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Subject: MTC 12/15 Commission Item 7d Redirecting surplus VTA CARES Act funding to Caltrain

Dear Chair Haggerty,

Further to VTA's current projection of a \$55.4M to \$89.9M Cares Act surplus for FY21
<http://santaclaravta.ig2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=6&ID=1494> (slide 2)
and Caltrain's new 2-hourly 64-train timetable effective 12/14
https://www.caltrain.com/schedules/weekdaytimetable/Weekday_Timetable_-_Effective_Dec_14_2020.html,

please consider directing VTA to collaborate with Caltrain and use a portion of this surplus funding to extend half (32) of these trains to Gilroy for the following reasons:

1. Address equity issues between San Jose and Gilroy by providing relief on VTA bus route 68, the only viable public transit route connecting San Jose to Morgan Hill and Gilroy.
2. Minimize the number of TASI furloughs https://www.smdailyjournal.com/news/local/caltrain-to-furlough-40-positions-starting-in-january/article_466a2bda-35ef-11eb-a9da-eb0aea033b9f.html.
3. Prove once and for all that the low Caltrain ridership (**including 3 stations in south San Jose**) and massive Highway 101 congestion between San Jose and Gilroy is a direct result of lack of Caltrain service.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Roland Lebrun

FY2021 Operating Balance Preliminary Projections – (as of December 2020)

	FY21 Current Budget	FY21 Projections		
		Conservative	Base	Optimistic
Subtotal - Sales Tax Related	\$439.6M	\$354.7M	\$369.9M	\$385.2M
Subtotal - Fares	\$38.6M	\$15.5M	\$15.5M	\$15.5M
Subtotal - Other Revenues	\$35.7M	\$30.7M	\$32.7M	\$34.7M
TOTAL REVENUES	\$513.9M	\$400.9M	\$418.1M	\$435.3M
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$525.5M	\$481.6M	\$481.6M	\$481.6M
OPERATING BALANCE (before applying CARES Act Funding)	(\$11.6M)	(\$80.7M)	(\$63.5M)	(\$46.2M)
CARES ACT FUNDS REMAINING (after budget gap is bridged)	\$124.5M	\$55.4M	\$72.6M	\$89.9M

CARES Act Funding remaining is currently at approximately \$136.1M, which will be used to bridge any negative operating balance at the end of FY2021.

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Northbound - WEEKDAY SERVICE to SAN FRANCISCO

— Train bypasses station.

