add, improving freight rail and passenger rail access into Oakland and the Port of Oakland would encourage more rail freight traffic and less truck use. Anticipating this need, the CCJPA has been working on improving your service for at least a decade. And now the CCJPA's incentive to act has just taken a huge leap upward! Caltrans, let's remember was the over-confidant and one-issue agency that destroyed much of Oakland in the 1950's with two brutal freeways, built **only** for the convenience of rubber-tired vehicles with little or no thought given to the great damage caused to the thousands of people who lived along the rights of way way, including to their health, their housing, their neighborhood streets, their living conditions, their property values, and the cultural richness of their affected neighborhoods. Will this invasion be allowed to happen again? Yes, unless the need for greater freight movement is accommodated in a less obtuse way.

Gerald Cauthen P.E.
Co-Founder and President,

Bay Area Transportation Working Group (BATWG)
www.batwgblog.com

From: [Elizabeth Ames](#)
To: [CCJPA Board](#)
Subject: Capitol Corridor Agenda item 3 action item - Nov 19th 2026 capital project
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 2:58:39 PM

Reimagine priorities for capital planning - Capitol Corridor

Dear Community Members, Capitol Corridor JPA and staff,

There are no plans to continue study and funding next steps to replace a rail bridge between Benica and Martinez. This bridge caused the second highest service delays on Capital Corridor and this bridge is beyond its design life nearing 100 years old spanning the San Pablo Bay. This is a state-wide safety concern and should not be postponed in 2026.

Refer to the Carquinez study which notes challenges that must be addressed given the age of the Union Pacific's rail bridge is vital connection between the Oakland Port and Sacramento to serve freight operations.

https://www.capitolcorridor.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/CCJPA-Carquinez-Phase-2-Report_compressed.pdf

South Bay Connect is not the highest priority for Capitol Corridor. This project eliminates the Hayward and Fremont stations and causes the re-routing plan would have Capitol Corridor trains originating in San Jose veer north stopping at a "park and ride" station at Ardenwood and continue on to Oakland. The new route sends trains through the coastal subdivision with sensitive wetlands areas subject to sea level rise and opens the door for greater freight traffic on the current tracks that travel through the hearts of the cities of Fremont, Newark, Union City, Hayward and San Leandro. The environmental impact report raised many unanswered questions about the needs and impacts arising from that expected freight increase.

Mayors of Hayward, San Leandro and Union City along with the Fremont and Hayward City Council and other stakeholders voiced concerns of the South Bay Connect draft environmental analysis as it did adequately address, freight and passenger rail between San Jose and Newark, impacts of sea level rise were capped at the year 2050, and the project eliminated two TOD stations (Hayward and Centerville) for one proposed station at Ardenwood, saving 13 minutes in commuter train time between San Jose and Oakland.

The South Bay Connect project did not include the second planning phase project, conducting resiliency planning of the Union Pacific Coast Subdivision between Alviso and Albreae. This additional study noted in your capital planning is to be started in 2026. This is another example of why South Bay Connect's incremental effect of future projects is a potential, cumulative considerable impact. A considerable impact as defined in CEQA guidelines means that the incremental effect of past projects, the effects of other current projects and the effects of probable future projects should have been analyzed together as an entire South Bay Connect project.

Liz Ames, P.E.

BART Director

From: Robert Padgette
To: Mark Foley; Melissa Hernandez; Janice Li; Robert Raburn; Matthew Rinn; Edward Wright; Bruce Houdesheldt; Ken Broadway; Suzanne Jones; rdickinson; tschaefer; rbrewer; Patrick Kennedy; Melissa Lee; Sudhanshu Jain; selcouncil; sbird; fordixoncitycouncil; sbird; dixonpd; sbird; Alma Hernandez; cmoy; JChapman; lucas; frerichs; lucas; mayra.vega
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Capitol Corridor Service Disruption: Train 529 Trespasser Incident - Oakland, CA, and Other Service Disruptions - Nov 18, 2025
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MEMO

To: CCJPA Board Directors
From: Robert Padgette, Managing Director
Date: November 19, 2025
Subject: Capitol Corridor Service Disruption: Train 529 Trespasser Incident – Oakland, CA, and other service disruptions – November 18, 2025

This memo is regarding a Trespasser incident in the city of Oakland, CA, and other service disruptions that occurred on November 18, 2025.

