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Time for VTA to Change Course on BART Extension

What would you do? If you were on the Board of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), and you saw \$5B of your \$12B budget just disappear, what would you do?

Without \$5B of federal government funding to burrow a massive BART underground tunnel system to connect East San Jose (Berryessa BART) with Diridon Station (Caltrain) in Downtown San Jose, VTA is at a crossroads.

The South Bay Progressive Alliance (SBPA) looked into redirecting funds from the BART Burrow (Silicon Valley BART Extension Phase II) to other transit solutions that offer a much better return on investment (ROI). Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Light Rail Transit (LRT), and Personal Rapid Transit (PRT or podcars) were compared using multiple factors.

Like a wise investor, VTA could cut their losses, and stop spending \$10M each week on the BART extension. VTA could also take steps to ease the transition by supporting alternative technologies.

VTA's Vision - *Innovate the way Silicon Valley moves* - inspires their workers, and those of us who value public transit. It's time for VTA to innovate and evolve. Learn more at <https://southbaypa.org/prt/>

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