Train No.	203	205	207	211	215	219	223	227	231	235	239	241	243	245	247	249	251	253	
Service Type	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	
Gilroy					6:00a	6:28a													
San Martin					6:09a	6:37a													
Morgan Hill					6:14a	6:43a													
Blossom Hill					6:27a	6:55a													
Capitol					6:32a	7:00a													
Tamien		5:07a		6:07a	6:37a	7:05a		8:07a		9:07a		10:07a		11:07a		12:07p		1:07p	
San Jose Diridon	4:44a	5:14a	5:44a	6:14a	6:44a	7:12a	7:44a	8:14a	8:44a	9:14a	9:44a	10:14a	10:44a	11:14a	11:44a	12:14p	12:44p	1:14p	
College Park						7:17a													
Santa Clara	4:50a		5:50a		6:50a		7:50a		8:50a		9:50a		10:50a		11:50a		12:50p		
Lawrence		5:24a		6:24a		7:24a		8:24a		9:24a		10:24a		11:24a		12:24p		1:24p	
Sunnyvale	4:57a	5:28a	5:57a	6:28a	6:57a	7:28a	7:57a	8:28a	8:57a	9:28a	9:57a	10:28a	10:57a	11:28a	11:57a	12:28p	12:57p	1:28p	
Mountain View	5:02a	5:33a	6:02a	6:33a	7:02a	7:33a	8:02a	8:33a	9:02a	9:33a	10:02a	10:33a	11:02a	11:33a	12:02p	12:33p	1:02p	1:33p	
San Antonio	5:06a		6:06a		7:06a		8:06a		9:06a		10:06a		11:06a		12:06p		1:06p		
California Avenue		5:39a		6:39a		7:39a		8:39a		9:39a		10:39a		11:39a		12:39p		1:39p	
Palo Alto	5:12a	5:43a	6:12a	6:43a	7:12a	7:43a	8:12a	8:43a	9:12a	9:43a	10:12a	10:43a	11:12a	11:43a	12:12p	12:43p	1:12p	1:43p	
Menlo Park	5:15a		6:15a		7:15a		8:15a		9:15a		10:15a		11:15a		12:15p		1:15p		
Redwood City	5:21a	5:50a	6:21a	6:50a	7:21a	7:50a	8:21a	8:50a	9:21a	9:50a	10:21a	10:50a	11:21a	11:50a	12:21p	12:50p	1:21p	1:50p	
San Carlos		5:54a		6:54a		7:54a		8:54a		9:54a		10:54a		11:54a		12:54p		1:54p	
Belmont	5:26a	5:57a	6:26a	6:57a	7:26a	7:57a	8:26a	8:57a	9:26a	9:57a	10:26a	10:57a	11:26a	11:57a	12:26p	12:57p	1:26p	1:57p	
Hillsdale	Hillsdale Station is temporarily closed. All train service will move from Hillsdale Station to Belmont Station.																		
Hayward Park		6:02a		7:02a		8:02a		9:02a		10:02a		11:02a		12:02p		1:02p		2:02p	
San Mateo	5:34a		6:34a		7:34a		8:34a		9:34a		10:34a		11:34a		12:34p		1:34p		
Burlingame		6:06a		7:06a		8:06a		9:06a		10:06a		11:06a		12:06p		1:06p		2:06p	
Millbrae	5:41a	6:11a	6:41a	7:11a	7:41a	8:11a	8:41a	9:11a	9:41a	10:11a	10:41a	11:11a	11:41a	12:11p	12:41p	1:11p	1:41p	2:11p	
San Bruno	5:45a		6:45a		7:45a		8:45a		9:45a		10:45a		11:45a		12:45p		1:45p		
So. San Francisco		6:18a		7:18a		8:18a		9:18a		10:18a		11:18a		12:18p		1:18p		2:18p	
Bayshore	5:53a		6:53a		7:53a		8:53a		9:53a		10:53a		11:53a		12:53p		1:53p		
22 nd Street		6:27a		7:27a		8:27a		9:27a		10:27a		11:27a		12:27p		1:27p		2:27p	
San Francisco	6:03a	6:33a	7:03a	7:33a	8:03a	8:33a	9:03a	9:33a	10:03a	10:33a	11:03a	11:33a	12:03p	12:33p	1:03p	1:33p	2:03p	2:33p	

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Northbound - WEEKDAY SERVICE TO SAN FRANCISCO

— Train bypasses station.

