

From: VTA Board Secretary

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 11:14 AM

To: VTA Board of Directors <

Cc: Gonot, Carolyn <; Richardson, Greg <; Haywood, Scott <; Greene, Beverly <

Subject: From VTA: VTA Correspondence: Week Ending June 26, 2026

Board of Directors,

Attached is correspondence for the week ending June 26, 2026 as described below.

From	Topic
Toby Hyun	Public Comment
CCJPA	Vision Plan Public Webinar July 23, 2026; Capitol Corridor FIFA Update
Planning Commission	Supplemental Information: Planning Commission - June 25, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Thank you,

Office of the Board Secretary
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
3331 North First Street, Building B
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From: Toby Hyun

Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2026 8:07 AM

To: VTA Board Secretary

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 6/26/2026

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Hello Esteemed Board Members,

This comment is submitted for action item #8.5, adoption of the silicon valley express lane strategic plan, from the 6/4/26 Board Meeting, whose vote was deferred to the 6/26/26/ board meeting. I am writing to express my concern for the plan to further widen Highway 101 and State Route 85. This will likely induce demand for these corridors, encourage the use of personal vehicles (worsening pollution and congestion), and do little to relieve traffic. Furthermore, if the money that is expected to be received from this plan in the form of tolls goes back into further highways, the root problem will never be addressed. It would be much better if the were spent coming up with strategic plans for an extensive bus rapid transit system in Santa Clara County, increased frequency and consistency for the existing bus service, or better/more enticing benefits and pay for VTA transit operators. These are a few ideas, but I know VTA staff and the board can come up with better ideas than widening already ridiculously massive highways. One more lane will not solve anything. And, if this plan does go forward, please put received from tolls to addressing the root problem--do not continue the cycle of adding more lanes then putting even more money towards highway widening/maintenance. We need bus rapid transit, an expanded light-rail network, mixed-use transit oriented communities, and expanded/improved bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Toby Hyun

SJSU Master's of Urban Planning Candidate and Santa Clara County Resident

From: Robert Padgette

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 3:49 PM

To: Mark Foley; Melissa Hernandez; Janice Li; Robert Raburn; Matthew Rinn; Edward Wright; bhoudesheldt; Ken.Broadway; Suzannejones; rdickinson; rbrewer; cmaple; SupervisorKennedy; Melissa Lee; Sudhanshu Jain; Linda Sell; sbird; sbird_fordixoncitycouncil; sbird_dixonpd; sbird; ahernandez; cmoy; JChapman; lucas.frerichs; lucasf; mayra.vega

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vision Plan Public Webinar July 23, 2026

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CCJPA Board of Directors,

We are planning to hold a public webinar for interested members of the public to learn about and provide feedback on the Vision Plan update via Zoom on Thursday, July 23, 2026, from 6:30-7:30pm. We will also have Vision Plan information posted on our website in July for anyone who is not able to attend the webinar. We will begin advertising the webinar each week starting around July 6. Comments can be made via the website through August 7, 2026. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please let me know.

Thanks,
Rob Padgett, Managing Director
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From: Planning Commission

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 4:32 PM

To: Planning Commission

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supplemental Information: Planning Commission - June 25, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

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Good afternoon,

The following supplemental information has been added to the June 25, 2026 Planning Commission meeting:

Item No. 5: [Public hearing to consider Annual Report No. 25, as required in the 2000 Stanford University General Use Permit, documenting compliance with Conditions of Approval for reporting period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Owner: Stanford University. Zoning: Various. Supervisorial District: Five. File No.: PLN99-7165-2026-Annual Report.](#)

e. [Stanford Annual Report 25 Presentation](#) 📎 **Supplemental Information**

The agenda and related materials for the Thursday, June 25, 2026, 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission meeting may be viewed here:

https://sccgov.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=17733

Members of the public may access the meeting using the following link: <https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/82443158959>

Best,

Nathan Perez

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From: Robert Padgette

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 9:31 PM

To: Mark Foley; Melissa Hernandez; Janice Li; Robert Raburn; Matthew Rinn; Edward Wright; bhoudesheldt; Ken.Broadway; Suzannejones; rdickinson; rbrewer; cmaple; SupervisorKennedy; Melissa Lee; Sudhanshu Jain; Linda Sell; sbird; sbird_fordixoncitycouncil; sbird_dixonpd; sbird; ahernandez; cmoy; JChapman; lucas.frerichs; lucasf; mayra.vega

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Capitol Corridor FIFA Update

Importance: High

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CCJPA Board of Directors:

I'm happy to share an important update on our FIFA service, including the addition of a second post-game train on July 1. With four matches successfully served, and two remaining, Capitol Corridor continues to play a key role in moving fans to and from the tournament.

