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News Release: \$8.5 million in Grant Funding to Expand Zero-Emission On-Demand Transit into Santa Clara

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. – The City of Santa Clara is thrilled to announce that the City of Santa Clara and City of Cupertino have been awarded nearly \$8.5 million in State grant funding to expand the Via-Cupertino On-Demand Shuttle service into Santa Clara using a fleet of zero-emission vehicles.

Announced on July 7, 2022, the grant funding is part of the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) issued by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA). The program aims to expand transit and intercity rail service while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

"This is just a wonderful partnership with the City of Cupertino to bring more transit options to those in our community who need it most," says Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor. "As our City transit becomes more interconnected to the region, it's important we're reaching the underserved first, and also looking to the future with more energy efficient, environmentally friendly public transit."

Over the next 5 years, the service expansion will focus on offering improved connections between local Caltrain, Amtrak, and VTA stations to job centers and other destinations such as Kaiser Santa Clara while providing increased transit access for disadvantaged communities, high poverty zones, and senior populations.

View the full list grant awardees and project summaries.

About the City of Santa Clara

Located at the heart of Silicon Valley about 45 miles south of San Francisco, the City of Santa Clara truly is "The Center of What's Possible." Incorporated in 1852, Santa Clara covers an area of 19.3 square miles with an estimated population of 128,000. Santa Clara is home to an extraordinary array of high-tech companies, including Applied Materials, Intel, Nvidia, Oracle, and Ericsson. The City of Santa Clara is also home to Santa Clara University, California's Great America Theme Park, and Levi's® Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers and SB50. For more information, go to <u>SantaClaraCA.gov</u>.

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