Incident Summary:

At around 9:40am, train 529 struck and fatally injured a trespasser approximately three miles south of Oakland Jack London station. This incident did not occur on a public highway crossing at grade. Local police and fire responded to the scene along with a special agent from Union Pacific Railroad and Amtrak Management. There were no initial reports of injuries to 30 passengers or crew, and no reports of damage to equipment. Tracks were closed in all directions while authorities responded to and investigated the scene, and BART provided mutual aid between Coliseum and Richmond. Division management worked with local officials to open the adjacent track and allow other trains to operate through the area at reduced speeds. No trains were terminated, but significant delays were sustained and cascaded through the schedule. They are summarized below.

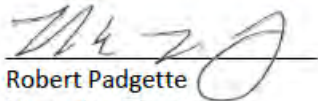
Associated Train Delays:

529 – Three and a half hours
528 – Two and a half hours
543 – 48 minutes; late inbound turn of 528
532 – 25 minutes
546 – 15 minutes

Unfortunately, there were two other service disruptions following this trespasser event. The first was a cancellation of train 540 due to a malfunctioning fuel pump on a locomotive. Passengers were transferred to train 542 after a 30-minute delay. The second was due to a vehicle accident at the Davis Street Crossing in San Leandro, California, which brought down power lines on the tracks. To mitigate delays, trains 544, 546, and 547 were detoured on the Coast Subdivision, skipping Hayward and Fremont stations. Train 544 was delayed by 1.5 hours, and train 547 was delayed 17 minutes. There was no delay to train 546.

Despite these significant challenges to service, the recovery methods deployed managed to deliver a 71% customer on-time performance for the day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Leo Sanchez, Deputy Managing Director at LeoS@CapitolCorridor.org.


Robert Padgette
Managing Director

Cc:

Robert Powers

Jeana Zelan

Joe Beach

Bob Franklin

Shane Edwards

Alicia Trost

Byron Toma

Steven Shatz

Kyle Gradinger, Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transit

SCG Members

Rob Padgette
Managing Director
Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority
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From: Michelle Choy <michelle.choy>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 9:43 AM
To: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary>
Cc: Beno Mahourai <meetbeno>; S K <shailesh.kadamaje>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: original mail

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I look to hearing your response and actions.

Thank you for all your support.

Michelle Choy

Sent from my iPhone

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Shailesh recommended to move the locks higher above of the gates door, to prevent tampering with.

Please if you would have your facility look in this matter, we would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for all your support.

Via cancion Friends and Residents.

On Mon, Aug 18, 2025, 9:14 PM S K <[shailesh.kadamaje](#)> wrote:

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From: **S K** <[shailesh.kadamaje](#)>

Date: Sat, Jul 12, 2025 at 9:52 PM

Subject: Re: Squatters next to rail tracks

To: Beno Mahourai <[meetbeno](#)>, <[board.secretary](#)>, <[Michelle.choy](#)>

I noticed the tents had been removed and the gate relocked. Thank you for your prompt help in this matter.

However, I fear they will be back soon. At the minimum could you please install the lock higher up on the gate, so it is difficult to cut?

Again, your help is greatly appreciated.

Regards,
Shailesh

On Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 10:13 AM S K <shailesh.kadamaje> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

I had emailed you a few times in the last couple of years regarding homeless encampments next to VTA tracks. This is next to my house on [Via Cancion, San Jose, CA 95128](#) (Please see Red rectangle in the attached image for precise location).

