From: Board.Secretary
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 5:56 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: VTA Information: Board of Directors - November 18, 2016 Workshop/Special Meeting - Revised Agenda Language and Revised Agenda Item 3.1
Importance: High

VTA Board of Directors:

The **November 18, 2016, Workshop/Special Meeting** Agenda Packet has been **revised**.

The following revisions were made:

- Updated Agenda language and Board Memo for **Agenda Item #3.1**: Next Network Outreach Summary and Ridership/Coverage Balance

You may access your revised VTA Board of Directors Agenda Packet for the November 18, 2016, Workshop/Special Meeting on our website here.

Please note the Date, Time and Location of the Workshop:

Friday, November 18, 2016
2:00 PM
VTA, Bldg. A, Auditorium
3331 North First St.
San Jose, CA 95134

We would like to thank you for your support of VTA's Sustainability Program to **"GO GREEN"** by subscribing electronically to the packets.

Thank you.

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From: Board.Secretary
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 4:33 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: Public Comments on Next Network

VTA Board of Directors:

Please find attached comments from the public regarding the Next Network. Copies of the comments will be provided for you at the Board Workshop on Friday, November 18, 2016.

Thank you,

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From: Laura Tolkoff
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 10:41 PM
To: Board.Secretary; Liccardo, Sam; Ken.Yeager; cindy.chavez; Jeannie Bruins; jasonb; rose.herrera; perry.woodward; manh.nguyen; Teresa O'Neill; magdalena.carrasco; ghendricks
Cc: Teresa Alvarado; Ratna Amin
Subject: SPUR Comments on Next Network (Item 3.1 on 11/18/16)

Dear Chair Chavez and Directors,

Attached please find SPUR's comments on the Next Network. We encourage VTA to move forward with designing a proposal for a transit network with an 85/15 balance between ridership- and coverage-based services. We understand that this will require hard choices about service priorities, but these choices cannot be avoided if we want to grow transit ridership significantly.

In our letter, we also make recommendations for the proposed fare study. Disparate and disjoined fares discourage trips that include more than one mode or operator and make navigating the transit system inefficient and cumbersome. This results in fewer trips taken by transit and less trust that transit is a practical option. VTA has an opportunity to be a leader in fare integration and making it easier to use transit.

Thank you for your leadership on redesigning the transit network to support higher ridership and greater environmental and fiscal sustainability.

SPUR
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November 16, 2016

Board of Directors
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
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San Jose, CA 95134

Re: Next Network Outreach Summary and Ridership/ Coverage Balance (Item 3.1)

Dear Chair Chavez and Directors:

Thank you for embarking on a bold and thoughtful redesign of the county's light rail and bus networks. We understand that transit in Santa Clara County has not always enjoyed consistent success. Next Network is a promising opportunity to increase transit ridership and provide a more seamless experience for riders. At the same time, Next Network is an opportunity to control transit costs and put VTA on more stable fiscal footing in the long-run. **Therefore, we encourage VTA to move forward with designing a proposal for a transit network with an 85/15 balance between ridership- and coverage-based services.** We understand that this will require hard choices about service priorities, but these choices cannot be avoided if we want to grow transit ridership significantly.

As VTA moves forward in this effort, we think it is critical for people to be able to seamlessly make trips across agencies and modes. Disparate and disjoined fares discourage trips that include more than one mode or operator and make navigating the transit system inefficient and cumbersome. This results in fewer trips taken by transit and less trust that transit is a practical option. **We strongly encourage VTA to move forward with a fare study** to eliminate financial penalties and increase ridership. In addition:

- **We encourage VTA to study the revenue impacts of offering free or reduced price intra-operator (VTA-to-VTA) transfers, but not be dissuaded by them. Revenue neutrality should not be a necessary condition for a greater focus on ridership**. Rather, the goal should be to develop a transfer system that has the greatest potential to improve the customer experience, increase ridership, and support transit-oriented growth. The fare study should consider how revenue sharing systems or subsidies could be leveraged or developed to overcome or compensate for potential revenue loss due to fare restructuring.

- As part of the study, VTA will be reviewing discounts for youth, fares for low-income riders, fares for the Community Bus service category and the Eco Pass program. As MTC is currently conducting a means-based fare study that is looking

at this many of these topics, **we recommend VTA consult MTC and seek to utilize their learnings in this process and ensure that there is a consistent regional solution to these problems – portability of benefits is essential in our connected region.**

- **We encourage VTA to also study how its fares could better integrate with the other transit operators in the region, particularly neighboring transit providers and regional rail operators, such as Caltrain and BART.** Since a central goal of the Next Network plan is to integrate with BART Silicon Valley, VTA has the opportunity to offer its passengers an entirely seamless experience by coordinating its fares for multi-operator trips, possibly with a single pass.

- **VTA could be a leader for the region on fare integration.** As efforts to develop Clipper 2.0 are currently underway, this is the ideal time to address fare policies. It will also be important for the Clipper 2.0 technology system to make changes to fares easy, unlike today's process. We encourage VTA to be a leader on modern fare payment and integration.

Thank you for your leadership on redesigning the transit network to support higher ridership and greater environmental and fiscal sustainability.

Sincerely,

Laura Tolkoff
San Jose Policy Director

cc: Jim Unites

From: D. Muirhead
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 11:23 AM
To: Board.Secretary
Cc: Debbie Vasquez; Cricket Rubino
Subject: VTA Board Workshop Meeting November 18, 2016 Item #3.1: Next Network: draft Transit Service Plan

Comments for the Public Record submitted by Doug Muirhead, a resident of Morgan Hill, for: Valley Transportation Authority Board Workshop Meeting November 18, 2016 Item #3.1: Next Network: draft Transit Service Plan

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Dear Valley Transportation Authority Board,

I am very pleased to see the section on Related Efforts. I want staff to integrate these multiple programs in blended discussions with VTA committees, at community forums, and in plans. This allows South County needs to be considered even though we do not meet the primary focus of "Core Area":

> Cores, Corridors and Station Areas, and areas of sufficient density of jobs, housing and uses to make transit service work.

Our best hope is in Core Connectivity. "Another option is for cities [and NGOs] to expand or start operating local shuttles with financial contributions and planning assistance from VTA, potentially as a grant program. The 2016 Measure B contains language permitting such solutions."

Missing from the Related Efforts is your new Strategic Plan. I understand that the Strategic Plan is primarily an inward-focused document. But given the clarity with which Next Network contrasts the conflicting goals of ridership and coverage services, I have to read between the lines to find coverage-purposed services in the Strategic Plan.

We are not in the Business Line focused on Fast, Frequent, Reliable Transit.

We might find support in the Business Line focused on Delivering Projects and Programs under the Strategic Goal:

> Provide - Provide a comprehensive line of services, technical support, funding programs, and mobility solutions to the public and Member Agencies.

We might find support in the Business Line focused on Transportation System Management under the Strategic Goal:

> Innovate - Improve and expand mobility options through the "applied innovation" of technology, planning, design, construction, operations, and business techniques.

Having just learned that Route 68 is subsidized by a Federal FTA Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Grant, I am reminded that you have State and Federal Partners as well. Some of those Partners are also Parents, telling you what you can and cannot do or must do.

A minor complaint: I expected to see a map of the draft 85/15 transit network.

Thank you for your consideration,
Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill

From: Board.Secretary
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 4:44 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors; VTA Advisory Committee Members
Subject: VTA Access Paratransit Update

VTA Board of Directors/Advisory Committee Members/City Clerks:

Below is the most recent update regarding VTA ACCESS Paratransit and the FAQs. Please feel free to share with your City Council Members/constituents.

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

Thank you.

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VTA ACCESS Paratransit Update

Following an exhaustive paratransit contract audit the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board made a decision in June to end the paratransit service contract with Outreach and Escort Inc. (Outreach) with 12-months' notice. VTA then began transitioning towards the eventual assumption of management and oversight of its paratransit program.

On November 3, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) unexpectedly executed a search warrant at Outreach's offices. This resulted in a major disruption of paratransit and other services provided through Outreach. VTA acted on an emergency basis and was able to reinstate services and effectively mitigate the impact of Outreach's discontinuation of paratransit service.

