



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 E. MAIN STREET
LOS GATOS, CA
6:00 P.M.**

*Maria Ristow, Chair
Natalie Ladd, Vice Chair
Brigitte Ballingall, Commissioner
Robert Buxton, Commissioner
Megan Crummett, Commissioner
Jan Nordmo, Commissioner
Daniel Snyder, Commissioner*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

CONSENT ITEMS (TO BE ACTED UPON BY A SINGLE MOTION)

1. Approve Transportation and Parking Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2017.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS *(Members of the public may address the Transportation and Parking Commission on any matter that is not listed on the agenda. Unless additional time is authorized by the Transportation and Parking Commission, remarks shall be limited to three minutes.)*

OTHER BUSINESS *(Up to three minutes may be allotted to each speaker on any of the following items.)*

2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – Review draft
Staff Report
3. Next Network
Staff Report & VTA Presentation
Attachment 1 – VTA letter from the Mayor
Attachment 2 – Public Comment
4. Commission Adopted Priorities
 - A. **Transportation:** explore and recommend Town Council adoption of Vision Zero
 - B. **Transportation:** investigate and recommend mitigation for staff to effectively

discourage "cut-through" traffic and improve load capacity of roads/ highways

- C. **Transportation:** investigate and recommend mitigation steps toward calming traffic around schools at arrival and departure times including (SR2S) programs
<http://www.losgatosca.gov/1093/Safe-Routes-to-School>
 - D. **Transportation:** explore transit programs for students, seniors, disabled and low income riders (ref: VTA flex)
 - E. **Transportation:** address corporate busing issues within neighborhoods and areas not currently designated for supporting such service(s) **COMPLETE**
 - F. **Parking:** coordinate with Town Council Ad Hoc committee on plans for parking structure (s) <http://www.losgatosca.gov/2248/Downtown-Parking-Garage>
 - G. **Parking:** investigate and recommend processes for enhancing / mitigating parking issues around high school
- 5. Police Department Update
 - 6. PPW Director's Report
 - A. Transportation and Parking Projects Update 16/17
 - B. Transportation and Parking Projects Update 17/18
 - 7. Town BPAC update
 - 8. Safe Routes to Schools update
 - 9. VTA BPAC update

ADJOURNMENT

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT (408) 399-5770. NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE TOWN TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING [28 CFR §35.102-35.104]



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
TRANSPORTATION AND
PARKING COMMISSION
REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 01/12/2017
ITEM NO: 1

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**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2017**

The Transportation and Parking Commission of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Maria Ristow, Vice Chair Natalie Ladd, Commissioner Brigitte Ballingall, Commissioner Robert Buxton, Commissioner Megan Crummett.

Absent: Commissioner Jan Nordmo

Commissioner Daniel Snyder arrived after roll call (7:45 a.m.)

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Chair Ristow reported that she had attended a SR25 priority meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS (TO BE ACTED UPON BY A SINGLE MOTION)

1. Approve Transportation and Parking Commission Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2016.

MOTION: Motion by Vice Chair Natalie Ladd to approve Consent Item 1.
Seconded by Commissioner Robert Buxton.

VOTE: Motion passed 4/2/1. Commissioners Jan Nordmo and Daniel Snyder - absent. Commissioner Brigitte Ballingall - abstained.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Tom Picraux, Community and Senior Services Commissioner, spoke on being invited to the Transit Program Ad Hoc and the importance of Senior Transportation.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION: Motion by Chair Maria Ristow to nominate Vice Chair Natalie Ladd as the new Chair.
Seconded by Commissioner Robert Buxton.

VOTE: Motion passed 6-0, 1 commissioner absent.

MOTION: Motion by Chair Natalie Ladd to nominate Commissioner Robert Buxton as the new Vice Chair.
Seconded by Commissioner Maria Ristow.

VOTE: Motion passed 6-0, 1 commissioner absent.

3. Chairperson Report

Chair Natalie Ladd gave an overview on her newly appointed position.

