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Subject: RAW VIDEO: VTA Mechanics Donate Work Boots to Support the Unhoused



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[RAW VIDEO – VTA donating boots including sound bite from VTA Mechanic Erik Larsen](#)

SAN JOSE, CA – On **Saturday, December 6**, VTA mechanics will donate **120 pairs of gently used work boots** to support local unhoused individuals during the winter season. The boots will be delivered to the Holiday 5K fundraiser sponsored by the San Jose Gurdwara and Silicon Valley Interfaith Council.

The boot drive was created by **VTA Mechanic Erik Larsen**, who worked with all VTA maintenance divisions to collect, sort, and clean the donated boots. Employees throughout bus and light rail maintenance stepped up, contributing their still-usable pairs and filling several large bags. Erik hopes this becomes an annual tradition.

The San Jose Gurdwara working with the Silicon Valley Interfaith Council—recognized for its longstanding unhoused outreach across Santa Clara County—will distribute the boots as

part of their annual Winter Drive, which also includes coats, hygiene kits, warm meals, and essential services. VTA's donation will be announced during the Gurdwara's Holiday 5K fundraiser on Saturday, December 6 at 9:00 a.m.

"I'm grateful for how quickly everyone came together to support this idea," said VTA Mechanic Erik Larsen. "These boots have served our teams well, and now they'll go on to help people who really need them this winter. I hope this becomes a tradition we continue every year."

This marks VTA's first work boot donation effort, highlighting the dedication of VTA employees to supporting the community beyond their day-to-day work.

WHEN: Saturday, December 6, 2024, from 8:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: San Jose Gurdwara, 3636 Gurdwara Ave, San Jose, CA

WHO: VTA employee-led; Lead organizer: Erik Larsen, VTA Guadalupe Light Rail Division Mechanic

About VTA

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San Jose, CA – The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors has elected Campbell Mayor Sergio Lopez to serve a second consecutive term as VTA Board Chair. It is the first time for a board chair to serve consecutive terms, since VTA made the allowance in 2021.

Lopez's re-election reflects the Board's confidence in his collaborative leadership and commitment to strengthening transit throughout Santa Clara County.

During his second term, Lopez will advance key priorities from his first year as Chair, including strengthening governance and accountability, improving Board orientation and operational transparency, and supporting progress on major capital projects such as the BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension. He will also continue efforts to enhance workplace culture and ensure VTA is prepared to serve riders during major regional events in the coming years.

The Board also voted for San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan to continue serving as Vice Chair for the coming year, maintaining continuity in leadership as VTA advances key projects and priorities.

The new leadership terms begin immediately and will run through December 2025.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Work Notification – 2100 California Street Bus Stop (Thursday & Friday)

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Hello,

I hope this email finds you well.

This is to inform you that our crew will be working at the **2100 California Street bus stop** on **Thursday and Friday**. The work will include **concrete removal and concrete placement**.

I have attached a picture of the work area for your reference.

Please let us know if you have any questions or require additional coordination.

Thank you

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