

The Jefferson Club
Santa Clara University's Civil Society Institute
Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association
invite you to hear

Randal O'Toole

on the topic

South Bay Transit Decongestion Can BART do it?

7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Wed. 23 May 2007

Santa Clara University
Benson Memorial Center, Lower Level
California Mission Room (formerly The Brass Rail)



Admission is free and open to the public!

Most people think that there are few choices of how to manage transportation systems. Politicians, bureaucrats and private special interests capitalize on this misperception to constantly propose more and more expensive projects. Bringing BART to San Jose is a good example of this. VTA is spending an additional \$185 million in taxes over the next two years just for *studies* (& “track issues”) of the project, in *hopes* of getting partial Federal funding for the \$4.7 **Billion** dollar (presently estimated) cost of extending BART from Fremont to Santa Clara (16.3 miles = \$288+ million/mile). Randal O'Toole will talk about the economics of BART and alternatives which offer a dramatic increase in what we want, Transit Decongestion, via common-sense rethinking and transportation systems changes.

Randal O'Toole is an economist who has studied public land management, urban planning, and transportation issues for more than three decades. He is the author of *A Desire Named Streetcar: How Federal Subsidies Encourage Wasteful Local Transit Systems*, and *Great Rail Disasters: Analysis of Rail Transit Systems in the U.S.* and many other articles and books and has taught at Yale, UC Berkeley, and Utah State University. He has been the Director of the American Dream Coalition since 2003, is a Director for the Independence Institute's Center for the American Dream, is a Senior economist for the Thoreau Institute and is a Cato Institute Senior Fellow.

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