Access Paratransit is now under the direct management of VTA. VTA currently contracts with MV Transportation, Inc. an experienced provider of ADA paratransit services throughout the nation. All systems are now at close to full operation serving customers in the best manner possible. All scheduled trips are being dispatched, new trips are being scheduled, and schedule changes can be accommodated to the extent typically possible. The MV Transportation team is currently working from VTA headquarters. VTA has reconfigured its phone system and has

installed additional equipment to support program operations. This week additional phone lines will be added to accommodate all calls coming into VTA's customer service number, (408) 321-2300. The main change for customers is utilizing a new phone number to schedule or change trips as well as some changes to the procedure to add funds to their trip accounts. VTA is currently evaluating proposals for a new contractor and will continue to provide all stakeholders regular updates.

VTA has taken the following steps to ensure current paratransit customers can easily access service:

- Automated phone calls were made to all registered paratransit customers on November 4 and six (6) in multiple languages.

- An information card is being distributed by drivers to all paratransit customers with best methods for them to schedule service, get information or share comments.

- VTA has updated its website with all pertinent information as well as added a paratransit specific email address.

- Ads with a program update and contact information are running Silicon Valley Community Newspapers: Almaden Resident; Cambrian Resident; Campbell Reporter; Cupertino Courier; Los Gatos Weekly Times; Rose Garden Resident; Saratoga News; Sunnyvale Sun; Willow Glen Resident, El Observador, Vietnam Daily and Sing Tao Daily

- New Paratransit customer ID cards.

Information card distributed by drivers to paratransit customers:

Sample of the new paratransit ID card:

VTA ACCESS Paratransit Frequently Asked Questions:

1. ***How do I add money to my VTA ACCESS Paratransit account?***

   You can add money to your paratransit account over the phone, by mail or in person. To add value over the phone, call (408) 321-2300, where you can use your credit or debit card to add funds. You can also add funds by mailing a check to VTA ACCESS Paratransit. Funds may also be added in person at 3331 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95134 with a credit card, debit card or check. Checks should be made out to VTA.

2. ***What is my Account Balance?***

   On November 3, 2016 VTA ACCESS Paratransit transferred account balances from Outreach & Escort, Inc. Your beginning balance with VTA ACCESS Paratransit should match the balance you had prior to the transfer. To find out your account balance please call VTA ACCESS Paratransit at (408) 321-2300.

3. ***Can I receive a monthly account statement?***

   VTA can provide activity information beginning November 4, 2016. To request activity information/statements from November 4, 2016 moving forward contact VTA ACCESS Paratransit at (408) 321-2300. To request a statement prior to November 4, 2016, customers should contact Outreach & Escort, Inc.

4. ***What is the status of my eligibility application?***

To find out about the status of your VTA ACCESS Paratransit application please contact the Eligibility Department directly at (408) 321-2381. Staff are actively responding to individuals who have applied for paratransit service. If your completed application takes longer than 21 days, you shall be granted presumptive eligibility until you have been informed of your eligibility decision and may schedule service on the 22nd day.

5. ***I can't get through to VTA or VTA ACCESS Paratransit?***

Since the unexpected transition of paratransit service VTA, we have experienced much higher call volumes than VTA normally handles. VTA does not have the infrastructure capacity to take the volume of calls that are being received, therefore some callers are receiving a busy signal. In addition, this has increased wait times, especially for paratransit service calls. Paratransit customers can email VTA at paratransit@vta.org to receive assistance, or may have to call back to get an open line. VTA staff monitors the email address from 6am to 7pm Monday through Friday, and 7:30am to 4pm Saturday.

VTA also immediately took steps to increase our phone capacity to ensure we are able to help our callers in a timely manner. Phone capacity is scheduled to be doubled by November 19, 2016. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

6. ***How do I sign up for the subscription service?***

VTA ACCESS Paratransit is currently increasing subscription trip availability. For customers who request routine trips to the same destination on a regular schedule the subscription trip may be beneficial. To find out if you qualify for this service please call (408) 321-2300 or email paratransit@vta.org

From: Board.Secretary
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:56 AM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: Public Comments on Next Network

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From: Meri Gruber
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:04 AM
To: Board.Secretary
Subject: Save the VTA 35 and 88 Bus and Outreach Paratransit Service for Palo Alto,

Dear VTA Board Members,

I am unable to attend today's Workshop but I encourage you to save the VTA 35 and 88 Bus and Outreach Paratransit Service for Palo Alto. These are vital services central to our community.

Best regards,

Meri Gruber

Palo Alto

From: Marian Feng
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 8:51 AM
To: Board.Secretary
Cc: pellson
Subject: Keep VTA 35 and 88 Bus in Palo Alto

Dear Board,

I know lots of seniors in our community who are currently taking the VTA 35 and 88 Bus and Outreach Paratransit Service in Palo Alto. It's part of their daily life.

Please keep the service in Palo Alto.

Thanks, Marian W. Feng

From: Jane Dick
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 8:30 AM
To: Board.Secretary
Subject: 88 route

Please, please keep the 88 route, which serves our community as one of our only local public transportation options, especially for our young, senior, and underserved communities. Our family and many others rely on it for daily critical transportation needs.

Jane Dick

Palo Alto resident

From: nancy moss
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 8:10 AM
To: Board.Secretary
Cc: Penny Ellson; ptc
Subject: Discontinuation of VTA route 35 in Palo Alto

Dear VTA Board,

The following is with reference to today's hearing on VTA routes in North County.

I object strongly to the proposed discontinuation of the #35 bus line through Palo Alto. Although I own a car, there are occasions when the #35 serves as a lifeline for me (age 74) and for my guests between my residence near Oregon & Middlefield and downtown Palo Alto, and between my residence and the Charleston Ave shopping center. The use of hybrid buses has been a substantial plus on this route.

A constructive solution would be to replace the present full size bus with a half- or shuttle-sized bus.

We need more public transportation, not less. I urge you to support the #35 bus route through Palo Alto.

Sincerely,

Nancy Moss

Palo Alto homeowner since 1980

From: Robert Neff
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 6:42 PM
To: Board.Secretary
Subject: Next Network and new Fare and Transfer plans

Hello VTA Board,

I am glad to see that the Next Network proposal before you is strongly considering changing the fare structure, especially for transfers. The current 100% transfer penalty is indefensible, and unfair, as it only affects bus riders, and not light rail riders. I'm glad that your staff will be considering transfers and discounts for single trip riders with Clipper cards. San Francisco does this, and it works well. I hope they will make sure this will also work for transfers between light rail and buses, so that each can be a seamless extension of the other, and will also consider efficient ways to connect to regional services like Bart and Caltrain.

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-- Robert Neff

My 522 haiku:

Five twenty two bus
Express on El Camino
It waits for no one.

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November 17, 2016

The Honorable Cindy Chavez, Chair
Board of Directors
Valley Transportation Authority
3331 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95134

Dear Chair Chavez:

The City of Mountain View commends the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) on undertaking a comprehensive review of its existing transit services as part of its Next Network Plan development process. The goals of the Next Network Plan—expanding ridership, increasing fare box recovery, and improving regional connections—are laudable and necessary to ensure the long-term viability of the VTA and the critical transportation services it provides to residents and businesses throughout the Santa Clara Valley.

As the Board of Directors reviews the proposed elements of the Next Network Plan and outlines a path for the Plan's implementation at the November 18 workshop, the City of Mountain View requests the Board direct VTA staff to:

1. Reconsider its recommendation not to implement express light rail service between the Milpitas and Mountain View stations.

   The Northern Express service was proposed by VTA staff in 2013 as part of the Light Rail Efficiency Program to increase ridership and effectively connect BART service to job centers in North San Jose, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and Mountain View. However, more recently, VTA staff has indicated that this service would not be one of the proposed changes included in the VTA's updated Light Rail Operating Plan.

   Express service between the Mountain View and Milpitas BART stations would provide an important commute-time link for East Bay residents traveling to/from jobs in Mountain View and other North County cities and support our jurisdictions' efforts to address traffic congestion.

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2. Work closely with all Santa Clara County cities as the design of the proposed 85/15 transit network is further refined to ensure that, regardless of the network's final configuration, transit users throughout the County will have access to a variety of transportation service options to meet all residents' mobility needs, particularly first and last mile solutions.

The City of Mountain View thanks the VTA and its Board of Directors for undertaking this important transportation planning initiative and offers its qualified support to these efforts. We look forward to working with members of the Board, VTA staff, and our neighboring cities as the process continues and is refined.

Sincerely,

Patricia Showalter/ww

Patricia Showalter
Mayor

cc: VTA Board
Nuria Fernandez
City Council
CM, PWD, TBM, TP – Kim

From: Board.Secretary
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 12:01 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: Public Comments on Next Network

VTA Board of Directors:

Please find attached additional comments from the public regarding the Next Network and VTA's response to the Brown Act violation issue. Copies of the comments will be provided for you at the Board Workshop on Friday, November 18, 2016.