Train No.	255	257	259	261	265	269	273	277	281	285	289	291	293	195	197	199
Service Type	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Local	Local	Local
Gilroy																
San Martin																
Morgan Hill																
Blossom Hill																
Capitol																
Tamien		2:07p	3:07p	4:07p	5:07p	6:07p	7:07p	8:01p	9:01p	10:41p						
San Jose Diridon	1:44p	2:14p	2:44p	3:14p	3:42p	4:14p	4:44p	5:14p	5:44p	6:14p	6:44p	7:14p	7:44p	8:08p	9:08p	10:48p
College Park					3:47p											
Santa Clara	1:50p		2:50p		3:50p		4:50p		5:50p		6:50p		7:50p	8:14p	9:14p	10:54p
Lawrence		2:24p		3:24p		4:24p		5:24p		6:24p		7:24p		8:20p	9:20p	11:00p
Sunnyvale	1:57p	2:28p	2:57p	3:28p	3:57p	4:28p	4:57p	5:28p	5:57p	6:28p	6:57p	7:28p	7:57p	8:25p	9:25p	11:05p
Mountain View	2:02p	2:33p	3:02p	3:33p	4:02p	4:33p	5:02p	5:33p	6:02p	6:33p	7:02p	7:33p	8:02p	8:29p	9:29p	11:09p
San Antonio	2:06p		3:06p		4:06p		5:06p		6:06p		7:06p		8:06p	8:33p	9:33p	11:13p
California Avenue		2:39p		3:39p		4:39p		5:39p		6:39p		7:39p		8:38p	9:38p	11:18p
Palo Alto	2:12p	2:43p	3:12p	3:43p	4:12p	4:43p	5:12p	5:43p	6:12p	6:43p	7:12p	7:43p	8:12p	8:41p	9:41p	11:21p
Menlo Park	2:15p		3:15p		4:15p		5:15p		6:15p		7:15p		8:15p	8:45p	9:45p	11:25p
Redwood City	2:21p	2:50p	3:21p	3:50p	4:21p	4:50p	5:21p	5:50p	6:21p	6:50p	7:21p	7:50p	8:21p	8:50p	9:50p	11:30p
San Carlos		2:54p		3:54p		4:54p		5:54p		6:54p		7:54p		8:54p	9:54p	11:34p
Belmont	2:26p	2:57p	3:26p	3:57p	4:26p	4:57p	5:26p	5:57p	6:26p	6:57p	7:26p	7:57p	8:26p	8:57p	9:57p	11:37p
Hillsdale																
Hayward Park		3:02p		4:02p		5:02p		6:02p		7:02p		8:02p		9:04p	10:04p	11:44p
San Mateo	2:34p		3:34p		4:34p		5:34p		6:34p		7:34p		8:34p	9:08p	10:08p	11:48p
Burlingame		3:06p		4:06p		5:06p		6:06p		7:06p		8:06p		9:11p	10:11p	11:51p
Millbrae	2:41p	3:11p	3:41p	4:11p	4:41p	5:11p	5:41p	6:11p	6:41p	7:11p	7:41p	8:11p	8:41p	9:16p	10:16p	11:56p
San Bruno	2:45p		3:45p		4:45p		5:45p		6:45p		7:45p		8:45p	9:20p	10:20p	12:00a
So. San Francisco		3:18p		4:18p		5:18p		6:18p		7:18p		8:18p		9:24p	10:24p	12:04a
Bayshore	2:53p		3:53p		4:53p		5:53p		6:53p		7:53p		8:53p	9:30p	10:30p	12:10a
22 nd Street		3:27p		4:27p		5:27p		6:27p		7:27p		8:27p		9:36p	10:36p	12:16a
San Francisco	3:03p	3:33p	4:03p	4:33p	5:03p	5:33p	6:03p	6:33p	7:03p	7:33p	8:03p	8:33p	9:03p	9:42p	10:42p	12:22a

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Southbound - WEEKDAY SERVICE to SAN JOSE / GILROY

— Train bypasses station.

