

August 28, 2014

Board of Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
3331 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
San Jose, CA 95134

Dear Chairperson Kalra:

We are writing to urge you to support the staff recommendations for updating VTA's Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) Guidelines. SPUR is a non-profit, member-supported organization that promotes good planning and good government. SPUR is pleased to have been included in the stakeholder process for updating the TIA guidelines.

Reforming the TIA guidelines is an action that SPUR has specifically identified in our recent policy report *Freedom to Move: How the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority can Create Better Transportation Options*. We found that reforming VTA guidelines like these are necessary to let VTA transit thrive, reduce auto-dependency and to facilitate great urban design in VTA's 15 member jurisdictions.

We support the overall direction of the TIA update, including the emphasis on an improved TIA process, the reduction of auto trips, more meaningful analysis of alternative modes such as walking and cycling and improved guidance on mitigations. These updated guidelines will help provide better information to decision-makers about the transportation impacts and options for land use projects. We hope you will support this update.

Sincerely,



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SPUR Transportation Policy Director