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 Current Meeting: August 4, 2016
 Board Meeting: August 4, 2016

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
 Board of Directors

THROUGH: General Manager, Nuria I. Fernandez

FROM: Director of Government Affairs, Jim Lawson

SUBJECT: Append Project Lists to Resolution No. 2016.06.17 (Ballot Measure)

Policy-Related Action: Yes

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

Formally append to Resolution 2016.06.17 the candidate project lists previously approved by the Santa Clara Valley (VTA) Board of Directors on June 2, 2016 as part of the adoption of the framework and funding amounts for the ½ cent 30-year sales tax measure.

BACKGROUND:

At the June 2, 2016 Board of Directors meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously approved a Resolution attaching candidate project lists, and introduced an Ordinance placing before the voters the question of a ½ cent Sales Tax to fund various transportation projects and services. Subsequent to this action, the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (PAB) recommended more precise language to describe the projects proposed for the SR 85 Corridor. As a result of this recommended language change to the adopted Resolution, the Board unanimously agreed to revise only this language in the previously approved Resolution at its June 24th meeting.

At the June 24, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting, the Board voted unanimously to rescind Resolution No. 2016.06.12 and adopt Resolution No. 2016.06.17, which revised only the language describing the State Route 85 Corridor-related projects.

DISCUSSION:

Since there were no changes to the previously approved project lists, these lists were not included in the Board action on June 24th. Because the approved project lists were not included in the June 24th Board package, however, concern has been expressed about the Board's intent regarding the approved project lists. To avoid any possible confusion regarding the status of the approved project list, staff recommends the Board take formal action to append the attached lists entitled Attachment A, Attachment B, Attachment C and Attachment D to the approved Resolution No. 2016.06.17.

By taking this formal action, there will be a permanent record of the approved candidate project lists associated with Resolution No. 2016.06.17 and the Ballot Measure proposed to the voters at the November 8, 2016 General Election.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may accept or reject the recommendation. Rejecting the recommendation may cause uncertainty as to the approved project list.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to this decision.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution No. 2016.06.17 (PDF)
- Resolution No. 2016.06.17 - Attachments A thru D (PDF)

RESOLUTION NO. 2016.06.17

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (VTA) CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016 AND REQUESTING THE CONSOLIDATION OF SUCH SPECIAL VTA ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY A MEASURE SEEKING AUTHORIZATION FOR ADOPTION OF A RETAIL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) deems it advisable to submit a measure to the voters within the territory of VTA at a special election to be held on November 8, 2016, to authorize the VTA Board of Directors to adopt a one-half of one percent retail transactions and use tax ordinance pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 100250 et seq., which tax shall be in effect for 30 years,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY that the measure hereinafter set forth in full be submitted to the voters within the territory of VTA, which is the incorporated and unincorporated territory lying within the County of Santa Clara, at a special election to be held and conducted on November 8, 2016, and that the Registrar of Voters be, and thereby is, directed to publish such notice as may be required by law for the time and in the manner so required, and to place the same on the ballot at an election to be held throughout the territory of VTA on November 8, 2016. The full text of the proposed measure, which shall be printed in the voter information that accompanies the official vote by mail ballot and in the appropriate sample ballot pamphlet, is set forth as follows:

To repair potholes and fix local streets; finish the BART extension through downtown San Jose and to Santa Clara; improve bicycle and pedestrian safety; increase Caltrain capacity, in order to ease highway congestion, and improve safety at crossings; relieve traffic on the expressways and key highway interchanges; and enhance transit for seniors, students, low-income, and disabled, shall the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) enact a retail transactions and use tax ordinance, Ordinance No. 2016.01, imposing (a) a tax for the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail upon every retailer in Santa Clara County, the territory of VTA, such tax to be at the rate of one-half of one percent of the gross receipts of the retailer from the sale of tangible personal property sold by him/her at retail in the territory of VTA; and (b) a complementary tax upon the storage, use, or other consumption in Santa Clara County, the territory of VTA, such tax to be at the rate of one-half of one percent of the sales price of the property whose storage, use, or other consumption is subject to the tax; collection of such tax to be limited to thirty years?

