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NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA
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I recall that when I was Mayor of a city north of here I thought it would be a real mark of accomplishment if I could do something to get ahead of San Jose and your city's very progressive Mayor.

So we built a downtown transit mall that has proved reasonably successful, and I went on to Washington and other transportation matters.

I found among some of the first requests to come to my desk a proposal for a transit mall in San Jose--and an invitation from Mayor Hayes to see first-hand what was happening in her city.

We approved a federal grant under our urban initiatives program for the transit mall--how could I refuse?--and now I am making good on the promise I made to Mayor Hayes to visit San Jose.

I'm only sorry I waited so long.

However, my visit is more than social. I am announcing today two grants, totaling \$4.8 million, to the Santa Clara County Transit District for the construction of new maintenance and storage facilities and operating division headquarters.

These facilities, at Chaboya station, replacing the San Carlos facility, will provide storage and heavy maintenance for up to 250 buses.

The larger facilities are needed to accomodate the growth of your transit system and the increase in ridership--a growth that will undoubtedly accelerate with the completion of the downtown mall.

Let me just add that I hope more cities have the kind of problems Portland and San Jose have had, and deal with them the same way. We will save fuel and do a lot for our cities at the same time.

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