



September 24, 2014

County of Santa Clara  
Planning Office  
70 West Hedding Street  
San Jose, CA 95110

Attention: Bill Shoe

Subject: County Health Element

Dear Mr. Shoe:

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) staff have reviewed the Health Element for the County of Santa Clara General Plan. We have the following comments.

Transportation and Public Health

VTA agrees with the statements that "Healthy communities designed to promote active transportation such as walking and biking" are a key element of public health in Santa Clara County, and that public transit is part of the solution (Public Review Draft, pg. D-1). VTA wholeheartedly supports the Major Strategies outlined in the Health Element to promote and implement complete streets, develop a robust pedestrian and bicycle network, and provide innovative transit systems. These strategies are in line with several current VTA projects and initiatives including the Pedestrian Access to Transit Plan, the Countywide Bicycle Plan, the Complete Streets Program and transit initiatives such as the BART Silicon Valley Extension, Light Rail system improvements, and Bus Rapid Transit projects. VTA looks forward to working with the County to implement these strategies and projects moving forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please call me at (408) 321-5784.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roy Molseed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Roy Molseed  
Senior Environmental Planner

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