Yet again, the lock of the gate has been broken and people have moved into that area.

I request you again to take action and secure the gate, before more squatters move in. Last year, this had become a very serious issue with substance abuse, fights breaking out and the police had to be involved several times. This is a security issue for us in this neighborhood. We have noticed folks from the other side of the wall peeping over our fences. Mailboxes on the street have been broken into several times.

I'm requesting you, as a neighbor, to please help keep our neighbourhood safe. As before, may I suggest methods like security cameras, stronger locks, etc. Could you please use multiple locks and place some of the locks higher on the gate and fence where it is difficult to reach and cut.

I appreciate your help in the past and thank you in advance.

Thanks and regards,
Shailesh Kadamaje

On Wed, Jul 2, 2025 at 4:54 PM Beno Mahourai <[meetbeno](#)> wrote:

Good afternoon, last night we could hear, some one screaming, electrical metal cutting and hammering behind the partition wall, VTA fences by railroad.

This afternoon we have noticed the locked fenced in broken into and open wide.

We would appreciate your attention to this area.

Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Thanks and regards,
Shailesh

On Sun, Mar 19, 2023 at 3:31 PM Shailesh Kadamaje

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There are 3 wire fence gates between the tracks and the wall. However, usually one of the gates is unlocked (or the lock is being broken by the squatters). Hence it does not take long for the tents to re-appear once they are cleared by the city administration.

For this reason, I am requesting you to better secure this area (please find a map with a Red rectangle showing where the squatters usually are) and raise the wall separating this area from Via Cancion.

Thanks and regards,
Shailesh Kadamaje

[San Jose, CA 95128.](mailto:shailesh.kadamaje)

From: Humphrey, Sonia

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 5:07 PM

Cc: LAFCO <LAFCO@ceo.sccgov.org>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] LAFCO Agenda Packet Now Available - 12/3/25 Meeting

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The agenda packet for the December 3, 2025 LAFCO Meeting is now available on the LAFCO website: <https://santaclaralafco.org/meetings/commission-meeting-2025-12-03-211500>.

Best regards,

Sonia Humphrey, LAFCO Clerk

LAFCO of Santa Clara County

777 North First Street, Suite 410

San Jose, CA 95112

From: S K

Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 11:08 PM

To: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>

Cc: Michelle.choy; Beno Via Cancion

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Squatters next to rail tracks

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Dear Sir / Madam

In the past few years, I have requested your help regarding homeless encampments next to VTA tracks. This is right across the wall from my house on XXXX, San Jose, CA 95128. I have attached a map to give the location- please notice the Red rectangle.

You have been helpful in the past and removed them, and I thank you for that. However, in the past few weeks, we noticed a person jumping over the wall and wandering into our property. My neighbor (Michelle Choy) has also contacted you regarding this recent episode.

I went around to the wall and I found tents (please see photo) with people living in them again. I'm not sure how they got in, because there seem to be locks on the gates, however, I did find a spot on the ground where a hole was dug under the fence.

I request you to again please help by clearing out the tents and securing this area.

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Hi VTA Board Supervisor,

I have sent you my concerns and video clips of homeless squatters occupying the VTA Hamilton overpass creating serious neighborhood security and hygiene concerns. This issue has been going on for years. We need your help to patrol, clean up, and maintain the area proactively. They are climbing over the sound wall and trespassing my property everyday day and night. In addition, the food and human waste that they created has left serious hygiene issue. Please look at the video clips and photos attached.





I'm urgently asking for your help to vacate, clean-up and secure the area tightly.

Please H-E-L-P !!

Michelle

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Date: Sat, Jul 12, 2025 at 9:52 PM

Subject: Re: Squatters next to rail tracks

To: Beno Mahourai <board.secretary@vta.org>,

I noticed the tents had been removed and the gate relocked. Thank you for your prompt help in this matter.

However, I fear they will be back soon. At the minimum could you please install the lock higher up on the gate, so it is difficult to cut?

