



### Important Numbers

Customer Service	535-3500
Anti-Graffiti/ Litter	277-2758
Code Enforcement	277-4528
Abandoned Vehicles	277-5305
Animal Services	578-7297
Tree Removal	277-2756
Street Lights	277-5517
Garbage & Recycling	535-3515
Mayfair Center	794-1060
Hank Lopez Center	926-3895
Dr. Cruz Library	929-0130
Hillview Library	808-3033

## Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Proposed Transit Service Reduction Plan



Due to continuing declines in economic conditions, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is proposing to reduce bus and light rail services.

On August 10-13, 2009, VTA will hold seven public meetings to discuss the proposed transit service reduction plan and to obtain the public's comments on the plan. If the VTA Board of Directors approves the plan at its October 1, 2009 meeting, the transit service reductions will take effect on January 11, 2010. The Service Reduction Plan is available on VTA's website, [www.vta.org/servicereductions](http://www.vta.org/servicereductions).

The general public is invited to attend

the community meetings. If you are unable to attend these meetings, you may submit your comments:

In writing to: VTA Customer Service  
3331 North First Street, Bldg B  
San Jose, CA 95134-1927  
By email: [customer.service@vta.org](mailto:customer.service@vta.org)  
By phone: (408) 321-2300  
Hearing impaired (TTY only) at (408) 321-2330  
By fax: (408) 321-7535

If you require a sign language interpreter or other accommodations at these public meetings, please call VTA Customer Service (at least five days prior to the meeting date) at (408) 321-2300 or hearing impaired (TTY only) at (408) 321-2330.

#### COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

**San Jose**  
**Tuesday, August 11, 2009**  
**3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Isaac Newton Senter Auditorium  
County Government Center  
70 West Hedding Street, San Jose  
This location is served by VTA Bus Lines 61, 62, 66, 181, and by VTA Light Rail.

**San Jose**  
**Thursday, August 13, 2009**  
**3:00 p.m.**

Dr. Roberto Cruz - Alum Rock Branch Library  
3090 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose  
This location is served by VTA Bus Lines 25, 45 and 71.



NORA CAMPOS  
COUNCILMEMBER - CITY OF SAN JOSE

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# DISTRICT 5 NEWS

*From the Desk of...*

*Councilmember Nora Campos*



## State's Budget Impacts Our City

Last week, Governor Schwarzenegger signed the California state budget into law, closing California's \$26 billion deficit. The specific impact to the City of San José's programs and services are unknown at this time, but the City Council will be left with very few options in managing the effects in San José.

Through collaboration, my colleagues and I passed a balanced budget in June that closed the City's \$84 million deficit and protected vital city services, such as:

- Park Ranger Program
- Branch Library Hours, Library Systems-Wide Support Staffing
- Traffic Calming Program
- Police Patrol Unit Staffing, Police Records Staffing, Police Traffic Enforcement Unit Staffing, Police Horse Mounted Unit Staffing, Crime Prevention Staffing
- Satellite and Neighborhood Community Centers
- General Code Enforcement Program

The State has balanced its budget on the backs of local government agencies (counties, cities, school districts, and special districts) forcing the San José City Council to revisit our budget and make more difficult decisions.

Under one proposal, the State will borrow approximately \$1.9 billion in property taxes from local governments, about 8 percent of what we would otherwise receive. For San José, we are estimating that this translates to a General Fund loss of about \$20 million. Under the State Constitution, the State would be required to repay the loan of local property taxes within three years with interest, but this will still result in a significant reduction in the revenue we projected for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

The State will take approximately \$2 billion from Redevelopment Agencies statewide, \$1.7 billion in FY2009-2010 and \$350 million in FY2010-2011. The San José Redevelopment Agency will see an impact of about \$62 million this year, and another \$13 million next year. Previously, the State attempted to do this, but the California Redevelopment Association successfully filed a lawsuit and stopped the State from taking redevelopment agencies' funds.

I urge you to stay involved and closely follow the City's budget for further developments.

Sincerely,

Nora Campos  
Councilmember, City of San José

#### Produce-mobile FREE produce

3rd Tuesday @ 3pm  
PAL Stadium  
680 South 34th Street  
For more Info.: 347-1141

#### National Night Out District Five SNI NACs

Tuesday, August 6 @ 6 pm  
Emma Prusch Farm Park  
647 South King Road  
San Jose, CA  
Free Admission

#### Take Flight for Kids Festival

Saturday, August 8 @ 9 am  
Reid-Hillview Airport  
2500 Cunningham Avenue  
San Jose, CA  
Free Admission

#### Alum Rock Youth Advisory Committee 5th Comedy Fundraiser

Friday, August 14 @ 6 pm  
Mexican Heritage Plaza  
1700 Alum Rock Avenue  
San Jose, CA  
For more info.: 251-5757

#### Alum Rock Village Business Association

Saturday, August 22 @ 12 pm  
Alum Rock Avenue  
(corner of White Road)  
Free Admission  
For more info.: 795-1853

## Draft Bike Plan Released for Public Comment



The City of San José has released a draft Bike Plan for public comment. The public comment period runs from July 30, 2009 through August 27, 2009. Public comments may be emailed to [bike.ped@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:bike.ped@sanjoseca.gov).

Additionally, you may provide comments at a Bike Plan public workshop to be held Thursday, August 6, 2009, from 6pm-7:30pm at San

Jose City Hall, Wing Room W120, 200 E. Santa Clara Street. Bike racks are available outside the 4th Street entrance to the City Hall wing.

During September 2009, comments will be reviewed and a final bike plan will be prepared for submission to city council. If you'd like to receive updates on this project, send your email address to [bike.ped@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:bike.ped@sanjoseca.gov).



groundbreaking of  
**veggielution**  
urban farming project  
at emma prusch park

(R to L) Councilmember Campos, Amie Frisch, Veggielution Co-Founder and community member planting tomato plants at the groundbreaking.

On June 20, 2009, we had a groundbreaking celebration for the new urban farm project at Emma Prusch Farm Park.

This pilot project is a partnership between the City of San José and Veggielution. The project is intended to encourage residents to help San José become a more sustainable community.

To learn more about this project, please visit <http://www.veggielution.org/>.