4. Commission Adopted Priorities

A. Confirm Transportation and Parking Commission recommendations to Town Council.

Matt Morley, PPW Director, presented the staff report. Commissioners discussed this item.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Maria Ristow to approve the staff report. Commissioner Megan Crummett wanted to add Measure B's importance to the staff report. Commissioners discussed this motion. Commissioner Maria Ristow amended her motion to include Measure B.
Seconded by Vice Chair Robert Buxton.

VOTE: Motion passed 6-0, 1 commissioner absent.

Chair Natalie Ladd will be presenting at the 01/31/2017 Town Council meeting.

B. **Transportation:** Explore and Recommend Town Council adoption of Vision Zero

Item was not heard.

C. **Transportation:** Investigate and Recommend mitigation for staff to effectively discourage "cut-through" traffic and improve load capacity of roads/ highways

Matt Morley, PPW Director, stated that at the 01/17/2017 Town Council meeting, staff would be looking to Town Council for their recommendations for beach cut-thru traffic.

- D. **Transportation:** Investigate and Recommend mitigation steps toward calming traffic around schools at arrival and departure times including SR2S programs
<http://www.losgatosca.gov/1093/Safe-Routes-to-School>

Matt Morley, PPW Director, reported on the high school green bike lanes. (Postponed due to weather.) Commissioners discussed this item.

- E. **Transportation:** Explore transit programs for students, seniors, disabled and low income riders (ref: VTA flex)

Vice Chair Robert Buxton gave an overview of the VTA meeting he attended last week. He stated that there will be a VTA presentation at the next TPC meeting in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

Tom Picraux

-Commented that at the next Community and Senior Services Commission meeting on 01/24/2017, VTA would also be making a presentation in the Library at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners discussed this item. Commissioner Megan Crummett to send information to Clerk Natalie Hawkins for distribution.

- F. **Transportation:** Address corporate busing issues within neighborhoods and areas not currently designated for supporting such service(s)

Item Complete.

- G. **Parking:** Coordinate with Town Council Ad Hoc Committee on plans for parking structure(s) <http://www.losgatosca.gov/2248/Downtown-Parking-Garage>

Matt Morley, PPW Director, indicated that a consultant, Keyser Marston, had been selected to assist with business terms for this project. Commissioners discussed this item.

- H. **Parking:** Investigate and Recommend processes for enhancing/ mitigating parking issues around high school

Matt Morley, PPW Director, working with the Town Council Policy Committee to establish guidelines for permit parking to include the high school. Commissioner discussed this item.

5. Select Ad Hoc to work on 2017 Transportation and Parking Priorities

Matt Morley, PPW Director, clarified this Ad Hoc's main priority. Commissioners discussed this item. Three commissioners were tentatively selected: Brigitte Ballingall, Natalie Ladd, and Jan Nordmo. He then suggested that any priorities be send to Clerk Natalie Hawkins by 2/03/2017.

6. February Meeting (Time Change 6:00 p.m.)

Matt Morley, PPW Director, reviewed the need to change the next Transportation and Parking Commission meeting start time to 6:00 p.m. and its location to the Council Chambers due to a VTA public presentation on Next Network. Commissioners discussed this item.

7. PD Update

Kalipo Kauwelo, PD Sgt., reported on November collisions. Commissioners discussed the Hwy 17 closure.

8. PPW Director's Report

A. Transportation & Parking Projects Update FY16/17

Matt Morley, PPW Director, reviewed the following items:

- Almond Grove
- Green bike lanes – High School
- Annual Street Pavement
- Los Gatos-Almaden/ Cherry Blossom pedestrian xing

B. Transportation & Parking Projects Update FY17/18

Matt Morley, PPW Director, indicated that he was looking for Commission input on future projects.

- Downtown sidewalk cleaning – Chair Natalie Ladd
- Loose PG&E vaults – Vice Chair Robert Buxton

9. Town BPAC

A. Report out

Commissioner Maria Ristow reported on the 12/15/16 BPAC meeting:

- New commissioners

-Priorities set

-Next meeting 02/02/2017

B. Select 2017 Representative (non-voting)

Chair Natalie Ladd and Vice Chair Robert Buxton supported Commissioner Maria Ristow on being a BPAC non-voting member.

