



## MILPITAS IS CHARGING AHEAD!

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# INSIDE THE CITY OF MILPITAS



## **Letter From the Interim City Manager Deanna J. Santana**

As we look to the future, I'm proud to share how the City of Milpitas is charging ahead—with financial resilience, innovative partnerships, and investments that reflect your values and priorities.

On June 3, 2025, the City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget. This budget is a significant milestone on our path toward long-term sustainability. We closed the current-year deficit and reduced our five-year structural budget gap by 43%—from \$28.5 million to \$16.3 million. Just as important, we accomplished this while protecting core services, retaining all filled staff positions, and planning for future stability. The progress made through this year's balanced budget has contributed to a projected \$1 million deficit in FY 2027-28—significantly lower than earlier projections. Continued disciplined planning and proactive management are expected to eliminate this remaining shortfall in the near future.

The adopted budget aligns closely with community values and feedback received through a December 2024 community survey. The allocation of dollars to each of the City Council's six priority areas reflects the ranking identified by community survey respondents, which are: Public Safety, Neighborhoods and Housing, Community Wellness and Open Space, Economic Development and Job Growth, Environment, and Transportation and Transit. This alignment ensures the City's financial decisions are community-driven and responsive to residents' priorities.

Our progress goes far beyond the numbers:

- \$3.1 million in park upgrades completed at 13 locations—with new playgrounds, pathways, and restrooms—delivered under budget.
- \$5 million in new federal grants secured for traffic and pedestrian safety improvements, especially near schools and busy intersections.

- Milpitas SMART is nearing its 100,000th ride—connecting residents affordably while reducing emissions.
- 2,700 new housing units are in the pipeline—demonstrating our commitment to balanced, inclusive growth.
- New emergency rescue cruiser deployed by our Police Department—delivering faster medical response in emergencies.
- Gateway-Main Street Specific Plan is now live, outlining a vision for a walkable, vibrant downtown full of energy, opportunity, and green space.
- Main Street Revitalization is in full swing, with support for local restaurants, business façade improvements, and the formation of the Milpitas Historic Downtown Business Association.
- Attracting major employers like BD Biosciences, bringing 1,000 new jobs to Milpitas.
- Launching the Innovation District, with 3 million square feet of employment space and thousands of future jobs.

We're welcoming Rivian—a national leader in electric vehicles—to Milpitas, where their Last Mile Hub will bring clean tech jobs, critical revenue, and greater visibility to our City. Alongside our Go Electric Milpitas partnership with Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) and the Department of Energy—which will provide up to \$3 million in additional rebates for home electrification in Milpitas—we're also leveraging \$874,000 in SVCE grant funding. This funding will help electrify our City fleet, add EV charging infrastructure at the Public Works Administration building, and support broader sustainability efforts.

Milpitas is a City on the rise. With your partnership, we're doing more than just managing—we're leading. We're building a City that's safer, more sustainable, more inclusive, and economically resilient.

Thank you for being part of this exciting journey. Let's keep charging ahead—together.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deanna J. Santana".





## RIVIAN EXPANDS PRESENCE IN SILICON VALLEY WITH NEW FACILITY IN MILPITAS

Rivian, the leading electric adventure vehicle manufacturer, is bringing its innovative technology and sustainable vehicles to Milpitas. The company has announced plans to establish a new facility in Milpitas, which further strengthens its footprint in Silicon Valley and advances its mission of electrifying transportation. On March 4, 2025, the Milpitas City Council unanimously approved an Economic Development Incentive Agreement that solidifies the City of Milpitas and Rivian partnership for years to come. Rivian is in expansion mode and interested in occupying 755 Yosemite Drive in Milpitas to function as a Last Mile Hub (LMH). The LMH will serve as the location for inspections/service, sales/leases, and, importantly, where customers pick up their vehicles. The City and Rivian believe the business activities at the Milpitas LMH will result in substantial public benefits to the City in sales tax revenues, as these business activities are recorded at the point of delivery.