Planned CCJPA Service

As you may have seen, the U.S. Men's National Team has advanced to the Round of 32, with its match scheduled for July 1 in Santa Clara. To date, we have experienced some of the highest special event ridership in Capitol Corridor history, and we expect this final match to generate even greater demand.

Over the past week, we have worked closely with Union Pacific and Amtrak to secure an additional train to accommodate the anticipated ridership. The addition of a second post-game train on short notice reflects the strong collaboration among our operating partners and our shared commitment to providing a successful customer experience during one of the region's largest international events.

On July 1, eastbound Train #554 will depart at 8:45 p.m., approximately 30 minutes after Train #552. This additional departure provides fans with greater flexibility after the match, allowing them to enjoy the post-game atmosphere while making their trip home easier and more convenient.

We are notifying customers of the additional service through our social media and email channels. We also continue to work closely with ACE, TASI Mechanical, Amtrak, and Union Pacific to support train operations, station staffing, onboard service, and customer safety. Schedules for the June 25 and July 1 matches are now posted on our website.

FIFA by the Numbers

Across the first four FIFA matches, Capitol Corridor has carried more than 8,000 passengers to and from the SF Bay Area Stadium (Levi's Stadium), underscoring the value of providing direct rail service for major events.

As noted in our previous memo, customers continue to embrace our open-loop Tap2Ride fare payment system, which allows riders to use contactless bank cards and mobile wallets without prior registration. Tap2Ride usage has increased with each successive match, reflecting growing customer awareness and adoption. We will continue to monitor performance each week and provide the Board with regular updates.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Rob Padgette
Managing Director

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From: VTA Board Secretary <

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2026 1:26 PM

To: VTA Board of Directors < >

Cc: Gonot, Carolyn <; Richardson, Greg <; Haywood, Scott <; Smith, Patrice < >; Greene, Beverly >

Subject: From VTA: FIFA World Cup Service Operations

Board of Directors:

Please see the attached memo from Carolyn M. Gonott, VTA's General Manager/CEO, regarding Five FIFA Matches Down and One to Go.

Thank you,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: VTA Board of Directors

FROM: Carolyn M. Gonot, General Manager/CEO 

DATE: July 1, 2026

SUBJECT: FIFA World Cup Service Operations

With one FIFA World Cup match remaining at San Francisco Bay Area Stadium, VTA has successfully supported five tournament matches while maintaining reliable service across the system. Our final match, scheduled for today Wednesday, July 1, features the USA vs. Bosnia. We're expecting one of the most exciting matches of the tournament. If it drives higher demand for transit, we're prepared.

To date, VTA's FIFA operations have been highly successful, with very few customer complaints. Careful planning, the presence of VTA ambassadors, strong interdepartmental coordination, and close collaboration with regional transit agencies and public safety partners have enabled us to safely and efficiently transport tens of thousands of fans while continuing to serve our regular riders.

Recent ridership highlights the significant demand generated by these events:

- Monday, June 22: 33,000 riders for the Jordan vs. Algeria match
- Thursday, June 25: 41,000 riders for the Paraguay vs. Australia match

These figures represent ridership associated with FIFA service and do not include the thousands of additional customers who relied on VTA throughout the rest of the system on those days.

As we prepare for the final match, staff remain focused on executing our service plan, managing high passenger volumes, and delivering a safe and positive customer experience. Based on our performance to date, we are well positioned for another successful event.

Overall, VTA's performance throughout the tournament has demonstrated the agency's ability to support major international events while continuing to provide safe, reliable public transportation throughout Santa Clara County.

From: VTA Board Secretary

Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2026 4:18 PM

To: VTA Board of Directors <

Cc: Gonot, Carolyn ; Richardson, Greg ; Haywood, Scott <; Greene, Beverly

Subject: From VTA: VTA Correspondence: Week Ending July 3, 2026

Board of Directors,

Attached is correspondence for the week ending July 3, 2026 as described below.

From	Topic
Randy Gharfa	Public Comment
Caltrain	Caltrain eNews - June 2026
Sergio Lopez, Board Chairperson	Letter requesting support for FTA Rail Vehicle Replacement grant program
CCJPA	Capitol Corridor FIFA Service Performance Overview

Thank you,

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From: Randy G

Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2026 8:25 AM

To: VTA Board Secretary; district1;
district2; district3; district4;
district5

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Formal Oversight Complaint: Systemic Negligence and Public Safety Failures at VTA

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Dear VTA Board Secretary and Members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to file a formal oversight complaint regarding the ongoing, systemic failures within the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). These failures are not isolated incidents — they represent chronic negligence, foreseeable safety risks, and a breach of VTA’s duty of care to the residents of Santa Clara County.

