MOTOR BUS SOCIETY

SPRING 2026 CONVENTION

SAN JOSE, CA (SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO BAY)

Thursday, April 16th to Saturday, April 18th

Date and Location: The Spring 2026 Motor Bus Society Convention will be held from Thursday, April 16th to Saturday, April 18th in San Jose, CA (South San Francisco Bay).

Host Hotel: The host hotel for the convention will be the Holiday Inn San Jose-Silicon Valley, 1350 North 1st Street, San Jose, CA, 95112. The hotel is conveniently located adjacent to the VTA (Valley Transit Authority) Gish light rail station which is serviced by the Blue and Green lines. The hotel is 1.7 miles away from the San Jose International Airport and offers complimentary airport shuttle service. The hotel has free high-speed Wi-Fi internet access and a business center.

Hotel Information: The special MBS room rate is **$149** per night for a standard King room or a room with two Queen beds. The room rates do not include applicable state and city taxes (currently at 14%, subject to change). A Tourism Assessment and Hotel Business Improvement District tax will be added to the rate as well. A block of rooms has been put aside for MBS members from Wednesday, April 15th to Saturday, April 18th.

The Santa Cruz Restaurant offers daily breakfast (not included in room rates). "The Pub" restaurant is open after 5:00 PM every day for dinner amenities. Many other restaurants are within a short walk of the hotel. There is an $18 charge for on site parking per day, plus applicable taxes.

Please note that **hotel reservations must be made by Monday, March 16th, 2026**. The hotel room space and rate cannot be guaranteed after that date. All hotel reservations must be made by visiting the Holiday Inn San Jose website at the following link:

MBS Room Booking Rate

The phone number for the front desk of the hotel is (408) 453-6200. If booking this way, remember to mention the group name "Motor Bus Society" when booking by telephone.

Motor Bus Society is currently in the planning stages for its Spring convention. There cannot be guarantees that we will be admitted to all the garages and maintenance facilities due to either health and security protocols or shortages of personnel to handle our visits. Some of the facility tours may require a safety vest. If you have one available, please bring it.

Registration: The MBS convention registration fee is $125 per person per day or $350 for all three days for **MBS members**. For **non-MBS members**, the registration fee is $145 per day or $410 for all three days. To assure that space will be available for the garage and facility tours, advance registration is strongly recommended. In case of any shortage of seat space on the tour buses, persons with reservations will be given priority. Please refer to the convention registration page (#4) for more details. The deadline for MBS convention registration is Tuesday, March 31st.

Transportation Information:

For autos, the hotel offers convenient access to the I-880, I-280 and US-101 highways.

For all transit options, the hotel is a short walk from the VTA Gish Station which services the Blue and Green LRT lines.

Historic Diridon Station in San Jose is a major Silicon Valley transportation hub served by Amtrak and commuter trains, local and regional bus lines and light rail.

From the San Jose International Airport (SJC), proceed to Terminal B, take VTA route 60 to the Metro/Airport Blue Line station. Take the Blue Line LRT to Gish Station.

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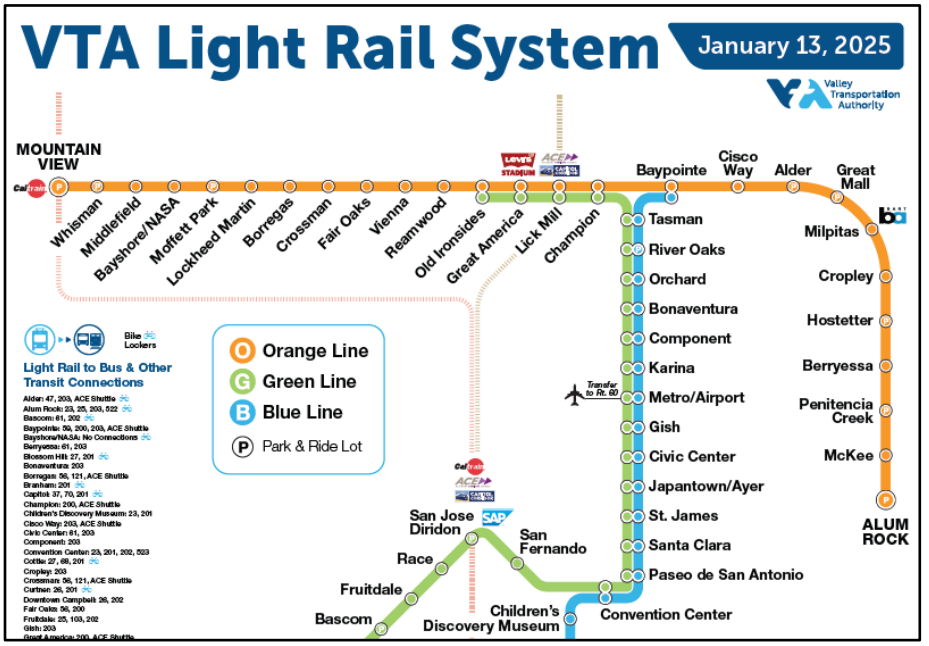
From the San Francisco International Airport (SFO), take the RED BART line south to Millbrae Station. Transfer to the Caltrain south to San Jose Diridon Station. Transfer to the VTA Green Line LRT to Gish Station.