Again, your help is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Shailesh

On Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 10:13 AM S K

wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

I had emailed you a few times in the last couple of years regarding homeless encampments next to VTA tracks. This is next to my house on XX, San Jose, CA 95128 (Please see Red rectangle in the attached image for precise location).

Yet again, the lock of the gate has been broken and people have moved into that area.

I request you again to take action and secure the gate, before more squatters move in. Last year, this had become a very serious issue with substance abuse, fights breaking out and the police had to be involved several times. This is a security issue for us in this neighborhood. We have noticed folks from the other side of the wall peeping over our fences. Mailboxes on the street have been broken into several times.

I'm requesting you, as a neighbor, to please help keep our neighbourhood safe. As before, may I suggest methods like security cameras, stronger locks, etc. Could you please use

multiple locks and place some of the locks higher on the gate and fence where it is difficult to reach and cut.

I appreciate your help in the past and thank you in advance.

Thanks and regards,

Shailesh Kadamaje

On Wed, Jul 2, 2025 at 4:54 PM Beno Mahourai

wrote:

Good afternoon, last night we could hear, some one screaming, electrical metal cutting and hammering behind the partition wall, VTA fences by railroad.

This afternoon we have noticed the locked fenced in broken into and open wide.

We would appreciate your attention to this area.

Thank you.

Via cancion Friends and neighbors.

On Tue, Jun 17, 2025, 7:11 PM Beno Mahourai wrote:

Dear VTA supervisor, we are resident near the partition wall and the fence to the railroad, and noticed parts of the fence was open and construction noise all night, would appreciate your attention in this area.

Thank you.

On Mon, Jun 16, 2025, 7:53 PM S K

wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

I had emailed you last year regarding homeless encampments next to VTA tracks. This is next to my house on XXXX, San Jose, CA 95128 (Please see attached image for precise location).

Again, it seems like the lock of the gate has been broken and I could hear people arguing across the wall.

I request you again to take action and secure the gate, before squatters move in.

Thanks and regards,

Shailesh

On Sun, Mar 19, 2023 at 3:31 PM Shailesh Kadamaje

wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a resident on the cul-de-sac of Via Cancion, San Jose. The VTA tracks on the elevated structure are at the end of the cul de sac. The area under the tracks attracts squatters and tents.

Quite often the residents in this area have had to call the police to report fights, loud noises, people peeking over the wall into our houses, garbage being thrown around, etc. At this point this has become a safety concern.

There are 3 wire fence gates between the tracks and the wall. However, usually one of the gates is unlocked (or the lock is being broken by the squatters). Hence it does not take long for the tents to re-appear once they are cleared by the city administration.

For this reason, I am requesting you to better secure this area (please find a map with a Red rectangle showing where the squatters usually are) and raise the wall separating this area from Via Cancion.

Thanks and regards,

Shailesh Kadamaje

From: Abello, Emmanuel

Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 2:40 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] LAFCO Meeting on 12/03/2025 - Supplemental Information No. 1

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The following supplemental information has been added to the December 3, 2025 LAFCO Meeting Agenda:

- **Supplemental Information No. 1 – Agenda Item #7: Annual Financial Audit Report – June 30, 2025**

Staff report with attachments A, B and C.

The agenda and related materials, including the above supplemental information, can be viewed online at:

<https://santaclaralafco.org/meetings/commission-meeting-2025-12-03-211500>

Regards,

Emmanuel Abello

www.SantaClaraLAFCO.org

From: Dan Lieberman
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 3:33 PM
To: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Caltrain e-News - November 2025

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Even More to be Thankful For

Thanksgiving is tomorrow, and we at Caltrain have plenty to be thankful for. This issue features our latest customer survey results, a glimpse of the new Holiday Train, and a look at the next generation of Clipper.





Latest Customer Survey Caltrain's Best Ever

In the first customer survey of riders since the debut of the new and improved electric service, Caltrain scored record-high ratings not just for the onboard experience, but at stations as well.

