



**VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 9:30 A.M.**

**Barstow City Council Chambers  
220 East Mountain View Street  
Barstow, CA 92311**

**Victor Valley Transit Authority Board of Directors**

James Noble, Chair, City of Barstow  
Liz Becerra, Vice-Chair, City of Victorville  
Allison Lee, Director, City of City of Hesperia  
Paul Cook, Director, County of San Bernardino  
Dawn Rowe, Director, County of San Bernardino  
Gabriel Reyes, Director, City of Adelanto  
Curt Emick, Director, Town of Apple Valley

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to serve the community with excellent public transportation services in terms of quality, efficiency, and responsiveness.

**AGENDA**

The Board of Directors meeting facility is accessible to people with disabilities. If assistive listening devices or other auxiliary aids or services are needed in order to participate in the public meeting, requests should be made through the Clerk of the Board at least three (3) business days prior to the Board meeting. The Clerk's telephone number is 760-948-3262 x102, (voice) or for Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) service, begin by calling 711 and provide the VVTA phone number and the office is located at 17150 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA. This agenda will be available and posted: Friday, February 7, 2025.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time the Board will hear public comments regarding items on the agenda, not on the agenda, or the consent calendar. Individuals who wish to speak to the Board regarding agenda items or during public comments should fill out a comment card and submit it to the Clerk of the Board. Each speaker is allowed three (3) minutes to present their comments. The Board will not remark on public comments; however, each comment will be taken into consideration by VVTA.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items shall be adopted by a single vote unless removed for discussion by Board member request.

Pg. 9 ***Item #1: Minutes from Regular Meeting of The Board of Directors Conducted January 21, 2025.***

Recommendation: Move for approval.

Presented by: None.

Pg. 19 ***Item #2: Warrants, December, 2024.***

Recommendation: Move for approval.

Presented by: None.

REPORTS

Pg. 25 ***Item #3: Management Reports – Verbal Report from Chief Executive Officer.***

Recommendation: Information item only.

Presented by: Nancie Goff, CEO.

Pg. 37 ***Item #4: Update on Complaints Received Following October Service Changes.***

Recommendation: Information item only.

Presented by: Rod Goldman, Director of Operations.

Pg. 41 ***Item #5: VVTA Marketing and Community Outreach Update.***

Recommendation: Information item only.

Presented by: Chris Ackerman, Senior Marketing Manager.

Pg. 45 ***Item #6: Transit Operations Division, Victor Valley Detail Report.***

Recommendation: Information item only.

Presented by: VVTA Transit Operations Division Victor Valley Detail.

## ACTION ITEMS

- Pg. 49     ***Item #7: VVTA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and Plan.***  
Recommendation: Approve the VVTA DBE Program and Plan.  
Presented by: Christine Plasting, DBELO.
- Pg. 83     ***Item #8: Award VVTA RFP 2024-08 Security Services.***  
Recommendation: Approve the Award RFP 2024-08 Security Services to Inter-Con Security Systems, LLC, Pasadena CA in the amount of \$1,906,158.00.  
Presented by: Sandye Martinez, Procurement Specialist.
- Pg. 91     ***Item #9: Award VVTA RFP 2025-02 Transit Advertising to Transit Media, Inc., Arnold, CA 95223, for a contract for 2 years with three one-year options to extend.***  
Recommendation: Approve Award of VVTA RFP 2025-02 Transit Advertising to Transit Media, Inc., Arnold, CA 95223, for a contract for 2 years with 3 one-year options to extend.  
Presented by: Christine Plasting, Procurement Manager.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESS CLIPS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 17, 2025, at 9:30 AM  
At Victor Valley Transit Authority  
17150 Smoke Tree Street  
Hesperia, CA 92345

ADJOURNMENT

## Victor Valley Transit Acronym List

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ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
APTA	American Public Transit Association
AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan
BABA	Build America, Buy America
BAFO	Best and Final Offer
BEB	Battery Electric Bus
BOE	Board of Equalization
CALTRANS	California Department of Transportation
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CFP	Call for Projects
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CMP	Congestion Management Program
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
COG	Council of Governments
CSAC	California State Association of Counties
CTC	California Transportation Commission
CTC	County Transportation Commission
CTP	Comprehensive Transportation Plan
CTSA	Consolidated Transportation Services Agency
DAC	Disadvantaged Communities
DBE	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
DBELO	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Liaison Officer
DOD	Department of Defense
DOT	Department of Transportation
E&H	Elderly and Handicapped
EEM	Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
ETC	Employee Transportation Coordinator
FAST	Fixing America's Surface Transportation ACT
FCEB	Fuel Cell Electric Bus (Hydrogen)
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statements
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
GIMS	Geographic Information Mapping Systems
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GPS	Global Positioning System
HOV	High-Occupancy Vehicle
HVIP	Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Program.
IAS-FFA	Independent Auditors Statement for Federal Funding Allocation
IJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
JPA	Joint Powers Authority
LAP	Language Assistance Plan
LCFS	Low Carbon Fuel Standard
LCTOP	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program
LD	Liquidated Damages
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
LEP	Limited English Proficiency

## Victor Valley Transit Acronym List

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LTF	Local Transportation Fund
MaaS	Mobility-as-a-Service
MBTA	Morongo Basin Transit Authority
MDAQMD	Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
MDT	Mobile Display Terminal
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Planning
MTBP	Mass Transit Benefit Program
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
NOFO	Notice of Funding Opportunity
NTD	National Transit Database
OCTA	Orange County Transportation Authority
OWP	Overall Work Program
PASTACC	Public and Specialized Transportation Advisory and Coordinating Council
PCA	Personal Care Attendant
PTMISEA	Public Transportation Modernization Improvement and Service Enhancement Account.
POP	Program of Projects
RCTC	Riverside County Transportation Commission
RDA	Redevelopment Agency
RTAP	Rural Technical Assistance Program
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
SaaS	Software as a Service
SBCTA	San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (formerly SANBAG)
SCAG	Southern California Association of Governments
SGIP	Self-Generation Incentive Program
SOV	Single-Occupant Vehicle
SRTP	Short Range Transit Plan
STAF	State Transit Assistance Funds
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
STP	Surface Transportation Program
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TAM	Transit Asset Management
TCM	Transportation Control Measure
TDA	Transportation Development Act
TEA	Transportation Enhancement Activities
TEAM	Transportation Electronic Award and Management
TNC	Transportation Network Company
TOCP	Transit Operating and Capital Plan
TrAMS	Transit Award and Management System
TREP	Transportation Reimbursement Escort Program
TRIP	Transportation Reimbursement Incentive Program
TSP	Transit Signal Priority
TSSSDRA	Transit System Safety, Security and Disaster Response Account
ULEV	Ultra Low Emission Vehicle
UZAs	Urbanized Areas
VOMS	Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service
ZEB	Zero Emission Bus
ZEV	Zero Emission Vehicle

## Victor Valley Transit Authority Meeting Procedures

The Ralph M. Brown Act is the state law which guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. These rules have been adopted by the Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) Board of Directors in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code 54950 et seq., and shall apply at all meetings of the (VVTA) Board of Directors.

1. **Agendas** - All agendas are posted at the VVTA Administrative offices, and the Victorville, Hesperia, Barstow and Apple Valley city/town halls at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Staff reports related to agenda items may be reviewed at the VVTA Administrative offices located at 17150 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA 92345.
2. **Agenda Actions** - Items listed on both the "Consent Calendar" and "Action/Discussion Items" contain suggested actions. The Board of Directors will generally consider items in the order listed on the agenda. However items may be considered in any order. New agenda items can be added and action taken by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
3. **Closed Session Agenda Items** - Consideration of closed session items exclude members of the public. These items include issues related to personnel, ending litigation, labor negotiations and real estate negotiations. Prior to each closed session, the Chair will announce the subject matter of the closed session. If action is taken in closed session, the Chair may report the action to the public at the conclusion of the closed session.
4. **Public Testimony on an Item** - Members of the public are afforded an opportunity to comment on any listed item. Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors should complete a "Request to Speak" form. A form must be completed for each item an individual wishes to speak on. When recognized by the Chair, speakers should be prepared to step forward and announce their name and address for the record. In the interest of facilitating the business of the Board, speakers are limited to three (3) minutes on each item. Additionally, a twelve (12) minute limitation is established for the total amount of time any one individual may address the Board at any one meeting. The Chair or a majority of the Board may establish a different time limit as appropriate, and parties to agenda items shall not be subject to the time limitations. If there is a Consent Calendar, it is considered a single item; thus the three (3) minute rule applies. Consent Calendar items can be pulled at Board member request and will be brought up individually at the specified time in the agenda allowing further public comment on those items.
5. **Public Comment** - At the beginning of the agenda an opportunity is also provided for members of the public to speak on any subject within VVTA's authority. Matters raised under "Public Comment" may not be acted upon at that meeting. The time limits established in Rule #4 still apply.
6. **Disruptive Conduct** - If any meeting of the Board is willfully disrupted by a person or by a group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible, the Chair may recess the meeting or order the person, group or groups of persons willfully disrupting the meeting to leave the meeting or to be removed from the meeting. Disruptive conduct includes addressing the Board without first being recognized, not addressing the subject before the Board, repetitiously addressing the same subject, failing to relinquish the podium when requested to do so, or otherwise preventing the Board from conducting its meeting in an orderly manner.

Please be aware that a NO SMOKING policy has been established for VVTA meetings. Your cooperation is appreciated!

# **VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**Our mission is to serve the  
community with excellent  
public transportation  
services in terms of quality,  
efficiency, and  
responsiveness.**

### **Quality**

**To increase ridership and community support by exceeding expectations.**

### **Efficiency**

**To maintain an efficient operation that represents a highly-valued service.**

### **Responsiveness**

**To provide services and facilities which are responsive to the needs of the community.**

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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Conducted on January 21, 2025.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

The following are copies of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors conducted on January 21, 2025.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Move for approval.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Debi Albin, Clerk of the Board	N/A	February 18, 2025	1

**VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**January 21, 2025  
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Victor Valley Transit Authority was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Noble.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Chair James Noble  
Vice-Chair Liz Becerra  
Alternate Director Sam Shoup  
Alternate Director Kim Mesen  
Director Allison Lee

Staff Members Present:

Nancie Goff, VVTA	Elizabeth White, VVTA
Rod Goldman, VVTA	Tisha Lopez, VVTA
Adam Ebright, County Counsel	Chris Ackerman, VVTA
Maged Azer, VVTA	Bryan Torres Ayala, VVTA
Christine Plasting, VVTA	Marc Elliott, VVTA
Sylvia Harris, VVTA	Craig Barnes, VVTA
Sandy Martinez, VVTA	Tamari Denney, VVTA
Ashely Plamer, VVTA	Lisa Arellano, Keolis
Marie Downing, VVTA	Nancy Strickert, SBCTA
Jerry Perez, VVTA	Nicole Soto, SBCTA
Angelina Calderon, Keolis	David Moore, Keolis
Dustin Strandberg, VVTA	Marie Downing, VVTA
Jeff Guidry, Keolis	Michelle Morris, VVTA
Jonathan McDowell, Keolis	Shelly Cable, VVTA
Richard Montgomery, VVTA	Mariam Eskander, VVTA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Noble led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Goff welcomed the newly appointed board members, Mayor Allison Lee of the City of Hesperia and Mayor Gabriel Reyes of the City of Adelanto.

Ms. Goff announced two upcoming events, the annual Bus Rodeo and the Free Fare Transit Equity Day. The Annual Bus Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, February 15th, at 9:00 a.m., featuring staff and participants from other transit agencies competing in various events.

