

**RESOLUTION NO. 00-35**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS  
SUPPORTING MEASURE A OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (VTA) TO EXTEND THE ONE-HALF  
PERCENT SALES TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors August 9, 2000 voted to place a half-cent transit sales tax on the November 7, 2000 General Election ballot allowing Santa Clara County voters the opportunity to vote on transportation improvements in the county; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the plan are to provide transportation facilities and services that support and enhance our community's continued success by fostering a high quality of life to residents, and continued health of the economy; and

WHEREAS, the goals, objectives, and projects were formulated over the past 18 months with input from the VTA Board of Directors, cities and county staff, stakeholders from the community, and other public agencies; and

WHEREAS, VTA works closely with local jurisdiction on region-wide strategies to address traffic, congestion, access to jobs, and environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, the 30-year ½ cent sales tax would begin in 2006 when the existing (Measure A/B) tax expires; and

WHEREAS, the sales tax measure requires two-thirds majority voter approval and must expire 30 years after implementation; and

WHEREAS, the tax supports VTA's 2020 Transportation Plan and Expenditure Program that provides a balanced transportation system consisting of transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian improvements; and

WHEREAS, the revenue from the tax, which may be used only to finance transit projects, frees up State Transportation Improvement Program and federal funds for roadway, bicycle and pedestrian projects; and

WHEREAS, many future State and Federal highway dollars will be readily available to advance highway projects, and an independent citizen watchdog committee consisting of private citizens must review the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby expresses support for VTA's 2020 Transportation Plan and Expenditure Program as a long-range transportation planning effort, focused on addressing the Valley's transportation challenges.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2000, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Moss, Councilmembers Becker, Casto, La Poll, and Lear

NOES: Councilmembers Becker and Lear

ABSENT: None



JOHN MOSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CAROL SCHARZ, CITY CLERK