10. Safe Routes to Schools

Chair Natalie Ladd indicated there were no new items.

-SR2S Community Meeting 01/26/2017

-SR2 S next regular meeting 01/18/2017

Commissioners discussed the community meeting.

11. VTA BPAC

Commissioner Maria Ristow reported that Commissioner Herten's 01/11/2017 meeting notes had been sent to Clerk Natalie Hawkins and she had sent it to the Commissioners for their review.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Attest:

/s/ Matt Morley, PPW Director

Prepared by: Natalie Hawkins, Recording Secretary



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING
COMMISSION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 02/09/2017

ITEM NO: 2.

DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2017
TO: TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
FROM: BOB KASS, SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER
SUBJECT: BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Transportation and Parking Commission receive a report on the Final Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, receive any comments from the public, and provide comments to staff. Both public and Commission comments will be included with the transmittal of the BPMP to the Town Council, currently scheduled for March 7, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

On April 5, 2016, the Town Council approved a consultant services agreement with Placeworks, a planning and mobility consulting firm with offices in Berkeley and San Diego, to prepare the Town of Los Gatos's first Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

The Town of Los Gatos does not currently have an adopted Bicycle or Pedestrian Master Plan, although both the Town General Plan and Town Sustainability Plan have a number of policies and action items that have provided a foundation for developing a BPMP. Development of a BPMP was identified as a top strategic goal for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) shortly after it was established, and has been a major work item for the BPAC for nearly a year.

Beyond providing a roadmap for investments that will enhance bicycle and pedestrian mobility throughout the Town, adoption of a BPMP is anticipated to allow the Town to compete more successfully for a range of local, regional and State funds for bicycle and pedestrian related improvement projects.

The scope of work for the BPMP includes the following key components:

- Review of existing Town bicycle and pedestrian related documents and initiatives, including General Plan, Complete Streets, Safe Routes to Schools, etc.

- Review of other agency bicycle and pedestrian policies and plans for coordination opportunities (VTA, Caltrans, Santa Clara County, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Vision Zero, neighboring cities).
- Inventory of key features of the bicycle and pedestrian network, including mapping of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- Identification of gaps in existing bicycle and pedestrian network.
- Identification of opportunities to enhance the safety and accessibility of the bicycle and pedestrian network.
- Bicycle and pedestrian collision analysis.
- Bicycle and pedestrian counts at key locations.
- Coordination with Safe Routes to Schools.
- Development of recommended policies and programs.
- Identification of proposed capital projects.
- Development of preliminary cost estimates.
- Prioritization of projects and programs.
- Identification of funding sources.

Progress to Date

The BPAC has been extensively involved in supporting and providing direction on the development of the BPMP for nearly a year. Community meetings were held by the BPAC in July and September to obtain input from the public on key issues, and numerous presentations and reports have been provided to the BPAC at both regular and special meetings. An online survey which generated nearly 900 responses provided additional community input on bicycle and pedestrian issues. BPAC members also participated in the Town's first bicycle and pedestrian counts which were conducted in September of last year, shortly after Los Gatos students returned to school following summer recess.

Most recently, the BPAC has identified priority projects (including Safe Routes to Schools Projects) through a facilitated exercise at a December, 2016 Special BPAC Meeting, and priority goals, policies and actions at a Special Meeting in January, 2017. The BPAC's specific priority recommendations from these exercises are included in the Final Draft Master Plan.

The BPAC is scheduled to consider and forward a recommendation to the Council on the Final Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan at a BPAC meeting on February 2, 2017.