[Learn More about the Customer Survey](#)

New Holiday Experience Arrives Dec. 13

Tickets are already sold out for the new Holiday Train, but you can still join the fun at our Station Celebrations at San Francisco, San Mateo, Palo Alto and San Jose Diridon Stations and take Caltrain to visit the many holiday events along the corridor.



Learn More about the Holiday Train



Holiday Sweater Available at Caltrain Store

Prove you're a fashion forward transit advocate with the new Caltrain holiday sweater, on sale now.

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Lack of Funding Risks Electrification Gains

Caltrain outlined the significant service cuts and operational impacts the agency would face without new external funding, including



closing more than one-third of stations, no weekend service, reducing service to once an hour, ending operations by 9 p.m. and cutting segments of service.

[Learn More about Potential Service Cuts](#)



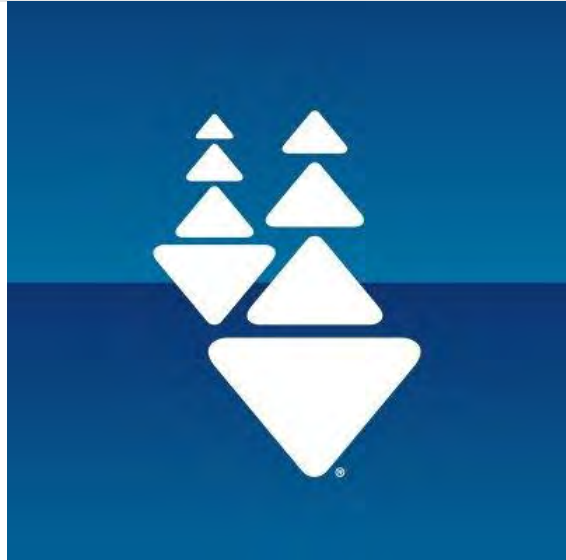
Next Gen Clipper Comes to Caltrain

Caltrain users will get to enjoy the many benefits of Next Gen Clipper starting on Dec. 10 as Caltrain starts to migrate to the new system, offering features such as the ability to pay directly via credit card at the reader.

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Clipper Discount to End in 2026

As of Jan. 1, 2026, Caltrain will be eliminating the 55-cent discount on all Clipper fares, aligning prices for all fare payment methods on Caltrain.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 4 - [Caltrain Board Meeting](#) - San Carlos Station
 - December 13 - [Holiday Train](#) - San Francisco, San Mateo, Palo Alto and San Jose Diridon Stations
 - December 31 - [NYE Fireworks](#) - San Francisco Station
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From: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 2:50 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors <VTABoardofDirectors@vta.org>
Subject: VTA Information: Ridership for October 2025

VTA Board of Directors:

Attached is a memorandum from Nauni Singh, Chief Operating Officer, regarding VTA ridership for October 2025.

If you have any questions, please reply to this e-mail.

Thank you,

Office of the Board Secretary
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
3331 North First Street, Building B
San Jose, CA 95134-1927
Phone **408-321-5680**




Date: December 1, 2025
Current Meeting: NA
Board Meeting: December 4, 2025

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Carolyn M Gonot, General Manager/CEO



FROM: Naunihal (Nauni) Singh, Chief Operating Officer



SUBJECT: VTA Ridership – October 2025

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 October 2025.