Thank you,

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The following is VTA's response was sent to members of the public addressing the Brown Act violation:

The agenda for the November 18 Workshop/Special meeting was posted on the VTA website and designated bulletin boards on Monday, November 14, well before the 72 hour notice period required under the Brown Act. The subscribers to the VTA Board Agenda packet were notified by e-mail on the same day. On Tuesday, November 15, a revised agenda was posted to remove the action pertaining to 2016 Measure B; no additional action was added. An e-mail was also sent to the subscribers on the same day.

The notification you received on November 17 was sent as a courtesy to projects and programs subscribers. This is a separate e-mail subscription to the VTA Board Agenda packet and is supplemental to what the Brown Act requires. With your permission, we can add you to our email subscription list so that you can receive e-mails about upcoming VTA Board meetings and other related notices. You may also subscribe using this link: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAVTA/subscriber/new?topic_id=CAVTA_20.

Your comments about Next Network was forwarded to our Planning staff and will be responded to in a separate email. Your comments will also be shared with the Board.

Thank you for your interest in VTA. If you have any questions, please call me directly at 408.321.5680.

Elaine Baltao

VTA Board Secretary

From: diane claerbout
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 11:05 AM
To: Board.Secretary; ptc; pellson
Subject: Bus routes 88 and 35

To the members of the VTA Board,

I was shocked to learn of a meeting to discuss VTA routes and given less than 24 hours notice. Unfortunately I have an appointment and am unable to attend this important session.

I ride the 35 bus and feel that it is an important asset to the community. At age 75, I am frequently one of the youngest riders on the bus (although from time to time there are students) Many of my fellow riders do not appear to be able to afford Uber, etc. What will happen to them?

I am frequently at the cemetery on Arastradero and have observed the large number of students using the 88 bus, Do we need more traffic on Arastradero if the bus is not available? Many parents work and can not provide transportation..
Part of the problem is that both busses are a well kept secret. It would help to write stories for the Weekly and the Post as well as newspapers for the Asian and Hispanic communities describing the routes. Also, it would be helpful to have the routes and schedules posted at the stops. There are many people in the community who do not use computers and can not find the information.

Instead of cutting the routes, I believe that they should be expanded to include the Palo Alto JCC which accounts for a great deal of traffic on Charleston.

These are valuable routes which need to be kept!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Diane Claerbout (a Palo Alto resident)

From: Richard Brand
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 9:52 AM
To: Community.Outreach
Cc: Joe Simitian; Gennady Sheyner; Dave Price
Subject: Fw: Join Us Tomorrow - Next Network Board Workshop

VTA Board:
I received this email notification of your planning workshop in San Jose less than 24 hours prior to the meeting. I find this disrespectful of your constituency especially for members who have to travel a fair distance to attend such meetings, and possibly illegal under the Brown act.
Richard Brand
Palo Alto

From: Beth Wahl
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 9:46 AM
To: Board.Secretary
Subject: VTA Meeting Today Violates Brown Act

Dear VTA Board Members,

I am writing to protest the last minute notice on the meeting being held today at 2:00 p.m regarding important bus routes in Palo Alto.

The Brown Act requires that notice of such meetings must be posted at least 72 hours in advance. This does not give citizens adequate time to respond to the proposed changes. The 88 and 35 lines are crucial to many people who work in Palo Alto and who commute to Stanford and local schools. It has already been a hardship to have the frequency of buses on these routes reduced.

I voted to support an increased sales tax that benefits public transportation agencies like the VTA, but I feared that VTA would once again ignore the needs of people living in the northern part of Santa Clara County.

Please give adequate notice for these changes and postpone any decisions until citizens have a reasonable chance of making their voices heard.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wahl

750 Montrose Avenue

Palo Alto, CA 94303

From: Arthur Keller
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 5:27 AM
To: Board.Secretary
Cc: Pat Burt; Keri Wagner; Barbara Best; Audrey Gold; Liz Kniss; Penny Ellson; Gennady Sheyner; Dave Price; jnowell
Subject: Re: Next Network Board Workshop
Importance: High

Dear VTA Board Members,

1. The Brown Act requires that notice of meetings, including a brief general description of each matter to be considered must be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. The PDF page containing the agenda shows that the file was posted on or after November 15, 2016 5:30:07 pm when it was last modified, and that the general description of this item was modified. That time is less than 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time at 2pm on Friday, November 18. Please consider whether the Brown Act requirements of posting were *legally* satisfied.

2. As Penny Ellson observes, the spirit of the Brown Act were not satisfied by an email message notice of a Workshop sent out less than 24 hours before it is scheduled to occur. This approach appears designed not to encourage public participation in the meeting.

3. Considering that the VTA Ridership preference survey (page 13 of agenda with staff report) shows a preference of 80.2 with a nearly equal mix preferring each of 70/30, 80/20, and 90/10, it is inexplicable that staff now proposes a mix of 85/15.

4. I also highly object to this decision occurring after the election. Those of us who voted for Measure B would have preferred to know the outcome of this decision prior to voting. The lack of transparency of the VTA Board in this process is appalling.

Please also find attached petitions (with contact information redacted) encouraging retention of the 35, 88, and paratransit services in Palo Alto.

Sincerely,

Arthur Keller

Save the VTA 35 and 88 Bus and Outreach Paratransit Service for Palo Alto

Cuts or changes are being considered for the VTA 88 and 35 buses in Palo Alto. Federal funding for Outreach paratransit service for seniors and those with disabilities is tied to VTA bus lines, so we may lose paratransit too. If approved, these changes may be implemented next summer. Learn more here http://nextnetwork.vta.org/ and see the concept maps http://nextnetwork.vta.org/busconcepts .

VTA 35 bus is an important transportation backbone for Palo Alto residents. It provides access to several community centers, libraries and schools and provides access to both Palo Alto and Mountain View downtowns.

VTA bus 88, 88L, and 88M service is critical to student transportation at Gunn High School. Not only is this service important to those who take the bus every day or only when the weather is inclement, but the reduction of cars on Arastradero Road during school commute hours is important for a congested residential arterial route serving multiple schools and the Stanford Research Park. Over 100 students take the bus each way to Gunn High School, and that's 100 fewer cars on Arastradero Road during the morning commute.

Together these bus lines serve hundreds of affordable and senior housing units, providing service to people of all ages and abilities who cannot or who choose not to drive.

Cuts to VTA 35 and 88 buses can also result in cuts in Outreach paratransit service for seniors and those with disabilities because, by Federal law, paratransit rides must be provided within ¾ mile of a VTA transit route.

We the undersigned request that, as part of VTA's Next Network, the VTA retain and expand service to Gunn High School, retain the VTA 35 and 88 buses, and not make reductions in Outreach paratransit service. Please work with the City of Palo Alto and Gunn High School PTSA to identify better solutions for our community.

(Petition organized by Arthur Keller and Penny Ellson.)

Save the VTA 35 and 88 Bus and Outreach Paratransit Service for Palo Alto

Name	I am most concerned about these services	Comments
Arthur Keller	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	We pay 7% of VTA sales tax, but have suffered cuts to our bus services for decades.
Carol Rogers	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Maria de la Paz	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Dorothy Lee	VTA 35 Bus Service	
Xin Yu	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Runlong Zhou	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Any society that ignores the need for next generation is going to the hell. Please do not cut the service for children, investment for next generation can never be considered as waste.
Dianna Richardson	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Wayland Lee	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Sharon G. Clark	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Barb Cooley	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Howard J Cohen, Ph.D.	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Heike Enders	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Our two High School boys heavily rely on the 88 bus. We don't want to add another car to the long line on Charleston/Arastradero.
Todd Sachs	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Dixie Love	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Nisha Thatte-Potter	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Sandy Yang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	

Save the VTA 35 and 88 Bus and Outreach Paratransit Service for Palo Alto

Name	I am most concerned about these services	Comments
Sally Wood	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
patrice banal fester	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	The loss of this local bus service will negatively impact the most vulnerable riders in our communities: the elderly and students. Palo Alto and PAUSD need to work with SCVTA to protect these services. Parents, (tax payers), and students rely on the 88 to provide safe, reliable, commuter friendly transport to Gunn. Arastradero cannot handle more traffic! Not all residents can opt to ride a bicycle, and the 35 offers an efficient alternative for non drivers to remain independent. please do NOT remove these buses.
Shani	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	We rely on 35!
Sylvia Gartner	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	It's very important to keep these bus services.
Kay Smolin	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service, services for seniors	
Raymond S Cheng	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Alex Woo	VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Constance Gowen	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	These are critical community services - they need to be maintained and as the population ages, Outreach services will need to be expanded, not cut!
Maryann Hinden	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service, All bus services	
Donna Oksenberg	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Barbara Kingsley	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Yvonne Tso	VTA 35 Bus Service	

