

Santa Paula Branch Line Trail MASTER PLAN UPDATE



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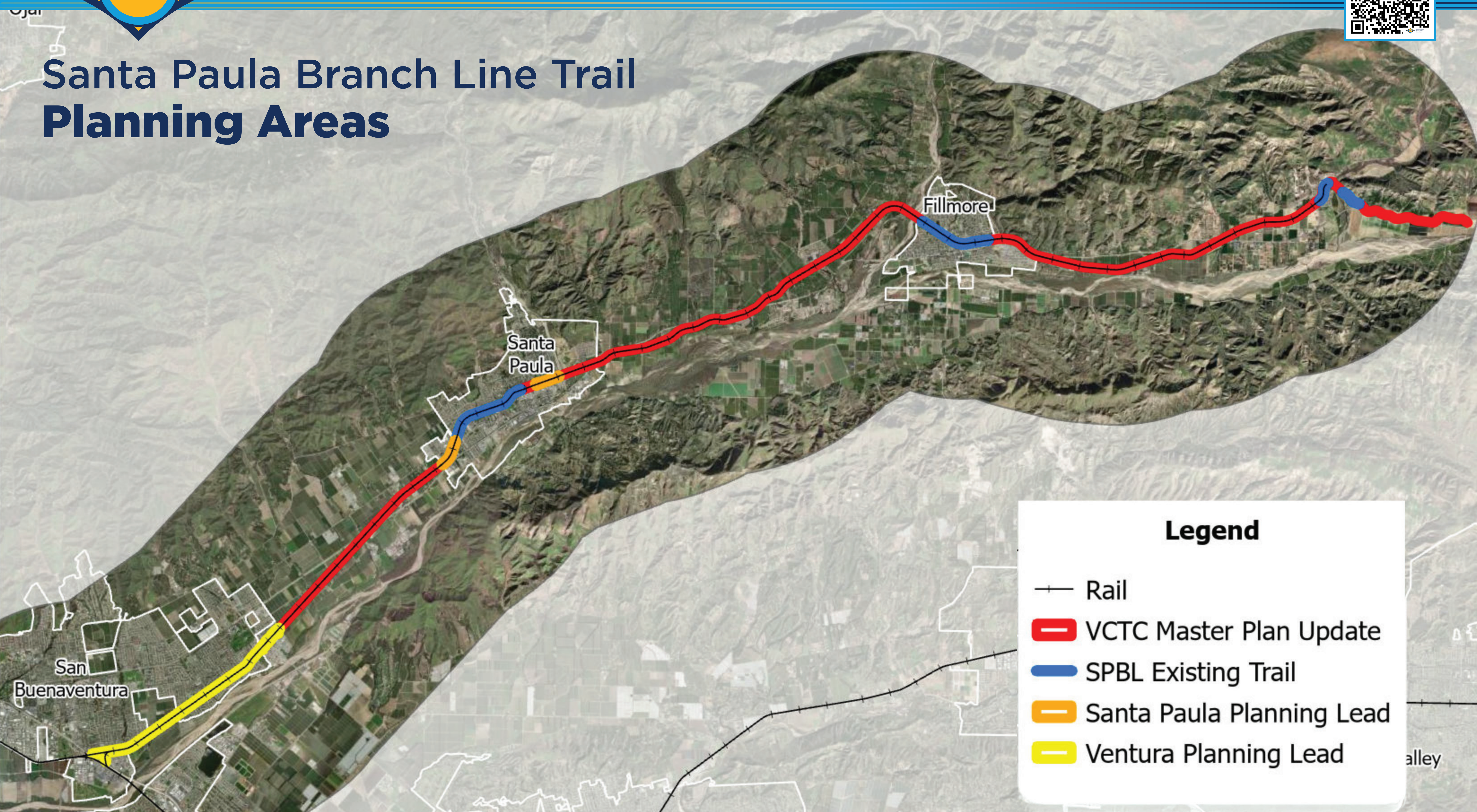
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Santa Paula Branch Line Trail Planning Areas



Legend

- Rail
-  VCTC Master Plan Update
-  SPBL Existing Trail
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Santa Paula Branch Line Trail Project Overview



PROJECT GOAL:

Update the SPBL trail master plan to **facilitate the completion of the Santa Paula Branch Line Trail**

The project includes planning for **27 miles of improvements**:

- ➔ **Over 20 miles of new bicycle and pedestrian trail** along the Santa Paula Branch Line from Saticoy to Piru
- ➔ **Improvements to existing bicycle and pedestrian trail** in the cities of Santa Paula and Fillmore and the community of Piru
- ➔ **Pedestrian and bicycle connections** to transit, housing, education, recreation and job centers
- ➔ **New safer pedestrian and cycling crosswalks**

BENEFITS:

Mobility



- ✓ Improve safety and public health
- ✓ Create safe, accessible routes to schools, workplaces, grocery stores, parks and health care facilities
- ✓ Connect to existing bicycle routes, bus transit, and more

Environmental



- ✓ Reduce air pollution from motorized vehicles, which can damage agricultural crops
- ✓ Facilitate use of clean transportation alternatives
- ✓ Support greenhouse gas reduction and sustainability goals

Economic



- ✓ Increase property values
- ✓ Increase access for commute and recreational trips



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Santa Paula Branch Line Trail About the Master Plan

WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN?

