

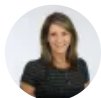
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What's new: Tesla collision repair center coming to San Bernardino

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Tesla and ViaWest Group, a Phoenix-based real estate company, are building a Tesla Collision Service Center at 424 West Orange Show Lane in San Bernardino. (AP Photo/Christophe Ena, File)



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Inland Empire Tesla owners by next year will have a dent repair shop closer at hand.

The EV automaker and ViaWest Group, a Phoenix-based real estate company, are building a Tesla Collision Service Center at 424 West Orange Show Lane near E Street in San Bernardino.

The city said the 30,000-square-foot center, taking the place of a shuttered furniture store, marks the first such repair site for Tesla in the Inland Empire. Other collision facilities are deep in Orange County in Aliso Viejo, San Juan Capistrano, and all the way up in Santa Monica.

“Having Tesla in San Bernardino is a big win for the Inland Empire,” said Mayor Helen Tran in a statement. “There are more and more Teslas on the road every day, and not having to travel to L.A. or Orange counties is very appealing for local and potential owners.”

The center will employ up to 90 people and should be completed by 2025, the city said.

While the project was approved in February, Tesla just confirmed its involvement this week, Tran’s office said.

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“We are excited to play a role in this project, which will bring advanced vehicle repair technology and employment opportunities to the Inland Empire,” said Rodney Boden, ViaWest Group’s vice president of investment and development.

Tesla will own and operate the facility, where owners can get structural repair and light collision work. Cosmetic repairs on bumpers, trunks, side mirrors, wheels and glass also will be available.

Tesla notes the collision center will not feature a sales office or showroom.