Final Draft Plan

The Final Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is comprised of the following Chapters:

1. Introduction and Master Plan Summary
2. Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment

3. Goals, Policies and Actions
4. Network Recommendations and Project Prioritization
5. Implementation and Funding
Appendices

The Final Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and Appendices are available for review or download on the Town Website at the following links:

- Final Draft Plan: <http://www.losgatosca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18818>
- Appendices: <http://www.losgatosca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18817>

Next Steps

The table below outlines the next steps in bringing the BPMP forward for Town Council consideration and anticipated adoption:

**Next Steps
Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan**

BPAC Review of Final Draft Plan (Special Evening Meeting)	February 2, 2017
Parks Commission Review	February 6, 2017
Planning Commission Review	February 8, 2017
Transportation & Parking Commission Review	February 9, 2017
Town Council (tentative)	March 7, 2017



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
TRANSPORTATION & PARKING
COMMISSION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 02/09/2017

ITEM NO: 3.

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2017
TO: TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
FROM: MATT MORLEY, PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: REVIEW THE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY NEXT NETWORK

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Next Network and provide recommendations to staff and the Town Council as necessary.

BACKGROUND:

The VTA will present on plans for modifications to the bus and light rail service throughout their service area. The program is in the public outreach period with information gathered through the process scheduled for presentation to the VTA Board for final consideration later this year.

DISCUSSION:

The VTA is restructuring the bus and light rail network. As currently proposed, this will directly impact service in Los Gatos. The Town has provided input to the VTA Board through the attached letter from Mayor Sayoc (Attachment 1). The Transportation and Parking Commission meeting is a local opportunity for input from the commissioners and the public.

Significant information is available on the VTA website at this link:

<http://www.vta.org/projects-and-programs/transit/next-network>. Commissioners are encouraged to review the information ahead of the meeting.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the Commission receive the presentation, public comment, and provide recommendations to staff and the Town Council as necessary.

PREPARED BY: MATT MORLEY
PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: CONFIRM TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATIONS TO TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 9, 2017

Attachments:

1. Letter from Mayor Sayoc to the VTA Board
2. Communication received from the public.



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Marico Sayoc, Mayor
Rob Rennie, Vice Mayor
Marcia Jensen, Council Member
Steven Leonardis, Council Member
Barbara Spector, Council Member

January 4, 2017

VIA: Electronic Mail

Board of Directors
 Valley Transportation Authority
 3331 North First Street
 San Jose, California 95134

Re: VTA Next Network

Dear Board of Directors,

The Town of Los Gatos has reviewed the agenda item specific to the Next Network scheduled for the January 5, 2017 Board meeting. We understand that the Board has provided previous direction to staff to create an 85/15 program to increase ridership on the system and that the preliminary program provides an opportunity for public comment. The Town will continue to participate in the public process and appreciates the opportunity to do so.

Specific to the agenda items of January 5, the Town requests additional direction be given to VTA staff to address critical service areas.

- Hospitals should receive service to meet the need where it is most essential. The El Camino Hospital in Los Gatos will completely lose service under the new plan. Provide direction to staff to make hospitals a priority.
- Downtowns are a key component in the Valley and some of the most visited downtowns, including the communities of Los Gatos and Saratoga, would be cut off from service. This impacts the economy in the short term and the ability to move visitors to alternative modes of transportation in the future. Direct staff to incorporate service to the central districts of all local jurisdictions.



- Connectivity to educational institutions, including high schools and community colleges, is essential. With the proposed new routes, students in Los Gatos are no longer able to commute to West Valley Community College and the High School is no longer served. There is great potential for ridership here given the local advances in Safe Routes to School both today and in establishing a long term culture of transit utilization. Please direct staff to develop a plan that provides ridership opportunities for younger generations to ensure a transit clientele in the future.

Town staff continues to be available to work with the VTA team on a program that meets the 85/15 goal set forward by the Board while including these critical areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marico Sayoc". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MARICO SAYOC
Mayor

MS:jj

cc: Town Council

Natalie Hawkins

Subject: FW: new: posted VTA signs: Re: Fwd: Major concern and No one speaking up! Los Gatos Proposed VTA changes cutting out downtown pretty much! ; yes a user!