CLIMATE IMPACT:

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

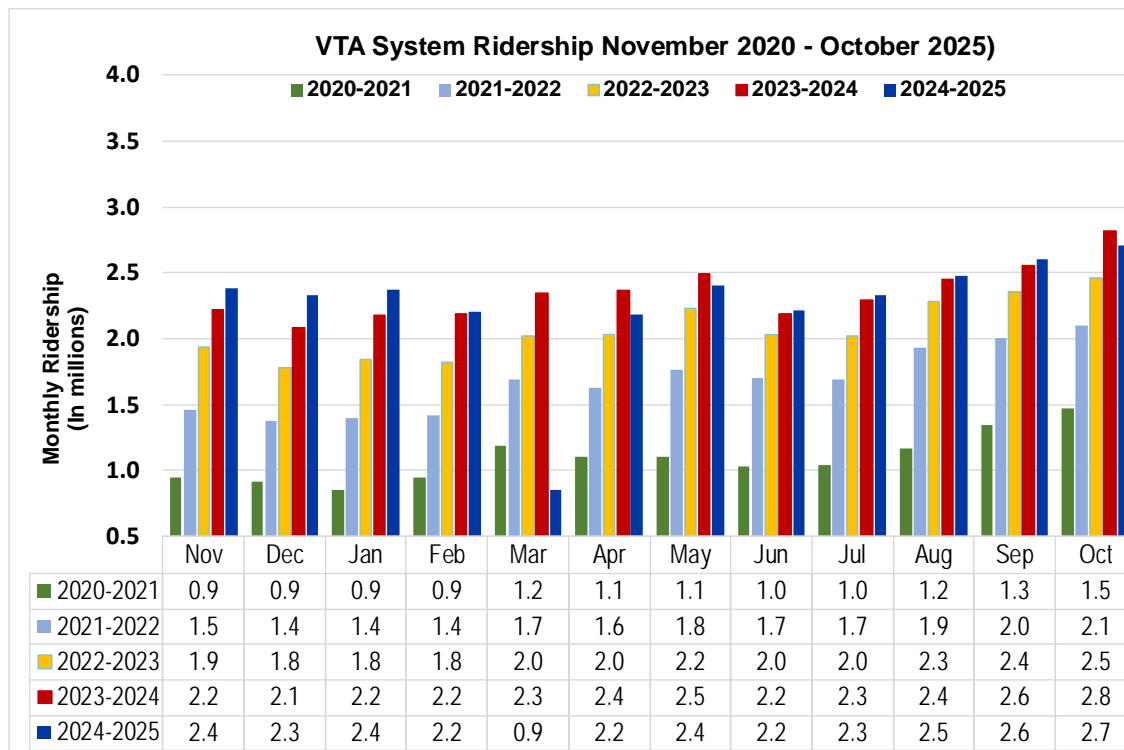
DISCUSSION:

October 2025 total monthly system ridership was 2,708,437, a decrease of 4.5% compared to October 2024. The total monthly bus ridership was 2,266,935, a decrease of 2.7% compared to October 2024. The total monthly light rail ridership was 441,502, a decrease of 12.5% compared to October 2024. The average weekday system ridership for October 2025 decreased by 3.7%. The Calendar year-to-date (January 2025 through October 2025) system ridership (bus and light rail) was 22,358,754, a decrease of 6.6% compared to same period last year. However, October holds the highest monthly ridership in calendar year 2025. Year-to-date ridership was impacted by reduced service during March 2025. From October 9th to the 14th, light rail service was impacted by Rail Rehabilitation work in the area surrounding the intersection of Capitol/Mabury. Bus bridges were in place to supplement service.

Levi's Events: There was one San Francisco 49ers football game at Levi's Stadium in October 2025 that recorded about 16,946 riders. In October 2024, there were three Levi's events totaling 45,561 riders.

