TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF JUDITH WASSERMAN TO THE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY’S VALLEY TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2020 DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that City Council appoint Judith Wasserman to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Valley Transportation Plan 2020 Design Enhancements (VTP 2020 DE) Committee.

BACKGROUND
VTA is establishing a committee to oversee the design enhancements process in projects within VTA’s Valley Transportation Plan 2020 (VTP 2020). The VTP 2020 DE Committee will include three representatives from each city in Santa Clara County. Each city’s committee members may include elected officials, staff members, arts commissioners or other individuals interested in visual arts.

DISCUSSION
The VTP 2020 DE Committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the VTA Policy Advisory Boards, Board Standing Committees and Board of Directors. The duties of the Committee include developing and recommending policies to apply the VTP 2020 DE to VTP 2020 projects, serving as advocates of the VTP 2020 DE Program and representing the aesthetic interests of transit riders, highway travelers and communities impacted by VTP 2020 projects, and making recommendations on VTP 2020 DE project proposals throughout their design and development regarding the aesthetic and artistic merits of the proposal. Attachment A contains a complete description of VTP 2020 DE Committee duties.
ATTACHMENTS
Attachment A: Letter from VTA with attached VTP DE Committee Bylaws

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