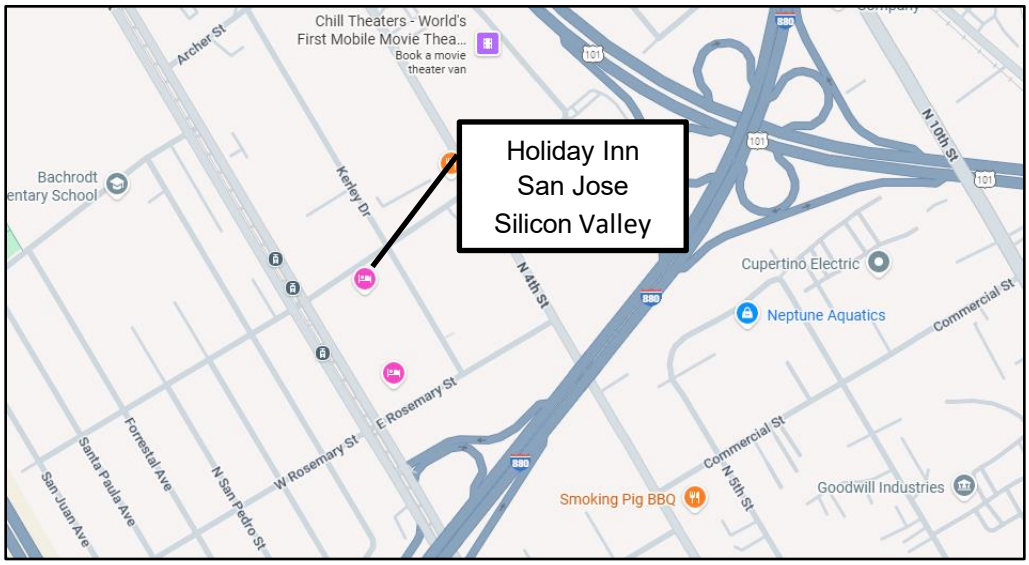
The FLiXBUS stop is located at the San Jose Diridon Station. From the station, take the VTA Green Line LRT to Gish Station.



<u>Convention Activities:</u> Registration and sign-in will take place in the Holiday Inn lobby starting at 7:30 AM on all three days, with buses departing **<u>promptly at 8:00 AM</u>** each day.

<u>Garage and Facility Tours:</u> The itinerary has not been finalized and is highly dependent on whether properties are receptive to having visitors. The final lists of stops will be posted on the MBS website and MBS Facebook pages 1 week prior to the convention.

- **Thursday, April 16** – Palo Alto Caltrain station, Samtrans North Base, Daly City BART, Golden Gate Transit.
- **Friday, April 17** – San Francisco MUNI Presidio and Wood divisions, Market Street Railway store, San Francisco Ferry Terminal, VTA Cerone division and San Jose Railway Station. Annual meeting and Flea Market in the evening. Presentations by San Francisco MTA Planning Manager Paul Bignardi and retired San Francisco MTA Operations Manager David Banbury.
- **Saturday, April 18** – Santa Cruz, Monterey-Salinas, Pacific Bus Museum, AC Transit East Oakland division.