VTA shall be the administrator of the tax, shall establish a program and develop program guidelines to administer the tax revenues received from the enactment of

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this measure (the "Program"). Tax revenues received for the 30-year life of the tax, including any interest or other earnings thereon, less any funds necessary for satisfaction of debt service and/or cost of borrowing and costs of program administration and oversight, such as costs of grant administration and financial management, shall be referred to herein as "Program Tax Revenues."

VTA shall allocate the Program Tax Revenues to the following categories of transportation projects: Local Streets and Roads; BART Phase II; Bicycle and Pedestrian; Caltrain Grade Separation; Caltrain Capacity Improvements; Highway Interchanges; County Expressways; SR 85 Corridor; and Transit Operations.

The present value (i.e, present day purchasing power) of the Program Tax Revenues, as of April 2017, is forecasted to be approximately \$6.3 Billion. The actual revenues to be received over the 30-year life of the tax will be affected by various economic factors, such as inflation and economic growth or decline. The estimated amounts for each category reflect the allocation of approximately \$6.3 Billion. The estimated amounts for each category, divided by \$6.3 Billion, establishes ratios for the allocation among the categories. The VTA Board of Directors may modify those allocation amounts following the program amendment process outlined in this resolution.

• **Local Streets and Roads – Estimated at \$1.2 Billion of the Program Tax Revenues in 2017 dollars.**

To be returned to cities and the County on a formula basis to be used to repair and maintain the street system. The allocation would be based on the population of the cities and the County of Santa Clara’s road and expressway lane mileage. Cities and the County will be required to demonstrate that these funds would be used to enhance and not replace their current investments for road system maintenance and repair. The program would also require that cities and the County apply Complete Streets best practices in order to improve bicycle and pedestrian elements of the street system. If a city or the County has a Pavement Condition Index score of at least 70, it may use the funds for other congestion relief projects.

• **BART Phase II—Estimated at \$1.5 Billion of Program Tax Revenues in 2017 dollars (capped at a maximum of 25% of Program Tax Revenues).**

To fund the planning, engineering, construction, and delivery costs of BART Phase II, which will create a new regional rail connection by extending BART from the Berryessa Station in San Jose to Santa Clara with stations at Alum Rock/28th Street, downtown San Jose, San Jose Diridon Station, and Santa Clara.

• **Bicycle/Pedestrian – Estimated at \$250 Million of Program Tax Revenues in 2017 dollars.**

To fund bicycle and pedestrian projects of countywide significance identified by the cities, County, and VTA. The program will give priority to those projects that connect to schools, transit, and employment centers; fill gaps in the existing bike and pedestrian network; safely cross barriers to mobility; and

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make walking or biking a safer and more convenient means of transportation for all county residents and visitors. Bicycle and pedestrian educational programs, such as Safe Routes to Schools, will be eligible for funding. Candidate Projects are set forth in Attachment A.