The Transit Equity Day event will take place on February 4th at the San Bernardino Transit Center. VVTA will have information booths and provide a bus for a ride-along. Attendees are invited to participate at in the ride along at 9:00 a.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaker: Terry Martini, Adelanto

Ms. Martini expressed disappointment regarding the removal of the bus stop at Shiloh Medical on Palmdale Road. She shared that the change has made it difficult for her to access her doctor's office and nearby shopping areas by fixed route, forcing her to rely on Direct Access services.

Speaker: Daniel Campbell, Victorville

Mr. Campbell stated that all bus stops were removed from Eagle Ranch, which has forced him to rely on Micro Link services. He also noted that Direct Access only accepts cash, which he finds inconvenient.

### ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for Calendar year 2025.**

Recommendation: Pursuant to Section 1.0024, nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair to fill the terms of office for the calendar year 2025.

Presented by: N/A.

Director Allison Lee nominated Chair James Noble to continue as Chair and Vice-Chair Liz Becerra to remain as Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Alternate Director Sam Shoup. Chair James Noble was re-elected with a unanimous 6-0 vote, and the motion for Vice-Chair Liz Becerra also passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

2. **Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Conducted on November 18, 2024.**

Recommendation: Move for approval.

Presented by: None.

3. **Warrants, October and November 2024.**

Recommendation: Move for approval.

Presented by: None.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Director Lee to approve the Consent Calendar and Seconded by Alternate Director Mesen. The motion passed favorably 6-0.

## REPORTS

### 4. **Management Reports for Hesperia and Barstow Divisions – Verbal Report from Chief Executive Officer.**

Recommendation: Information item only.

Presented by: Nancie Goff, CEO.

Ms. Goff noted that the changes to the fixed route and county route services, as recommended by the Comprehensive Operational Analysis, have impacted ridership. She explained that these systems will need more time to fully benefit from the improvements. Ms. Goff also indicated that the staff continue to closely monitor the changes, gather public feedback, review timing, and address individual bus stop concerns.

Ms. Goff also shared updates on staff training, which included testing and parallel reservations in preparation for the soft launch of new dispatching software in November. Additionally, the much-anticipated expansion of the Apple Valley MicroLink service began on October 28th.

Vice-Chair Becerra requested a report on complaint calls related to the recent route changes. Vice-Chair Becerra also inquired about how cash is handled on the MicroLink service and expressed concerns about driver safety. Mr. Strandberg clarified that cash is stored securely in a cash box that drivers cannot access.

### 5. **Victor Valley Transit Authority Sheriff's Division Unit Verbal Report.**

Recommendation: Information item only.

Presented by: VVTA, Sheriff Division Unit.

Sgt. Simon Demuri provided an update to the Board, highlighting key activities and achievements. They've had approximately 15,000 contacts, 25 criminal investigation reports, 23 arrests, and 19 citations issued. Twenty bus patrols were conducted, and 21 undercover officers were deployed on buses. Some notable events were where deputies participated in community events, including the Shop with a Cop and the Stuff the Bus event with VVTA, helping collect and distribute gifts for families. A recurring graffiti issue was identified by VVTA maintenance staff and investigated by Deputy Trevor James, resulting in the arrest of the suspect responsible for the damage. He added that the Sheriff will have an active shooter training event scheduled for February 4th, from 6:00 AM to 1:00 PM. As for general operations, the officers continue to maintain a strong presence at transit centers, bus stops, and throughout the system, building relationships with drivers and the public while ensuring safety and security.

Vice-Chair Becerra inquired about the process for removing a rider from the bus when an issue arises. Mr. Goldman explained that the Code of Conduct outlines a progressive discipline process. Depending on the severity of the violation, consequences range from addressing minor infractions to immediate suspension for major violations.

Alternate Director Shoup sought clarification on how the term "contacts" is defined by the sheriffs. Sgt. Demuri clarified that contacts are not always negative and can include positive interactions, such as greetings or checking on individuals.

Alternate Director Mesen asked about the fire near E Street and the Transit Center in San Bernardino and whether the team provided support. Sgt. Demuri confirmed that deputies assist with incidents they come across during regular patrols, regardless of jurisdiction.

## ACTION ITEMS

6. **Approve Amendment to San Bernardino County MOU 23-35 for the Addition of Administrative Staffing for Sheriff's Transit Unit.**

Recommendation: Approve Amendment to San Bernardino County MOU 23-35 for the Addition of 1.5 FTE Administrative Support Staff Position for the Sheriff's Transit Unit.

Presented by: Rod Goldman, Director of Operations.

Mr. Goldman explained that adding these positions would enable deputies to dedicate more time to their patrol duties. This would improve incident response times, allow for more uniform bus rides, and increase the frequency of undercover operations on buses, ultimately enhancing safety for both passengers and employees.

Alternate Director Mesen inquired about the schedule for the new split position. Mr. Goldman responded that a specific schedule has not yet been finalized but assured the Board of Directors that efforts will be made to allocate half of the position's time as planned.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Vice-Chair Becerra to approve the recommended action and **Seconded by** Chair Noble. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **VVTA Annual Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, Completed by Vasquez & Company LP.**

Recommendation: Receive and File

Presented by: Maged Azer, CFO.

Mr. Azer announced that VVTA recently received its audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, along with the required single audit for federal award programs. He proudly reported that VVTA continues to demonstrate strong financial health, with no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies identified in the audits.

Mr. Azer then introduced Mr. Roger Martinez, a partner at Vasquez + Company LLP, who conducted the audit. Mr. Martinez provided a detailed report to the Board on the audit process for both the Financial Statements and the Single Audit for FY2024. He outlined the scope of the audit, which included:

- Financial Statements Audit conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS).
- Single Audit performed in accordance with Uniform Guidance.
- Agreed-upon procedures for the National Transit Database (NTD) Report.
- State Controller's Report compliance review.

Mr. Martinez presented the key results of the audit, noting that:

- The Financial Statements present, in all material respects, VVTA's financial position.
- No exceptions were noted in the following areas:
  - Cash and Investments
  - Receivables
  - Unearned Revenue
  - Revenue Recognition
  - Expenses

Additionally, regarding internal control over financial reporting, the audit identified:

- No material weaknesses
- No significant deficiencies
- No instances of noncompliance material to the Financial Statements
- No financial statement findings
- No Federal Award findings

In conclusion, Mr. Martinez affirmed that VVTA's financial records reflect strong compliance with all relevant standards and regulations, demonstrating the agency's commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency.

**8. Contract 2020-10 Trillium Energy Services, LLC, Hydrogen Fueling Station Amendment No.2 for \$1,213,453.33.**

Recommendation: Approve Contract 2020-10 Trillium Energy Services, LLC, Hydrogen Fueling Station Amendment No.2 for \$1,213,453.33.

Presented by: Dustin Strandberg, CMO

Mr. Strandberg provided an update on the hydrogen fueling station project and presented a Change Order for approval. The Change Order involves replacing the major equipment supplier and switching from Plug Power to Air Liquide. The overall project cost, including construction, is estimated at \$10.7 million, with site plans and permits expected by October 2025 and project completion anticipated by July 2026.

Alternate Kimberly Mesen inquired about cost increases due to limited suppliers and public accessibility for hydrogen vehicles. Mr. Strandberg thought the price adjustment stemmed from suppliers' inability to sustain earlier low costs and confirmed that the station would be publicly accessible.

Vice Chair Liz Becerra asked about the number of hydrogen buses on order and expressed concerns for Joshua Trees at the planned station site. Mr. Strandberg noted the bus order was increased from 5 to 13, with delivery expected between October and



December 2025. He added that a CEQA study has been initiated to address environmental concerns.

Director Allison Lee raised concerns about fuel loss during delivery, which Mr. Strandberg estimated could be as high as 20-30% depending on various factors. Mr. Strandberg offered to provide detailed data on fuel loss at a later date.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Vice Chair Becerra to approve the recommended action and Seconded by Director Lee. The motion passed unanimously.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 9:30 am at Barstow City Council Chambers, 220 East Mountain View Street, Barstow, CA 92311

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Noble, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandy Martinez, Clerk of the Board Alternate

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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Payrolls and warrants for December 2024.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

The following registers of Payrolls and Warrants have been audited as required by Section 37202 and 37208 of the Government code, and said documents are accurate and correct.

**Agency's Gross Payroll for Administrative Employees**

<u>Payroll Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Register#</u>
12/13/2024	\$132,452.65	PR-12-30-24
12/27/2024	\$136,946.51	PR-12-30-24
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 269,399.16</b>	

**Agency's Register of Warrants**

<u>Register Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Register #</u>
12/05/2024	\$917,455.47	1467-1499	AP-12-2024
12/11/2024	\$225,164.00	1501-1524	AP-12-2024
12/18/2024	\$3,810,218.92	Ach 149-156	AP-12-2024
12/19/2024	\$371,906.76	1526-1565	AP-12-2024
	<b>\$5,324,745.15</b>		

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve VVTA's expenditures for December 2024.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Maged Azer CFO	<b>\$5,594,144.31</b>	February 18, 2025	2

**Victor Valley Transit Authority  
December 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024**

<b>Check #</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1467	ADA RIDE	12/4/2024	\$4,882.00
1468	Amazon Business	12/4/2024	\$1,245.02
1469	AMERICAN	12/4/2024	\$411.52
1470	BCC-Barstow College Foundation	12/4/2024	\$250.00
1471	BECKOIL	12/4/2024	\$6,379.06
1472	BONNIE	12/4/2024	\$1,085.92
1473	City of Barstow	12/4/2024	\$3,952.84
1474	CLEAN	12/4/2024	\$15,551.43
1475	Diamond Environmental Services	12/4/2024	\$783.11
1476	Discount Cell	12/4/2024	\$123,662.91
1477	EDISON - ADM	12/4/2024	\$8,953.94
1478	EDISON - BAT	12/4/2024	\$3,476.85
1479	EDISON - BEB	12/4/2024	\$8,398.11
1480	Evergreen Solutions, LLC	12/4/2024	\$8,364.00
1481	FRONTIER2	12/4/2024	\$79.74
1482	GATOR Gatorwraps, Inc.	12/4/2024	\$29,415.76
1483	Golden State Water Company ADM	12/4/2024	\$319.00
1484	Golden State Water Company CNG	12/4/2024	\$1,014.96
1485	Golden State Water Company FP	12/4/2024	\$48.39
1486	Golden State Water Company SPRNK1	12/4/2024	\$349.84
1487	Golden State Water Company SPRNK2	12/4/2024	\$343.66
1488	Greater High Desert Chamber Of Commerce	12/4/2024	\$500.00
1489	Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus Council	12/4/2024	\$4,000.00
1490	INTER	12/4/2024	\$46,664.86
1491	LOOMIS	12/4/2024	\$985.35
1492	PLIC Principal Life Insurance Company	12/4/2024	\$3,135.13
1493	PrintMart	12/4/2024	\$15,410.35
1494	Stephen Holt	12/4/2024	\$10.00
1495	SWG-DST	12/4/2024	\$11.00
1496	SWGAS-BAT	12/4/2024	\$1,791.40
1497	TRITON	12/4/2024	\$7,907.19
1498	Verizon Lines	12/4/2024	\$6,709.57
1499	WESTERNAUDIO	12/4/2024	\$720.00
00000144/1	Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc.	12/5/2024	\$151,043.64
00000145/1	Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc.	12/5/2024	\$151,043.64
00000146/1	Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc.	12/5/2024	\$151,043.64
00000147/1	Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc.	12/5/2024	\$151,043.64
00000148/1	ELERTS	12/6/2024	\$6,468.00
1501	CALACT Calif Assoc Of Coordinated Transport	12/11/2024	\$975.00
1502	Capitol GCS	12/11/2024	\$13,350.00
1503	CHARGE	12/11/2024	\$94,630.00
1504	CLEAN	12/11/2024	\$4,313.92

