

Shuttle service earns funding

East Palo Alto is set to get \$1.37 million in federal funding to pay for shuttle service, thanks to an appropriations bill signed by President Bush.

The money will pay for new transit service and to help revitalize the Ravenswood industrial area.

About half of the funding will pay for shuttles to fill in the gaps

left by existing bus service. These service gaps often strand seniors, students, night-shift workers and others far from home, officials said.

East Palo Alto Mayor Pat Foster said, "These appropriations will make a big difference for our community."

The bill, approved by the U.S.

House of Representatives last week, was signed by Bush Thursday.

U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, also helped get \$90,000 to help pay for major renovations at the Palo Alto Children's Library, the first public stand-alone library in the United States built exclusively for children. It was built in 1940.