	Monthly			Calendar Year-to-Date		
VTA Ridership	Current (Oct 2025)	Prior (Oct 2024)	Percent Change	Current (Jan'25-Oct'25)	Prior year (Jan'24-Oct'24)	Percent Change
Bus	2,266,935	2,330,053	-2.7%	18,661,090	19,794,131	-5.7%
Average Weekday	83,265	85,980	-3.2%	75,537	75,203	0.4%
Average Saturday	47,792	47,928	-0.3%	44,984	43,652	3.1%
Average Sunday / Holiday	40,169	40,203	-0.1%	37,987	37,201	2.1%
Light Rail	441,502	504,642	-12.5%	3,697,664	4,139,152	-10.7%
Average Weekday	15,151	16,255	-6.8%	14,356	15,139	-5.2%
Average Saturday	10,674	9,454	12.9%	9,819	9,075	8.2%
Average Sunday / Holiday	12,578	23,245	-45.9%	9,421	10,508	-10.3%
System	2,708,437	2,834,695	-4.5%	22,358,754	23,933,283	-6.6%
Average Weekday	98,416	102,235	-3.7%	89,893	90,342	-0.5%
Average Saturday	58,466	57,382	1.9%	54,803	52,727	3.9%
Average Sunday / Holiday	52,747	63,448	-16.9%	47,408	47,709	-0.6%

The system ridership (Bus and light rail) in millions for 2021-2025 (rolling 12 months) is presented in the chart below:



Note: November 2020 onwards continued to have impacts from COVID-19 for some more months. March 2025 had decreased ridership due to ATU service disruption.

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

	Boardings per Total hour ¹			Boardings per Revenue hour ²		
	October 2025	October 2024	Percent Change	October 2025	October 2024	Percent Change
Bus	17.0	18.1	-5.7%	18.2	19.2	-5.6%
Light Rail	30.7	36.5	-15.9%	32.9	39.2	-16.1%

Total hours – Includes revenue hours and deadhead hours (hours that a vehicle travels when out of revenue service). ² Revenue hours - Scheduled hours of service available to passengers for transport on the routes. Includes recovery/layover time.

From: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 5:36 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors <VTABoardofDirectors@vta.org>
Subject: From VTA: VTA's BART Phase 2 Construction Tour



Contact: VTA Media Relations
408-464-7810 (no texts)

December 3, 2025

Behind the Scenes at the BART Silicon Valley Phase II West Portal Construction Site

San Jose, CA – The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) will host an exclusive behind-the-scenes media tour of the BART Silicon Valley Phase II Project (BSVII), highlighting major construction progress at the West Portal site—the future launch point for the tunnel boring machine that will extend BART service into the heart of San José. This tour offers media direct access to the construction field, opportunities to interview key BSVII project leaders, and the chance to capture dynamic images and video of one of the region's most significant transportation milestones in the making.

Date: Monday, December 8, 2025

Event Schedule:

10:15 AM: Check-in and safety gear distribution

10:30 AM: Mandatory safety training

10:45 AM: Project Tour of construction site

Location: BSVII West Portal Construction Site **831 Newhall Drive, San José, CA**

(Sign-in with attendant at gate)

Attire: A hard hat and safety vest will be provided for the tour.

Long pants, shirts with sleeves, and protective footwear (boots or closed toe shoes) are required.

Media Attendance: Please confirm if you will be attending to media.relations@vta.org

West Portal Construction Site at Newhall Yard & Maintenance Facility, 831 Newhall Drive, San Jose, CA

Attendee parking via West Portal project site **overflow lot** situated to the right upon entry to the Guard Shack checkpoint. List of attendees will also be provided to KST/guard for check-in.



From: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 2:56 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors <VTABoardofDirectors@vta.org>
Subject: From VTA: VTA plans for record FIFA crowds

Contact: Media.Relations@VTA.org
(408) 464-7810 (no texts)

December 4, 2025

VTA Prepares to Move Thousands of FIFA World Cup 26 Fans to Levi's Stadium

As the Bay Area Awaits Friday's World Cup Draw

San Jose, CA – As the highly anticipated FIFA World Cup 26™ Draw approaches this Friday, December 5th, excitement continues to build across the Bay Area. The region is just days away from learning which nations will face off next summer—and VTA is already preparing to safely and efficiently move about 25,000 people daily to and from the matches at Levi's Stadium.

