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VTA Supports Bike to Work Week

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Agency Provides Energizer Station and Tour Location

San Jose, Calif. — The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is encouraging bicycling and is supporting community events that include both Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 14, 2009 and the self-guided Over and Under Tour on Sunday May 17, 2009. VTA reminds all bicyclists and anyone opting to bike that bicycles are allowed on both bus and light rail.

“Bicycling is a green, inexpensive, healthy alternative mode of transportation and VTA continues to support such efforts by accommodating bikes on our systems,” said VTA General Manager Michael T. Burns.

VTA’s 16-member Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), which includes representatives from the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition and each city in the county, is a major supporter of Bike to Work Day and the Over and Under Tour. As a result, VTA is sponsoring an energizer station at the Great Mall Transit Center on Thursday, May 14, 2009 from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. There will be refreshments and VTA promotional materials available for participants.

In celebration of the openings of new bicycle and pedestrian under and over crossings throughout the valley, VTA is sponsoring the River Oaks Bridge along Guadalupe Trail location during the Over and Under Tour. Participants will get an opportunity to experience riding their bicycles on the recently dedicated Mary Avenue Bridge in Cupertino or the Borregas Bridges in Sunnyvale. Hosted by the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, the Sunday, May 17, 2009 event runs from 10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. and participants can begin their tour at any of the six tour locations.

- Cupertino - Mary Avenue Bridge over Interstate 280
- Mountain View – El Camino undercrossing of the Stevens Creek Trail
- Sunnyvale – Borregas Bridges over US 101 and State Route 237
- San Jose– Guadalupe Trail under US 101 and Airport
- VTA – River Oaks Bridge along Guadalupe Trail
- Santa Clara – San Tomas Aquino Trail’s new undercrossing between Scott Boulevard and Monroe Street

“With all the new bridges and crossings now open, it is an ideal time to consider biking as an alternative mode of transportation,” said Joe Walton BPAC Chair.

VTA serves as the area’s Congestion Management Agency (CMA) in addition to providing

public transportation to Santa Clara County. VTA funds sustainable, accessible and community focused transportation options, including bike and pedestrian improvements. As such, VTA has developed the Bicycle Expenditure Program (BEP), a 25-year plan of bicycle improvements throughout Santa Clara County. The \$99 million plan was conceptualized with input from local cities and the county and prioritizes the expenditure of both local and regional funds.

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Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district that provides sustainable, accessible, community-focused transportation options that are innovative, environmentally responsible, and promote the vitality of our region. VTA is responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations; congestion management; specific highway improvement projects; countywide transportation planning and provides these services to cities throughout the county including Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Sunnyvale. VTA continually builds partnerships to deliver transportation solutions that meet the evolving mobility needs of Santa ClaraCounty.

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