1505	EDISON - ADM	12/11/2024	\$1,514.05
1506	Edison - BEB-BAT	12/11/2024	\$7,446.46
1507	Edison - CNG	12/11/2024	\$18,244.10
1508	Edison - D St. Unit 4	12/11/2024	\$295.98
1509	FRONTIERBAT	12/11/2024	\$230.44
1510	HIDESERTCOM HI-Desert Communications	12/11/2024	\$7,084.14
1511	HIDESERTALARM	12/11/2024	\$196.20
1512	Lawrence Bird	12/11/2024	\$200.00
1513	PINN	12/11/2024	\$26,976.27
1514	RING	12/11/2024	\$2,571.00
1515	SAFEWAY	12/11/2024	\$441.80
1516	SanBernLegal San Bernardino County - LEGAL	12/11/2024	\$973.75
1517	SCM	12/11/2024	\$6,053.51
1518	SHRED	12/11/2024	\$90.00
1519	SWG-ADM	12/11/2024	\$1,446.89
1520	SWG-MAINT	12/11/2024	\$8,736.75
1521	SWG-WASH	12/11/2024	\$1,930.50
1522	THINK Think Graphic Design	12/11/2024	\$8,500.00
1523	TRONA Trona Community Senior Center	12/11/2024	\$7,443.24
1524	ZMission Data Network (US) Inc.	12/11/2024	\$11,520.00
00000149/1	Curt Emick	12/17/2024	\$200.00
00000149/2	Elizabeth Becerra	12/17/2024	\$200.00
00000149/3	James Noble	12/17/2024	\$200.00
00000149/4	Joy Jeannette	12/17/2024	\$200.00
00000149/5	Kimberly Mesen	12/17/2024	\$200.00
00000149/6	ORACLE	12/17/2024	\$14,906.49
00000149/7	RideCo	12/17/2024	\$80,963.33
00000149/8	Samuel Shoup	12/17/2024	\$200.00
00000150/1	SBC-Sheriff	12/17/2024	\$165,475.00
00000151/1	Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc.	12/18/2024	\$141,979.97
00000153/1	Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc.	12/18/2024	\$141,979.97
00000152/1	Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc.	12/18/2024	\$141,979.97
00000154/1	Keolis	12/19/2024	\$2,394,043.06
00000155/1	Keolis	12/19/2024	\$708,691.13
00000156/1	Keolis	12/19/2024	\$19,000.00
1526	4ALL	12/19/2024	\$136.43
1527	ABUNDANT	12/19/2024	\$2,840.00
1528	AVCOM	12/19/2024	\$495.00
1529	BARSTOW Barstow Chamber Of Commerce	12/19/2024	\$325.00
1530	BECKOIL	12/19/2024	\$5,221.07
1531	CTA California Transit Association	12/19/2024	\$13,000.00
1532	Capitol GCS	12/19/2024	\$75.00
1533	CTE Center For Transportation & The Environment	12/19/2024	\$5,000.00
1534	Charter - ADMIN	12/19/2024	\$96.76
1535	Charter - BU	12/19/2024	\$1,099.00
1536	Charter - CNG	12/19/2024	\$166.16
1537	Charter - DSTFIBER	12/19/2024	\$749.00
1538	Charter - FIBER	12/19/2024	\$1,649.00

1539	Charter - FIBERBAT	12/19/2024	\$820.00
1540	Charter - SEC	12/19/2024	\$329.98
1541	Charter - TV	12/19/2024	\$217.94
1542	Charter - WEB	12/19/2024	\$269.98
1543	CITY OF BARSTOW - Utility Billing	12/19/2024	\$415.15
1544	City Of Victorville - Trash/Water	12/19/2024	\$702.02
1545	CLEAN	12/19/2024	\$19,065.80
1546	Diamond Environmental Services	12/19/2024	\$783.11
1547	FOOT	12/19/2024	\$1,660.00
1548	GRANT	12/19/2024	\$495.00
1549	INTER	12/19/2024	\$42,198.15
1550	KONICA	12/19/2024	\$974.85
1551	LOOMIS	12/19/2024	\$937.53
1552	PATTERSON	12/19/2024	\$2,324.09
1553	PSOMAS	12/19/2024	\$29,180.07
1554	PSOMAS	12/19/2024	\$22,399.51
1555	SanBernLegal San Bernardino County - LEGAL	12/19/2024	\$1,435.00
1556	Sonic Systems, Inc.	12/19/2024	\$8,950.00
1557	STATEFUND State Compensation Insurance Fund	12/19/2024	\$1,323.87
1558	SWG-CNG	12/19/2024	\$156,748.80
1559	Sylvia Harris	12/19/2024	\$106.26
1560	TMD Transportation Management & Design	12/19/2024	\$18,989.79
1561	TRITON	12/19/2024	\$810.00
1562	Verizon Lines	12/19/2024	\$12,207.64
1563	VERIZONCONNECT	12/19/2024	\$1,119.82
1564	VVC Foundation	12/19/2024	\$250.00
1565	AECOM	12/19/2024	\$16,339.98
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,324,745.15</b>



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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Management reports.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

The attached Performance Reports are presented to the Board of Directors to provide an overview of the transit system's costs and performance.

- Keolis invoices for December 2024.
- Monthly Performance Statistics Systemwide Summary.
- Monthly Ridership Report.
- Monthly ADA Denial Report.
- Monthly Road Call Report.
- Keolis On Time Performance Report.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Information items only.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Nancie Goff, CEO	N/A	February 18, 2025	3



INVOICE NO. 0060262-IN

**Keolis Transit Services**

17150 Smoke Tree St.  
Hesperia Calif. 92345

BILL TO

Victor Valley Transit Authority  
17150 Smoke Tree St.  
Hesperia, CA 92345

DATE

1/9/2025

CONTRACT NAME:  
Victor Valley Transit

Attention: Mrs. Nancie Goff  
Chief Executive Officer

MONTH **December 2024**

BILLING PERIOD **12/01/2024 - 12/31/2024**

	Budgeted Revenue hours	Actual Revenue hours	Variance in Missed Service	Budgeted Revenue Hour Expense	Actual Revenue Hour Expense	Allocated Fixed Cost	Variance ( + or - )	Budgeted Expense Year-to-date	Actual Expense Year-to-date	Variance ( + or - ) Year-to-date
County	1,578.45	1,529.85	(4.95)	\$136,251.80	\$132,056.65	70,961.43	(\$4,195.15)	\$911,672.13	\$898,175.14	<b>(\$13,496.99)</b>
Barstow-Fixed Route	2,035.00	2,005.47	(0.23)	\$175,661.20	\$173,112.17	93,022.86	(\$2,549.03)	\$1,012,533.60	\$1,005,137.70	<b>(\$7,395.91)</b>
Barstow-County	1,100.97	1,092.86	-	\$95,035.73	\$94,335.68	50,691.84	(\$700.06)	\$483,773.53	\$481,096.76	<b>(\$2,676.77)</b>
Barstow-DAR	428.80	579.40		\$37,532.86	\$50,714.57	27,251.78	\$13,181.70	\$225,197.18	\$240,929.83	<b>\$15,732.64</b>
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>5,143.22</b>	<b>5,207.58</b>	<b>(5.18)</b>	<b>\$444,481.60</b>	<b>\$450,219.07</b>	<b>241,927.91</b>	<b>\$5,737.47</b>	<b>\$2,633,176.45</b>	<b>\$2,625,339.42</b>	<b>-\$7,837.02</b>

**TOTAL INVOICE**

**\$692,146.97**

Please REMIT TO:  
Keolis Transit Services, LLC  
53 State Street, 11th Floor  
Boston, MA 02109  
ARDept@keolisna.com

Manager's Signature and Business Phone



INVOICE NO. 0060261-IN

**Keolis Transit Services**

17150 Smoke Tree St.  
Hesperia Calif. 92345

**BILL TO** Victor Valley Transit Authority  
17150 Smoke Tree St.  
Hesperia, CA 92345

**DATE** 1/9/2025

**CONTRACT NAME:**  
Victor Valley Transit

Attention: Mrs. Nancie Goff  
Chief Executive Officer

**MONTH** December 2024

**BILLING PERIOD** 12/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

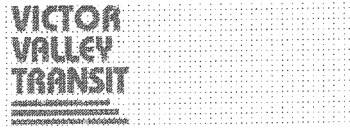
	Budgeted Revenue hours	Actual Revenue hours	Variance in Missed Service	Budgeted Revenue Hour Expense	Actual Revenue Hour Expense	Allocated Fixed Cost	Variance ( + or - )	Budgeted Expense Year-to-date	Actual Expense Year-to-date	Variance ( + or - ) Year-to-date
ADA ParaTransit	3,490.50	3,265.57		\$305,523.47	\$285,835.52	\$153,595.42	(\$19,687.95)	\$1,833,158.31	\$1,561,102.39	(\$272,055.91)
Subscription	864.46	1,166.61		\$75,666.18	\$102,113.62	\$54,871.36	\$26,447.44	\$501,802.49	\$559,259.79	\$57,457.30
Microlink	1,216.35	1,306.34		\$106,467.12	\$114,343.56	\$61,443.20	\$7,876.45	\$579,695.44	\$443,150.65	(\$136,544.79)
Regional Fixed Rt	11,724.82	10,920.86	(92.90)	\$1,012,086.46	\$942,688.64	\$506,559.37	(\$69,397.83)	\$5,890,421.56	\$5,678,232.34	(\$212,189.22)
Route 15	700.52	644.52	(1.69)	\$60,468.89	\$55,634.97	\$29,895.78	(\$4,833.92)	\$383,739.02	\$360,401.54	(\$23,337.48)
Fort Irwin	436.24	451.51	(2.27)	\$35,959.26	\$37,217.97	\$19,999.30	\$1,258.71	\$238,465.05	\$239,221.75	\$756.71
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>\$18,432.89</b>	<b>\$17,755.41</b>	<b>-\$96.86</b>	<b>\$1,596,171.38</b>	<b>\$1,537,834.27</b>	<b>\$826,364.43</b>	<b>-\$58,337.11</b>	<b>\$9,427,281.86</b>	<b>\$8,841,368.47</b>	<b>-\$585,913.39</b>

**TOTAL INVOICE**

**\$2,364,198.70**

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Manager's Signature and Business Phone

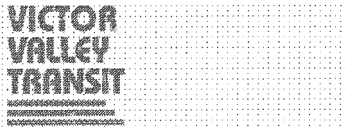


**FY 2025 -- Monthly Performance Statistics by Mode**  
**Systemwide Summary**  
**All Routes**

**Performance Statistics for December**

<b>Mode</b>	<b>Passengers</b>	<b>Revenue Hours</b>	<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>Passenger Revenue</b>	<b>Passengers Per Rev. Hour</b>	<b>Operating Cost Per Passenger</b>	<b>Operating Cost Per Rev. Hour</b>	<b>Passenger Revenue Per Passenger</b>	<b>Passenger Revenue Per Rev. Hour</b>	<b>Farebox Recovery Ratio</b>
Bus (Motorbus)	81,964	16,162.1	\$3,063,671	\$78,252	5.1	\$37.38	\$189.56	\$0.95	\$4.84	2.55%
Commuter Bus	2,076	480.7	\$88,871	\$27,457	4.3	\$42.81	\$184.87	\$13.23	\$57.11	30.90%
Demand Response	10,492	6,487.0	\$1,362,870	\$28,292	1.6	\$129.90	\$210.09	\$2.70	\$4.36	2.08%
<b>System Total</b>	<b>94,532</b>	<b>23,129.9</b>	<b>\$4,515,412</b>	<b>\$134,000</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>\$47.77</b>	<b>\$195.22</b>	<b>\$1.42</b>	<b>\$5.79</b>	<b>2.97%</b>

