

Looking Back at the **CITY WORK PROGRAM** in 2021

The City of Cupertino's Work Program guides many of the major efforts of the City for the upcoming fiscal year. The Work Program ensures that staff efforts are aligned with the goals set by the Mayor and City Council, and thus, the community. This approach keeps the City transparent and holds us accountable to focusing resources on strategies to best serve our community's needs and aspirations.

The City Council led the City in a wide variety of projects, focusing on different aspects to improve the quality of life for the Cupertino community. Take a look at some of the highlights from the past year:

TRANSPORTATION

Via-Cupertino, the City's on-demand shuttle that will take you anywhere you want to go in Cupertino, was relaunched this year. The service was missed during the pandemic, and is now back on the roads. To learn more on how to ride with Via, including getting discounted fares, and weekly or monthly passes, visit cupertino.org/shuttle.



HOUSING:

The City collaborated with De Anza College and West Valley Community Services to develop the Cupertino Housing Program for De Anza Students. Funds were allocated to two new programs—Housing Assistance Grants to provide students with monetary assistance for housing and move-in costs, and the Housing Sharing Program which recruited Cupertino homeowners to match with eligible De Anza student renters.



ENVIRONMENTAL:

Over the past year, the City has been working to update the Climate Action Plan, a comprehensive strategy on how the City can best combat Climate Change. Getting feedback from the community on the Climate Action Plan was one of the many ways the City has been implementing robust engagement tools for two-way communication with Cupertino residents. [EngageCupertino.org](https://www.cupertino.org/EngageCupertino.org) allows project managers to host surveys, Q&As, and project details all in one place, while also providing residents with the opportunity to ask questions, make comments, and engage directly with the City.



HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Secondhand smoke is responsible for an estimated 34,000 heart disease-related and 7,300 lung cancer-related deaths among adult nonsmokers each year. To combat this issue, the City Council developed a new ordinance to reduce the exposure to secondhand smoke, protecting Cupertino residents, employees, and visitors from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke. The new ordinance requires many outdoor areas and other locations be smoke-free including in multi-unit housing, smoke-free service areas, and smoke-free public events.

While these are just a few of the major projects included in the City Work Program, the City has accomplished many more across a wide variety of areas. Under the guidance of the City Council, this year also saw the Climate Victory Gardens program, the Bird Safe/Dark Sky ordinance, the Art in Unexpected Places program, outreach for a Single-Use Plastics ordinance, and so much more. To learn more about the projects from the City Work Program, visit [cupertino.org/cityworkprogram](https://www.cupertino.org/cityworkprogram).