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Federal Funds Boost VTA's Zero Emission Bus Technology *(VTA to receive grants for charging infrastructure and workforce development)*

SAN JOSE, CA – Santa Clara Valley will breathe a little easier as federal funds flow in to build up VTA's Zero-Emission bus technology.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the award of \$15 million dollars in federal funding to help VTA build up its zero-emission bus technology and enhance workforce development by retraining existing workers, and recruit and train new workers, in operating and maintaining buses powered with new technology.

The funding will enhance VTA's transition to zero-emission technology with on-route chargers for Battery Electric Buses at the Milpitas Transit Center, a key multi-modal transit hub. The on-route chargers will extend the range the electric buses can travel.

The federal grant will also help VTA install additional depot chargers at its Cerone bus yard. VTA currently has 10 battery electric buses in its fleet. Like all California transit agencies, VTA is required to have a fully zero-emission fleet by the year 2040.

In addition, this federal funding will be applied to 6 battery electric buses and charging infrastructure for the City of Mountain View's *Community Shuttle Service*.

The \$15.6 million dollar funding is made possible through President Biden's 2021 Infrastructure Law, supported by South Bay congressional representatives Khanna, Eshoo and Lofgren, and California U.S. Senators Padilla and Feinstein.

VTA's on-route charging pilot will start around 2024/2025 and Mountain View's electric buses are scheduled to hit the road as soon as 2026.

About VTA

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations and serves as the county's congestion management agency.