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Tammy Bishop	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Jielin Li	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Sabra Chartrand	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	We need the 35 and 88 lines -- don't leave us with nothing but our cars to get around. Those lines are crucial for travel from Mountain View to Menlo Park!
Advait Arun	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Jamie Lau	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	They can't take the bus away. Many people use it to go to Gunn HS and back home. Some people don't drive yet and will not have a way to school.
Sharon Samson	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	The 88 bus line serves a critical function in trying to keep traffic congestion on Arastradero Road better than it would be. Commute to Gunn is horrible from 7:45am through 8:30am. Keep 88 line & add more buses if possible! Thank you.
Holly Lucke	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Elizabeth Wolf	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Judy Priest	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	I have 3 children who take the bus to and from Gunn daily. Changes to this bus will be extremely disruptive to our family.
Ed Priest	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Gail Foelsch	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	My children take the 88 and/or 88L to/from school every day
Jiang Chang	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Lisa Bernstein	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	My family relies heavily on VTA service for Gunn high school.
Wenkui Zhang	VTA 88 Bus Service	VTA 88 is critical for our family. My daughter and son use VTA 88 every work day to go to Gunn high school and back home in Palo Alto. It saves traffic and lots of parents time. Please keep VTA 88. Thank you.
Linda Verhulp	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Rod Verhulp	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Nicole Verhulp	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
YUTING Liao	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	Silicon Valley is too expensive to live. Traffic is terrible, too. Cutting bus line? Why not raising parking fee to support bus?
Mara Yarp		

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Joanne Irwin	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Darcy Escovedo	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Annie Bedichek	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Please keep these running!!! We have a lot of people in Palo Alto and are under represented in your bus services!
Rachel Golden	VTA 88 Bus Service	
Cheryl Weaver	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Brenda Lind	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Susan Burnett	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Ramona Burnett	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Alison Hyde	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Marcia M Smith	VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Elaine	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please save 88 bus service!! Many Gunn students will not be able to go home by themselves. Public transportation should be provided to the community.
Lisa Qiao	VTA 88 Bus Service	Please keep VTA88 as it is very critical for my family. My daughter and son take the bus to and from Gunn high school every day. It is safe, less traffic, and saves lots of my family's time. Please do not cut VTA 88 service.
Diane Claerbout	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	both these buses are indispensable. You can not think about cutting them!
Li Wang	VTA 35 Bus Service	It would be very very difficult for us to commute without VTA35
Yong Wang	VTA 35 Bus Service	I'm senior and don't have car. Without VTA35, I'll not able to get around.
Hongwen Li	VTA 35 Bus Service	I can't get to anywhere without VTA35 except taking taxi.
Wendy Lee	VTA 35 Bus Service	I really need VTA35 to commute
Namita Gupta	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Helen S. Golden	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Good transit systems can save taxpayer money by lowering the need to enlarge the infrastructure for automobiles and by leading to improved public health because of improved air quality and reduced stress due to difficult commutes.
Josephine Chen	VTA 35 Bus Service	
Tzippi Zach	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	

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Patti Schaffer	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	
Becky Burwell	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	The bus was great for our teens. It meant that they did not have to drive (good as they would not have to be experienced.) Please keep the 35 and 88 buses.
Leigh Klotz	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Our kids used the bus regularly and didn't need drivers license. Also they often did the bike-bus combo.
Sherilyn Tye	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	This bus service is very important for Gunn High School students. Please keep it in place.
Catherine Magill	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Susan Cheng	VTA Outreach Paratransit service	We rely on Outreach to get to the therapeutic pool in San Jose.
Barb Jaarsma	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service, Buses where seniors don't have to climb 3 steep steps. We are exluded from the current 88 bus.	
Barbara Shufro	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
barb elspas	VTA 88 Bus Service	let kids take themes to school and workers to the VA etc
Scott Seligman	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Jennifer Wang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Elizabeth Wahl`	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	These are crucial services. We already lack adequate public transportation in Palo Alto. There is no reason to close these routes.
Anke Krebber	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Mo Ip	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Students need the bus service.
Melissa Schmidt	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	This would put a hardship on many families in our community that live in midtown Palo Alto who go to Gunn. Please continue the service. It keeps our streets safer with less kids on bikes or needing to drive themselves. Due to their age and driver's license limitations, most high school students cannot carpool with each other.
Markus Fromherz	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	

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R Petersen	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Elizabeth Alecis	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Mark Nadim	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Eliminating these bus lines will cause dramatic traffic increase to our city streets in addition to the loss of the Outreach service effecting our seniors.
Jane Radford-Barker	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Philippe Alexis	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Please keep these going for the good of the neediest in our community
Paul Machado	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Terry Holzemer	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Cuts to the VTA 35 and 88 lines would be very harmful and disruptive to all the citizens of Palo Alto, especially those who need and depend on it on a daily basis. VTA needs to focus on "neighborhood services" and helping those who depend greatly on their bus network. VTA needs to stop focusing strictly on the El Camino Real corridor as the only "bus service" it wants to provide in the whole County.
James Cook	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Lisa Ratner	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service, VTA: Please work with Palo Alto residents and policy makers to find a solution.	
Jana Tuschman	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Gertrude Reagan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	A bus that goes a long way down Middlefield, and paratransit, fill important gaps

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Joanne Koltnow	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	We need more non-car transit options, not fewer. Save the busses.
renee	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	It is essential to have public transportation especially for kids and seniors who don't drive.
Angela Chen	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	I took the 88L/M bus to Gunn when I was a student there (not to diminish the importance of the other bus lines, but this is the only one I have personal experience with). It provides a vital service to help people get to school (not to mention reducing congestion!) and I strongly urge that service be maintained, if not expanded.
Lynn Wiese	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	I am not currently a VTA user, but if/when the time comes that I will no longer be able to drive, I (currently a senior in my late 70s) will be very dependent on the VTA System through and near South Palo Alto to retain my independence.
Nancy Smith	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please continue to operate the VTA 88 Bus service to and from Gunn High School at the level that is currently in place. My daughter and her friends take this bus from the intersection at E. Charleston and Middlefield Rd. every day. Bus ridership reduces additional auto traffic along this heavily traveled corridor and alleviates pressure on the morning commute, in addition to being an environmentally sound alternative to driving solo.
Jeff Levinsky	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Margaret Woodworth	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please don't cut buses
Lori A. Fong, PT	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Students, geriatric and handicapped populations would be impacted by this proposed VTA change. We do not support this change/cut in VTA routes.
Grace Ming	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	My family relies on these services for our daily transportation needs.
Heidi Trilling	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Please continue prioritizing students getting to school safely and on time, and individuals with physical challenges needing specialized transport. Compassionate support of young people and compassionate care of the elderly are the hallmarks of a healthy, connected community. Thank you.

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MonFor Yee	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please save the 88 bus to Gunn High School. This is critical for students who depend on the bus service. Many cannot ride bikes especially during winter and rainy days. Having the bus also help traffic to reduce congestion. Does it help to have extra funding such as raising the bus fare? I am open to it.
Winsome Chung	VTA 88 Bus Service	Need to keep 88 so my kids can go to Gunn High School
Tzu Huey Li	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please keep bus 88 for Gunn High School students
Pai-Hsueh Yang	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	My son use VTA 88 for school days, please keep bus 88 for Gunn High School students.
Sophie	VTA 88 Bus Service	Please keep bus 88 current router
Weihong Zhang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	We live in a community which is about 3 miles from Gunn High school. VTA 88 is an important transportation tool to school for our community kids every school day. The new conceptual alternatives will bring not only big inconvenience to our school kids but also cause severe traffic congestion during school open/close hours. We strong request VTA to keep the current VTA 88 service.
Ge Wang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Jeffrey Wang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Sherry Wang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Shaoshui Wang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Wei Chen	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Zhengtian Gu	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Hannah Lu	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Morning traffic to Gunn high school is already highly congested. Taking the bus service away will only aggravate the congestion and contribute to pollution. Please do not take away this valuable service!!!
Haiyan Wang	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please keep the current service for 88 and 35.
Min Luo	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Huaichin Chen	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	

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Yan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Jun Chen	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Lu Feng	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Please keep these routes as they are needed for my kids.
Jessica Yen	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Winnie Yang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Yong Guo	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Margaret Zhao	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Tracy Zhu	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Catherine Ying	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Lisa Kuang	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please Save VTA 88 bus service for Gunn students. Working parents need VTA buses to and from Gunn high from South Palo Alto area. Thank you.
Judy	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Michael Ye	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Tina Li	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Michelle Lin	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Helen	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please keep the bus 88 service for Gunn High school
Helen Niu	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	Please keep the bus 88 service for Gunn High school
Jian Qin	VTA 88 Bus Service	Please keep VTA 88. It's very important for the students in this area.
Lei lin	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	This is the transportation for my kids go to school. Please keep the service. Thank you!
Kai Ma	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Many Gunn High students use 88 for school. If this option is not available, there will be hundreds more cars on the road and further deteriorate already jammed traffic.