- ➔ **Provides background information and context** for the project
- ➔ **Describes the project's purpose, goals, and objectives** developed through community engagement
- ➔ **Details issues and opportunities** (e.g. regulatory, operational, economic, safety) and how these are addressed by the project
- ➔ **Contains concept designs** and design objectives for the project
- ➔ **Recommends an implementation plan** including funding strategies and a phasing schedule

This project will focus on **updating the original SPBL Recreational Trail Master Plan adopted in 2000**, including:

Validating trail alignment, connections, and amenities



Updating existing conditions



Engaging community



PROJECT OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

- ✓ Meet commuter and recreational needs
- ✓ Connect to existing and planned trails
- ✓ Maximize safety
- ✓ Minimize disruption to adjacent agricultural activities
- ✓ Continued and expanded tourism
- ✓ Integrate cultural, historical, and educational elements
- ✓ High-quality linear park experience



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Santa Paula Branch Line Trail

What is a Program EIR?



EIR =

Environmental Impact Report

Required by:
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

A Program EIR **evaluates the potential environmental impacts of an entire plan**, rather than just one project.

Advantages of completing a Program EIR include:

- ➔ **Considers broad policy alternatives and mitigation early** when there is greater flexibility to deal with them
- ➔ **Flexibility to consider alternatives and mitigation measures** within the broad context of a plan or program
- ➔ **Streamlines approval** of future projects
- ➔ **Supports implementation** of capital improvements
- ➔ **Reduces reconsideration of recurring policy issues** (i.e. VMT or multimodal impacts)
- ➔ **Reduces paperwork**
- ➔ **Provides a thorough consideration of effects** of alternatives
- ➔ **Effectively addresses cumulative impacts**

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS PROCESS:



Project Description



Public Scoping



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Technical Studies



Draft Program EIR



Public Review & Meetings



Final Program EIR



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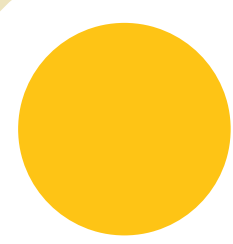
Santa Paula Branch Line Trail Project Timeline

**June-December
2025**



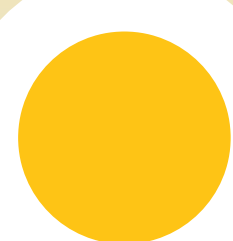
**Community Outreach
and Engagement**

**August-December
2025**



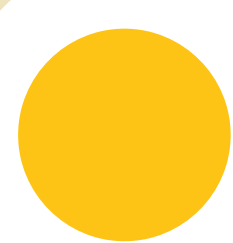
Conceptual Planning

**November 2025-
May 2026**



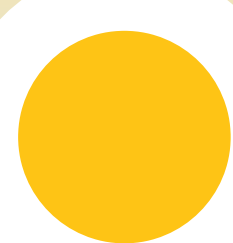
Draft Master Plan

January-May 2026



**Technical Studies
and Draft EIR**

June-July 2026



Public Participation

**August-November
2026**



**Final Master Plan
and Final EIR**



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Santa Paula Branch Line Trail Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

EIR PROCESS HIGHLIGHTS:



**Notice of
Preparation (NOP)**



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Draft EIR
with Technical Studies



**Notice of
Availability (NOA) &
Notice of Completion
(NOC)** starts minimum
45-day Public Review of
Draft EIR



Final EIR
with responses to
public comments



**Certification/Decision
on the Project**
with Findings



**Notice of
Determination (NOD)**
informs public of project
approval and environmental
review findings

TOPICS TO BE EVALUATED IN EIR:

All environmental factors under the state CEQA Guidelines will be evaluated in the EIR, including the following:

