


County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisory District One
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DATE: October 20, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report on the October 1 meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors met Oct. 1, and received a report on the fare increase that went into effect that day. Ridership took a corresponding decrease.

The Board appointed Directors Don Gage, Greg Sellers and Nancy Pyle to the nominating committee to choose candidates for next year's chair and vice chair of the board.

The Board also received a report on the quarterly revenue and expense statement for the period ending June 30, 2009. The financial outlook for the institution is bleak.

In order to deal with the discouraging financial future, the Board adopted the negative declaration for a Transit Service Reduction Plan, and approved the plan itself. The plan, to take effect on Jan. 11, 2010, will decrease bus service by 8 percent and light rail service by 6.5 percent, and is expected to result in a 2.4 percent overall reduction in ridership.

The Board also received a presentation on funding for South Valley Rapid Transit, including getting federal money for the program, and the schedule to receive said money. The hope is to have full funding of the grant agreement executed by Feb. 2012. The Board also approved contracts for program-management services for the next two years. Director

Kniss noted to staff that it is important to remind people in the county that voters authorized South Valley Rapid Transit, so that they would not be shocked to see that VTA had allocated millions of dollars to SVRT, while cutting bus service. The funds that the Board allocated on Oct. 1 to support SVRT are mostly from the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Fund Capital Budget.