Train No.	202	206	210	214	218	222	226	230	232	234	236	238	240	242	244	246
Service Type	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B
San Francisco	5:06a	6:06a	6:36a	7:06a	7:36a	8:06a	8:36a	9:06a	9:36a	10:06a	10:36a	11:06a	11:36a	12:06p	12:36p	1:06p
22nd Street	—	6:12a	—	7:12a	—	8:12a	—	9:12a	—	10:12a	—	11:12a	—	12:12p	—	1:12p
Bayshore	5:15a	—	6:45a	—	7:45a	—	8:45a	—	9:45a	—	10:45a	—	11:45a	—	12:45p	—
So. San Francisco	—	6:21a	—	7:21a	—	8:21a	—	9:21a	—	10:21a	—	11:21a	—	12:21p	—	1:21p
San Bruno	5:23a	—	6:53a	—	7:53a	—	8:53a	—	9:53a	—	10:53a	—	11:53a	—	12:53p	—
Millbrae	5:28a	6:28a	6:58a	7:28a	7:58a	8:28a	8:58a	9:28a	9:58a	10:28a	10:58a	11:28a	11:58a	12:28p	12:58p	1:28p
Burlingame	—	6:32a	—	7:32a	—	8:32a	—	9:32a	—	10:32a	—	11:32a	—	12:32p	—	1:32p
San Mateo	5:34a	—	7:04a	—	8:04a	—	9:04a	—	10:04a	—	11:04a	—	12:04p	—	1:04p	—
Hayward Park	—	6:37a	—	7:37a	—	8:37a	—	9:37a	—	10:37a	—	11:37a	—	12:37p	—	1:37p
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Belmont	5:42a	6:42a	7:12a	7:42a	8:12a	8:42a	9:12a	9:42a	10:12a	10:42a	11:12a	11:42a	12:12p	12:42p	1:12p	1:42p
San Carlos	—	6:44a	—	7:44a	—	8:44a	—	9:44a	—	10:44a	—	11:44a	—	12:44p	—	1:44p
Redwood City	5:47a	6:48a	7:17a	7:48a	8:17a	8:48a	9:17a	9:48a	10:17a	10:48a	11:17a	11:48a	12:17p	12:48p	1:17p	1:48p
Menlo Park	5:53a	—	7:23a	—	8:23a	—	9:23a	—	10:23a	—	11:23a	—	12:23p	—	1:23p	—
Palo Alto	5:56a	6:56a	7:26a	7:56a	8:26a	8:56a	9:26a	9:56a	10:26a	10:56a	11:26a	11:56a	12:26p	12:56p	1:26p	1:56p
California Avenue	—	7:00a	—	8:00a	—	9:00a	—	10:00a	—	11:00a	—	12:00p	—	1:00p	—	2:00p
San Antonio	6:02a	—	7:32a	—	8:32a	—	9:32a	—	10:32a	—	11:32a	—	12:32p	—	1:32p	—
Mountain View	6:06a	7:06a	7:36a	8:06a	8:36a	9:06a	9:36a	10:06a	10:36a	11:06a	11:36a	12:06p	12:36p	1:06p	1:36p	2:06p
Sunnyvale	6:11a	7:11a	7:41a	8:11a	8:41a	9:11a	9:41a	10:11a	10:41a	11:11a	11:41a	12:11p	12:41p	1:11p	1:41p	2:11p
Lawrence	—	7:15a	—	8:15a	—	9:15a	—	10:15a	—	11:15a	—	12:15p	—	1:15p	—	2:15p
Santa Clara	6:18a	—	7:48a	—	8:48a	—	9:48a	—	10:48a	—	11:48a	—	12:48p	—	1:48p	—
College Park	—	—	—	8:22a	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
San Jose Diridon	6:25a	7:27a	7:55a	8:28a	8:55a	9:27a	9:55a	10:27a	10:55a	11:27a	11:55a	12:27p	12:55p	1:27p	1:55p	2:27p
Tamien	—	7:31a	—	8:33a	—	9:31a	—	10:31a	—	11:31a	—	12:31p	—	1:31p	—	2:31p
Capitol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blossom Hill	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Morgan Hill	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
San Martin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gilroy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Southbound - WEEKDAY SERVICE to SAN JOSE / GILROY

--- Train bypasses station.