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# Monthly Ridership Report

December, FY 2025

Bus (Motorbus), Commuter Bus, Demand Response Only

## Total (All Day Types)

Mode	Passengers		Passengers Per Revenue Hour		Farebox Recovery Ratio	
	Prior Year	Current Year	Prior Year	Current Year	Prior Year	Current Year
Bus (Motorbus)	74,755	81,964	4.8	5.0	2.68%	2.55%
Commuter Bus	2,301	2,076	5.1	4.3	26.23%	30.90%
Demand Response	11,732	10,492	2.4	1.6	3.27%	2.08%
<b>System Total</b>	<b>88,788</b>	<b>94,532</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.38%</b>	<b>2.97%</b>

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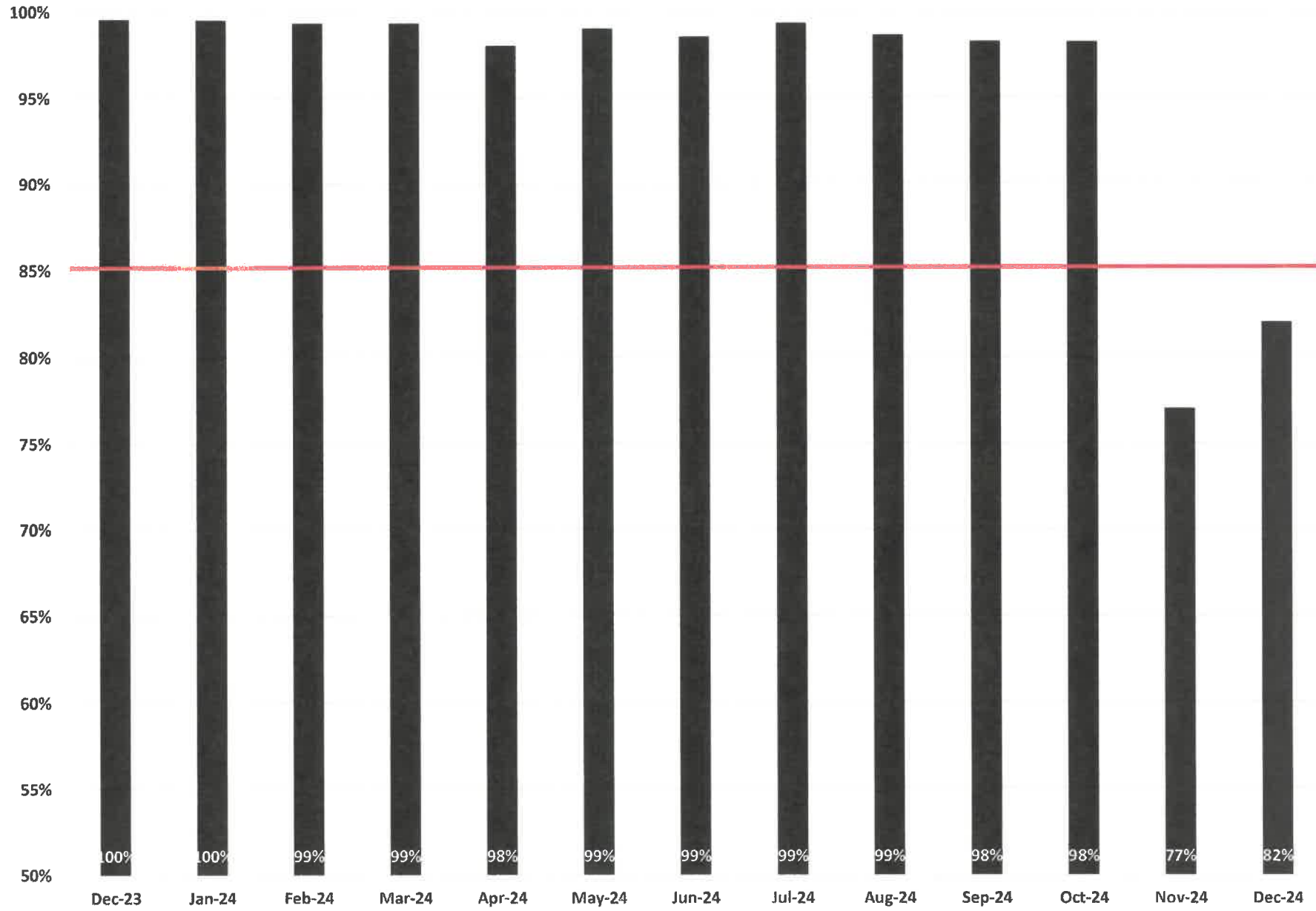
**December**  
**Major and Non-Major**  
**Miles Between Road Calls**

<b>Total Miles</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>
Demand Response	64,083	66,825
Commuter Bus	17,694	18,642
Motor Bus	278,773	283,935
<b>Total Miles</b>	<b>360,550</b>	<b>369,402</b>

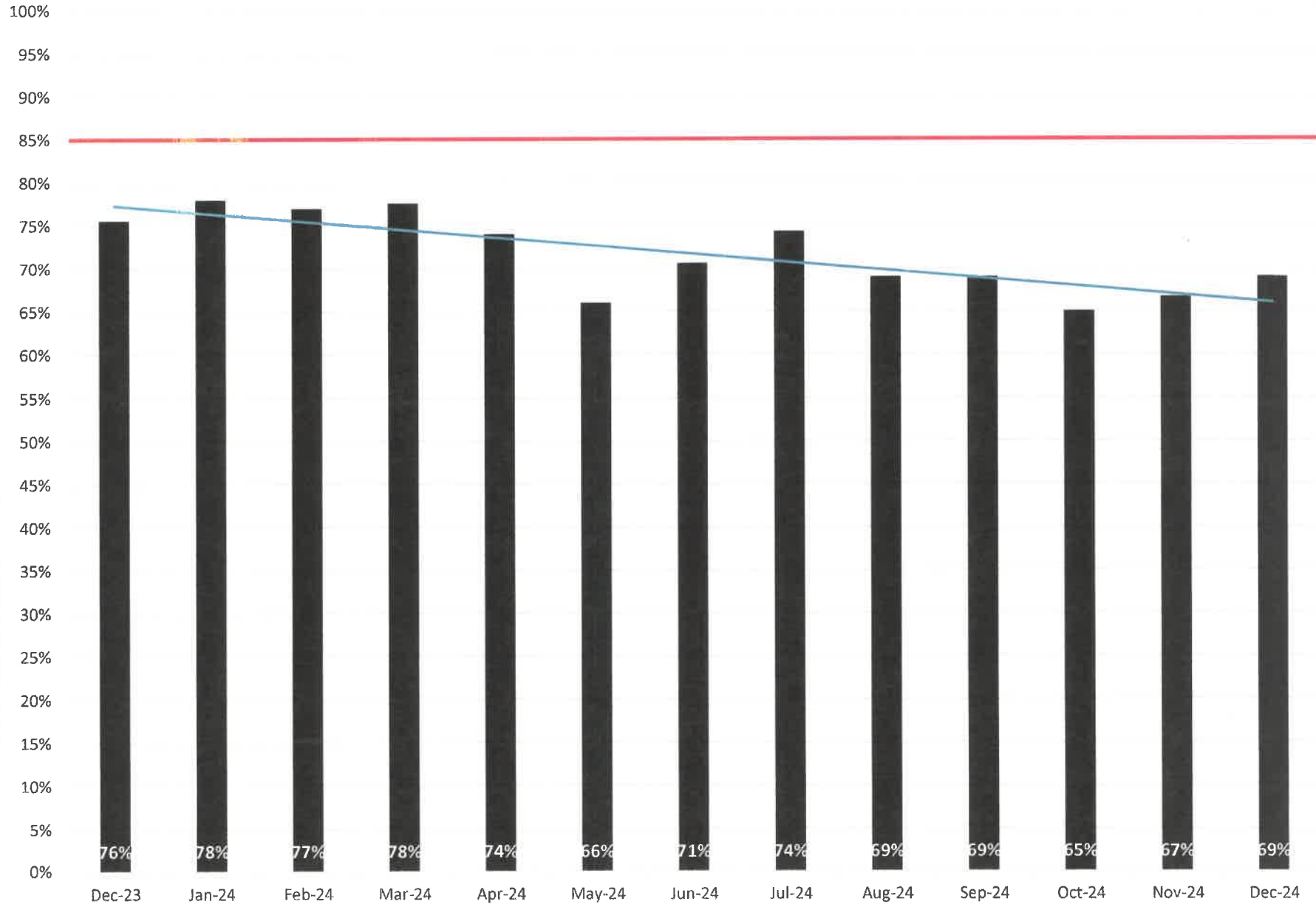
<b>Total Road Calls</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>
Demand Response	3	4
Commuter Bus	0	1
Motor Bus	18	21
<b>Total Road Calls</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>

<b>Miles Between Road Calls</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>
Demand Response	54,389	16,706
Commuter Bus	20,184	18,642
Motor Bus	74,573	13,521
<b>Total System</b>	<b>149,146</b>	<b>48,869</b>

### OTP - Direct Access



### OTP - Fixed Route



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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Update on Complaints Received Following October Service Changes.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Upon Vice-Chair Becerra's request, Mr. Goldman will now present complaints, reasoning and solutions to those complaints that stemmed from the COA changes.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Information item only.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Rod Goldman, Director of Operations	N/A	February 18, 2025	4

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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**VVTA Marketing and Community Outreach Update.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Staff will provide a summary of VVTA's marketing efforts, community outreach programs, recent events.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Information item only.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Chris Ackerman Senior Marketing Manager/PIO	N/A	February 18, 2025	5

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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Transit Operations Division, Victor Valley Detail Report.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

At this time, a representative of the VVTA Transit Operations Division, Victor Valley Detail will present highlights and statistics from the last month.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Information item only.

<b>PRESENTED BY VVTA</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Transit Operations Division Unit	N/A	February 18, 2025	6

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**VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**AGENDA MATTER**

**VVTA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and Plan.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

VVTA is a direct recipient of US Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding. As a condition of receiving this assistance, VVTA must comply with the FTA's DBE Program: Implementations Modifications Final Rule to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 26, and effective November 3, 2014, updated October 1, 2024. The DBE Program is designed to enable small businesses owned and controlled by socially disadvantaged individuals to compete for federally funded contracts.

VVTA is now considered a Tier I Recipient who will award prime contracts exceeding a cumulative total value of \$670,000 in FTA funds in a federal fiscal year, excluding transit vehicle purchases.

VVTA will continue to carry out this DBE program and meets the following requirements:

- (i) Reporting and record keeping under 26.11; and
- (ii) Contract assurances under 26.13
- (iii) Policy statement under 26.23
- (iv) Fostering small business participation under 26.39; and
- (v) Transit Vehicle Procurements under 26.49

**RECOMMEND**

Approve the VVTA DBE Program and Plan.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Christine Plasting DBELO	N/A	February 18, 2025	7

VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**VVTA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and Plan.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

VVTA collects this information in the following ways:

State of CA DBE listing; State of CA Small Business/DVBE listing; a notice in all solicitations requiring bidders to report information directly to VVTA within their proposal package. Subcontractors will be required to report this information directly to VVTA once the Notice to Proceed has been issued to the Prime contractor.

Staff is requesting the VVTA Board of Directors to approve the updated program and plan.

