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# 2014-2015 Operating Budget & Capital Improvement Program

# **BUDGET** \$191.5 Million Total Budget

FACTS Includes the Capital Improvement Program, operations, maintenance, employees, and public safety

### BUDGET GOALS FOR 2014-15

#### **Focus on Aging** Infrastructure

- \$22.5 million on improving/upgrading our roads, City facilities, sidewalks, bridges, parks, and libraries
- \$6.9 million on beautification & landscaping
- \$5.4 million on improving traffic circulation
- \$3.0 million for improved trails & transit



### **Futuristic Approach**

- \$140.000 additional support of the Senior Center and Boys & Girls Club (total annual support to Senior Center is \$750,400)
- \$50,000 to conduct a planning & public participation process to modernize City parks
- **\$50,000** partnership to help bring new electric vehicle charging stations

#### **Increase Operating** Reserves

The City's conservative approach to budgeting provides for an operating reserve of 18% or

\$14.5 million (our goal is to have 20% in reserves)



1%	Successor Agency
2%	Licenses and permits
4%	Charges for current services
18%	Sales tax
24%	Property and other taxes
25%	Developer fees, special assessments
25/0	transit farebox, etc.
26%	Revenue from other agencies





Successor Agency Special Services (legal) City Manager's Office Community Development Debt service, retiree health benefits, contingency reserves Parks. Recreation. & Community Services Public Safety Public Works Capital Projects

Transit, public libraries, Special Districts

4% 11% 11% 12% 21% 31%

1%

4%

4%

## WHAT'S COOL IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

\$150,000 for Community Services and Arts grants for local non-profits (an increase of \$30,000 over last year)

CNG

\$520,000 to design a new tennis complex at Central Park

\$4.7 million for 5 new buses, 4 new Dial-a-Ride buses, and the Trolley - All will use clean-burning CNG fuel



# **FAST FACTS!**

Population: 209,130

Median Household Income: \$86,027

Housing Units: 70,926

Unemployment Rate: 5.3%

We have 29 parks and 7,955 acres of preserved open space

> AAA credit rating from Standard and Poor's



Safety: The FBI rated Santa Clarita as one of the top 10 safest cities in the nation (population over 150,000)

Santa Clarita is the 3rd largest city in Los Angeles County

Date of Incorporation: **December 15, 1987** 

City Size: 61.81 square miles

Libraries: The Santa Clarita Public Library has three branches: Valencia, Newhall, and Canyon Country

Metrolink Stations: Santa Clarita has three stations: Newhall, Saugus, and Canyon Country

