



VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Representing the Communities of Adelanto, Apple Valley, Hesperia,
Victorville and San Bernardino County

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VVTA Transit Facility Dedication

HESPERIA, APRIL 20, 2012: Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) will dedicate the new VVTA Transit Administration, Operations and Maintenance Facility at 11:00 a.m. on April 20, 2012 at 17150 Smoketree Street.

Hosting the event will be Barb Stanton, VVTA Board Chair and Town of Apple Valley Mayor. Speakers will include Leslie Rogers, FTA Region 9 Administrator; Brad Mitzelfelt, San Bernardino First District Supervisor; and Larry McCallon, President of San Bernardino Association of Governments and Mayor of Highland. Representatives for Senator Sharon Runner, Assemblyman Steve Knight and Assemblyman Tim Donnelly will present Certificates of Recognition to VVTA. Tours of the facility will be offered following the ceremony.

The new facility is located on 10 acres at the corner of Smoketree Street and E Avenue in Hesperia. The Administration building is a candidate for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold rating and its Maintenance building is on target for a LEED Silver rating.

VVTA's facility includes the following LEED attributes:

- ◆ State-of-the-art underground storm water treatment and retention system;
- ◆ Solar tubes to reduce the need for artificial lighting in hallways and some offices;
- ◆ Water recycling for the bus wash, featuring reverse osmosis deionization, which recycles 80% of water;
- ◆ Innovative heating and ventilation system in which clean air flows up through the floor rather than being pushed down from the ceilings;
- ◆ Photovoltaic power system, which will produce all of the facility's electricity requirements;
- ◆ Shade for buses to reduce air conditioning cooling times, saving fuel and reducing emissions.

"Since its inception in 1992, VVTA ridership has grown and we have expanded service to accommodate this growth. Our new facility will enable us to provide superior local bus service for years to come," said Kevin Kane, Executive Director of VVTA. "The facility's eco-friendly features not only accommodate our current

and future needs, but also enable us to operate more effectively and efficiently. This benefits everyone in the community.”

VVTA has embraced the opportunities its new facility offers and at the dedication will formally announce two exciting, new transit projects:

- First is a Six (6) Month Demonstration of Public Transit Service between Victor Valley, Barstow and Fort Irwin, to begin Tuesday, May 15, 2012. VVTA anticipates over 300 riders per day.
- Second, VVTA will announce its first-ever vanpool program. VVTA’s program will subsidize up to \$400 per month for the cost of a vanpool open to the general public. Between 75 and 150 vanpools are expected to be registered within the first six months of the program. Details to follow.

VVTA provides local and regional bus service to the communities of Adelanto, Apple Valley, Hesperia, Victorville and unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County, as well as limited service between Barstow and Victor Valley.

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Attachments:

- ♦ VVTA Facility Dedication Invitation
- ♦ VVTA Facility Map