Levi's Stadium is scheduled to host six World Cup matches, including five group-stage games and one Round of 32 knockout match:

Match 8 – Group Stage – Saturday, June 13, 2026

Match 20 – Group Stage – Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Match 31 – Group Stage – Friday, June 19, 2026

Match 44 – Group Stage – Monday, June 22, 2026

Match 60 – Group Stage – Thursday, June 25, 2026

Match 81 – Round of 32 – Wednesday, July 1, 2026

VTA will increase train and bus frequencies, with a focus on pre-event and post-event service, on-site transit ambassadors, enhanced wayfinding and signage, and improved connections with regional transit partners—all designed to ensure a seamless, congestion-relieving experience for visitors and residents alike to reach the stadium.

Fans are encouraged to begin familiarizing themselves with VTA's transit tools now, including the [Transit app](#) and [Clipper mobile fare payment](#), to streamline their travel once they arrive in the Bay Area.

In the meantime, residents are encouraged to take VTA to local FIFA World Cup 26™ Draw viewing parties this Friday, including PayPal Park, ([Bus route 60](#)) and other celebrations happening throughout Santa Clara County.

The Bay Area is among only 16 host regions across the U.S., Canada, and Mexico selected for the 2026 FIFA World Cup—the largest tournament in the event's history. With hundreds of thousands of visitors expected, VTA's transit network will play a critical role in moving fans efficiently, reducing roadway congestion, and supporting the region's economic vitality during this global event.

About Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (SCVTA): *The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is dedicated to providing the residents of Santa Clara County with accessible, efficient, and sustainable public transportation options. Through continuous innovation and community engagement, VTA strives to meet the evolving mobility needs of the region, ensuring a high-quality transit experience for all users.*

From: VTA Board Secretary <Board.Secretary@vta.org>

Sent: Friday, December 5, 2025 12:07 PM

To: VTA Board of Directors <VTABoardofDirectors@vta.org>

Subject: From VTA: VTA Mechanics Donate Work Boots to Support the Unhoused



Contact: VTA Media Relations

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December 4, 2025

VTA Mechanics Donate Work Boots to Support the Unhoused

SAN JOSE, CA – On **Saturday, December 6**, VTA mechanics will donate **120 pairs of gently used work boots** to support local unhoused individuals during the winter season. The boots will be delivered to the Holiday 5K fundraiser sponsored by the San Jose Gurdwara and Silicon Valley Interfaith Council.

The boot drive was created by **VTA Mechanic Erik Larsen**, who worked with all VTA maintenance divisions to collect, sort, and clean the donated boots. Employees throughout bus and light rail maintenance stepped up, contributing their still-usable pairs and filling several large bags. Erik hopes this becomes an annual tradition.

The San Jose Gurdwara working with the Silicon Valley Interfaith Council—recognized for its longstanding unhoused outreach across Santa Clara County—will distribute the boots as part of their annual Winter Drive, which also includes coats, hygiene kits, warm meals, and

essential services. VTA's donation will be announced during the Gurdwara's Holiday 5K fundraiser on Saturday, December 6 at 9:00 a.m.

"I'm grateful for how quickly everyone came together to support this idea," said VTA Mechanic Erik Larsen. "These boots have served our teams well, and now they'll go on to help people who really need them this winter. I hope this becomes a tradition we continue every year."

This marks VTA's first work boot donation effort, highlighting the dedication of VTA employees to supporting the community beyond their day-to-day work.

WHEN: Saturday, December 6, 2024, from 8:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: San Jose Gurdwara, 3636 Gurdwara Ave, San Jose, CA

WHO: VTA employee-led; Lead organizer: Erik Larsen, VTA Guadalupe Light Rail Division Mechanic

Media are invited to attend. Interviews with VTA staff will be available on site.

About VTA

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district that provides sustainable, accessible, community-focused transportation options that are innovative, environmentally responsible, and promote the vitality of our region. VTA is responsible for bus, light rail, and paratransit operations and serves as the county's congestion management agency. Visit www.vta.org.