Train No.	248	250	252	254	256	260	264	268	272	276	280	284	288	192	194	196	198	
Service Type	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Limited B	Limited A	Local	Local	Local	Local	
San Francisco	1:36p	2:06p	2:36p	3:06p	3:36p	4:06p	4:36p	5:06p	5:36p	6:06p	6:36p	7:06p	7:36p	8:06p	8:32p	9:32p	10:32p	12:02a
22 nd Street	---	2:12p	---	3:12p	---	4:12p	---	5:12p	---	6:12p	---	7:12p	---	8:12p	8:38p	9:38p	10:38p	12:08a
Bayshore	1:45p	---	2:45p	---	3:45p	---	4:45p	---	5:45p	---	6:45p	---	7:45p	---	8:43p	9:43p	10:43p	12:13a
So. San Francisco	---	2:21p	---	3:21p	---	4:21p	---	5:21p	---	6:21p	---	7:21p	---	8:21p	8:49p	9:49p	10:49p	12:19a
San Bruno	1:53p	---	2:53p	---	3:53p	---	4:53p	---	5:53p	---	6:53p	---	7:53p	---	8:53p	9:53p	10:53p	12:23a
Millbrae	1:56p	2:28p	2:58p	3:28p	3:58p	4:28p	4:58p	5:28p	5:58p	6:28p	6:58p	7:28p	7:58p	8:28p	8:58p	9:58p	10:58p	12:28a
Burlingame	---	2:32p	---	3:32p	---	4:32p	---	5:32p	---	6:32p	---	7:32p	---	8:32p	9:03p	10:03p	11:03p	12:33a
San Mateo	2:04p	---	3:04p	---	4:04p	---	5:04p	---	6:04p	---	7:04p	---	8:04p	---	9:06p	10:06p	11:06p	12:36a
Hayward Park	---	2:37p	---	3:37p	---	4:37p	---	5:37p	---	6:37p	---	7:37p	---	8:37p	9:09p	10:09p	11:09p	12:39a
Hillsdale	Hillsdale Station is temporarily closed. All train service will move from Hillsdale Station to Belmont Station.																	
Belmont	2:12p	2:42p	3:12p	3:42p	4:12p	4:42p	5:12p	5:42p	6:12p	6:42p	7:12p	7:42p	8:12p	8:42p	9:16p	10:16p	11:16p	12:46a
San Carlos	---	2:44p	---	3:44p	---	4:44p	---	5:44p	---	6:44p	---	7:44p	---	8:44p	9:19p	10:19p	11:19p	12:49a
Redwood City	2:17p	2:48p	3:17p	3:48p	4:17p	4:48p	5:17p	5:48p	6:17p	6:48p	7:17p	7:48p	8:17p	8:48p	9:24p	10:24p	11:24p	12:54a
Menlo Park	2:23p	---	3:23p	---	4:23p	---	5:23p	---	6:23p	---	7:23p	---	8:23p	---	9:29p	10:29p	11:29p	12:59a
Palo Alto	2:26p	2:56p	3:26p	3:56p	4:26p	4:56p	5:26p	5:56p	6:26p	6:56p	7:26p	7:56p	8:26p	8:56p	9:32p	10:32p	11:32p	1:02a
California Avenue	---	3:00p	---	4:00p	---	5:00p	---	6:00p	---	7:00p	---	8:00p	---	9:00p	9:36p	10:36p	11:36p	1:06a
San Antonio	2:32p	---	3:32p	---	4:32p	---	5:32p	---	6:32p	---	7:32p	---	8:32p	---	9:40p	10:40p	11:40p	1:10a
Mountain View	2:36p	3:06p	3:36p	4:06p	4:36p	5:06p	5:36p	6:06p	6:36p	7:06p	7:36p	8:06p	8:36p	9:06p	9:45p	10:45p	11:45p	1:15a
Sunnyvale	2:41p	3:11p	3:41p	4:11p	4:41p	5:11p	5:41p	6:11p	6:41p	7:11p	7:41p	8:11p	8:41p	9:11p	9:49p	10:49p	11:49p	1:19a
Lawrence	---	3:15p	---	4:15p	---	5:15p	---	6:15p	---	7:15p	---	8:15p	---	9:15p	9:53p	10:53p	11:53p	1:23a
Santa Clara	2:48p	---	3:48p	---	4:48p	---	5:48p	---	6:48p	---	7:48p	---	8:48p	---	9:59p	10:59p	11:59p	1:29a
College Park	---	---	---	---	4:52p	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
San Jose Diridon	2:55p	3:27p	3:55p	4:27p	4:58p	5:27p	5:55p	6:27p	6:55p	7:27p	7:55p	8:27p	8:55p	9:27p	10:07p	11:07p	12:07a	1:37a
Tamien	---	3:31p	---	4:31p	5:03p	5:31p	---	6:32p	---	7:31p	---	8:31p	---	9:31p	10:12p	11:12p	12:12a	1:42a
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Caltrain to furlough 40 positions starting in January