- **Caltrain Grade Separation – Estimated at \$700 Million of Program Tax Revenues in 2017 dollars.**
 To fund grade separation projects along the Caltrain corridor in the cities of Sunnyvale, Mountain View, and Palo Alto, separating the Caltrain tracks from roadways to provide increased safety benefits for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians and also reduce congestion at the intersections.
- **Caltrain Corridor Capacity Improvements – Estimated at \$314 Million of Program Tax Revenues in 2017 dollars.**
 To fund Caltrain corridor capacity improvements and increased service in Santa Clara County in order to ease highway congestion, including: increased service to Morgan Hill and Gilroy, station improvements, level boarding, extended platforms, and service enhancements.
- **Highway Interchanges – Estimated at \$750 Million of Program Tax Revenues in 2017 dollars.**
 To fund highway projects throughout the valley that will provide congestion relief, improved highway operations and freeway access, noise abatement, roadway connection overcrossings, and deploy advanced technology through Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Candidate Projects are set forth in Attachment B.
- **County Expressways – Estimated at \$750 Million of Program Tax Revenues in 2017 dollars.**
 To fund Tier 1 improvement projects in the County's Expressway Plan in order to relieve congestion, improve safety and increase the effectiveness of the expressway system in the county. Candidate Projects are set forth in Attachment C.
- **State Route 85 Corridor – Estimated at \$350 Million of Program Tax Revenues in 2017 dollars.**
 To fund new transit and congestion relief projects on SR 85, including a new transit lane from SR 87 in San Jose to U.S. 101 in Mountain View. Additionally this category will fund noise abatement along SR 85 and will provide funding to study transportation alternatives that include, but are not limited to, Bus Rapid Transit with infrastructure such as stations and access ramps, Light Rail Transit, and future transportation technologies that may be applicable.

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- **Transit Operations – Estimated at \$500 Million of Program Tax Revenues in 2017 dollars.**

The revenue from this program category will provide additional funds specifically for bus operations to serve vulnerable, underserved, and transit dependent populations throughout the county. The goals of the program category are to increase ridership, improve efficiency, enhance mobility services for seniors and disabled, and improve affordability for the underserved and vulnerable constituencies in the county. As VTA considers modifications to bus operations and routes to improve ridership and efficiencies, these funds may also be utilized to maintain and expand service to the most underserved and vulnerable populations. The funds may be used to increase core bus route service frequencies, extending hours of operations to early morning, evenings and weekends to improve mobility, safe access and affordability to residents that rely on bus service for critical transportation mobility needs. Attachment D describes the list of Candidate Projects and Programs.

The Program Categories will be administered in accordance with program guidelines and policies to be developed and approved by the VTA Board of Directors.

An independent citizen's oversight committee shall be appointed to ensure that the funds are being expended consistent with the approved Program. Annually, the committee shall have an audit conducted by an independent auditor. The audit shall review the receipt of revenue and expenditure of funds. The committee shall hold public hearings, and issue a report annually to inform the Santa Clara County residents how the funds are being spent. The hearings will be public meetings subject to the Brown Act.

To support and advance the delivery of projects in the Program, VTA may issue or enter into financial obligations secured by the tax revenues received from the State Board of Equalization (SBOE), including but not limited to, bonds, notes, commercial paper, leases, loans and other financial obligations and agreements (collectively, "Financing Obligations"), and may engage in any other transactions allowed by law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, to obtain the strongest credit ratings and lowest financing costs, VTA may pledge up to the full amount of tax revenues received from the SBOE as security for any Financing Obligations of the Program and may contract with the SBOE to have pledged amounts transferred directly to a fiduciary, such as a bond trustee, to secure Financing Obligations to fund any project in the Program. Any Financing Obligation shall be fully paid prior to the expiration of this tax measure.

If approved by a 3/4 majority of the VTA Board of Directors, and only after a noticed public meeting in which the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors, and the city council of each city in Santa Clara County have been notified at least 30 days prior to the meeting, VTA may modify the Program for any prudent

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purpose, including to account for the results of any environmental review required under the California Environmental Quality Act of the individual specific projects in the Program; to account for increases or decreases in federal, state, and local funds, including revenues received from this tax measure; to account for unexpected increase or decrease in revenues; to add or delete a project from the Program in order to carry out the overall purpose of the Program; to maintain consistency with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Plan; to shift funding between project categories; or to take into consideration new innovations or unforeseen circumstances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such measure will appear in summarized form upon the ballot as follows:

