



# CITY OF MILPITAS

## Senior Advisory Commission

### SPECIAL MEETING

### AGENDA

1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12, 2025  
Barbara Lee Senior Center – Room 140/141

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Seating of Alternates
5. Approval of Agenda: February 12, 2025

#### 6. Public Forum

*Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on the agenda. Speakers must state their name (address is optional) for the record and limit their remarks to three minutes or less. For items not listed on the agenda, no response is required of City staff or Commissioners. However, Commissioners may ask staff to place the item on a future meeting agenda.*

#### 7. Business Item

- a. Letter of Support for the City's 2016 Measure B Grant Application to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for Milpitas SMART – Jay Lee, Planning Director

**Background:** In November 2016, Santa Clara County voters approved Measure B, a 30-year half-cent sales tax to enhance transit and transportation programs. The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) created the Innovative Transit Service Models Program to fund eligible city projects.

City staff, in collaboration with transportation consulting firm RideCo, applied for a grant to develop Milpitas SMART, an on-demand app-based transit service connecting to VTA light rail and other key locations. The City of Milpitas received a grant of \$1,084,732 and launched SMART on September 12, 2022. The service operates on weekdays and Saturdays using hybrid vehicles that accommodate wheelchairs and bicycles. Ridership has grown significantly, reaching 4,681 in December 2024, with 68% of rides taken by disadvantaged populations.

On December 16, 2024, VTA announced a new competitive grant cycle to support innovative transit models, allowing for the continuation or expansion of existing programs. The City plans to submit a funding application by February 24, 2025, as current funding is expected to run out by August 2025.

**Recommendation:** Consider providing a Letter of Support for the City's 2016 Measure B Grant Application to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for Milpitas SMART.

## 8. Adjournment

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