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Hui zhao	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Ming Mao	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Anne J Ercolani	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Yan Zang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Remy Yan	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Save the bus line! Please help Gunn students. Thanks
Keyi Chang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Grace Wang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Haiyun zhang	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	
Yan Jing	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	my kid takes VTA 88 to school
Jo Chang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Don‘t remove the 88 service
Li Zhou	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Emily Xu	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please keep the existing service
Anna Ma	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Christin	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	
Sunny zhsi	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Renyi Duan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Julia yoin	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Wanhou wang	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	These bus routes are essential for our community.
Lina liu	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	We needed everyday.

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Hongcheng liu	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Please save these public transportation
Jie xu	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	I need to take these buses sometimes
Heng yun	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Bin he	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Alex yun	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Sheena Chin	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Please consider the needs of our students
Ann Cui	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Annie Xia	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Wei Si	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Xuemei Tang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	My son use 88 to Gunn high
Susan Ddorsky	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Lillian Ye	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Amanda Chi	VTA 88 Bus Service	Please save Route 88.
Yan Ge	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Hanna Ng	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Jin zhang	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	

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Sandy Yang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Jianlin li	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Kay Miller	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
naomi mindelzun	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Zheng	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Eunice Yun	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Ken Chan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Yanhong wei	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	This Is critical for gunn high student. Please save the route.
Sean Lin	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
James Lin	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Shannon Lin	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Rui ding	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	This Is very useful route, not only for high school students, but also for reducing the traffics on charleston road.
Chi Lin	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	I won't be able to pick up kids without the BUS service !!!!!
Esther Nigenda	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Timothy Quan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	I really think cutting bus service inside Palo Alto is not appropriate.
Henry Liu	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Joyce Kuo	VTA 88 Bus Service	

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Michelle Zhang	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	No change to the current service
Ann Xu	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
XIN liu	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Sarah Yasmin	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	There is already very little bus service to midtown Palo Alto
Sabiha Riaz	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Aleeza Ghani	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	I am a student at JLS who uses the bus to Gunn
Maggie	VTA 88 Bus Service	
Kathy wang	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Xiu Wang	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Tom Hou	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Xiao Ma	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Shrinivas Singh	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Edmund Cheung	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Jessica Smith	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Anthony Ye	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	
Glenda Jones	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Li Chen	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	
Zhengyu Yang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Qiang Liu	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Ksun	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	
Liza Kolbasov	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Na Yan	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please do not cut any bus service, as students at Gunn High school rely on the bus services for commute between home and school.
Tonglei wu	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	I ride at least 4-6 times a week. Can't do without it.

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Melody yuan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	It's a must to save the route.
Richard yuan	VTA 35 Bus Service	
Iris yuan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Jiquan wang	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	I'm a senior and this is the only way I can get to the places I want to go.
Angela Zhou	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Mo Ip	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Students need the bus service.
Ajay Rajput	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Anu Rajput	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Jessica Ko	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
XiLin Choi	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
XiLin	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Irina Kaplunova	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Liz	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please keep current 88 bus schedule and route for Gunn students. Stop threat taking the vital service away from vulnerable students. Thanks!
Jason Yu	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Christy Moision	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Arthur Salop	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Crucial. Services for residents of Palo Alto
Sherry Listgarten	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	

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Graciela Spivak	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Bus service is essential for students, seniors and others. Traffic is so bad already, eliminating public transportation will make it unbearable.
Jeff Chang	VTA 35 Bus Service	Members of my household routinely use #35 to go to Stanford or to the Caltrain stations. Removing this service would leave a huge part of Palo Alto without easy access to these major transit hubs.
Linda Horio-Yu	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	My daughter currently and my son next year ride 88L to/from Gunn High School. The VTA88L is the most sane way to get to/from Gunn campus
Jia li	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Linnea Wickstrom	VTA 35 Bus Service	My disabled son will never drive. One of the VTA buses he relies on frequently is the 35 - to get to downtown Palo Alto for appointments and to get to Mountain View transit Center and downtown. Depending on the 22 only requires a lot of walking - not always possible.
Zhen xue	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Please keep vta88 and vta35 services, my parents use them almost everyday
Andrea Brand	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Jiang Kuang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please Save VTA 88. It is vital for Gunn High students to get home in South Palo Alto.
Emily Su	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Mary Shaw	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	These bus lines VTA 35 and VTA 88, plus OutReach Paratransit services are VERY important to all Palo Alto residents. Gunn High school students commute bt Bus 88 twice a day, and we take Bus 35 along El Camino to go to Stanford Football Games, and to reduce the amount of cars traveling our streets in Palo Alto. There are many workers in Palo Alto who commute by Bus 35, plus students going to Palo Alto High school. There are ways to connect to Cal Train using these bus routes. Please DO NOT TAKE BUS 35 and BUS 88 ROUTES away from Palo Alto!!!
Toxin Su	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Save 88 bus
Zhenhua Fan	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	My kid uses bus to/from Gunn high school daily, and the service is critical for my family. So please keep it.
ann rothblatt	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	

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Yuce Beser	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Kay Hays	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Chris Ouk	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Joe Yu	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Lauren Yu	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	I am a student and have been relying upon the 88L bus to Gunn High School for the past three years. I know that these bus lines are invaluable to the community and if they are severed, the effects will be felt by many.
Ryan Dinh	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	pls
Jessalyn Grant-Bier	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Kristen Yee	VTA 88 Bus Service	
Cindy Guo	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Rosa E. Huang	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Gunn is the most important one, I am also concerned about others
Alexander Kolbasov	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Abby Twoy	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Grace Ding	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Lots of students rely on this service and it reduces traffic on Arastradero.
Dila	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please continue the service!

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Penelope Ellson	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	I can only imagine that the people who made this proposal are not the same VTA staff with whom we spent long hours in 2009 explaining the growth of senior and affordable housing along these routes. Those facilities have not gone away. Then we worked together to adjust CPA Shuttle routes and worked on a mutually acceptable plan. Further, given the volunteer and staff time that our PTA and school district dedicate to promoting the bus to students, I'm surprised VTA would walk away from our successful program that brings new, young commuters to transit every year. It appears that VTA's Next Network project staff is only interested in serving San Jose. If VTA wants my vote in November, VTA had better make a commitment BEFORE then to a transit mix for Palo Alto that doesn't subordinate Palo Alto's basic transit needs to San Jose's hunger for our tax dollars.
Nicole Nemychenkov	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Meri Gruber	VTA 88 Bus Service	This is a very important bus service for local students.
Glenn Story	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Clarisse Lee	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Simon Tao	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Carolyn Kuimelis	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Janet wang	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Flora Hon	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Kristie Huang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Jasmine Pao	VTA 88 Bus Service	
Oliver Qin	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Jacob Ostacher	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	I do not use these services but I do know many rely on them

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John Ortiz	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Public transit is the backbone of the community.
Jae-Jun Han	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Zara	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Some people need this form of transport. And this is not fair to just take this system out without consulting others on how to go home another way!
Jamie Dorst	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Young Lee	VTA 88 Bus Service	
Carol chen	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	My son is riding 88 currently and my daughter used to ride 88 too. Keeping the bus will help a lot of working families.
Emily Mo	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Belinda Ryan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Maia Foelsch	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Joe A Villareal	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Without 88 or paratransit, I can not go to the Mitchel Park Library, Cubberly or vist friend who live along Middlefield. As a wheelchair user, without these services Palo Alto for me will be primarily only where 22/522 run. These rtes are essential for Palo Alto's population who need accessible affordable transit services to all of Palo Alto, not just what along ECR.
Mina Oh	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Josette Domokos	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	We live near the boundary of the PAUSD, slightly over 2 miles from Gunn, and the 88 bus is often a vital means of transport for our daughter.
Joel Davidson	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	We need more bus traffic not less.
Kathleen Goldfein	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	

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Vera M. Shadle	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	I ride VTA Line 35 from time to time, and I've seen younger working people, older ladies returning to Channing House after Giants games from the train station, and more than one passenger with visual impairment that clearly precludes them from driving themselves. Local bus service allows them the daily independence most of us take for granted. With our aging population, it would be irresponsible to cut back on access to Outreach Paratransit service as well; and giving Gunn High students a way to get to school is important with such large enrollment. We cannot lose our bus service.
Venky Karnam	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Elisabeth Rubinfien	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	We need MORE public transportation, not less, and these routes are crucial for anyone trying to cover the whole of Palo Alto without a car. My son relies on Route 35, as has my niece in the past, because we live near downtown and they go to school/work in South Palo Alto. Thank you for your efforts!
Mary L. Carlstead	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	The Outreach Service is crucial for seniors who are giving up their own autos.
srdjan kovacevic	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Andreja Dugacki	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Anna Chu	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Melissa Thomas	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Yan Shen	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Imju Byon	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Lily	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Claire Kirner	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	I am concerned about all services above, but the Gunn High School would affect my family the most in a few years' time.

