

# HANDOUT - COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM 6m



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July 23, 2018

Jake Mackenzie, Chair  
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### **STATE ROUTE 85 TRANSIT GUIDEWAY STUDY FUNDING (AGENDA ITEM 6M – MTC RESOLUTION NOS. 4202, REVISED, AND 4356)**

Dear Chairperson Mackenzie:

On July 25, 2018, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will consider an agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to provide \$1.2 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) funds and/or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program (CMAQ) funds for the State Route (SR) 85 Transit Guideway Study. The City of Mountain View is in full support of this agreement and funding allocation and respectfully requests MTC approval.

SR 85 is a vital commute corridor connecting much of Santa Clara County's housing centers to major employment destinations. It is also one of the most congested highways in Silicon Valley, and a transit solution to move people along this corridor is a high priority. VTA's 2016 Measure B Program includes funding for the SR 85 Transit Guideway Study and next steps in implementing the transit solution identified by the Study. Unfortunately, the lawsuit against Measure B resulted in the Study being put on hold. The proposed agreement and funding allocation will allow the Study to proceed and ensure that the lawsuit will not delay identifying and eventually implementing a transit plan to provide commute options for the SR 85 corridor.

Thank you for your support to complete the SR 85 Transit Guideway Study.

Sincerely,

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Leonard M. Siegel  
Mayor

cc: Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara  
CC, CM, PWD, APWD – Cameron



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July 23, 2018

Chair Jake Mackenzie and the  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
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375 Beale Street  
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**RE: MTC Agenda Item 6m: Funding the State Route 85 Corridor Study**

Dear Chair Mackenzie and Commissioners,

The Town of Los Gatos encourages the Commission to approve the funding for the State Route 85 Corridor Study.

The Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) has been working with local officials to identify viable transit options for the heavily congested State Route 85 corridor. Santa Clara County voters approved Measure B in November 2016, which established a sales tax for funding traffic relief and other transportation improvements. Measure B included the provision of \$350 million for projects to relieve congestion in this corridor and required that a Transit Guideway Study be prepared to form the basis for VTA's future infrastructure investments within the corridor. Subsequently, a lawsuit challenged the validity of Measure B and has delayed disbursement of these funds. VTA has prevailed in trial court and the challenger has appealed. As a result, VTA has requested the assistance of MTC to expedite initiation of the State Route 85 Transit Guideway Study by providing \$1.2 million in MTC discretionary funds now, to be repaid in full once the lawsuit is resolved and VTA is able to disburse funds.

MTC has Federal Surface Transportation Program/Congestion Management and Air Quality (STP/CMAQ) funds available and this short-term arrangement would enable the Study to move forward in a timely manner. Transportation projects take many years and the sooner the Study is complete, the sooner VTA can select the preferred improvements and encumber funds for these needed investments.



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For the reasons stated above, the Town of Los Gatos appreciates the Commission's approval of the funding request for the State Route 85 Corridor Study.

Sincerely,

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**ROB RENNIE**  
Mayor

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cc: Town Council  
Scott Heminger, MTC  
Nuria Fernandez, VTA

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The Honorable Jake Mackenzie, Chair  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
375 Beale Street, Suite 800  
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July 23, 2018

Subject: July 25, 2018 MTC Meeting Agenda Item 6m (Agreement in support of continuation of funding for State Route 85 Transit Guideway Study)

Dear Chair Mackenzie and Members of the Commission:

I write to strongly encourage you to adopt Resolution Nos. 4202, Revised, and 4356 – Agreement for the exchange of \$1.2 million in Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Measure funds with an equal amount of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) funds and/or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program (CMAQ) funds for the State Route 85 Transit Guideway Study.

Santa Clara Measure B, approved by the voters of Santa Clara on November 8, 2016, established a sales tax for funding traffic relief and other transportation improvements. The voters recognized the need for long-term congestion relief on the State Route 85 corridor by providing \$350 million within the sales tax measure for transit studies and improvements that would benefit communities and employers along the corridor. The Measure requires that a comprehensive Transit Guideway Study, including modern, state-of-the-art and forward-looking transit options, be prepared to form the basis for VTA's future infrastructure investments within the State Route 85 corridor. Cupertino and other cities have invested greatly in the process, through the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's State Route (SR) 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board. Advancing funds to continue the momentum that has been generated for the project, subject to being curbed by the pending Santa Clara County Measure B lawsuit, is of critical importance to beginning a process that will ultimately result in maintaining and growing the economic vitality in the south bay area by relieving congestion in this corridor.

Sincerely,

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Darcy Paul  
Mayor  
City of Cupertino

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**From:** Debbie Bretschneider [mailto:[debbieb@saratoga.ca.us](mailto:debbieb@saratoga.ca.us)]  
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**Subject:** Letter in support of State route 85 Transit Guideway Study  
**Importance:** High

To Kim Ward,

The following letter of support is for today's (July 25, 2018) 10:00 a.m. meeting and is from the City of Saratoga Mayor.

Support for Agenda Item 6m: State Route 85 Transit Guideway Study

Dear Metropolitan Transportation Commission Chair Jake Mackenzie and fellow Commission Members,

I am writing to urge you to support funding for the State Route 85 Transit Guideway Study on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) July 25, 2018 agenda (item 6m). State Route 85 serves as a critical link in Santa Clara County between the largest Silicon Valley employers and segments of the County that have become residential hubs, such as southern Santa Clara County. With the economic boom and increase in housing prices in recent years, State Route 85 corridor has seen an ever increasing number of vehicles.

The Transit Guideway Study serves as a critical step for improving traffic conditions on State Route 85. The study will assess different options for relieving congestion on State Route 85 and provide recommendations for the Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors to consider in development of a transit improvement plan for the corridor.

The study was originally to be funded through 2016 Measure B funds. However, due to pending litigation on Measure B, the funding for the project has been placed on hold. MTC's support for the State Route 85 Transit Guideway Study will ensure that we do not lose momentum in improving this major thoroughfare and thereby the lives of countless commuters who rely on State Route 85 every day.

Sincerely,

Mary-Lynne Bernald, Mayor  
City of Saratoga

Thank you,

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