Given the severity of these issues, I am requesting immediate intervention from both the VTA Board and the County Board of Supervisors, with escalation to state oversight agencies if necessary.

Systemic Service Failures and Breach of Duty

VTA’s repeated service cancellations — often multiple consecutive trips on the same route — have become routine. These are not “disruptions.” They are predictable operational breakdowns that directly harm riders who depend on transit for work, school, medical appointments, and essential mobility.

A transit agency that cannot operate its scheduled routes is failing its statutory purpose.

Lack of Contingency Planning and Foreseeable Safety

Last year's month-long strike made it painfully clear how little regard VTA has for the people who depend on you. Riders were left stranded with no meaningful support, no contingency plan, and no acknowledgment of the hardship you caused. The message was loud and clear: riders are an afterthought.

This represents a clear breach of duty and a failure to protect vulnerable riders.

Unsafe Station Conditions and Negligent Maintenance

Across the system, riders encounter conditions that pose foreseeable safety hazards, including:

- Digital signs broken for months
- Escalators and elevators constantly and indefinitely out of service
- Poor lighting creating unsafe nighttime environment

These hazards are the result of prolonged neglect, not sudden failures.

Fare Machine Failures and Consumer Harm

VTA's fare machines routinely:

- Reject cash
- Reject cards
- Freeze mid-transaction
- Fail to issue tickets
- Fail to return change
- Ticket machines out of order
- In addition, having Filed claims for these errors and as of 9 weeks later, have yet to receive a refund from VTA

These failures cause direct financial harm to riders and likely violate California consumer protection laws. A public agency that cannot reliably collect fares is failing at the most basic level of operational competence.

Leadership and Oversight Breakdown

The cumulative effect of these failures indicates a breakdown in leadership, oversight, and accountability within VTA's management structure. This is Silicon Valley — yet VTA cannot maintain escalators, lighting, signage, or fare machines.

The disconnect between regional expectations and VTA's performance is unacceptable.

Requested Actions:

From the VTA Board Secretary

- Formally docket this complaint for review by the full VTA Board.
- Ensure this complaint is entered into the public record and acknowledged in writing.
- Provide a timeline for when the Board will address these issues in a public meeting.

From the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

- Initiate a formal oversight investigation into VTA's operational and safety failures.
- Commission a performance audit of service reliability, maintenance practices, and fare system failures.
- Evaluate leadership accountability, including whether current VTA management is meeting its duty of care.
- Require a corrective action plan with timelines, responsible parties, and measurable performance standards.
- Refer this matter to state oversight agencies (CalSTA, CPUC, State Auditor) if VTA is found to be in breach of its obligations.

VTA is entrusted with public funds and public safety. At present, it is failing on both fronts. I would appreciate a written response from both the VTA Board Secretary and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors outlining next steps and timelines for corrective action.

Sincerely,
Randy Gharfa

From: Caltrain eNews
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 4:50 PM
To: VTA Board Secretary
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Caltrain eNews - June 2026

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Caltrain: The Ride of the Summer

May marked the third time in six months that Caltrain set a new ridership record, and we're optimistic that another record could be just around the corner. In this issue, we share the latest on our budget, celebrate our recent APTA Safety Award, and highlight the major crowds Caltrain welcomed for San Francisco Pride and the World Cup.



Caltrain Adopts Budget with Efficiency Improvements

Caltrain's Board of Directors approved its operating budget for FY2027, as well as all recommendations from the SB 63 Financial Efficiency Review Independent Oversight Committee's final Phase 1 report.

[Learn More about Caltrain's Budget](#)

Caltrain Adopts Framework for No Funding Scenario

The Caltrain Board adopted a framework for dealing with budget shortfalls if additional revenues don't materialize this year, including potential options like closing more than one-third of stations, eliminating all weekend service, reducing train frequency to once an hour or ending service at 9pm.



[Learn More about the No Funding Scenario](#)



Caltrain With the Assist for the World Cup

Caltrain has had tens of thousands of World Cup fans on board all month long thanks to football fever, with game days showing a 20% increase in average ridership, even before tomorrow's match between US vs. Bosnia and Herzegovina.

[Learn More about Caltrain's World Cup Service](#)

Caltrain Offers a Ride to Pride

Caltrain had an additional train running for SF Pride, with over 14,000 celebrants coming out to San Francisco Station and wanting the world to know.



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Caltrain Receives APTA Safety Award

Caltrain was honored with APTA's Certificate of Merit Safety Award for continuing its ongoing efforts to improve safety along its right-of-way.

