



**VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY,  
HEALTH, COMMUNITY AND MOBILITY  
IN THE HIGH DESERT**

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## Robust Public Transportation Services Improve Community Health

Numerous studies have shown that community investment in public transit:

- Encourages people to rely on health promoting alternative modes of transportation (e.g. walking & cycling)
- Reduces traffic collisions and emissions
- Increases physical fitness and mental health
- Provides access to medical care and healthy food





## **Public Transit Service Providing a Vital Link to Non-Emergency Medical Care**

For some people, public transportation provides the only means for accessing health care appointments and other human service benefits.



## **Fighting Isolation**

Public transportation, mobility enhancement programs and the road to recovery



# The Benefits of Community Integration



- Family relations and social contacts
- Work options
- Economic independence
- Educational Advancement
- Cultural enrichment
- Recreation



**Transportation is the vital link to all of the benefits of community. Therefore, transportation is at the very heart of community integration, as well as recovery.**

## Common Barriers Related to Transportation

- Affordability
- Accessibility
- Applicability
- Availability
- Awareness

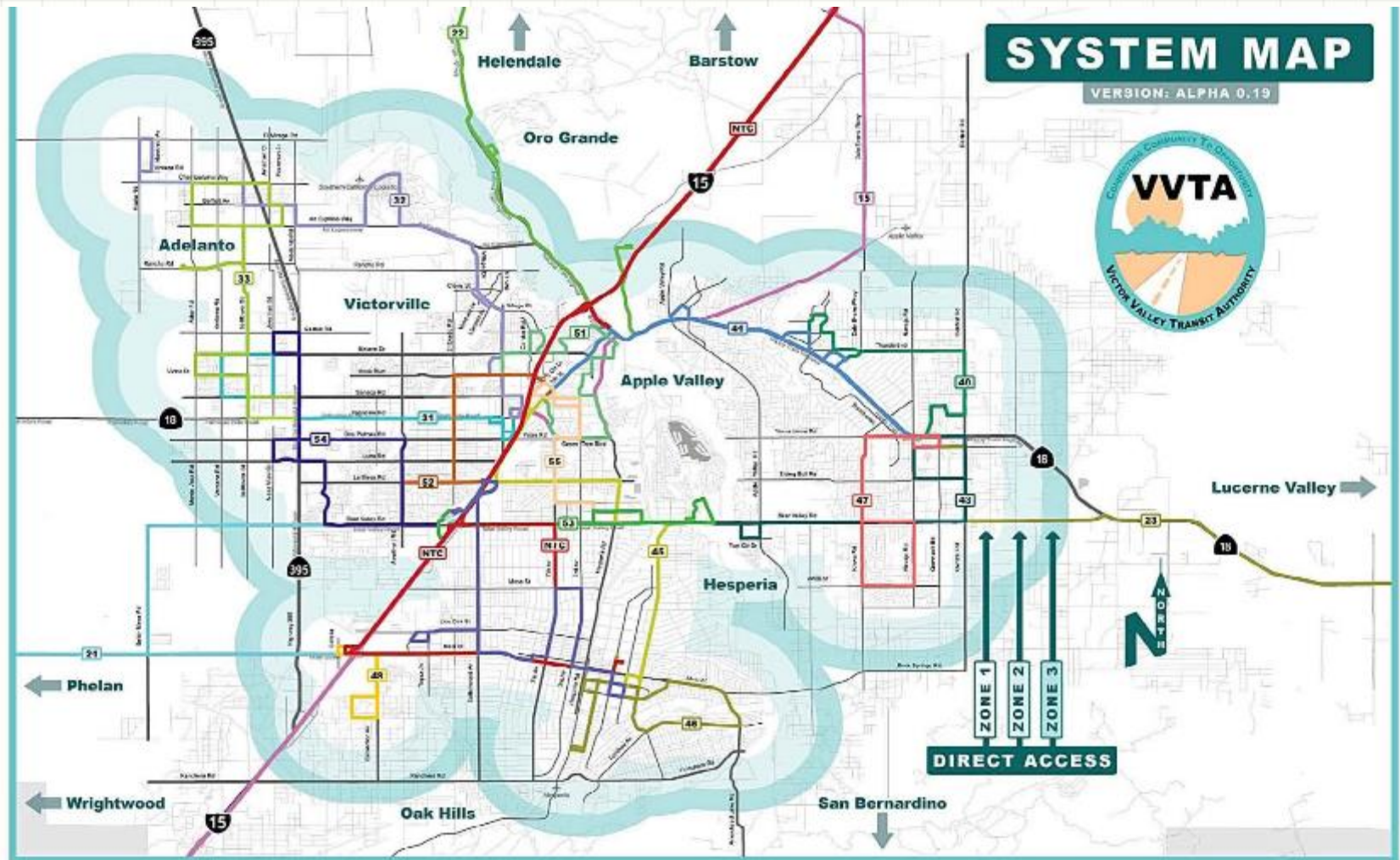


# VVTA, Public Health and the High Desert





VVTA has been expanding its service area to ensure that more people in the High Desert and Barstow have access to public transportation.