Attachment 2

From: Marico Sayoc
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 10:01 PM
To:
Cc: Laurel Prevetti; Matt Morley
Subject: Re: new: posted VTA signs: Re: Fwd: Major concern and No one speaking up! Los Gatos Proposed VTA changes cutting out downtown pretty much! ; yes a user!

Hi Karen —

The Town has asked VTA representatives to attend a community meeting hosted by the Transportation and Parking Commission the evening of February 9. This is a perfect opportunity to share your concerns. I am copying our town staff on this email so that your email can be included in the staff report to the T&P commission and your comments are shared with the commissioners.

Unfortunately, I have a Cities Association meeting that evening but do hope there will be a great turnout. If there are any specific questions about the meeting, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Morley or the members of the T&P commission.

Thanks.

Marico Sayoc
Mayor, Town of Los Gatos

On Jan 13, 2017, at 5:01 PM, K. Deloumi <[redacted]> wrote:

Hi all,

Update:

Did you know new signs are posted at bus stops that stop on LG blvd from Hwy 9 towards downtown. Signs state that the stop may no longer exist? I don't know who posted signs. I should have taken picture of it. Hope there next time.

If VTA posted, it should be an input request sign with a phone number and meeting notification not just a web site; waterproof wrap and aimed at user for action would have been great.

If it was a bus user that put it up, I'd like to find them to encourage them to write and go to meetings.(Saw single regular piece of paper taped to bus stop pole near History Club area. A paper sign 8.5 X 11 that will be ruined in next rains.)

More Thoughts: data accuracy

I really wonder how well VTA knows usage and popular stops. My son has had both student sticker passes on his student ID(non scannable) and discount monthly clipper cards. Me being a regular walker I see people at downtown and near downtown stops regularly. Depending on payment type may not be tracked and showing in data regarding usage numbers and active stops. Also many get rides when they can because info. for next bus etc...not so easy for starters. (I received one reply to my posting along that line.) Not even signs at bus stops Portland has it easily accessible out at stops.

Not sure if all businesses that give out stickers to put on badge are all on clipper cards either. These rides would also be missed.

Again, as roads get crowded, grid develops to serve masses, system gets more express lines, students somehow motivated to use transportation, BART starts, population ages, ...and last mile addressed hopefully ridership starts to increase.

Isn't it also discriminatory against those not able to walk the distance from hwy 9 to downtown a populated and high use area? Are their busses not meant for handicapped persons including those limited in walking ability?

Minimum service is to at least add bus to civic center and loop back up LG Blvd. This would still leave out Plaza Park stop at Main and Santa Cruz but would touch both ends of downtown at least.

*Above is an at least 10% decrease in service even with civic center added back.

If only VTA would work with Uber like company to cover offpeak hours and last mile to grid connection, and give us downtown back....we'd all be doing well.

Thrilled the new proposal has bus running till 10pm a major improvement.

Too bad they didn't work well with large companies bussing workers. That would have helped start changing mindset.

Better signage at stops needed too.

Why I Care:

My son takes bus regularly and sometimes uses skateboard or bike for last mile portion. He was started by his time in Portland, Oregon. He just started a job. He chooses to use bus to get to physically active job in San Jose. His salary is not great; not paying for car expences is a big savings. His work allows deduction for transportation. We want more like him in his generation. Lately, I have started studying route map with him to figure out how to get to new locations. Its not so intuitive.

I'd like to use bus more now that grid and efficiencies are starting to be addressed. Assuming population growth allowing changes.

Rob,

Have you been briefed or start advocating to get at least Civic Center back in bus route? Is high school doing anything to motivate students to use bus?

This year is not same as usual given they want to remove substantial part of town. But the extended hours till 10 are also important.

Can't high school parking passes help pay to motivate kids to take bus? Need creative program.

Anything else I can do?

