



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** John Aitken

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** November 12, 2019

Approved

Date

11/22/19

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT BUS SERVICE  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AND THE SANTA CLARA  
COUNTY VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute amendment to the Agreement for Airport Bus Service with the Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority, modifying the current bus route and changing the line designation from Route 10 to Route 60, and the no fare portion of the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$790,130 per year subject to adjustments for compensation and appropriation of funds as set forth in the Agreement.

## **OUTCOME**

If this Amendment is approved, the Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) will provide extended bus service which currently links the Airport with the Metro Light Rail Station and the Santa Clara Caltrain Station. VTA will extend the line to Winchester Station near Campbell and to the new Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station in Milpitas.

## **BACKGROUND**

On March 3, 1998, the San Jose City Council approved an Agreement between the City of San Jose and VTA, to modify and expand public transit services at the Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport (Airport). Under terms of the Agreement, VTA provided expanded bus service linking the Airport with the Metro Light Rail Station and the Santa Clara Caltrain Station.

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The Agreement has been subsequently amended multiple times to extend the term and adjust compensation rates to VTA. With Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) soon expanding service into the south bay, starting December 28, 2019, VTA will be extending their Airport bus service to link with BART in Milpitas as well as expanding to the south, adding six additional stops ending at the Winchester Station near Campbell.

### **ANALYSIS**

The bus service program was implemented as a part of the Airport's Transportation System Management Program required by the Airport Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR). It represents one of the required cooperative efforts calling for transit improvements between the Airport and the existing Light Rail and Caltrain transit services. This bus service is not only patronized by the public and Airport customers, but is also used by City and tenant employees working at the Airport. This specific amendment creates a more extensive route system for our passengers and links them to the new BART system, once operational.

Currently the Airport bus service is free for both inbound and outbound passengers, however, with the expanded route service VTA may only be able to provide free bus service out of the Airport. Staff will negotiate with VTA on the no fare capabilities of the new expanded route service.

### **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends this amendment to allow the Airport to accept VTA's changes to the Line 10 Airport Flyer bus service. The new route substantially increases transportation services for our passengers and employees including linking the route to the BART system.

### **EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP**

Staff will provide a follow up, if necessary, after negotiating the no fare portion of the agreement along with any compensation adjustments with VTA.

### **CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSE**

The recommendation in this memo aligns with one or more Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals. The service has also been a key element of the Airport's traffic mitigation program required by the Airport Master Plan EIR.

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### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

This memorandum will be posted on the City's website for the December 3, 2019 Council Agenda. VTA conducted extensive outreach with their stakeholders prior to enacting this change in service.

### **COORDINATION**

This memo was coordinated with Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority, the City Attorney's Office and the City Manager's Budget Office.

### **COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT**

This item was discussed at the November 4, 2019 Airport Commission meeting. No action was taken.

### **FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT**

This action is consistent with the City's 2019-2020 Adopted Operating Budget City Service Areas Delivery Framework for Performance Driven Government for Transportation and Aviation Services: 1) Provide Viable Transportation Choices that Promote a Strong Economy; 2) Travelers Have a Positive, Reliable, and Efficient Experience; and 3) Preserve and Improve Transportation Assets and Facilities.

### **COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

As consideration for VTA's provision of Bus Services to Airport Passengers and for the other duties and obligations of VTA under the current Agreement, the City agrees to pay VTA a flat rate of \$790,130 per year.

### **BUDGET REFERENCE**

The table below identifies the fund and appropriations to fund the contract recommended as part of this memo and remaining project costs, including project delivery, construction, and contingency costs.

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Fund #	Appn#	Appn. Name	Total Appn	Amt. for Recommendation	2019-2020 Adopted Operating Budget Page	Last Budget Action
523	0802	Airport Non-Personal/ Equipment	\$46,007,740	\$790,130	X-3	10/22/2019 Ord. No. 30325

**CEQA**

Not a Project, PP17-003, Agreements/Contracts resulting in no physical changes to the environment.

/s/

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