

Agenda Item 7d - Public Comment

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

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Dear Chair Haggerty,

Further to VTA's current projection of a \$55.4M to \$89.9M Cares Act surplus for FY21

<http://santaclaravta.iqm2.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.

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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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- Gilroy Mayor and City Council
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