



# Memorandum

**TO:** TRANSPORTATION AND  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**FROM:** John Ristow

**SUBJECT:** REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
ACTIVITIES QUARTERLY REPORT

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## RECOMMENDATION

Accept the quarterly status report on regional transportation funding, programs, and projects of interest to the City of San José involving other regional, state, and federal agencies such as the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), and the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

## BACKGROUND

The Transportation and Environment Committee work plan includes quarterly reports on current activities related to regional transportation funding, programs, and projects. This report provides timely updates on significant transportation initiatives. Staff will provide a brief presentation to the Committee on the MTC Horizon Initiative and VTA High Capacity Transit Corridor Study.

## ANALYSIS

### **I) MTC HORIZON'S INITIATIVE CALL FOR TRANSFORMATIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

In April 2018, MTC and ABAG began the process of developing the next Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, known as Plan Bay Area 2050. On June 1, as part of this process, MTC put out a request "for thoughtful transportation projects that would have a transformative impact on the future of Bay Area communities - projects that truly change how we get around the region." This request is open to public agencies as well the public. This MTC Horizon Initiative offers the opportunity for the City of San José to put forward visionary transportation project ideas for consideration. The ideas collected through the request will constitute a regional brainstorming on transformative transportation projects. A select few ideas will be incorporated into the final Plan Bay Area planning and analysis process.

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Staff developed a list of transformational transportation projects to submit for this effort and circulated them for feedback with Mayor and Council through an Informational Memorandum that is attached to this report. Submissions are due to MTC/ABAG September 6.

## **II) VTA STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ADVANCING HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDORS**

On August 13, VTA released a Request for Proposals for a Strategic Plan for Advancing High Capacity Transit Corridors. The study will evaluate conceptual High Capacity Transit (HCT) corridors in Santa Clara County and the suitability of light rail transit (LRT), bus rapid transit (BRT), and other types of rapid transit that may be precursors to LRT, along those corridors.

The study will guide VTA investment decisions regarding mode, alignment, project timing, budget and implementation for the next phase of HCT corridors. The study will also help VTA explore and evaluate the potential integration of autonomous vehicle technology into the next wave of HCT corridor development. The corridors recommended for advancement will inform VTA's long range transportation plan.

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Attachment