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**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS  
ENTERPRISE  
PROGRAM AND PLAN**

**March 1, 2025**

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**VICTOR  
VALLEY  
TRANSIT**



**Updated 03/01/2025.  
(49 CFR Part 26)**

## **Policy Statement**

### **Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement**

Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. VVTA receives Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation and, as a condition of receiving this assistance, VVTA has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of VVTA to ensure that DBEs, as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also VVTA's policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts; and
2. To create a level playing field on which DBE's can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts; and
3. To ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law; and
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs; and
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT- assisted contracts; and
6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities conducted by VVTA; and
7. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program.

The Procurement Manager position has been designated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Christine Plasting is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by VVTA in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

VVTA has disseminated this policy statement to the Board of Directors, to employees of the organization, and to DBE and non-DBE businesses that have performed work for VVTA on DOT-assisted contracts. Distribution of this policy statement is accomplished by the posting of this policy on the VVTA website at <http://vvta.org/procurement>.

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Nancie Goff, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

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Date

## **SUBPART A – General Requirements**

### **Section 26.1 Objectives**

The objectives are found in the policy statement on the first page of this program.

### **Section 26.3 Applicability**

VVTA is the recipient of federal transit funds authorized by Titles I, III, V, and VI of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), Pub. L. 102-240 or by Federal transit laws in Title 49, U.S. Code, or Titles I, II and V of the Teas-21, Pub. L 105-178.

### **Section 26.5 Definitions**

VVTA will adopt the definitions contained in section 26.5 for this program.

### **Section 26.7 Non-discrimination Requirements**

VVTA will never exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26 on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin.

In administering its DBE program, VVTA will not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, use criteria or methods of administration that have the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the DBE program with respect to individuals of a particular race, color, sex, or national origin.

### **Section 26.9 – Not applicable**

### **Section 26.11 Record Keeping Requirements**

Reporting to DOT: 26.11(b)

VVTA will report DBE participation to DOT as follows:

VVTA will report DBE participation on a semi-annual basis, using the Federal Transit Administration's Transit Award Management System (TrAMS). These reports will reflect payments actually made to DBEs on DOT-assisted contracts.

#### **Bidders List: 26.11 (c)**

VVTA has created bidder's lists, consisting of information about all DBE and non-DBE firms that bid or quote on DOT-assisted contracts. The purpose of this requirement is to allow use of the bidders list approach to calculating overall goals. The bidders list will include the name, address, DBE non-DBE status, race and gender information of the firm's majority owner, NAICS code applicable to each scope of work the firm sought to perform in its bid, and the age of the firm.

VVTA will collect the data from all bidders for federally assisted contracts by requiring the information listed in the above paragraph to be submitted with their bids and proposals.

VVTA is not a DBE Certifying agency.

### **Section 26.13 Federal Financial Assistance Agreement**

VVTA has signed the following assurances, applicable to all DOT-assisted contracts and their administration:

#### **Assurance: 26.13 (a)**

VVTA shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any DOT assisted contract or in the administration of its DBE Program or the requirements of 49 CFR part 26. VVTA shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts. VVTA's DBE program, as required by 49 CFR part 26 and as approved by DOT, is incorporated by reference in this agreement. Implementation of this program is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this agreement. Upon notification to VVTA of its failure to carry out its approved program, the Department may impose sanctions as provided for under part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 U.S.C. 3801 et. Seq.).

This language will appear in financial assistance agreements with sub-recipients.

#### **Contract Assurance: 26.13b**

VVTA will ensure that the following clause is placed in every DOT-assisted contract and subcontract:

The contractor, sub-recipient, or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT assisted contract. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.

### **SUBPART B – ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Section 26.21 DBE Program Updates**

VVTA is now considered a Tier I Recipient who will award prime contracts exceeding a cumulative total value of \$670,000 in FTA funds in a federal fiscal year, excluding transit vehicle purchases.

VVTA will continue to carry out this DBE program and meets the following requirements:

- (i) Reporting and record keeping under 26.11; and



- (ii) Contract assurances under 26.13.
- (iii) Policy statement under 26.23
- (iv) Fostering small business participation under 26.39; and
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VVTA collects this information in the following ways:

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### **Section 26.23 Policy Statement**

The Policy Statement is elaborated on the first page of this program.

### **Section 26.25 DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO)**

VVTA has designated the following individual as its DBE Liaison Officer:

Christine Plasting  
Procurement Manager  
Victor Valley Transit Authority  
17150 Smoke Tree St.  
Hesperia, California 92345  
(760) 995-3583 (P) \* (760) 948-1380 (F)  
[cplasting@vvta.org](mailto:cplasting@vvta.org)

In that capacity, the DBELO is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program and ensuring that VVTA complies with all provisions of 49 CFR Part 26. The DBELO has direct, independent access to the CEO of VVTA concerning DBE program matters. An organization chart displaying the DBELO's position in the organization is found in Attachment 1 to this program.

The DBELO is responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring the DBE program in coordination with other appropriate officials. The DBELO's duties and responsibilities include the following:

1. Gathers and reports statistical data and other information as required by DOT.
2. Reviews third party contracts and purchase requisitions for compliance with the DBE program.
3. Works with all departments to set overall goals.
4. Ensures that bid notices and requests for proposals are available to DBEs in a timely manner.
5. Identifies contracts and procurement so that DBE goals are included in solicitations (both race-neutral methods and contract specific goals) and monitors results.
6. Analyzes VVTA's progress toward goal attainment and identifies ways to improve progress.

7. Participates in pre-bid meetings.
8. Advises the CEO and Board of Directors on DBE matters and achievement.
9. Participates with the Project Manager to determine contractor compliance with good faith efforts.
10. Provides DBEs with information and assistance in preparing bids and obtaining bonding and insurance.
11. Plans and participates in DBE training seminars.
12. Provides outreach to DBEs and community organizations to advise them of opportunities.
13. Maintains VVTA's updated directory on certified DBE's.
14. Delegates the above and other DBE tasks to appropriate staff.

### **Section 26.27 DBE Financial Institutions**

It is the policy of VVTA to investigate the full extent of services offered by financial institutions owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in the community, to make reasonable efforts to use these institutions, and to encourage prime contractors on DOT-assisted contracts to make use of these institutions. VVTA has identified the following such institutions:

Through the California UPC website, to date VVTA has identified the following such institutions:

Alamo Capital Financial Services, 201 N. Civic Drive #360, Walnut Creek, CA  
 Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC, 130 Battery Street, Suite 560, Mez A, San Francisco, CA 94111  
 Capital Access, 610 Wichita Ave., El Cajon, CA 92019  
 Living Benefits, Inc. 4680 Savona Place, San Diego, CA 92130

Information on the availability of such institutions can be obtained from the DBE Liaison Officer.

### **Section 26.29 Prompt Payment Mechanisms**

VVTA includes the following clause in each DOT-assisted prime contract:

The prime contractor agrees to pay each subcontractor under this prime contract for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than 7 days from the receipt of each payment the prime contractor receives from VVTA. The prime contractor further agrees to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of VVTA. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors. A delay in payment by a prime contractor to a subcontractor is grounds for delay in the release of any retention payments due the prime contractor until restitution has been made to the subcontractor.

A subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed when all tasks called for in the subcontract have been accomplished and documented as required by VVTA.

VVTA will include the following mechanisms for proactive monitoring and oversight of a prime contractor's compliance with subcontractor prompt payment and return of retainage:

Prime contractors are required to provide evidence that the payments to their subcontractors have been made within the required 30 days. The evidence includes a copy of reports showing when the payments were made. If further evidence is needed, VVTA has the option to request the invoices to ensure the reports received are correct.

For construction contracts, VVTA has contracted with third-party Construction Managers who are required to review invoices to ensure the subcontractors have been paid as required.

If a contractor has not made a prompt payment to a subcontractor, VVTA reserves the right to exercise liquidated damages to the prime contractor for each day the prompt payment is late.

For Construction Contracts, VVTA reserves the right to withhold payment or retention to the Prime Contractor until the subcontractors have received their payments of invoices and/or retention.

### **Section 26.31 Directory**

VVTA maintains a directory identifying all firms eligible to participate as DBEs. The directory lists the firm's name, address, phone number, date of the most recent certification, and the type of work the firm has been certified to perform as a DBE. VVTA revises the Directory at the end of each semi-annual period and during the planning period of a solicitation. VVTA makes the Directory available as follows:

[www.vvta.org/procurement](http://www.vvta.org/procurement), and requests made directly to the DBELO at [bids@vvta.org](mailto:bids@vvta.org).

The State of California Unified Certification Directory may be found at <https://californiaucp.dbesystem.com/>

### **Section 26.33 Overconcentration**

VVTA has not identified that overconcentration exists in the types of work that DBEs perform.

### **Section 26.35 Business Development Programs**

VVTA has not established a business development program.

### **Section 26.37 Monitoring and Enforcement Mechanisms**

VVTA will take the following monitoring and enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance with 49 CFR Part 26.

1. VVTA will bring to the attention of the Department of Transportation any false, fraudulent, or dishonest conduct in connection with the DBE program, so that DOT can take the steps as provided for in Section 26.109 (e.g., referral to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution, referral to the DOT Inspector General, action under suspension and debarment or Program Fraud and Civil Penalties rules).
2. VVTA will also consider similar action under its own legal authority, including responsibility determinations in future contracts.
3. VVTA will also provide monitoring and enforcement mechanisms to verify the work committed to DBEs at contract award is actually performed by the DBEs. This will be accomplished by contract compliance inspections by contracted Construction Managers, performing site visits and employee interviews with workers on the job sites for construction projects, and the DBELLO will perform inspections for any other contracts let out not affiliated with the Purchased Transportation contract at VVTA. The VVTA Contract Compliance officer will perform inspections for the Purchased Transportation project.
4. VVTA will keep a running tally of actual payments to DBE firms for work committed to them at the time of the contract award.

#### **Section 26.39 Fostering Small Business Participation**

1. Due to the decision made by the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, VVTA's DBE Goal is Race-Neutral.
2. VVTA fosters Small Business Participation by utilizing the State of CA's Calprocure system: <https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/PublicSearch/supplier-search.aspx?psNewWin=true>
3. Solicitations are then sent directly or through publicpurchase.com to those businesses who are certified SB/DBVE.
4. As required by the State of California, VVTA must advertise solicitations in newspapers of general circulation. VVTA has established the process to include minority focused newspapers for those advertisements as a way to foster participation by DBEs and Small Businesses. The newspapers are El Chicano and San Bernardino American News.

### **SUBPART C – GOALS, GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, AND COUNTING**

#### **Section 26.43 Set-asides or Quotas**

VVTA does not use any quotas in any way in the administration of this DBE program.

#### **Section 26.45 Overall Goals**

The purpose of an overall goal is to achieve a “level playing field” for ready, willing, and able DBEs seeking to participate in federally assisted contracts at VVTA. In an effort to establish this level playing field, VVTA has examined its programs and relevant local markets and has determined the amount of participation that DBEs would be expected to achieve in the

absence of present and past effects of discrimination. The Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR part 26) requires recipients of DOT federal aid to use a two-step process in the development of their Overall DBE Goal.

Step One:

Determine the base figure for the Overall DBE Goal. VVTA first identified the upcoming Federally funded operational and capital projects and the total FTA funding amount is required to be at least \$250,000. Revenue vehicle purchases were not considered. VVTA then identified subcontracting opportunities attributable to the upcoming Federally funded capital and operational projects and used the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes and the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) comparable. VVTA then decided on the San Bernardino County market range for each subcontracting opportunity.