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Christine Fraser	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Galina Kolbassova	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Vadim Kolbasov	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Barbara Wallace	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Shun Yang	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Aili Yang	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	I am a senior do not drive that depend on 35, 88 Bus, and Outreach Paratransit service to get around.
Sylvia Leung	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Su Chou	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Minnie Kwan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Sophie Nichoson	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Erin Mershon	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Diane Claerbout	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	Both these buses are important and necessary to the community. Without them. a large number of people would not have access to public transportation. There needs to be a PR campaign to acquaint more people with these options. I was unaware that the 88 bus ran hourly.
Mel Gunsberg	VTA 88 Bus Service	
Heather Brownlee	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	This bus service is vital to getting students to Gunn High School. If the 88 bus line is eliminated, there will be a tremendous increase in the number of cars on the road each morning and afternoon as parents will end up driving their children to school.
Renee How	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Gail Foelsch	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	

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Name	I am most concerned about these services	Comments
Ryan Mei	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Jianming Dong	VTA 88 Bus Service	Hi, My son rides 88 to and from Gunn every day with a good number of other students from Louis/Loma Verde stop. We would like to request keeping the service which is vital to the students. We really appreciate you effort engaging with City of Palo Alto to find the best route arrangement.
Lucy Fan	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
edie groner	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Rosanne Leeson	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Gina Vinluan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Arden King	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Maria Vinluan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Reuben Vinluan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Shannon McEntee	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Stephanie Schubert	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Kathleen Joynes	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
SHARON WEBSTER	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service, Veteran's and their families who frequent the Palo Alto Veteran's Hospital campus also need the 88. They have a very unique Western Blind Center there also to train Veterans how to live with blindness and guide dogs.	They have already cut Outreach so that seniors and disabled people livingin Palo Alto cannot access transportation much, especially to . go anywhere in the evening (or come home) and on week ends. And even with your senior care doctor's consent, VTA won't approve you for Outreach ! My take on it is VT A wants to save it's money for Bart to San Jose and that project to cut El Camino Real down to 2 lanes, which most of the cities don't want ! Then we have HSR Which is a huge boon toggle that will never pay and will destroy half of the cities along the Cal Train tracks on the peninsula.

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Name	I am most concerned about these services	Comments
Jim Colton	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	We need more mass transit, not less.
Louise Hansen	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Barry Z. Rose	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
April Robinson	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Irene jones	VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Leslie Peterson	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Susan Berman	Access for elderly	
Janet Gardiner	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Kimberlee Sullivan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Please keep all of these important services operating
Maria Cordova	VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Ken Novak	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	
Mrinmoy Sanyal	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Grace	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Please keep and improve services. Palo Alto traffic is already very bad. Public transportation should be more available and convenient, instead of even harder to access which makes it useless. When I go to the cities like Chicago, I don't need a car.
Soo-ling Chan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Buses are vital to cut down on traffic in our communities and for seniors & students.
Zita Zukowsky	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Winsome Chung	VTA 88 Bus Service	

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Name	I am most concerned about these services	Comments
Brian McCune	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service, mass transit to reduce car usage	
Mary Rodgerrs	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Candice Yang	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Keep the bus for Gunn students. Thanks!
Byreanna Yang	VTA 88 Bus Service	I am Gunn students and I take 88M everyday. So, please keep 88.
Richard Yang	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	My daughter takes 88M to school everyday. Please keep the bus. Thanks!
S. Katz	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Joan Marx	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	VTA is part of social services and should be funded as such. We cannot expect our public bus service, important as it is but mainly patronized by the poor, to pay for itself. The proposed cuts stem from the basic fact that we expect public transportation to be self supporting, a major fallacy.
Nancy Silver	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
corine cesana	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Not everyone in the community can afford a car Palo Alto residents ,especially Veterans,disabled, students,seniors, and people whom are self conscious about pollution,global warming prefer to use public transportations, we pay taxes And deserve public services, I do ride both 88 and 22 a few times a week , it's nice to see our students , veterans and elderly often have the need to talk Why isolate them even more Thank you to reconsider
Rod Searcey	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
William Byron Webster	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	VTA Line 35 is extremely important as a means through which numerous persons, including myself, can liberate ourselves from dependence on the automobile and access important sites in Palo Alto and Mountain View.
Walfredo Cirne	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	My daughter takes the bus to school every day. Cancelling it will create major problems to our family.
Joan Regalado	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Lorna Shapiro	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	There Is A Ton Of New Apartment Dwellings Going On Throughout The Bay Area ... Many Of These Folks Will Be Relying On Public Transportation To Get To Work And To Get Around.

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Robert Moss	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service, Lack of bus service elsewhere in Palo Alto residential and commercial areas such as Middlefield and CaliforniaAve. Caltrain station.	
Howard J Cohen, Ph.D.	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Laura Monkman	VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Bruce E Crocker	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
yukki ng	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Wei Feng	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Ngoc phan	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Suzanne Ribbe	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	
Veronica C Valenti	VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Renata Tong	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Richard Tingey	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Jennifer Hetterly	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Jennifer Hetterly	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Mitsu Fujii-Hidai	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Takashi Hidai	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Anastasia Serebryanaya	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	

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Hannah Kim	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
lily huang	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Shown Zhao	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Nancy Moss	VTA 35 Bus Service	Despite having a 2015 Subaru Outback, I have used the 35 bus on numerous occasions. Make the busses smaller- shuttle bus size. Advertise the 35 as an alternative for Palo Alto folks who hate congestion and parking issues.
Jared Freeman	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	I am a gunn student and I would like to tell the vta that we need the bus to get to school in the mornings and that is the only way that we can get out to school because our parrents are busy getting to work and it is a very convenient way of getting to school. I am also concerned about the people from places like the Stevenson house and all of the people that use the vta 88 to get to the VA hospital. Thank you for taking this into consideration.
Kimberly Harisay	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	As a single mother, I have been grateful for public transportation so that my kids can get to school and other activities while I am at work. It has taught them to be more independent by maneuvering around town on their own. They fully understand the importance of public transportation in reducing traffic and pollution. It has also taught them to plan ahead and connect to other types of transportation. Please don't eliminate this useful service in Palo Alto.
Otilija Ricketson	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Sierra H	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Michal Sadoff	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Generally, Palo Alto transit needs are not well served, and Palo Alto does not get fair share of transit dollars.
Sara Moussavian	VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Richard Freeman	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	I am a member of the VA hospital. I would like to see this bus stay in use because of the places it can take eveyone along the route. This bus can connect people to the vta 35 and i think it also serves as a god way to vet gunn high students out to gunn.
Rita Yu	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Tao Chen	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	In rainy days, VTA 88 bus is the only way for my kids to get home since we both work full time.
Philip Race	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	

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Ebru Catakli	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	VTA 88 Bus is the only bus line for my son to go to his school. We live in 1094 Tanland Dr. and my son goes to Gunn High School. There is no other option for my son to go his school. I do not want any changes being done to VTA88 bus line.
Sandra Chiu	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Martha Cohn	VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Karlette Warner	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	
Katie Shade	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Jane Ardley	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	I am 89 years old and no longer drive. The 35 bus is important to me to pick up prescriptions at Midtown and for appointments at the Palo Alto Medical Found.Or to get to SanAntonio Shopping Center and downtown Mountain View. The 88 is the only way to get to El Camino stores.
Patricia Saffir	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Carolina	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Jeff Tycz	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Taruna arora	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	The bus is much needed for kids. Both my kids use bus to go to Gunn.
Jenny pama	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Suparna Dutt	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Jewel Hutt	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Helena Cirne	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Piper Joseph	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Harini Shekhar	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Please keep Gunn route
C Ballantyne	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please please please do not cut these two VTA 88 and the bus service to Gunn High school....please please please. It is the only way my 4 children get from midtown to Gunn esp. on rainy days when the buses are CRAMMED.
A Chiang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please do not cut VTA 88 or the bus service for Gunn High School. it is the only way my kids can get from our home to school.

