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Hon. Glenn Hendricks, Board President
Board of Directors
Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
3331 N. First Street
San Jose, CA 95134

VIA EMAIL

Re: 2016 Santa Clara County Measure B

Dear Chairperson Hendricks and Members of the VTA Board of Directors:

On behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, we write today to express our strong views that the VTA Board of Directors adopt a balanced 10-Year Funding proposal for 2016 Measure B revenues that addresses our Countywide needs for traffic relief, road repair, and transit development. At the January 14, 2020 Board of Directors meeting, the Board unanimously approved this position and letter with a 14-0-0-1 vote (Los Altos Hills absent).

In 2016, the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors placed Measure B before the voters of Santa Clara County, a one-half cent sales tax measure that would fund nine program categories, to provide meaningful congestion relief throughout the County, and improve road pavement and safety conditions for the next 30 years. Those nine program categories include Local Streets and Roads, BART Phase II, Bicycle/Pedestrian, Caltrain Grade Separation, Caltrain Corridor Capacity Improvements, Highway Interchanges, County Expressways, State Route 85 Corridor, and Transit Operations. Although BART Phase II would receive the largest share of Measure B revenue--\$1.5 billion in 2017 dollars, according to the text of the measure--the allocation to BART was explicitly "capped at 25 percent of a maximum of Program Tax Revenues."

As VTA performs the analysis and calculations necessary to return to the Board of Directors with a recommended 2016 Measure B 10-Year Outlook Scenario this Spring, we express our collective and strong view that any projected 10-year spending plan must ensure that in addition to investment in BART, we must see:

- annual funding for local streets and roads countywide;
- funding for transit operations;
- funding for a range of capital projects—including bike and pedestrian improvements, Caltrain grade separations and capacity improvements, highway interchanges, County expressways, and State Route 85 corridor improvements—that can provide traffic relief throughout our County, as they become shovel-ready.

We oppose a delay of meaningful capital investments to non-BART infrastructure. We will also urge a balance of Measure B projects regionally that ensure a robust transportation network throughout our County.

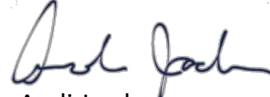
We further urge the VTA Board of Directors to keep the faith with our voters, as reflected in the funding principles and criteria established for Measure B, and thereby ensure significant progress along each of the Measure B's articulated Countywide priorities within the next decade.

We appreciate your consideration of our position on this important matter.

Our best regards,



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Who we are: The Cities Association of Santa Clara County is an association of the fifteen cities of the county and the elected representatives of more than 1.9 million Bay-Area residents. Since 1990, the city representatives have been gathering to discuss and find consensus and solutions for regional issues. Our cities are diverse and include cities of a few thousand people to a city of a million people.