VVTA next calculated the relative availability of certified DBE firms that are ready, willing, and able to work on DOT-assisted contracts. This figure is a measurement of the current percentage of ready, willing, and able certified firms and is based on demonstrable evidence of the Victor Valley, San Bernardino County, and nationwide labor market conditions. In determining this percentage, VVTA used three data sources immediately available to the agency, consisting of (1) the CUCP Database for Certified DBEs Directory <https://californiaucp.dbesystem.com/> (2) The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Database for transit related companies at <https://www.apta.com> and selecting Industry Information, then selecting COMPS (Catalog of Member Products & Services); and (3) the 2022 US Census Bureau County Business Patterns for all firms located at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cbp.html>

The percentage of available certified DBE firms was multiplied by each subcontracting opportunity cost to arrive at a Weighted Cost for each subcontracting opportunity total of all Weighted Costs was divided by the total FTA funding amount to arrive at the current Overall DBE Goal.

Step Two:

Adjust the Overall DBE Goal calculated in Step One to account for other evidence, such as prior years' actual percentages that were lower than the current year's calculations.

In accordance with Section 26.45, VVTA submits its overall DBE goal to DOT on August 1 every three years. Before establishing the overall goal for each period of time, VVTA will consult with the State of California CUCP Database, the area Chambers of Commerce, and other community organizations to obtain information concerning the availability of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged businesses and the effects of discrimination on opportunities for DBEs and will review VVTA's efforts to establish a level playing field for the participation of DBEs.

Following this consultation, VVTA will publish a notice of the proposed overall DBE goal, informing the public that the proposed goal and its rationale are available for inspection during normal business hours at VVTA's principal office for 30 days following the date of the

notice, and that VVTA will accept comments on the goal for 45 days from the date of the notice. This notice will be placed in local newspapers of general circulation, and on the VVTA website. VVTA will issue this notice by June 15 of the first year of the triennial period. The notice will include the address to which comments may be sent and the address (including offices and websites) where the proposal may be reviewed.

VVTA's overall DBE goal submission to DOT will include a summary of information and comments received during this public participation process and VVTA's responses. VVTA will begin using its overall DBE goal on October 1 of each triennial period, unless other instructions are received from DOT. If VVTA establishes a goal on a project basis, VVTA will be using the goal by the time of the first solicitation for a DOT-Assistant contract for the project.

### **Section 26.49 Transit Vehicle Manufacturers**

VVTA will require each transit vehicle manufacturer, as a condition of being authorized to bid or propose on FTA-assisted transit vehicle procurements, to certify that it has complied with the requirements of this sections. VVTA ensures compliance by reviewing the FTA Transit Vehicle Manufacturer's List at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/civil-rights-ada/eligible-transit-vehicle-manufacturers> and documents the manufacturer's compliance.

VVTA also reports transit vehicle procurement awards using the Transit Vehicle Award Reporting Form located here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vehicleawardreportsurvey>. VVTA keeps a copy of the reported purchase in the procurement files as well.

### **Section 26.51 (a-c) Breakout of Estimated Race-Neutral & Race-Conscious Participation**

VVTA does not record Race-Conscious participation due to the ruling by the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Appeals Court decision requiring agencies to establish the Race-Neutral Goal. The breakout of estimated race-neutral and race-conscious participation can be found in Attachment 4 to this program. This section of the program will be updated tri-annually when the goal calculation is updated.

### **Section 26.51 (d-g) Contract Goals**

Because VVTA's DBE Goal is Race-Neutral, VVTA will not establish Contract Goals.

### **Section 26.53 Good Faith Efforts Procedures**

#### **Demonstration of good faith efforts (26.53(a) &(c))**

Only in the event that VVTA is required to establish a Race-Conscious Goal, then the obligation of the bidder/offeree will be to make good faith efforts. The bidder/offeree can demonstrate that it has done so either by meeting the contract goal or documenting good faith efforts. Examples of good faith efforts are found in Appendix A to Part 26.

The DBE Liaison Officer is responsible for determining whether a bidder/offeror that has not met the contract goal has documented sufficient good faith efforts to be regarded as responsible. VVTA will ensure that all information is complete and accurate and adequately documents the bidder/offeror's good faith efforts before VVTA commits to the performance of the contract by the bidder/offeror.

**Information to be submitted (26.53(b))**

VVTA treats bidder/offerors' compliance with good faith efforts' requirements as a matter of responsiveness. Each solicitation for which a contract goal has been established will require the bidders/offerors to submit the following information:

1. The names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate in the contract.
2. A description of the work that each DBE will perform.
3. The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating.
4. Written and signed documentation of commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet a contract goal.
5. Written and signed confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in the prime contractor's commitment; and
6. If the contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts.

**Administrative reconsideration (26.53 (d))**

Within 30 days of being informed by VVTA that it is not responsible, because it has not documented sufficient good faith efforts, a bidder/offeror may request administrative reconsideration. The bidder/offeror should make this request in writing to the following reconsideration official:

Director of Operations  
Victor Valley Transit Authority  
17150 Smoke tree St.  
Hesperia, California 92345  
(760) 948-4021  
info@vvta.org

The reconsideration official will not have played any role in the original determination that the bidder/offeror did not document sufficient good faith effort.

As part of this reconsideration, the bidder/offeror will have the opportunity to provide written documentation or argument concerning the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. The bidder/offeror will have the opportunity to meet in person with VVTA to discuss the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. VVTA will send the bidder/offeror a written decision on reconsideration, explaining the basis for finding that the bidder did or did not meet the goal or make adequate good faith efforts to do so. The decision resulting from this reconsideration process is not administratively appealable to the DOT.

### **Good Faith Efforts when a DBE is replaced on a contract (26.53(f))**

VVTA will require a contractor to make good faith efforts to replace a DBE that is terminated or has otherwise failed to complete its work on a contract with another certified DBE, to the extent needed. VVTA will require the prime contractor to notify the DBE Liaison Officer immediately of the DBE's inability or unwillingness to perform and provide reasonable documentation.

In this situation, VVTA will require the prime contractor to obtain prior approval of the substitute DBE and to provide copies of new or amended subcontracts, or documentation of good faith efforts.

If the prime contractor fails or refuses to comply at the time specified, VVTA's Procurement Manager will issue an order stopping all or part of payment or work until satisfactory action has been taken. If the prime contractor still fails to comply, VVTA may initiate a termination for default proceeding.

### **Sample Bid Specification:**

The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, apply to this contract. It is the policy of VVTA to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. All firms qualifying under this solicitation are encouraged to submit bids/proposals. Award of this contract will be conditioned upon satisfying the requirements of this bid specification. These requirements apply to all bidders/offerors, including those who qualify as a DBE. Because VVTA's DBE Goal to a fully Race-Neutral Goal, there will not be a DBE contract goal for this contract. The bidder/Offeror shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A. 49 CFR Part 26 (Attachment 6), to meet DBE participation in the performance of this contract.

The bidder/Offeror will be required to submit the following information: (1) the names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate in the contract; (2) a description of the work that each DBE firm will perform; (3) the dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating; (4) Written documentation of the bidder/offeror's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits; (5) Written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in the commitment made under (4); and (6), evidence of good faith efforts.

### **Counting DBE Participation (49 CFR Part 26.55)**

VVTA will count DBE participation toward overall goals as provided in 49 CFR 26.55.

## **SUBPART D – CERTIFICATION STANDARDS**

### **Section 26.61 – 26.73 Certification Process**



VVTA will use the certification standards of subpart D of Part 26 to determine the eligibility of firms to participate as DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts. To be certified as a DBE, a firm must meet all certification eligibility standards.

For information about the certification process or to apply for certification, firms should contact:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/dbe-certification-information>

## **SUBPART E – CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES**

### **Section 26.81 Unified Certification Programs**

VVTA is a member of a Unified Certification Program (UCP) administered by the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS). The UPC will meet all of the requirements of this section. The following is a description of the UCP:

The main objectives of the DBE Program are:

- To ensure that small DBE firms can compete fairly for federally funded transportation-related projects.
- To ensure that only eligible firms participate as a DBE firm.
- To assist DBE firms in competing outside of the DBE Program.

In order for small, disadvantaged firms, including those owned by minorities and women, to participate as a DBE in DOT-assisted contracts, they must apply for and receive certification as a DBE. For the state of California, DBE certification is performed by the certifying agencies of the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP).

For additional information about the DBE Program, please visit the U.S. D.O.T., Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization at <https://www.transportation.gov/osdbu>

### **Section 26.83 Procedures for Certification Decisions**

#### **Re-certifications 26.83(a) & (c)**

If firms were certified under former part 23, VVTA will ask firm to contact the CUCP for instructions on re-certification.

#### **“No Change” Affidavits and Notices of Change (26.83(j))**

In the event a firm has a change in its ability to meet size, disadvantaged status, ownership or control criteria of 49 CFR Part 26 or any material changes in the information they provided, VVTA will ask the firm to contact the CUCP for instructions.

The CUCP will require all owners of all DBEs who have been certified to submit on their anniversary date of their certification, a “no change” affidavit meeting the requirements of 26.83(j).

### **Section 26.85 Interstate Certification**

Only the CUCP has the authority to approve or deny Interstate Certifications

VVTA will search other UCP's to determine if proposed DBEs not registered in California are certified.

**Section 26.87 Removal of a DBE's Eligibility**

Only the CUCP has the authority to remove a DBE's certifications. For any questions, please refer to the CUCP website.

**Section 26.89 Certification Appeals**

Any firm or complainant may appeal to the CUCP's decision in a certification matter to DOT. Such appeals may be sent to:

U.S. Department of Transportation  
Departmental Office of Civil Rights  
External Civil Rights Programs Division (S-33)  
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.  
Washington DC 20590  
Phone (202) 366-4754  
TTY: (202) 366-9696  
Fax: (202) 366-5575

**SUBPART F – COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT**

**Section 26.109 Information, Confidentiality, Cooperation**

VVTA will safeguard from disclosure to third parties' information that may reasonably be regarded as confidential business information, consistent with Federal, state, and local law. VVTA will adhere to California Public Records Act – Government Code 6250-6270.

Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of state or local law, VVTA will not release personal financial information submitted in response to the personal net worth requirement to a third party (other than DOT) without the written consent of the submitter.

**Monitoring Payments to DBEs**

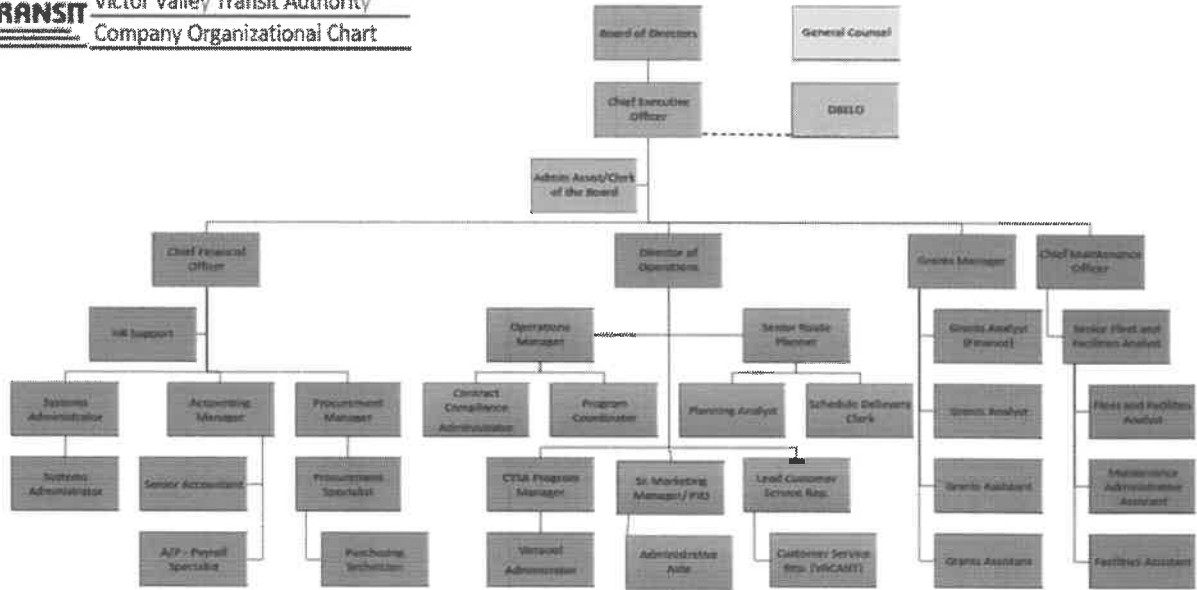
VVTA will require prime contractors to maintain records and documents of payments to DBEs for three years following the performance of the contract. These records will be made available for inspection upon request of any authorized representative of VVTA or DOT. This reporting requirement also extends to any certified DBE subcontractor.