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Sophia Chiang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please do not cut VTA 88 or the bus service for Gunn High School. it is the only way I can get from my home in midtown Palo Alto to Gunn. It's especially difficult on rainy days when the bus is super full and we kids are all squished in on each other.
David stephens	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Christine Schremp	VTA 88 Bus Service	I have one student at Gunn, and 2 more coming soon- the bus is a great resource for our family!
Ram Chintapatla	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	My son takes 88, 88L everyday to go to Gunn High School. We really need this bus service.
Lin Liu	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	The services are very much needed. Please keep them. Thank you!
Shelly Davidson	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Both my children use VTA 88 Bus route for Gunn High School!
Yu Fang	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Our students and seniors need these transit services.
Lili Nova-Roessig	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Seema Ramanathan	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Lily Chang	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Gunn kids need the bus service, not everyone is able to ride a bike
Vicky Lu	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please keep the bus service to Gunn
Liying Xie	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Philippe Alexis	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Marilyn Keller	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Heather Schultz	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	Palo Alto contributes to VTAs budget and should continue to be served by VTA.
Michelle Fang	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Many Gunn students take the bus to and from school, and for a lot of them they have no other way of getting to school. My very close friend lives too far to bike, and her parents can't drop her so she must take the bus. These bus lines are crucial to many students.
Olivia Viveros	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Funian Li	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service	

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Kwangmi Park	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please save the buses for students.
Philip Bednarz	VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	This bus service is critical for students efficiently getting to Gunn high school.
Yan Shi	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	We need the 35 and 88 Bus service
Jeremy Joseph	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	
Mimi Funabiki	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	
Nikki Pham-Chandra	VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School	Please don't cut the VTA Bus Service for Gunn H.S. It really helps with the traffic issue and saves the environment when cars are not lining up on Charleston/Arastradero bringing/picking up students to/from school.
Michael Blum	VTA 88 Bus Service	The roads to school will be even more overcrowded without the 88 bus running.
Rameshwar P Sinha	VTA 35 Bus Service, VTA 88 Bus Service, VTA Bus Service for Gunn High School, VTA Outreach Paratransit service	I am a disabled person (Parkinson's disease) and will be adversely affected by curtailing service on these routes.

VTA bus 88, 88L, and 88M service is critical to student transportation at Gunn High School. Not only is this service important to those who take the bus every day or only when the whether is inclement, but the reduction of cars on Arastradero Road during school commute hours is important for an congested residential arterial route serving multiple schools and the Stanford Research Park. We the undersigned request that, as part of VTA's Next Network, the VTA retain and expand service to Gunn High School.

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From: Penny Ellson
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 5:57 PM
To: Board.Secretary
Cc: 'Pat Burt'; Keri Wagner; 'Barbara Best'; 'Arthur Keller'; 'Audrey Gold'; 'Liz Kniss'
Subject: Next Network Board Workshop
Importance: High

Dear VTA Board Members,

Please note (below) that I received notice of this VTA workshop ***less than 24 hours*** before it is scheduled to occur. I know of no other local public agency that behaves so unprofessionally.

This is an important decision that will, by design, result in significant cuts to bus service in Palo Alto and other north county cities. Palo Alto should be properly engaged.

I ask that this meeting be rescheduled with timely notice. Perhaps VTA would be willing to hold a meeting in a north county city which will be negatively impacted. I have attended two Community Leader Workshops and expressed strong concern about the concept that appears to be moving forward as a recommendation and I know that VTA has been receiving letters from school site PTAs, non-profit affordable housing providers and senior housing facilities on these routes. Has VTA staff shared these letters with the Board? I do not see them in the packet.

Further, on page 3 of 8 of the memo, staff states, “It should be noted that the attendees of the four Community Leader Workshops favored an 85/15 ridership/coverage balance.” I observed no consensus. In fact, I would describe both meetings I attended in Palo Alto and Mountain View as highly contentious with many participants questioning the process. I don’t understand how staff could construe the outcomes of either meeting as favoring any particular outcome. I find this statement very misleading.

Please reschedule the workshop and provide timely notice to enable citizen participation.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Penny Ellson

From: VTA
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 3:21 PM
To: pellson
Subject: Join Us Tomorrow - Next Network Board Workshop

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Join Us for the Next Network Board Workshop

VTA Board of Directors Workshop
November 18, 2016, 2:00 p.m.
VTA Auditorium
3331 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95134

VTA is redesigning its transit network in order to increase ridership, improve cost-effectiveness, and improve connections to regional transit services like BART and Caltrain.

Identifying the appropriate ridership/coverage balance is the first step in designing this new transit network. Ridership services focus on carrying as many people as cost-effectively as possible, while coverage services focus on providing transit service to as many places as possible regardless of ridership.

Please join us tomorrow, November 18 at 2:00 p.m. for the VTA Board of Directors Workshop where the Board will consider public feedback gathered over a five-month long outreach effort and determine the ridership/coverage balance for VTA's next transit network.

Workshop Agenda

Live Webcast (video will begin shortly after the start of the meeting)

Visit **nextnetwork.vta.org** to learn more.

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From: Board.Secretary
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 1:20 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: From VTA: Letter from Housing Choices re: Next Network

VTA Board of Directors:

Please find attached a letter from Housing Choices re: Next Network.

Thank you,

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Housing Choices

Dear VTA Board,

Housing Choices is a non-profit organization that helps people with developmental disabilities secure affordable housing throughout Santa Clara County. According to the Department of Developmental Services, there are 222 adults with developmental disabilities living in Palo Alto. Most adults with developmental disabilities do not drive and thereby rely on public transit as their primary source of transportation.

But routes 35 and 88 are important to the citizens of Palo Alto because they lead to important destinations such as libraries, community centers, downtown Palo Alto, and downtown Mountain View. These routes are especially crucial to our clients' because they enable them to get to work, grocery shop, attend day programs, and etc. by themselves. Cutting these important bus lines would limit transportation accessibility to our friends and neighbors with developmental disabilities and thereby restrict their independence.

Getting rid of the 35 and the 88 bus would have a tremendous negative impact on residents with developmental disabilities. As you make this important decision, please consider the transportation needs of Palo Alto residents with developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Byrne

Housing Development Advocate

Housing Choices

From: Board.Secretary
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 5:14 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: VTA Correspondence: Comments Regarding California High-Speed Rail Project

VTA Board of Directors:

We are forwarding you the following:

From	Topic
Member of the Public	Comments regarding California High-Speed Rail Project

Thank you.

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From: Roland Lebrun
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 2:22 AM
To: BoardOperations@cob.sccgov.org
Cc: Board.Secretary; MTC Commission
Subject: Bos 11/15 Meeting agenda Item 21 Consider recommendations relating to the California High-Speed Rail Project

Dear Supervisor Cortese and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Please find attached my comments for item #21 on Tuesday's Board meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Roland Lebrun.