Measure _____

<p>To relieve traffic, repair potholes; shall VTA enact a 30-year half-cent sales tax to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair streets, fix potholes in all 15 cities; • Finish BART extension to downtown San Jose, Santa Clara; • Improve bicycle/pedestrian safety, especially near schools; 	<p>YES _____</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Caltrain capacity, easing highway congestion, improving safety at crossings; • Relieve traffic on all 9 expressways, key highway interchanges; • Enhance transit for seniors, students, disabled; <p>Mandating annual audits by independent citizens watchdog committee to ensure accountability.</p>	<p>NO _____</p>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to consolidate this election with the statewide general election and any other elections to be held within the County of Santa Clara on November 8, 2016, and that it include in its proclamation or notice of the special election that Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Division 9 of the Elections Code relating to arguments concerning county measure applies, and that the Office of the County Counsel is directed to prepare an impartial analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Elections Code section 10403, VTA acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code section 10418.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors is requested to permit the Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Elections Code section 10418 relating to the election, for which services VTA agrees to reimburse the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Elections Code section 10418, all proceedings related to, connected with, and incidental to the election shall be regulated and performed in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the returns of such VTA election shall be canvassed by the Registrar of Voters of the County of Santa Clara and the returns, when canvassed, shall be reported to the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and to submit certified copies of this Resolution to the County Clerk and to the Registrar of Voters of the County of Santa Clara no later than 88 days prior to the date of the election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors on June 24, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Baker, Bruins, Carr, Chavez, Hendricks, Khamis, Liccardo, Nguyen, O'Neill, Peralez, Yeager

NOES: DIRECTORS: None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS: Carrasco

Cindy Chavez, Chairperson
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Elaine Baltas, Board Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROBERT FABELA
General Counsel

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ATTACHMENT A

ENVISION SILICON VALLEY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CANDIDATE LIST

Project

Implementation of Santa Clara Countywide Bicycle Plan*

Trails in Expressway Rights-of-Way

Alum Rock Trail

Coyote Creek Trail Completion

Lions Creek Trail

Lower Silver Creek Trail

Miramonte Ave Bikeways

Fremont Road Pathway

Los Gatos Creek Trail Connector to SR 9

Berryessa Creek Trail

West Llagas Creek Trail

Gualadupe River Trail-Extension to Almaden

Three Creeks Trail East from Guadalupe River to Coyote Creek Trail

Five Wounds Trail from William Street to Mabury Road/Berryessa

Hwy 237 Bike Trail: Great America Parkway to Zanker (Class I, II, and IV)

Lower Gudalupe River Access Ramps

Los Gatos Creek Trail Gap Closure

Calabazas Creek Trail

San Tomas Aquino Trail Extension to South & Campbell Portion

Union Pacific Railroad Trail

Stevens Creek Trail Extension

Hamilton Avenue/Highway 17 Bicycle Overcrossing

Ped/Bike Bridge over SR 17 from Railway/Sunnyside to Campbell Technology Pkwy

Mary Avenue Complete Streets Conversion

UPRR Bike/Ped Bridge Crossing: Stevens Creek Boulevard to Snyder Hammond House/Rancho San Antonio Park

Montague Expwy Bike/Ped Overcrossing at Milpitas BART Station

Shoreline/101 Bike Ped Bridge

Mayfield Tunnel Ped/Bike under Central Expressway connecting to San Antonio Caltrain station

South Palo Alto Caltrain Bike/Ped Crossing

Matadero Creek Trail Undercrossing

Caltrain Capitol Undercrossing

Phelan Avenue Pedestrian & Bike Bridge over Coyote Creek

Newhall Street Bike/Ped Overcrossing over Caltrain Tracks

Kiely Bicycle & Pedestrian Overcrossing

Winchester Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing

Bernardo Caltrain Undercrossing

San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail Underpass at 49er Stadium

Latimer Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing

Bike & ped safety education at approximately ~200 schools

Implementation of Pedestrian Access to Transit Plan (VTA)*

Bike amenities at transit stops and on transit vehicles

Countywide Vision Zero Program (VTA)*

Highway 9 Pedestrian Safety Improvements

*These plans are currently being developed/updated and projects are being identified.