# Community Participation and Outreach

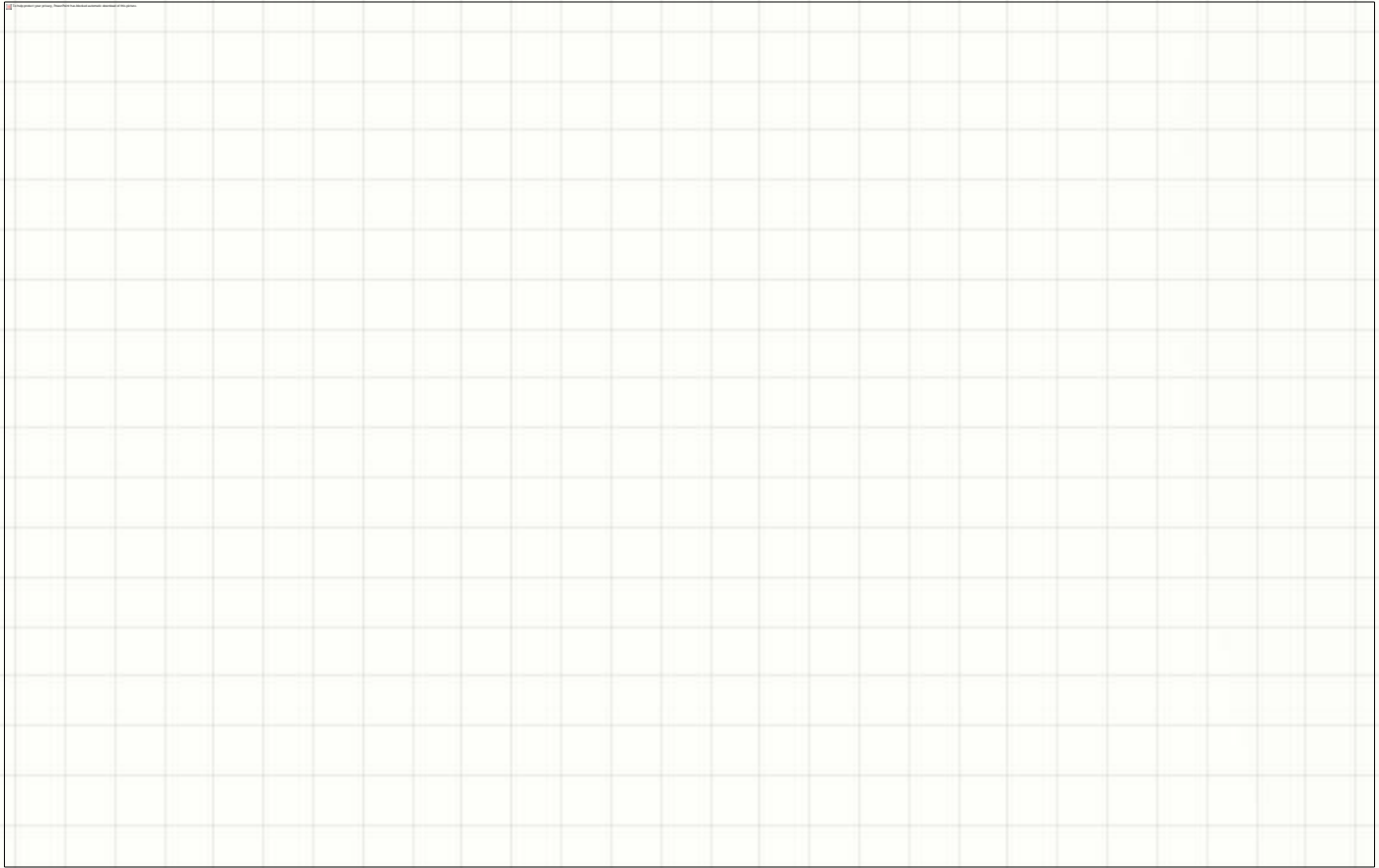


- Promoting VVTA services and programs at community events, schools and medical centers
- Working with nonprofit organizations and human services agencies
- Working with regional community service groups
- Public awareness campaign

# OTHER MOBILITY PROGRAMS



# Travel Training Program





# TRANSIT AMBASSADORS PROGRAM



# REDUCED FARE RATES FOR VETERANS



# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- TRAVEL TRAINER CERTIFICATION
- GRANT MANAGEMENT
- TRAVEL TRAINING BUS
- TRIP (VOLUNTEER DRIVER REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM)
- LOCAL MATCH ASSISTANCE AND NEW VEHICLE PROCUREMENT
- VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM



# Non Profit Agencies Currently Partnering with VVTA to Provide Transportation

- Victor Valley Family Resource Center
- Victor Valley Community Services Council
- The Orenda House Foundation
- Foothill Aids Project



# Programs Which Could Benefit Saint Mary's Medical Center Clientele Directly



# A Potential Partnership to Improve Access to Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

**Saint Mary's Medical Center**



**Victor Valley Transit Authority**



# NEMT PARTNERSHIP WITH UBER, LYFT AND OTHER TNCs





# NEEDLES CARSHARE PROGRAM





# DRIVER TRAINING AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE



# Who do People Call?

- At VVTA for the High Desert Program



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