VVTA will perform interim audits of contract payments to DBEs. The audit will review payments to DBE subcontractors to ensure that the actual amount paid to DBE subcontractors equals or exceeds the dollar amounts stated in the schedule of DBE participation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment 1 Organizational Chart
- Attachment 2 DBE Directory
- Attachment 3 Monitoring and Enforcement Mechanisms
- Attachment 4 Breakout of Estimated Race-Neutral Participation
- Attachment 5 Form 1 & 2 for Demonstration of Good Faith Efforts
- Attachment 6 Regulations: 49 CRF Part 26

**ATTACHMENT 1  
ORGANIZATION CHART**



**Notes:**  
Procurement Manager & DEBLO is one employee in dual roles.  
Admin Assist/Clerk of the Board and HR support is one employee in dual roles

## ATTACHMENT 2

### DBE DIRECTORY

Firm Name	Firm Address	DBE or non-DBE	Race and Gender	NAICS code
Above and Beyond Staffing	321 Western Ave., Glendale, CA 91201	DBE – CERT 48601	Black American – Female	561320, 561720
CAPP’s Uniforms	4201 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach CA 90807	DBE – CERT 44655	Hispanic American – Male	425120
MZ Auto Glass	12235 Chosen St., El Monte, CA 91733	DBE – Cert 44641	Hispanic American - Male	811122
Oscar Mobile Body and Detail	4410 Tyler Ave., El Monte, CA 91731	DBE – Cert 49218	Hispanic American - Male	811121, 811192
ADAride.com	19300 S. Hamilton Ave., Suite 120, Gardena, CA 90248	DBE – Cert 51739	Asian-Pacific American Male	485991, E4110
Digi-Vue Advertising	1007 West Avenue M-14, Palmdale, CA 93551	DBE – Cert 44667	Hispanic American – Male	541430, 541810, 541830, 541840, 541850, 541860
Source Graphics	1530 North Harmony Circle, Anaheim, CA 92807	DBE – Cert 7399	Subcontinent Asian American – Male	423430, 423850, 518210, 541519
Safeway Sign Company	9875 Yucca Road, Adelanto, CA 92301	DBE – Cert 51872	Hispanic American – Male	238120, 238992, 339950, 423850, 423990, 561990
Reliable Monitoring Services, Inc.	2698 Junipero Ave., 105-107 Signal Hill, CA 90755	DBE – Cert 47663	Hispanic American – Male	236210, 238210, 541420, 811219

Transportation Management & Design	2701 Loker Ave West, Suite 110, Carlsbad, CA 92010	DBE – CERT 49228	Caucasian Female	541320, 541611, 541614
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## **ATTACHMENT 3**

### **MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS**

VVTA has available a few remedies to enforce the DBE requirements contained in its contract, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Breach of contract action, pursuant to the terms of the contract.
2. Breach of contract action, pursuant to Civil Code Section 3300-3322.

In addition, the federal government has available several enforcement mechanisms that it may apply to firms participating in the DBE program, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Suspension or debarment proceedings pursuant to 49 CFR part 26.
2. Enforcement action pursuant to 49 CFR part 31.
3. Prosecution pursuant to 18 USC 1001.

Additionally, VVTA has determined that future contracts will include liquidated damages when Prime Contractors do not pay their DBE subcontractors within the required 30-Day payment period.

## **ATTACHMENT 4**

### **BREAKOUT OF ESTIMATED RACE-NEUTRAL & RACE-CONSCIOUS PARTICIPATION**

In response to race-neutral policy directives issued by the USDOT, VVTA utilizes a strictly race-neutral means. In a strictly race-neutral program, VVTA may not set numeric contract goals on any of its USDOT-assisted contracts for which DBE subcontracting possibilities exist. The application of race-neutral measures is in direct response to the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals decision in *Western States Paving Co. v United States & Washington State Department of Transportation*, whereby the FTA issued a Notice (Guidance) for Public Transportation Providers (Docket No. FTA-2006-24063).

Based on the Guidance, each recipient was requested to do the following:

- If a recipient does not currently have sufficient evidence of discrimination of its effects, then the recipient would submit an all-race-neutral Overall DBE Goal.
- The recipient's submission shall include a statement concerning the absence of adequate evidence of discrimination and its effects and a description of plans to either conduct a disparity/availability study or other appropriate evidence gathering process to determine the existence of discrimination or its effects on the recipient's marketplace.
- An action plan describing the study and timeline for its completion should also be included.

VVTA is required to perform the appropriate evidence gathering process to determine the existence of discrimination and its effects on its respective marketplace to effectively respond to the Court's ruling and the USDOT's directive (Docket No. FTA-2006-24063; Supplemental Notice dated August 21, 2006). Staff determined it is not feasible for VVTA, nor is it required, to conduct its own independent disparity study.



**ATTACHMENT 5**

**FORM 1 & 2 FOR DEMONSTRATION OF GOOD FAITH EFFORTS**

**FORM 1: DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) UTILIZATION**

The undersigned bidder/Offeror has satisfied the requirements of the bid specification in the following manner (please check the appropriate space):

\_\_\_ The bidder/offeror is committed to a minimum of \_\_\_ % DBE utilization on this contract.

\_\_\_ The bidder/Offeror (if unable to meet the DBE goal of \_\_\_ %) is committed to a minimum of \_\_\_ % DBE utilization on this contract and submits documentation demonstrating good faith efforts.

Name of bidder/offeror's firm: \_\_\_\_\_

State Registration No.: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM 2: LETTER OF INTENT**

Name of bidder/offer's firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of work to be performed by DBE firm:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The bidder/Offeror is committed to utilizing the above-named DBE firm(s) for the work described above. The estimated dollar value of this work is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Affirmation**

The above-named DBE firm affirms that it will perform the portion of the contract for the estimated dollar value as stated above.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

If the bidder/offer does not receive award of the prime contract, any and all representations in this Letter of Intent and Affirmation shall be null and void.

(Submit this page for each DBE subcontractor)

**ATTACHMENT 6**

**REGULATIONS: 49 CFR PART 26**

**A copy of 49 CFR Part 26 can be found at:**

<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=8184acbe3990c7bc4ae31bce1991da75&mc=true&r=PART&n=pt49.1.26>

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# VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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## Conflict of Interest Form

**Purpose:** This form is provided to assist members of the VVTA Board of Directors in meeting requirements of Government Code Section 84308 and 87100 in documenting conflict of interest as related to VVTA Board/Committee agenda items.

**Instructions:** Under certain circumstances, VVTA Board of Directors may be required to disclose and disqualify themselves from participating in, influencing, or voting on an agenda item due to personal income, real property interests, investments, business positions, or receipt of campaign contributions. If applicable, Board members must personally state the following information, for entry into the public record, prior to consideration of the involved agenda item(s) and turn in the completed form to the Clerk of the Board prior to leaving the meeting.

### I. Board Member Information

Board Member Name	City/County Name	Meeting Date

### II. Campaign Contributions

- I have a disqualifying campaign of over \$250 From \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Company and/or individual)  
and therefore I am abstaining from participation on Agenda Item \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_
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(Name of Company and/or individual)  
and therefore I am abstaining from participation on Agenda item \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Financial Interest

- I have a financial interest of \_\_\_\_\_,  
from/in \_\_\_\_\_  
(State income, real property interest, or business position) (Identify company or property location)  
and therefore I am abstaining from participation on Agenda Item \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_
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### IV. Signature

Board Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 18, 2025

**To:** Victor Valley Transit Board of Directors

**From:** Victor Valley Transit Chief Executive Officer

**Subject:** Disclosure(s) regarding recommendations for action by the VVTA Board of Directors.

Staff hereby provides the Victor Valley Transit Board of Directors with a listing of principals and subcontractors associated with action items on the agenda for the Board February 18, 2025, meeting.

Agenda Item No.	Contract No.	Principals and Agents	Subcontractors
8	RFP2024-08	Contact Security Michelle Quesada 3000 Birch Street #111 Brea, CA 92821 714-240-2215	N/A
8	RFP2024-08	OPS Security Services Joseph Farag 701 N Brand Blvd Ste 840 Glendale, CA 91203 310-963-0016	N/A
8	RFP2024-08	Citiguard Howard Fridkin 22736 Vanowen St Ste. 300 West Hills, CA 91307 800-613-5903	N/A
8	RFP2024-08	Alltech Industries Subcontractor: Askari Security Services, Inc Oscar Gamez 301 E Pomona Blvd Ste B Monterey Park, CA 91755 323-450-2168	Askari Security Services, Inc 6080 Center Drive Ste 600 Los Angeles, CA 90045
8	RFP2024-08	American Global Security Sulaiman Abdul Wai 9410 Topanga Canyon Blvd Ste 203 Chatsworth, CA 91311 877-482-7343	N/A



8	RFP2024-08	Peralta Management Co. Eddie Peralta 7007 Washington Avenue Ste 240 Whittier, CA 90602 909-297-5414	N/A
8	RFP2024-08	Absolute International Security Lucy Lin 5155 Irwindale Avenue Irwindale, CA 91706 626-858-7188	N/A
8	RFP2024-08	Xpress Guards Rachel Pierre-Louis 2208 SW 59th Avenue West Park, Florida 33023 954-940-8377	N/A
8	RFP2024-08	Inter-Con Security Services Kevin Hernandez 210 S De Lacey Avenue Pasadena, CA 91105 626-535-2207	N/A
8	RFP2024-08	Triton Global Services Brodie Allison 4295 E Jurupa St. #100 Ontario, CA 91761 909-615-4982	N/A
8	RFP2024-08	Allied Universal Protection Services Tad Garabedian 1700 Iowa Riverside, CA 92507 213-800-2996	N/A
8	RFP2024-08	Scaife Protection Services Omar H Scaife 4302 Marine Avenue #804 Lawndale, CA 90260-0804 323-786-8140	N/A

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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Award VVTA RFP 2024-08 Security Services.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

On April 15, 2024, the VVTA Board of Directors approved the release of RFP 2024-08 Security Services. The RFP was officially released on October 1st, 2024. There was one (1) Addendum and the deadline for proposals submissions was Thursday, October 31, 2024. Twenty-one (21) proposals were received.

