



November 28, 2022

Mayor Pat Burt
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Mayor Pat Burt:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Request for Transit Service Planning on San Antonio Road Corridor. We appreciate your commitment to transit service and the opportunity to work with local jurisdictions on building stronger transit corridors.

Given the recent development activity and the emerging changes to land use plans along the San Antonio corridor as you highlighted, we have put together a plan of action to assess the future of transit service along the corridor. While most sections of San Antonio Road are already served by VTA Route 40 and VTA Route 21, the section north of Middlefield Road is unserved by VTA transit. We have also observed the recent changes in land use plans and development activity along this unserved section of the corridor. Accordingly, we've developed an approach to study the full San Antonio corridor:

1. Our Service Planning team will include a focus on the San Antonio Road corridor, including the San Antonio Caltrain station, in our next annual transit service planning effort, which will kick off in late spring and culminate in a transit service plan to be adopted by the VTA Board of Directors in October. VTA's annual service plans are the most appropriate forum to discuss a corridor's service design and service level holistically, in the context of all needs throughout the network. As with each year's service plan, the development of San Antonio corridor service changes for 2024 will involve community feedback and will require close coordination with local jurisdictions' staff and elected officials.
2. As an input to the San Antonio Road service planning discussions, our Service Planning team will also engage a transit service planning consultant to conduct an independent assessment of the corridor and Caltrain station and make recommendations prior to the kickoff of the annual service plan project. This assessment, which we plan to complete in April, will include a review of city plans and recent development activity in the context of the cities' General Plans and the VTA Frequent Network.

Going into the efforts, all options for changes to San Antonio transit service are on the table, including changes in service levels, changes in route design, capital improvement proposals, alternative service models, and maintaining the status quo. The VTA Board of Directors will have the opportunity to weigh in on any policy choices that come out of the effort.

Thank you again for your interest in partnering for better transit service; we look forward to taking a fresh look at the San Antonio corridor and Caltrain station.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carolyn M. Gonot'.

Carolyn M. Gonot
General Manager/CEO

CC: Deborah Dagang, Chief Planning & Programming Officer