

MEMORANDUM

Milpitas Police Department



DATE: November 20, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Julie Edmonds-Mares, City Manager *J. Edm*

FROM: Armando Corpuz, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: **Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's Request for Information
Re Supplemental Law Enforcement Services**

On October 19, 2018, The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) released a Request for Information (RFI) for the development of supplemental law enforcement services. Currently, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office provides supplemental law enforcement services for the VTA transportation system, facilities, and employees. This contract expires on June 30, 2019.

The Milpitas Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station has a planned opening in late 2019. The Milpitas BART Station is a 27-acre site that includes a six (6) story-parking garage, surface parking, a bus transit center, and two underground ridership platforms. The VTA owns the property, and the VTA will contract with a law enforcement agency for supplemental services.

The VTA's RFI provided three options for supplemental services and, on behalf of the City of Milpitas, I responded to the RFI conveying that we are very interested in expanding our law enforcement services to include the Milpitas BART Station.

Our staff researched the potential public safety impacts we will experience after the BART opening and we concluded that there will very likely be an increase in phone calls to our 9-1-1 Communications Center, an increase in parking complaints, an increase in transient related calls for service, and an increase in crime. The impacts in these areas increases the workload in just about every aspect of police operations.

VTA's probe for additional supplemental law enforcement services could afford the City of Milpitas an additional funding source for public safety staff. Increasing Police Department staffing will allow us to better serve the VTA and Milpitas community as we will take a holistic approach to community and ridership safety.

This RFI seeks to gather interest and capability from agencies interested in service delivery. It is a first step that will serve to inform the contract strategy and any subsequent Request for Proposal (RFP).

I will keep you updated on the matter throughout the process. Please let me know if you have any questions.