ATTACHMENT B
ENVISION HIGHWAY PROGRAM CANDIDATE LIST

Project

US 101 Improvements in the cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View to address regional connectivity and circulation between San Antonio Road and Charleston Road at the US 101/San Antonio Road, US 101/Rengstorff/Charleston Road and US 101/Shoreline Boulevard interchanges.

SR 85/SR 237 Area Improvements in Mountain View to address mainline congestion and regional connectivity through the SR 85/SR 237 connector, SR 85/El Camino Real interchange, and the SR 237/El Camino/Grant Road interchange.

SR 237/US 101/Mathilda Avenue Area Improvements in Sunnyvale to address local roadway congestion.

SR 237 Corridor Improvements in the cities of San Jose, Santa Clara and Milpitas to address mainline congestion and regional connectivity by addition of SR 237 westbound/eastbound auxiliary lanes between Zanker Road and North First Street, improvements at the SR 237/Great America Parkway westbound off-ramp, and replacement/widening of the Calaveras Boulevard structures over the UPRR tracks.

West County Improvements along I-280 in Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Sunnyvale to address mainline congestion with mainline and interchange improvements from Magdalena Avenue to the San Mateo County line.

SR 85/I-280 Area Improvements in Cupertino, Los Altos, and Sunnyvale to address regional connectivity through a northbound I-280 braided ramp between SR 85 and Foothill Boulevard and improvements at the northbound I-280 off-ramp to Foothill Boulevard.

US 101/Trimble Road/De La Cruz Boulevard to Zanker Road Area Improvements to address local roadway connectivity and mainline congestion in San Jose and Santa Clara with US 101/Trimble Road/De La Cruz Boulevard interchange improvements, southbound US 101/SB 87 connector improvements, and a new US 101/Zanker Road interchange.

US 101/Old Oakland Road Improvements in San Jose to address local roadway congestion, access and connectivity.

A new interchange at US 101/Mabury Road in San Jose to address regional access.

I-680 Corridor Improvements in San Jose to address mainline congestion and regional connectivity by improving the I-680/Alum Rock Avenue and I-680/McKee Road interchanges.

I-280/Lawrence Expressway/Stevens Creek Boulevard Interchange Improvements to address mainline and local roadway congestion.

I-280/Saratoga Avenue Interchange Improvements to address local circulation and mainline congestion.

I-280/Winchester Boulevard Area Improvements in Santa Clara and San Jose to address regional connectivity and local circulation.

SR 87 Corridor Technology-based Improvements in San Jose to address mainline congestion and system reliability through the implementation of technology-based operational improvements to the freeway.

Highway 17 Corridor Congestion Relief: Upgrade Highway 17/9 interchange to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, mobility, and roadway operations; deploy advanced transportation technology to reduce freeway cut thru traffic in Los Gatos, including traffic signal control system upgrades in Los Gatos, Traveler Information System, advanced ramp metering systems; support Multi-Modal Congestion Relief Solutions, including enhanced Highway 17 Express Bus service, implementing local bus system improvements that reduce auto trips to schools, work, and commercial areas in Los Gatos; and develop park and ride lots to serve as transit hubs for express bus, shuttles, local bus system connections.

SR 17 Southbound/Hamilton Avenue Off-ramp Widening Improvements in Campbell to address mainline congestion and local circulation.

SR 17/San Tomas Expressway Improvements in Campbell to address mainline congestion and local circulation.

US 101/Blossom Hill Boulevard improvements in San Jose to address local roadway congestion and connectivity including for bicyclists and pedestrians.

US 101 Improvements in Gilroy to address mainline congestion and regional connectivity with a new US 101/Buena Vista Avenue interchange and US 101/SR 152 10th Street ramp and intersection improvements.

SR 152 Corridor Improvements in Gilroy including US 101/SR 25 interchange improvements to address regional connectivity and goods movement network improvements.

