



**DATE:** June 14, 2016

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Police

**TITLE:** **Amendment to the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority Agreement**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the City Manager to approve and execute related documents amending the agreement between the City of Mountain View and the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority to accommodate a new member, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2010, the cities of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Santa Clara, San Jose, Saratoga, and Sunnyvale; the Town of Los Gatos; and the County of Santa Clara entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to form the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority (SVRIA). The goals and purpose of the SVRIA JPA are the following:

- Complete a conceptual design and implementation strategy for a regional interoperable communications network.
- Jointly purchase a radio and data communications system.
- Integrate the system or network with other nearby regional public safety communications systems.
- Participate in regional interoperability systems.
- Jointly fund activities and systems related to interoperability.
- Apply for grants and funding to facilitate accomplishing the above tasks.

In June 2015, the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SVRIA relating to the building, financing, and maintenance of the new Silicon Valley Regional Communications System (SVRCS). (See Attachment 1 – [June 23, 2015 Council Report](#) for further information.)

In summer 2015, the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) entered into an MOU with the SVRIA to become a participant in the SVRCS. As part of their request, VTA agreed to share the costs of SVRCS. In addition, VTA received two seats on the Board of Directors of SVRIA. One of VTA's seats will be an elected member of VTA's Board or of its Policy Committee. The second Board seat will be designated for the VTA's General Manager or designee. This is proportionate with VTA's size and status as the third largest member of SVRIA. The JPA requires that any changes to the JPA be approved unanimously. Thus, these changes will require the approval of every city and the County in order for the changes to take effect.

### **ANALYSIS**

On May 26, 2016, the Board of Directors of the SVRIA reviewed and recommended certain changes to the JPA in order to include the VTA as a voting member of the Board of Directors. These changes were based upon input from the Working Committee, City Attorneys, City Managers, County Executive, and VTA as well as direction from the Board itself.

The amendment includes changes recommended by the SVRIA Board of Directors to address VTA's requests and those of the Working Committee, County Executive, and City Managers to accommodate the addition of the VTA as a participant. No other substantive changes were made. Any additional changes at this time would require the approval of the Working Committee and Board of Directors. This would substantially delay VTA's entry onto the Board and SVRIA and ultimately could cause VTA to reconsider its commitment to SVRCS. The SVRIA Board is requesting consideration and approval by all current members no later than September 1, 2016.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If these JPA changes are approved by all current members of the SVRIA and VTA completes the remaining requirements, then the current members' costs will be reduced because the SVRCS' fixed costs will be spread over more members. If one or more current members declines to approve these JPA changes, then VTA could consider withdrawing from SVRCS. If this were to happen, the current members' costs would remain as is.

**ALTERNATIVE**

Do not authorize the City Manager to approve the JPA changes.

**PUBLIC NOTICING** – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. [June 23, 2015 Council Report](#)