cc:
VTA Board of Directors
MTC Commission

Roland Lebrun

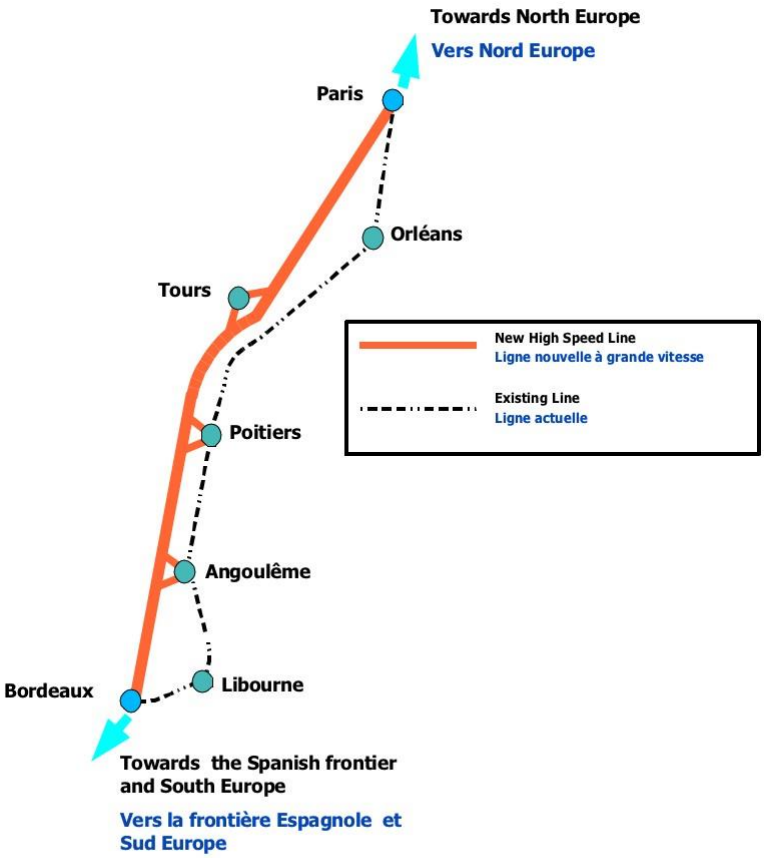
November 13th 2016

November 15th 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting
Item 21 Consider recommendations relating to the California High-Speed Rail Project

Dear Chair Cortese and Members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

The California high speed line alignments as proposed by the High Speed Rail Authority in south Santa Clara County are inappropriate, specifically that high speed lines typically completely bypass or terminate at city boundaries and transfer to conventional lines to gain access to existing stations at reduced speeds (125 MPH or lower) through densely populated urban areas.

This assertion is based on personal experience in the UK, specifically High Speed One (200 MPH) & the North Kent main commuter line (90 MPH) and, more recently, LGV Sud Europe Atlantique (220 MPH) which runs parallel to the existing 125 MPH network and systematically by-passes every single town and city between Tours and Bordeaux.



Analysis

Moving on to south Santa Clara County, a similar approach would consist of a 220 MPH high speed line that would veer north off Highway 152 and continue east of Highway 101 until eventually connecting with the Caltrain alignment north of Capitol Expressway in south San Jose.

Downtown Gilroy HSR service would be provided via a branch to the Hollister line and the trains would continue north on the existing Union Pacific tracks at speeds below 125 MPH until eventually connecting to the Caltrain alignment north of Capitol Expressway in south San Jose.

Please note that this alternative is fully compliant with California Streets & Highways Code Section 2704.09 (b) *"Maximum **nonstop** service travel times for each corridor that shall not exceed the following: 4) San Jose-Los Angeles: two hours, 10 minutes"* http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=shc&group=02001-03000&file=2704.04-2704.095

Recommendations:

1) The first priority should be to electrify the tracks between San Jose and Gilroy to provide a "blended" Caltrain/HSR service to Gilroy, Morgan Hill and south San Jose until the Pacheco tunnels are completed. The east of 101 bypass should be planned but not constructed until sufficient ridership has been established between San Jose, Merced and Fresno.

2) Santa Clara County should consider establishing the Valley Transit Authority (VTA) as the lead agency for the Gilroy extension subject to California Public Utilities Code Section 185032 (b) "*Except as provided in paragraph (2), nothing in this subdivision precludes other local, regional, or state agencies from exercising powers provided by law with regard to planning or operating, or both, passenger rail service"* http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=puc&group=185001-186000&file=185030-185038. This recommendation is based on the VTA's outstanding track record of working collaboratively with Union Pacific on grade separations in the BART corridor between Warm Springs and Berryessa.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Roland Lebrun.

Cc: VTA Board of Directors
Metropolitan Transportation Commission

From: Board.Secretary
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 5:28 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: From VTA: Media Clips for Week of November 14-18, 2016

VTA News Coverage for Week of November 14-18, 2016

1. **Silicon Valley' paratransit service returning to normal following FBI raid, say authorities**
2. **Trump's Impact on Transportation Funding**
3. **Caltrain begins 3-month construction project in anticipation of system electrification**

Silicon Valley' paratransit service returning to normal following FBI raid, say authorities

By Eric Kurhi

San Jose Mercury News

Two weeks after the FBI raided the offices of Silicon Valley's paratransit provider — causing a scramble to keep services going as users reported hours-long waits — authorities said nearly all rides are now arriving on time.

But whether those served by paratransit — people who cannot use regular bus or train service because of a disability or health condition — can get through remains problematic. Phone banks often have been busy, and the Valley Transportation Authority expects to have more equipment online at their dispatch center on Saturday.

"People are still having a challenge trying to get through over the phone," said VTA spokeswoman Stacey Hendler Ross. "But everyone who needs a ride is getting a ride."

She said the latest estimates are that 90 percent of those rides ordered during the week are arriving on time, and the weekend rate is 98 percent.

Thousands of riders were thrown into a state of flux on Nov. 3, when the FBI raided beleaguered ride contractor Outreach & Escort Inc., which the VTA cut ties to over the summer amid allegations of fraud and shoddy bookkeeping.

Outreach had been providing about 2,500 daily trips to 7,000 people, transit to things such as medical appointments, senior centers and grocery shopping trips. VTA, which owns most of the 215 vehicles used, had been contracting with Outreach to run the paratransit system. Outreach, based in Milpitas, had handled incoming calls from riders requesting rides. But now VTA is taking calls out of its San Jose offices, which had not been set up to handle that. Hendler Ross said VTA is adding phone capacity over the weekend.

VTA did not immediately have numbers of people currently being served by the new service which is being done through MV Transportation using the existing fleet of buses and Prius vehicles.

But Michele Mashburn, who uses a wheelchair and had been taking Outreach buses for 10 years, questioned whether the same number of people needing paratransit are being served since the raid.

“When you deal with people who might have anxiety or mental health problems, and you have trouble getting through on the phone you end up with people who just give up,” she said. “They may be finding another way, maybe taking the bus — which may or not mean they get everywhere they want to be.”

Jim Vorndran uses paratransit once a week to travel from Cupertino to the Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Palo Alto, where he works as a volunteer. He said that while last week didn’t present anything worse than usual — “If they get there within an hour I consider that on time” — this Tuesday was an ordeal.

Riders are given a half-hour window in which to expect the ride, and he went outside at 4 p.m. as scheduled.

“I was still sitting there at 5 p.m.,” he said. “Another employee came out and said ‘You’re still here? Did you call?’ And I hadn’t because when I do call I can’t get through.”

He said around 5:30 p.m. a taxi cab arrived for him, sent by dispatchers.

“I understand they’re really under pressure,” he said. “But I’ve waited on hold for 10, 15 minutes. I’m sort of frustrated, at the point where I don’t want to volunteer.”

Hendler Ross said that in addition to getting more service for the phone bank, they are beefing up a subscription service for riders who require the same trip on a routine basis. She said the vast majority of rides are currently given on a “call as needed” basis.

Hendler Ross said they had expected to have “several more months to make a smooth transition” to put a replacement contractor in place when the raid unexpectedly made them go into emergency mode.

“This surprise came and we had to get it all done within a day,” Hendler Ross said. “That’s not easy process.”

No further information about the nature of the FBI raid was available on Thursday. VTA officials have implied it was related to an audit released earlier this year that found Outreach may have charged as much

as $7 million a year for services it could not document. That led to the transit board ending its 23-year partnership with Outreach, which was paid $20 million annually.

Eugene Bradley, founder of the Silicon Valley Transit Users group, said he didn't understand why VTA was caught off guard.

"It surprises me that VTA didn't do more audits on Outreach before," he said. "And when there might be false numbers afforded to the federal government, it comes as no surprise at all that the FBI is going to come in."

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Caltrain begins 3-month construction project in anticipation of system electrification

By Nuala Sawyer

San Francisco Examiner

Work will begin this week on the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP), a system-improvement plan that aims to improve overall performance and set the stage for long-term environmental improvements.

In this first round of work (which should be wrapped up by the end of February) utilities will be located, soil tested, and cables tested. While this occurs there may be some single-tracking during non-peak commuting hours, and Caltrain passengers should be aware of signs at the stations that let them know to board on a different platform. Once this round of work is done, the project team will start construction-related activities in spring or summer of 2017.

The long-term goals of the PCEP are to electrify the Caltrain Corridor from San Francisco's 4th and King Caltrain Station to the Tamien Caltrain Station, and convert diesel trains to electric trains. This would reduce noise, improve regional air quality and reducing diesel emissions by up to 97 percent.

The PCEP is scheduled to be operational by the winter of 2020.