I-280/Wolfe Road Interchange Improvements in Cupertino to address mainline congestion and improve local traffic circulation.

I-880/Charcot Avenue Overcrossing in San Jose to address local relief circulation and adjacent I-880 interchanges congestion relief.

Noise Abatement Projects in Santa Clara County to implement treatments to address existing freeway noise levels throughout the county.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Projects in Santa Clara County such as integrated corridor management systems, traffic operations systems, ramp metering, managed lanes, and local traffic signal control systems to address freeway mainline congestion and local roadway congestion caused by cut-through traffic.

ATTACHMENT C

SANTA CLARA COUNTY EXPRESSWAY IMPROVEMENTS (TIER 1)

Project

Almaden Expressway at SR-85 - Interim Improvements

Almaden Expressway at Branham Lane Intersection Improvement

Almaden Expressway at Camden Ave Intersection Improvements

Capitol Expressway Widening and Interchange Modifications between I-680 and Capitol Avenue

Central Expressway at Thompson Intersection Improvement

Foothill Expressway Auxiliary Lanes between El Monte and San Antonio

Lawrence Expressway at Homestead Road Interim Improvements

Lawrence Expressway at Homestead Road Grade Separation

Lawrence Expressway from Reed/Monroe to Arques Grade Separation

Montague Expressway Complete 8-lane Widening including HOV lanes and Auxiliary Lanes between Great Mall and McCarthy/O'Toole

Oregon-Page Mill Widening (possible HOV lanes) and Trail between I-280 and Foothill Expressway

Oregon-Page Mill Intersection Improvements between Porter and Hansen

Oregon-Page Mill/El Camino Real Intersection Improvements

San Tomas Expressway Widening and Trail between Homestead and Stevens Creek

Santa Teresa-Hale Corridor Road and Trail between Dewitt and Main

Santa Teresa-Hale Corridor Widening and Trail between Long Meadow and Fitzgerald

SR 17/San Tomas Expressway Interim Improvements

I-280/Foothill Expressway Interchange Modifications and Auxiliary Lane to Homestead

I-280/Oregon-Page Mill Road Interchange Reconfiguration

Expressway ITS/Signal System Countywide

ATTACHMENT D

TRANSIT OPERATIONS CANDIDATE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS LIST

- Expand mobility services and affordable fare programs for seniors, disabled, students and low-income riders.

This project would provide funds to develop and expand senior and disabled transportation mobility programs and services. The proposed program would provide mobility options such as coordinated eligibility services and enhanced mobility options provided in a secure and safe manner for the most vulnerable and underserved residents in the County, such as seniors and persons with disabilities. It would support mobility options including maintaining the paratransit service coverage area and service expansion by extending hours of operation and weekend service. The funds would also establish permanent and augment discount fare programs to increase transit access for low-income, underserved and vulnerable populations unable to afford standard fares.

- Enhance Frequent Core Bus Network.

The project would upgrade service frequency on VTA's top core network routes to 15-minutes or faster. Some specific examples include expanding the number of high frequency core routes and expanding the schedule of existing services. This may also include enhancing frequency of services during early mornings, evenings and weekends in order to improve convenience, reliability, connectivity, ridership, farebox recovery and support local land use plans. The upgrade would improve the quality of service for vulnerable, underserved and transit dependent populations as well as existing riders and attract new riders which would decrease vehicle miles traveled, traffic congestion and pollution.

- Improve amenities at bus stops to increase safety, security and access.

The project would provide funds for system wide improvements to bus stops, transit centers and stations including new and replacement shelters, lighting, access improvements including safe sidewalk connections, passenger information signs and security.

- Support new innovative transit service models to address first/last mile connections.

The project would support affordable new innovative transit service models to address first/last mile connections including FLEX type services, dynamic on-demand subscription shuttles and partnerships with other demand responsive service providers serving vulnerable, underserved and transit dependent populations.