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### Trolley Joins SCV Transit Fleet

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The city of Santa Clarita recently announced the incorporation of its new trolley as part of the Santa Clarita Transit Authority's regular fleet.

The official transportation times and schedules will be provided within the week, and the trolley will likely begin operating as early as next week, city spokeswoman Gail Ortiz said.

The city's new Hometown Trolley will join the regular transit service fleet as early as next week, city spokesman Gail Ortiz said. Initially, rides on the trolley will be free of charge within the Valencia Town Center and Valencia Industrial Center areas.

In the first phase operations, the city's trolley services will be offered free of charge within the Valencia Town Center and Valencia Industrial Areas.

"The Hometown Trolley is a great addition to our community," City Manager Ken Pulskamp said in a statement. "It fits in well with our improvements to the city's transit program and we are pleased to be able to introduce the new trolley in time for the holiday season."

The trolley will also be used throughout the year in community events such as holiday light tours, the city's Holiday Parade and the Fourth of July Parade.

"This is a great and fun way to highlight the importance of public transportation within our community and we hope the community will enjoy it," transit manager Jeff O'Keefe said in a statement.

The addition of the trolley was announced during a City Council study session Tuesday where council members received updates from transit officials on the city's Transportation Development Plan.

Other city transportation projects in the works include the establishment of a transportation information network, bus stop improvement program, transit maintenance facility and universal fare system.

Additionally, city transit staff expect to perform a number of schedule changes to the Santa Clarita Transit routes by January.

"The city's transit system is a service that has improved quite a bit recently," Pulskamp said during the session. "I see this service improving even more over the upcoming years as Santa Clarita becomes a vibrant city with great public transportation services."