



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Carolyn Gonot, VTA General Manager

DATE: August 15, 2025

FROM: Shane Edwards, BART Assistant General Manager, Operations

SUBJECT: Concerns Regarding Lack of Information Sharing and Notification on Key Project Changes

Dear General Manager Gonot:

The Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) is gravely concerned with VTA's failure to provide prior notice of the August 11 press release on the twin bore cost report update and the lack of advance discussion on the significantly scaled-down version of the yard presented at the Oversight Committee Meeting on August 14, 2025. Both actions violate established protocols, undermine the trust and coordination that have guided this partnership, and represent serious breaches of process. BART was still under the clear impression, after months of partnership and collaboration, that both agencies were moving forward with Option J of yard design.

In 2018, BART and VTA stood side by side to announce the approval of single bore configuration, marking the culmination of years of coordinated effort, joint advocacy, and mutual reliance. Since the signing of the Comprehensive Agreement, the requirement has been unequivocal: any significant project change, particularly those affecting operations, safety, or long-term system performance, must be disclosed to BART in advance of any public release.

The decision to withhold advance notification of the August 11 release, coupled with the absence of meaningful prior discussion on concepts of yard redesign before presenting in the forum of a public committee, carries direct and lasting operational consequences for BART's ability to safely and efficiently operate the expanded system. These lapses are incompatible with the level of transparency and cooperation expected between primary project partners.

Such omissions hinder BART's ability to fulfill its responsibilities to the public, damage stakeholder confidence, and raise fundamental concerns about VTA's adherence to its commitments. Given the scale, complexity, and visibility of this project, these failures are not minor oversights, they are unacceptable breaches of trust.

I am formally notifying VTA, and the Phase II Project that the Yard Concept presented at the VTA Audit Committee on August 14, 2025 is rejected. The last version of yard design that BART reviewed was revision J.



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BART remains fully committed to the successful delivery of this critical regional investment. However, that commitment depends on VTA's immediate corrective action to restore transparency and accountability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shane Edwards".

Shane Edwards  
BART Assistant General Manager, Operations  
BART Project Director

Cc: VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Oversight Committee Members  
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