[Learn More about Safety at Caltrain](#)

Caltrain Connects Public to Stanford Art

Stanford University's Cantor Arts Center and Anderson Collection offer impressive collections of art from around the world, just a short walk from Palo Alto Station.



[Learn More about Art at Stanford](#)



Remember Caltrain for the 4th of July

The 4th of July is just around the corner, and Caltrain stands ready to get you to the fireworks and back home again, declaring your independence from traffic and parking.

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18 and under? Ride Caltrain for One Dollar

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July 1, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

As Chair of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) I respectfully request your support and approval of VTA's application to the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Rail Vehicle Replacement grant program. VTA's light rail system is critical to the mobility of the people of Silicon Valley and VTA is committed to ensuring safe and efficient transit services families and workers throughout our community.

The FIFA World Cup games have been a major success for the United States and we appreciate all that you and the Department have done to help transit agencies prepare for the games. With six games having been played at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, VTA's light rail system has played a major role in safely and efficiently moving fans from around the country and world to these games. More than 39,500 riders made their way to and from Levi's Stadium for the World Cup match between Austria and Jordan June 16; that was about 2,500 more rides than were taken for the Bay Area opener between Qatar and Australia.

The existing light railcar fleet includes 98 vehicles that will be reaching their 30-year lifecycle in the next five years. VTA is already experiencing significant age-related failures, parts obsolescence, increasing maintenance costs, and service delays among its light rail fleet. This grant will enable VTA to undertake the first phase of replacing its aging light rail fleet with up to 20 new standard 90-foot vehicles, ensuring new with improved safety and communications systems, as well as updated accessibility and passenger features.

I applaud your leadership and ask that you approve our grant application to help VTA maintain its leadership role as a transportation provider in Silicon Valley. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you or your team might have on this or any matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sergio Lopez', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Sergio Lopez
Chairperson, Board of Directors
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

MEMO



To: CCJPA Board of Directors
From: Robert Padgette, Managing Director
Date: July 2, 2026
Subject: Capitol Corridor FIFA Service Performance Overview

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This memo provides a final update on the tremendous success of Capitol Corridor's service delivery to all six FIFA Matches in June and July 2026. Our trains were packed, our customers were happy, and our partners could not have provided better support. We are honored to have played such an important role, among the many Bay Area transportation agencies, in this national event. And we extend our thanks to Amtrak, TASI Mechanical, and Union Pacific, who made this happen.

FIFA Service Overview:

Capitol Corridor provided enhanced service for the six FIFA World Cup Matches held at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, CA on June 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, and July 1. The service plan was complex, as it involved different, sometimes late, match start times, spanned weekends and weekdays, and required schedule coordination with ACE, Union Pacific, and other regional transit operators, including VTA, Caltrain, BART, and AC Transit. However, each match was successfully accommodated by 2-3 inbound trains and 1-2 outbound trains.

Service delivery and its successful execution were made possible through extensive coordination among Capitol Corridor, TASI Mechanical, Amtrak, and Union Pacific. TASI Mechanical and Amtrak provided exceptional support through additional station staffing, onboard services (café car), train and operations staffing, and Amtrak Police presence both onboard trains and at stations to support customer safety and the overall passenger experience.

FIFA by Numbers:

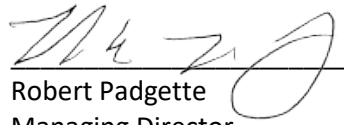
In advance of the FIFA World Cup, Capitol Corridor formally launched open-loop Tap2Ride access for all riders, allowing customers to use contactless bank cards and mobile wallets without prior registration. This milestone was made possible through a strong partnership with Amtrak, whose collaboration was instrumental in bringing the capability online in time for FIFA.

Capitol Corridor's total daily ridership across all six FIFA match days totaled over **33,000 people**, with an estimated **14,000 riders to and from the stadium** itself. Each match day made the top 10 highest ridership days for 2026 and **averaged 37% higher than a normal weekday**. The July 1 US – Bosnia knockout match was our single highest ridership day in both calendar and fiscal year 2026, with 6,196 riders, and 51% higher than a normal Wednesday. It was also our single busiest day since the pandemic.

Having Tap2Ride without the need for card registration opened a critical path to market for our international passengers and resulted in a staggering **100% increase in Tap2Ride ridership**, and a **400% increase in unique customers** over a rolling 30-day period. Over the six days of FIFA service, more than 70% of Tap2Ride customers were not registered, outlining the importance of this convenience for special events and international accessibility.

We are immensely proud to have supported the Bay Area's effort to host these matches and believe the region's collective success positioned us prominently on the world stage to demonstrate that connected, convenient, and reliable passenger rail transportation is a reality in the US.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.



Robert Padgett
Managing Director

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