

**Table 1**  
We Compared VTA With Five Peer Transit Agencies

	SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (VTA)	TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET)	CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (CAPMETRO)	LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LA METRO)	SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT (SACRT)	ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA)
Service Area	Santa Clara County, CA	Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties, OR	Travis and Williamson Counties, TX	Los Angeles County, CA	Sacramento and Yolo Counties, CA	Orange County, CA
Population of Service Area (2022)	1,895,000	1,558,000	1,331,000	10,395,000	1,333,000	2,944,000
Operating Costs (2022)	\$424,438,000	\$506,016,000	\$283,570,000	\$1,801,365,000	\$215,479,000	\$295,256,000
Cost per capita*	<b>\$224</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$213</b>	<b>\$173</b>	<b>\$162</b>	<b>\$100</b>
Selected Transportation Services Provided†	CMA, rail, bus, and transit services for individuals with disabilities	Rail, bus, and transit services for individuals with disabilities	Rail, bus, and transit services for individuals with disabilities	Rail, bus, and transit services for individuals with disabilities	Rail, bus, and transit services for individuals with disabilities	CMA, rail, bus, and transit services for individuals with disabilities
Eligible Candidates for the Governing Board‡	Specified elected officials	Elected officials and members of the public	Elected officials and members of the public	Specified elected officials and members of the public	Elected officials and members of the public	Specified elected officials and members of the public

Source: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and National Transit Database transit agency data, transit agency documentation, state laws.

\* The per capita cost is the cost per person in the transit service area.

† Congestion Management Agencies (CMA) are agencies responsible for, among other things, traffic level-of-service standards for highways and roadways. We identified select transportation services common among the agencies.

‡ In our report, we use the term *specified elected officials* to refer to directors who are required by law to hold a specific elective office—such as a city council member—to be eligible for appointment to the board of a transit agency. We refer to *elected officials* when we are discussing directors who are required or permitted by law to hold an elective office but do not need to hold a specific elective office to be eligible for appointment to the board of a transit agency.