## HOME ELECTRIFICATION MADE EASY AND AFFORDABLE WITH “GO ELECTRIC, MILPITAS!”

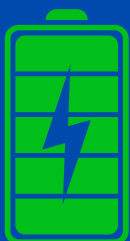


Milpitas has launched a new program that offers residents access to an exclusive \$3,600+ in home electrification add-on rebates on top of approximately \$13,000 in base rebates. Switching from gas to electric appliances contributes to a safer and healthier home while reducing your carbon footprint, but we understand it can be a daunting process. Join us at City Hall’s Permit Center on Tuesdays from 1PM to 4PM for Electrification Tuesdays to ask questions and get immediate answers from City staff and electrification experts. For more information, visit [milpitas.gov/1199/Electrification-Corner](https://milpitas.gov/1199/Electrification-Corner)

## RIDE MILPITAS SMART – YOU COULD BE OUR 100,000TH RIDER!



Milpitas SMART is moving full speed ahead—and we’re approaching an exciting milestone! We’re inviting all residents to hop on board and help us celebrate as we near 100,000 rides. The lucky 100,000th rider will receive a special prize package as a thank you for supporting sustainable, local transit—including a limited-edition hoodie, a stylish Milpitas SMART tumbler, and 100 free rides. By choosing SMART over a personal vehicle, you’re helping cut down on traffic, emissions, and fuel costs, all while enjoying a smooth, affordable ride to key destinations across Milpitas. So, whether you’re heading to work, school, shopping, or just out for fun, take a SMART ride and you might make history! Download the app at [milpitas.gov/smart](https://milpitas.gov/smart) today!







# MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS SEASONED INTERIM CITY MANAGER

The Milpitas City Council announced the appointment of Ms. Deanna J. Santana to serve as Interim City Manager. Santana will focus on stabilizing the organization and setting the groundwork for a multi-year fiscal strategy. With a growing structural budget deficit projected in the coming years, her expertise in budget planning and fiscal reform will be instrumental in helping the City Council make proactive decisions that best preserve community core services and employees’ capacity to deliver them. Santana’s deep public service experience includes working nationally, regionally, and locally and her experience spans a diverse spectrum of disciplines such as: investment and financial services; management, service delivery, and operations; research; philanthropy; and working within the complex Silicon Valley ecosystem to balance community needs with business sustainability.

# CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS FY 25–26 BUDGET

On June 3, 2025, the Milpitas City Council officially adopted the City’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Operating Budget, taking decisive steps toward long-term financial stability while maintaining vital services for the community. The approved budget closes the City’s projected deficit for the current year and reduces the five-year structural budget by 43%—from \$28.5 million to \$16.3 million. The adopted budget aligns closely with community values and feedback received through a December 2024 community survey. The allocation of dollars to each of the City Council’s six priority areas reflects the ranking identified by community survey respondents, which are: Public Safety, Neighborhoods and Housing, Community Wellness and Open Space, Economic Development and Job Growth, Environment, and Transportation and Transit. This alignment ensures the City’s financial decisions are community-driven and responsive to residents’ priorities. Watch the meeting here: [fb.watch/A0bJSwackB/](https://fb.watch/A0bJSwackB/)



# JOIN US FOR MAYOR MONTANO’S STATE OF THE CITY!

Milpitas is charging ahead with fiscal resilience, setting a regional example in clean energy, innovation, and climate action. With the new budget adopted by the City Council, we now have a clear and actionable path toward long-term sustainability —balancing economic growth with environmental responsibility. This forward momentum reflects our commitment to smart governance, resilient infrastructure, and a thriving quality of life for all residents. On **June 26 at 5:30 P.M.** in the Milpitas City Council Chambers, Mayor Carmen Montano will deliver the State of the City address. Join us for a landmark celebration of transformative progress—highlighting key City achievements, welcoming Rivian into our innovation ecosystem, and showcasing how strategic planning is shaping a more sustainable, inclusive, and connected future. Be part of the vision as we look ahead to the next chapter of Milpitas’ leadership in innovation and community-driven growth.





## SELF-HAUL VOUCHER PROGRAM

Have large bulky items that you need to get rid of? Request up to two self-haul vouchers per year to dispose of bulky items at the Zanker Material Processing Facility. Each voucher allows the disposal of one vehicle load of approved items. Visit [milpitas.info/4dDK7Ka](https://milpitas.info/4dDK7Ka) to learn more.



## SIGN UP FOR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP!

Look for annual Neighborhood Clean-up Events and sign up to bring your large, bulky items to dispose of in a debris bin dumpster. These clean-up events occur monthly from spring through fall. Registration is required, and each household is limited to one truckload per event, with participation in one event per year. Visit [milpitas.info/3ZEMfLH](https://milpitas.info/3ZEMfLH) to sign up.

## DROP OFF HAZARDOUS WASTE!

Safely dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) such as old paint, pesticides, and cleaners by scheduling a drop-off appointment at a Santa Clara County hazardous waste collection facility. To make an appointment, visit [HHW.org](https://HHW.org) or call 408-299-7300. Proper disposal of HHW helps protect the environment and keeps harmful materials out of the waste stream.



## CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

The Public Works Department is actively investing in the future of our City—delivering projects that improve daily life and strengthen community infrastructure. Here's how your capital dollars are making a lasting impact.



### PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT 13 CITY PARKS - \$3.1 MILLION RECENTLY COMPLETED

This project provided for the design and construction to address health and safety repairs and improvements at 13 City parks with improvements to fitness stations, playground areas, picnic areas, and more. Parks included Ben Rodgers, Foothill, Hidden Lake, Murphy, Oliver Jones, Parc Metro West, Robert E. Browne, Sandalwood, Sinnott, Strickroth, Starlite, Sunnyhills, Albert Augustine Jr. Memorial, and Tom Evatt.



### STREET PAVEMENT RESTRIPIING PROGRAM - \$950,000 RECENTLY COMPLETED

Public Works set out to complete an ambitious project to restripe many of our most traveled arterial streets. The goal of the project was to improve safety through increased visibility of the street markings and to also reduce ongoing maintenance expenses. Over the course of the project additional locations were included.



### DEMPSEY WATER LINE - \$5 MILLION JUNE 2025 - MARCH 2026

The Dempsey Project provides for design and construction to replace approximately 5,400 feet of 12-inch diameter cast iron pipe with PVC pipe along sections of Dempsey Road. The construction is anticipated to be completed by spring 2026 followed by a new road paving project in summer 2026.



### DELANO WELL CONSTRUCTION- \$5.5 MILLION MAY 2025 - AUGUST 2026

This project provides for the design and construction of a new Well including pump station and treatment facility at Delano Manongs Park to serve future anticipated growth in the Midtown and Metro Specific Plan areas. The construction is anticipated to be completed by summer 2026 followed by the construction of a pedestrian bridge and, finally, a large dog enclosed play area.



### 2024 STREET SEALING PHASE 2 - \$3 MILLION JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2025

This project provides for the repair, rehabilitation, and/or reconstruction of roadway pavement. Streets are selected for improvement based on a Pavement Management System to optimize the pavement condition rating and use of funding. The project will include replacement and upgrade of curb, gutter, driveway, sidewalk, installation of ADA ramps, and installation of Class II bike lanes and Class III bike route facilities as described in the 2022 Trail, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Master Plan. The project also includes a new pathway at Strickroth Park.



### SINNOTT PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION - \$1.7 MILLION

DESIGN: EARLY 2026 | CONSTRUCTION: APRIL 2026- END OF 2026

The Project provides for the design and replacement of playground equipment at Sinnott Park. Two rounds of community outreach meetings to solicit community preferences around playground structures and features were conducted. Staff presented the conceptual design, based on community feedback, to the City Council on June 3, 2025.





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## MILPITAS SECURES \$5 MILLION FEDERAL GRANTS FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

The City of Milpitas has secured nearly \$5 million in federal funding to improve traffic and pedestrian safety. This includes a \$2,064,330 grant from the Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) announced in February 2025, administered by the Federal Highway Administration. In 2024, the City was also awarded \$2.9 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program to enhance pedestrian safety at intersections near local schools and reduce crashes along school routes. These grants reinforce the City's commitment to improving mobility and ensuring safer streets for all residents.



## DISCOVER WHAT'S COMING: EXPLORE THE NEW GATEWAY-MAIN STREET SPECIFIC PLAN TODAY!



Explore the future vision for Downtown Milpitas with detailed plans on land use, mobility improvements, public spaces, and infrastructure. This plan focuses on enhancing the heart of our City and creating vibrant, connected spaces for all. The Public Draft Plan and the associated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) are now available for public review. We invite community members to explore the full draft, learn about the proposed vision for the area, and share your thoughts to help shape the future of Main Street. Visit: [www.milpitasmainstreet.org](http://www.milpitasmainstreet.org).

## MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT CONVERTS CRUISER INTO LIFE-SAVING RESCUE UNIT



Facing growing delays in ambulance response due to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staffing shortages, the Milpitas Police Department (PD) has taken a bold step to protect its own — transforming a standard patrol cruiser into a fully equipped emergency rescue vehicle designed to give wounded officers a fighting chance when seconds matter most. The custom-designed “load and go” vehicle allows for rapid field evacuation and en route medical aid for critically injured officers. Outfitted with a hard stretcher, oxygen, trauma gear, and AEDs, the rescue unit is purpose-built to bridge the critical gap between injury and hospital care. Milpitas PD hopes other agencies will follow suit, especially as EMS response challenges continue to grow nationwide.