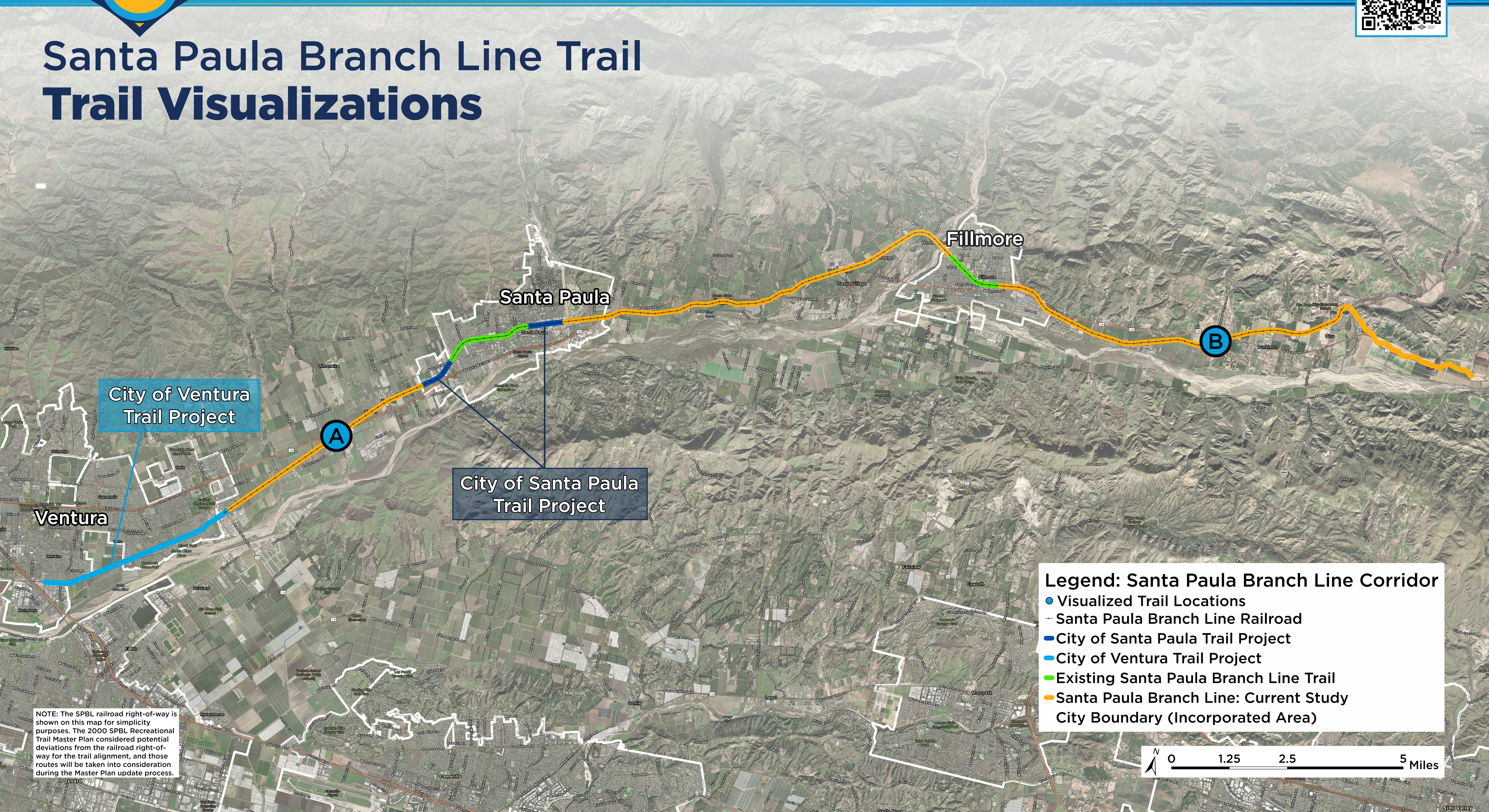
- ➔ **Aesthetics**
- ➔ **Agriculture and Forestry Resources**
- ➔ **Air Quality**
- ➔ **Biological Resources**
- ➔ **Cultural Resources**
- ➔ **Energy**
- ➔ **Geology and Soils**
- ➔ **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
- ➔ **Hazards and Hazardous Materials**
- ➔ **Hydrology and Water Quality**
- ➔ **Land Use and Planning**
- ➔ **Mineral Resources**
- ➔ **Noise**
- ➔ **Population and Housing**
- ➔ **Public Services**
- ➔ **Recreation**
- ➔ **Transportation**
- ➔ **Tribal Cultural Resources**
- ➔ **Utilities and Service Systems**
- ➔ **Wildfire**



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Santa Paula Branch Line Trail Trail Visualizations





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Example of trail along railroad corridor crossing Todd Barranca adjacent to intersection of Todd Road and Pinkerton Road.



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Example of trail along railroad corridor south of SR-126 between Fillmore and Piru.

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Stay Engaged!

Stay involved with the project through:

- ➔ Advisory committees
- ➔ Targeted stakeholder meetings
- ➔ Public workshops
- ➔ Community events
- ➔ Digital engagement
- ➔ Public hearings
- ➔ Reaching out to spbl.trail@goventura.org

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