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VTA Becomes First Transit Agency in History to Declare a Climate Restoration Emergency

Supervisor Cortese's Measure Boosts Efforts to Improve Sustainable Transportation

The VTA Board of Directors took a historic step on Thursday, February 6, by approving a Climate Emergency Declaration to rapidly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase sustainable public transit options in the County. The referral from Santa Clara County Supervisor Cortese passed unanimously, making the VTA the first transit agency in history to take such action.

The declaration included action to “identify specific metrics, including objectives and targets, to prioritize opportunities to reduce GHG emissions and develop a Climate Action Plan to guide its climate emergency response to restore the climate for future generations”.

“This marks a bold commitment for VTA to move forward in a more sustainable manner to solve the challenges of climate change while reducing congestion in our County” said Supervisor Cortese.

Supervisor Cortese previously led efforts for the approval of Santa Clara County’s Climate Restoration Emergency Resolution, for the County to transition operations to 100 percent renewable energy by 2019, as well as forming the County Climate Coalition in partnership with Al Gore’s Climate Reality Project.

To read more about the [VTA Climate Emergency](#), click here.

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