Transit agency's original plans called for 20% reduction of 90 positions

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Caltrain plans to furlough around 40 positions starting in January to meet costs for its recently approved operating and capital budgets for 2021, according to officials from the transit agency that is suffering from dropped

ridership and decreased revenue.

Michelle Bouchard, Caltrain's chief rail operating officer, speaking at the rail agency's Thursday meeting, said it needs to temporarily furlough positions to meet its approved operating budget for the second half of the 2021 fiscal year and its 2021 capital budget which focuses on infrastructure improvements. Those furloughed will be contract workers from Transit America Services Inc., or TASI, which provides operation services. The furloughs would continue until ridership and train service returns to normal levels, Caltrain official Dan Lieberman said in an email. Furloughs could also stop if more TASI workforce retirements occur or if Caltrain needs additional personnel for projects. TASI would be responsible for making the furlough decisions, Lieberman said.

Caltrain originally had plans to furlough around 90 people, around 20% of its workforce, Bouchard said. Caltrain instituted a hiring freeze over the past few months to decrease the proposed furlough numbers. Caltrain said retirements and workers leaving also reduced the number of people it will need to furlough. Caltrain has more than 450 workers who provide operations and maintenance services. Some of the positions expected to be furloughed are vacant. The furloughs will be spread throughout Caltrain and would not just be engineers or conductors, Bouchard said. Caltrain is working with TASI to figure out how to best make decisions about furloughs, Bouchard said.

According to Caltrain meeting documents, the second half of the 2020-21 operating budget is \$66 million for a cumulative full-year budget total of \$144 million. The 2021 fiscal year capital budget went from around \$84 million to \$82 million.

The furloughs were just one part of Caltrain's difficulty in putting together its 2021 budgets. According to Caltrain official Derek Hansel, its 2021 fiscal year budget will also have an estimated \$25.5 million deficit. Hansel said there is still a lot of uncertainty surrounding future budgeting because of the pandemic and lack of riders.

Caltrain has lost most fare revenue and most riders, with only about 5% of pre-pandemic riders still taking Caltrain, Lieberman said. Funding from the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act is also ending in December. Caltrain will use reserve funds and a line of credit funding to meet its future budget, Hansel said. The approved budgets will also use about half of Caltrain reserves, and there is now \$7 million left in those funds, Hansel said.

Caltrain will also have to leverage Measure RR funds in the upcoming years to meet its budget, Hansel said. Measure RR, an eighth-cent sales tax for 30 years approved in November by voters in San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties, will provide much-needed breathing room. Measure RR will generate \$100 million per year for Caltrain. Measure RR collection doesn't start until July, and the first payment will be made around September, with a gap over the next few months. The delay is why Caltrain needs to look for cash flow to address the gap, Hansel said. Caltrain doesn't expect Measure RR to cover all of the 2022 budget concerns. Caltrain also expects similar challenges for its 2022 budget because of expected decreased ridership in future years.

Caltrain Board Member Steve Heminger, representing the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, wants to see Caltrain do more to fill empty seats to increase revenue and help its budget. He believes it could be at least another fiscal year before ridership returns to normal, putting additional strain on the 2022 budget.

"I do hope we can spend more time and pay more attention to boost ridership and boost confidence in the system," Heminger said.

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