Karen

Sent from on Android

On Tue, Jan 10, 2017 at 10:26 PM, Marico Sayoc <MSayoc@losgatosca.gov> wrote:

Marico Sayoc
Mayor, Town of Los Gatos

Begin forwarded message:

From: Marico Sayoc <msayoc@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Re: Major concern and No one speaking up! Los Gatos Proposed VTA changes cutting out downtown pretty much! ; yes a user!
Date: January 10, 2017 at 10:25:33 PM PST
To: "K. Deloumi" <kdeloumi@losgatosca.gov>
Cc: Laurel Prevetti <lprevetti@losgatosca.gov>

Karen —

I appreciate your concern and zeal for VTA's proposed Next Network and want to assure you that we, the Council and Staff, have been stepping up and are working within our own channels to share our concerns with VTA's proposals. I have attached a letter that went to the VTA Board with our official comments and these comments were followed by phone calls by myself to our West Valley representative who is the mayor of Cupertino. Her contact information is s vaidhyanathan@cupertino.org. I've also called all the West Valley mayors to explain our position and our position was referred to several times at the most recent Board meeting.

Based on your email, it looks like you have both Rob and Marcia's email addresses. Rob is this year's delegate to VTA.

Marico Sayoc

Mayor, Town of Los Gatos

On Jan 10, 2017, at 2:48 PM, K. Deloumi < > wrote:

Please- who are the current representatives with contact info. Marcia? Some guy in Cupertino? Rob? I got all these answers from you guys with no contact info! Someone step up and help me get us heard! We are missing the boat big time at least it appears so with the non information in replies!

Now to work on my direct reply to VTA!

I need your help guys!

Karen _____

VTA: Know about Proposed Bus Route Changes for Los Gatos

[Karen Deloumi](#) from Los Gatos Main · Just now

If you do not want service to be pulled from East Side Los Gatos (Civic center up and down to Hwy 9,) or through downtown, provide feedback before proposals become actual.

In my opinion / summary:

LG downtown changes are a big concern but other changes are minor. New county route changes do support a more higher bus frequency mass grid; an attempt to have some express transportation in the mix. There is an interesting airport bus in the mix as well.

The proposed 27 LG bus gets us around town except for downtown. Frequency to be approximately the same. A positive change is that the new 27 bus will run later end of day till I believe 10PM. (Current ends at 7:30pm.) Given other strategic changes the new overall plan may make public transportation in our county one step better. If they can figure how to deal with the "last mile" differently then the new bus proposed bus route could work, but I haven't heard that this is the case. (Last mile deals with home to part of main grid. An issue with parking or not needing one's car to use system.) All these are barriers to getting people from cars to public transportation.

Change Details:

VTA change notices are not an easy read. I am writing to communicate the effects on Los Gatos. There are proposed changes. Consider providing feedback back to VTA and our council. I do not currently have the West Valley representative that covers Los Gatos.

I not sure which council member actively involved in any VTA committee. (May have changed since December?)

Proposed Route:

VTA is proposes eliminating 48 and 49 buses and having the 27 bus run along most of

the existing routes combined.

The bus would run from Winchester light rail, down Winchester, down Santa Cruz Ave till Hwy 9. It will then turn left on Hwy 9 and left on Los Gatos Blvd going away from downtown on the East Side. From there it will follow Los Gatos Blvd to Good Samaritan Drive (transfer point) and over towards Oakridge Mall.

Overall the proposed route is not that different; *HOWEVER*, it cuts out any stop near the civic center / est side of town and up to hwy 9. No bus will run through downtown. The two closest stops would then be Hwy 9/ Santa Cruz and Hwy 9/Los Gatos Blvd.

I personally hope it could at least go closer to downtown east side - near the library, high school, adult center, and come back up. If you agree please reach out to VTA and provide feedback.

If you have trouble finding their announcement on Nextdoor please reply to this post.

Shared with Los Gatos Main + 17 nearby neighborhoods in General



[Karen Deloumi](#) from Los Gatos Main · Just now

If you do not use the bus know you should still care. If we get decent service and eliminate barriers it could be a viable option. This proposal is a step backwards cutting out a significant section of your town. We have traffic issues; bus should be an option with incentive. Thanks, Karen

Karen Deloumi