Of the twenty-one (21) received, nine (9) were deemed non-responsive. The RFP evaluation criteria stated that the contract would be awarded to the most responsive and responsible proposer offering the best value and the most advantages. The evaluation committee convened on Thursday, January 8th, 2025, the final evaluation scores were as follows:

Contact Security	99.00	Absolute International Security Inc	123.42
OPS Security Services	79.69	Xpress Guards	83.69
Citiguard	104.70	Inter-Con Security System Inc	122.79
Alltech Industries	99.57	Triton Global Services	99.56
American Global Security, Inc	87.70	Allied Universal Protection Services	104.43
Peralta Management Co	79.09	Scaife Protection Services	91.71

Upon reviewing the references provided in the proposals submitted by Inter-Com Security and Absolute Security International, we believe that the level of experience provided by Inter-Con Security is better suited to managing the type of security issues encountered by VVTA. Inter-Con has referenced experience providing security services to several transit agencies including Gardena GTrans, OCTA, and North County Transit District, as well as VVTA.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve the Award RFP 2024-08 Security Services to Inter-Con Security Systems, LLC, Pasadena CA in the amount of \$1,906,158.00.

PRESENTED BY	FISCAL IMPACT	MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Sandye Martinez Procurement Supervisor	Not to Exceed \$1,906,158.00	February 18, 2025	8

VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Award VVTA RFP 2024-08 Security Services.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

The experience referenced by Absolute Security International is more focused on municipal office facilities. Given the history of security and social issues often encountered by VVTA, its contractor, and passengers such as vandalism, verbal and physical assault, and needs associated with the unhoused we feel that the experience that has been demonstrated by Inter-Con Security and their overall staff experience is more closely suited to the needs of VVTA. The committee concluded that Inter-Con Security's demonstrated expertise and staff experience are more aligned with VVTA's operational needs.

Based on the evaluation process staff recommendation is to award the Contract to Inter-Con Security, Pasadena, CA, for a base term of three (3) years with two (2) one-year options to extend, in the amount of \$1,906,158.00. The total contract value is \$1,906,158.00, to be funded through federal and state operating funds.

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## Conflict of Interest Form

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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 18, 2025

**To:** Victor Valley Transit Board of Directors

**From:** Victor Valley Transit Chief Executive Officer

**Subject:** Disclosure(s) regarding recommendations for action by the VVTA Board of Directors.

Staff hereby provides the Victor Valley Transit Board of Directors with a listing of principals and subcontractors associated with action items on the agenda for the Board February 18, 2025, meeting.

Agenda Item No.	Contract No.	Principals and Agents	Subcontractors
9	RFP 2025-02	Vehicle Advertising dba Adspouse Jason Klare, President 10810 Kenwood Road Cincinnati, OH 45242 513-554-4703	N/A
9	RFP 2025-02	Lamar Transit, LLC Neal Gatherum, Vice President/General Manager 301 N. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 211 Redlands, CA 92374 801-484-7777	N/A
9	RFP 2025-02	Transit Media, Inc. Jenna Salazar, President/CEO 481 E. Highway 4, Suite A Murphy's CA 95247 559-783-9545 x 101	Decals By Design
9	RFP 2025-02	Zenith Billboards, LLC Andy Rodriguez, President 5053 Cozad Way Stockton, CA 95212 209-888-7419	N/A

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**AGENDA MATTER**

**Award VVTA RFP 2025-02 Transit Advertising to Transit Media, Inc., Arnold, CA 95223, for a contract for 2 years with three one-year options to extend.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

On July 15, 2024, VVTA Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved the VVTA Transit Advertising Policy 1.01.24. In accordance with Federal Procurement rules Revenue-generating contracts, including contracts for Transit Advertising, must be solicited through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

To comply with the requirements, VVTA released RFP 2025-02 Transit Advertising Services by having the solicitation posted on the VVTA website, publicpurchase.com, and advertising in Newspapers of general circulation including Transit Talent. The proposals were due on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, and four proposals were received. On February 3, 2025, the evaluation committee met to assess the submissions and determine a recommendation for contract award. The scoring results, based on a maximum possible score of 150 points, were as follows:

- Vehicle Advertising dba Adsposure, Cincinnati, OH 129.60
- Lamar Transit, Redlands, CA 114.82
- Transit Media, Arnold, CA 105.78
- Zenith Billboards, Stockton, CA 74.60

While Adsposure's score was the highest, the Evaluation committee took into consideration that based on some research, it was discovered that Adsposure has two lawsuits regarding non-payment of services the two Transit Agencies for their Transit Advertising contracts. Additionally, despite Lamar's score being the second highest, further research revealed customer service complaints from other transit agencies.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve Award of VVTA RFP 2025-02 Transit Advertising to Transit Media, Inc., Arnold, CA 95223, for a contract for 2 years with 3 one-year options to extend.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Christine Plasting Procurement Manager	Revenue of \$123,000.00	February 18, 2025	9

VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Award VVTA RFP 2025-02 Transit Advertising to Transit Media, Inc., Arnold, CA 95223, for a contract for 2 years with three one-year options to extend.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Transit Media appears to be the best choice. having experience with Transit agencies similar in size to VVTA. Furthermore, its subcontractor (Decals by Design) has performed excellent service for VVTA in the past. The Evaluation Committee came to a consensus and determined Transit Media to be the best value for VVTA.

Staff recommend awarding the contract for Transit Advertising Services to Transit Media, Arnold, CA. The two-year contract guarantees a minimum revenue of \$123,000.00 over the two-year base period, The contract has a potential of approximately \$1,374,248.00 during the two-year base contract period.

RFP 2025-02 Transit Advertising  
Facilitator Score Sheet

Technical Evaluation:								
Evaluation Criteria	Weight Factor	Company	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	Total
1	25							
		C-1	4	3	3	4	4	18
		C-2	2	4	5	5	4	20
		C-3	5	4	5	3	5	22
		C-4	1	2	4	3	4	14
Comments								
2	30							
		C-1	4	3	4	4	5	24
		C-2	4.5	4	4	3	5	24.6
		C-3	4	4	4	3	5	24
		C-4	1	2	3	3	4	15.6
Comments:								
3	35							
		C-1	4	4	3	5	4	28
		C-2	4	4	3	4	4	26.6
		C-3	2	4	5	3	5	26.6
		C-4	1	2	4	3	3	18.2
Comments:								
TOTAL		C-1	72	60	60	78	78	69.6
		C-2	63	72	72	72	78	71.4
		C-3	66	72	84	54	90	73.2
		C-4	18	36	66	54	66	48
Cost Evaluation								
	40	Cost Score						
Adspposure		40.00						
Lamar Transit		24.53						
Transit Media		12.58						
Zenith Bill Boards		6.60						
	Technical	Cost Score	Reference Score (20)	Total Score				
Adspposure	69.6	40.00	20	129.60				
Lamar Transit	71.4	24.53	18.89	114.82				
Transit Media	73.2	12.58	20.00	105.78				
Zenith Bill Boards	48	6.60	20	74.60				
<p>Justification: While Adspposure's score was the highest, the Evaluation committee took into consideration that based on some research discovered that Adspposure has two lawsuits regarding non-payment of services to the two Transit Agencies they contracted with. Lamar's score was the second highest, but discovered that there were issues with customer service based on internet research. Transit Media appears to be the best fit - the Transit Agencies they contract with are of similar size as VVTA and their subcontractor has performed excellent service to VVTA in the past. The Evaluation Committee came to a consensus and determined Transit Media to be the best value for VVTA.</p>								

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# Victorville Man Arrested for Vandalizing 11 Transit Buses, Causing \$7,500 in Damages



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**VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com)** — A 32-year-old man from Victorville has been arrested following a detailed investigation into acts of vandalism affecting transit buses.

In November 2024, maintenance employees at the Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) observed a pattern of vandalism, specifically etchings on the glass windows of multiple public transit buses.

Concerned about the recurring damage, they reported the incidents to Deputy Trevor James, who oversees the Sheriff’s Victor Valley Transit Detail.

Over the course of several weeks, Deputy James conducted an investigation in collaboration with VVTA staff.

This effort led to the identification of 11 different buses that had experienced similar window etchings on multiple occasions during an eight-week span.

Through his investigation, Deputy James gathered evidence that Villanueva as the individual responsible for the vandalism.

The total estimated cost of repairs to the affected buses currently stands at \$7,500, although this figure is likely to increase.

On January 14, 2025, law enforcement officials located Villanueva in Victorville and took him into custody. He was booked at the High Desert Detention Center.

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Victorville Man Arrested for Vandalizing 11 Transit Buses, Causing \$7,500 in Damages - Victor Valley News charges of vandalism (PC 594(b)(1)) for damages exceeding \$400. He is being held on a bail amount of \$30,000.00.





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# Victor Valley Transit Announces 2025 Leadership Team

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Victor Valley Transit (VVTa-Hesperia, CA) has announced the leadership for its 2025 Board of Directors. Barstow (CA) Councilmember James Noble has been unanimously reelected as Chair, marking his second consecutive term. Joining him is Vice Chair Elizabeth "Liz" Becerra, Mayor of Victorville, CA, who is also serving her second term in this role.

The VVTa Board also welcomes new members this year, including Hesperia Mayor Allison Lee, Adelanto (CA) Mayor Gabriel Reyes, and Sam Shoup, representing the San Bernardino County (CA) Board of Supervisors. They join returning members Curt Emick and Kimberly Mesen.

"Chair James Noble has been a member of the VVTa Board of Directors for three years, during which time he has demonstrated exceptional leadership and a deep commitment to enhancing transit services," according to a press release. "Known for his



(<https://buslinemag.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025VVTaBoard.jpg>)

Shown are the 2025 VVTa Board of Directors, from left to right: Kimberly Mesen, Vice Chair Elizabeth Becerra, Chair James Noble, Sam Shoup, Allison Lee and VVTa CEO Nancie Goff. Absent from the photo: Curt Emick and Gabriel Reyes. (Photo courtesy of VVTa)

collaborative spirit and dedication to advocating for public transportation, Chair Noble has consistently worked to improve mobility and quality of life for residents across the High Desert."

"Victor Valley Transit is delighted to have Councilmember James Noble continue as Chair of the VVTa Board of Directors for a second consecutive term," Victor Valley Transit CEO Nancie Goff said. "His steadfast leadership and commitment to enhancing the lives of residents across the High Desert region are truly commendable. Councilmember Noble's vision and collaborative approach have been instrumental in advancing transit initiatives that promote connectivity, sustainability, and accessibility. We are excited to build upon the progress we've made under his guidance and look forward to another successful year of service and innovation."

Chair Noble added: "Serving as Chair of the Victor Valley Transit Authority for a second consecutive term is a privilege and a responsibility I hold with great pride. Our collective mission as a Board is to drive meaningful progress in public transportation by prioritizing innovation, equity, and community impact. I look forward to continuing our efforts to improve mobility, strengthen connections, and deliver sustainable transit solutions that serve the diverse needs of the Victor Valley community."

The release added: "Among the new members of the VVTa Board of Directors, Hesperia Mayor Allison Lee has expressed her dedication to increasing safety measures for all bus passengers and operators. Her expertise and passion for public service will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success of Victor Valley Transit and its mission to serve the community."

"Adelanto Mayor Gabriel Reyes also brings a wealth of experience in community development and a forward-thinking approach to the VVTa Board. Mayor Reyes has been a vocal advocate for improving transportation infrastructure and ensuring that transit services are accessible to all residents. His leadership and dedication to fostering economic growth in the region will play a key role in advancing VVTa's initiatives."

According to the release: "Sam Shoup, representing the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, offers a strong background in public administration and a deep understanding of the needs of the High Desert community. His focus on creating sustainable and efficient transit solutions aligns seamlessly with VVTa's goals. Shoup's commitment to serving the community will bring valuable insights and guidance to the Board."

VVTa was established through a Joint Powers Authority in 1991. The JPA includes the four California cities of Adelanto, Barstow, Hesperia and Victorville, the Town of Apple Valley, and certain unincorporated portions of the County of San Bernardino. VVTa operates local fixed-route, deviated, and ADA complementary paratransit bus services in the Victor Valley area. Visit [vta.org](http://vta.org) (<http://vta.org>).