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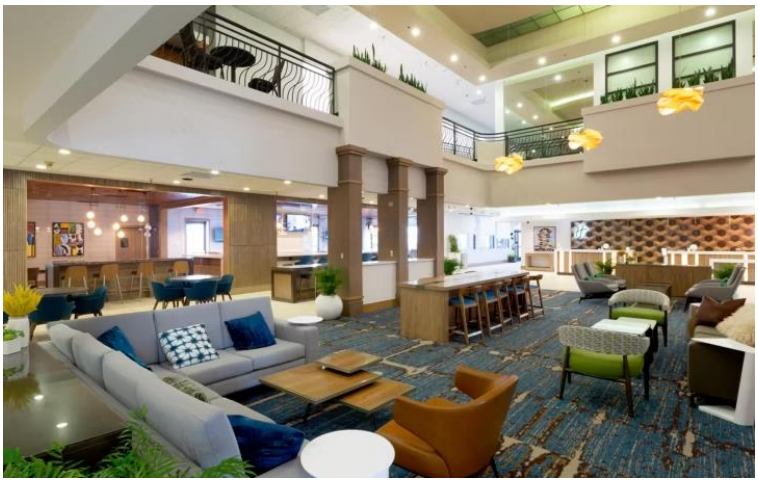
HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Room reservations must be made by either the online website (link below) or by calling the Hotel directly.



Holiday Inn San Jose – Silicon Valley
1350 North 1st Street
San Jose, CA, 95112
Phone: (408) 453-6200

Group Name: **The Motor Bus Society**
(Please use the group name when booking room via phone)

A block of rooms has been set aside for MBS members based on the room rates and dates shown below. For dates outside of the dates shown, MBS members are asked to use the Holiday Inn (IHG) website. The MBS room rate will only be available from April 15th to 19th inclusive.

Holiday Inn San Jose - Silicon Valley	Wednesday, April 15	Thursday, April 16	Friday, April 17	Saturday, April 18
Deluxe King	$ 149	$ 149	$ 149	$ 149
Deluxe Two Queens	$ 149	$ 149	$ 149	$ 149
The room rates do not include local, State and Federal taxes, currently at 14%, subject to change.				

To book online, please click on the link below for the Holiday Inn (IHG) secured website:

Click the link to: MBS Room Booking Rate

- This link should take you directly to the MBS room block page for the Holiday Inn website.
- Click on the “Book A Room” button.
- The dates are defaulted to Wednesday night to Saturday night; If you need to change this, click on the “edit stay” link at the top right of the page.
- Click on the button for the type of room that you prefer and follow the instructions on the screen after that.
- For the policy on cancellations, please refer to the website.

*Hotel reservations **must be made by 5:00 PM (local time) on Monday, March 16, 2026.** Rooms can be guaranteed by a credit card for late arrival. If you are making a reservation by phone, please be sure to have the following information easily accessible when making the phone call:*

Type of card: _____ Number _____-_____-_____-_____ Expires _____-_____

Full name on card: _____

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Attendance Registration Form

Please Mail to: Motor Bus Society, Michael Glikin, Director of Conventions,
118-18 Union Turnpike, Apt. 17L, Kew Gardens, NY, 11415.
Phone Number: (917) 714-7087

Please make ___ reservations for me for the San Jose MBS Convention. I will be attending the following days:

Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

Convention Registration Fees *– Please read table below carefully – Remember to register early!*
The deadline to register is Tuesday, March 31st.

Convention Registration Fees (Per Person) *Please circle appropriate box for the payment you will be making*	**Rates Shown are in U.S. $**			
	All Three Days		**Individual Days**	
	MBS Members	Non MBS Members	MBS Members	Non MBS Members
Payment via Check or Money Order	$ 350	$ 410	$ 125	$ 145

Payment via Check or Money Order:

The check or money order should be payable to "Motor Bus Society II". Canadian and International registrants should pay in US$. A check / money order is enclosed for $ _____ U.S.$

Online payment and registration are available via the Motor Bus Society website.
Click here to start the registration and payment process.

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____State/Prov: _____ ZIP/Code: _____

Phone: (____) ____-_____ E-mail: _____

If paying for additional guests, please list their name and city for their name badge:

Name: _____ City: _____ State/Prov: _____

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By submitting this Registration Form to MBS, I recognize that there are certain inherent risks associated with participating in the activities of this Convention and agree for myself and those registering with me that I/we assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and (if applicable) those registering with me, and further release and discharge the Motor Bus Society for injury, loss or damage arising out of my or their participation in the Spring 2026 Convention. I further understand and agree that the Motor Bus Society is not responsible for actions or injuries caused by participants upon other participants.

By submitting this Registration Form to MBS, I agree to release and hold harmless MBS and its officers and trustees from and against damages, liability, claims and expenses arising from the contraction or spread of disease due to my travel to or participation in any aspect of the MBS Spring Convention.