



SANTA PAULA BRANCH LINE TRAIL MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND EIR

Pin Map Engagement Report

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1. Pin Map Engagement Overview

The Santa Paula Branch Line (SPBL) Trail Master Plan Update Pin Map Engagement tool created a virtual opportunity for community members to learn about the project and provide feedback on the current state of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, intersections, trails, and routes for travel by placing a pin on a map of the project area and adding their comments. Feedback from the Pin Map was used to inform the project’s Existing Conditions report, development of trail alternatives, and potential trail features to be included in the Master Plan Update.

The Pin Map was available for the community to use from August 27, 2025, through February 23, 2026 in 16 languages, including Spanish. A total of 24 comments were received through the Pin Map from 14 individual commenters. Pins were placed in five zip codes along the SPBL trail route and surrounding areas.

Pin Map Description

The Pin Map illustrated existing nearby trail segments, trail projects being completed by the City of Santa Paula and City of Ventura, the trail alignment identified in the 2000 SPBL Trail Master Plan, and the current trail route being studied as part of the SPBL Master Plan Update. Participants were asked to consider the following prompting questions:

- What routes do you typically use to bike, walk, or roll?
- What do you like and dislike about existing routes, trails, bike and pedestrian facilities, and/or intersections?

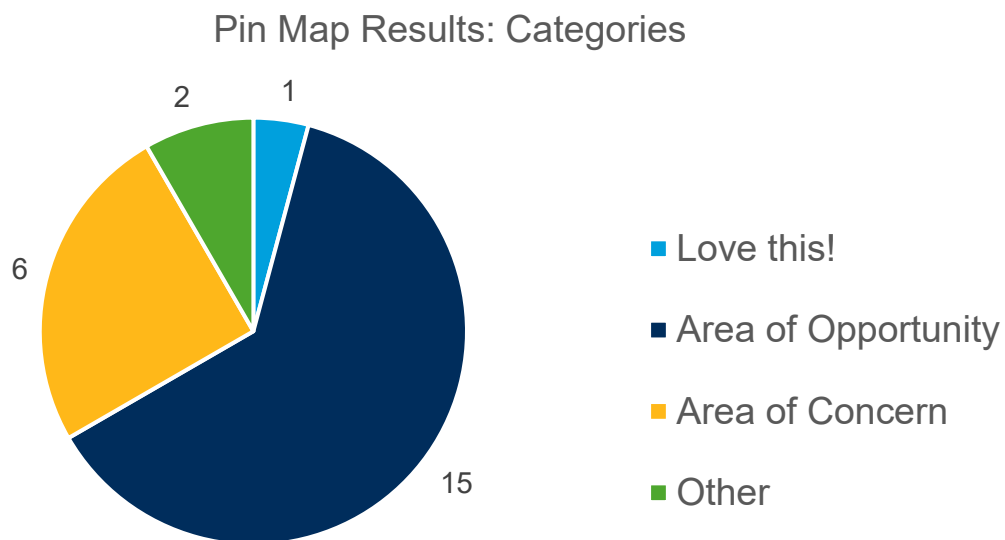


- Looking at the routing options on the map, what preferences or suggestions do you have about the future trail route?
- What preferences or suggestions do you have about the future trail design (e.g., signage, lighting, shade, rest areas, etc.)?

Participants could choose a category for their Pin from the following options and add a comment:

- Love this!
- Area of Opportunity
- Area of Concern
- Other

The figure below summarizes the categories used by the commenters.



Pin Map Outreach

Community members were notified about the Pin Map engagement tool in both English and Spanish through the following communication channels:

- Project Website
- Four (4) boosted social media posts on VCTC Facebook and Instagram accounts
- Six (6) Project Development Team meetings, two (2) Technical Advisory Committee meetings, and two (2) Community Advisory Committee meetings



- Four (4) pop-up events in Santa Paula, Fillmore, Piru, and Saticoy in September and October 2025.
- Newspaper ads in the Santa Paula Times and Fillmore Gazette in October and December 2025.
- Radio ads in October and December 2025.
- Two (2) community workshops in October and December 2025.
- One (1) postcard mailer that was distributed to over 1,000 addresses in the project area in November 2025.

Flyers were also distributed to committee members and community organizations to share with their communities.



2. Pin Map Comments

This table includes the full text of all comments received on the Pin Map. Identifying information has been removed.

Date Submitted	Pin Category	Address of Pin	Full Pin Comment
28-Aug-25	Area of Concern	11477 West Telegraph Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060	I have ridden this section. The trail alternative would be excellent.
29-Aug-25	Other	1804 Old Telegraph Road, Fillmore, CA 93015	Can Trail be 15 feet wide and tree lined on each side?
9-Sep-25	Area of Opportunity	4079 Center Street, Piru, CA 93040	Recently, the Piru Neighborhood Council was able to clear an area 800' along the Piru Creek from close to the trestle bridge, (above on map), to the Center Street Bridge, (below). 400' of this clearing is on the back of Warring Park and will be a GREAT spot to visit the Piru creek! We have about 50 feet more to clear adjacent to the Trestle Bridge but are working on permission for this.
3-Oct-25	Area of Concern	200 North 10th Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060	Please make sure there are clear cross walks that correspond to the actual bike path across streets. The Ventura River/Ojai bike path does not at several locations. I was hit by a car while crossing in an actual crosswalk (not connected to the bike path) when I had a green light and the green walk signal. Spots like 10th street can be problematic for biker and walker safety especially since there is no light .
3-Oct-25	Area of Opportunity	1495 Alder Ct, Santa Paula, CA 93060	This extension would be amazing. It would provide a much needed pedestrian/cycling connection for the thousands of residents North of Orchard Street. However, it will be important to add public access points, especially at Forest Drive and/or SP School District Farm at the northernmost end.
10-Oct-25	Area of Opportunity	West Telegraph Road, Fillmore, CA 93015	Here, there would be a short bridge constructed if necessary, or not, and just a wash-out bike path if this creek were to flow, and then the branch line bike path that I mentioned previously, that DOESN'T cross at the railroad track, would just then follow the road under the highway at Largo Lane, and reconnect with the Railroad, following the blacked dashed line of the previous 2000 master plan
10-Oct-25	Area of Concern	West Telegraph Road, Fillmore, CA 93015	I think the more railroad crossings along the branch line bike path we can avoid, the better! Wouldn't it be best to actually avoid this crossing by constructing a path - one that's safe, has guardrails and is at least 15-20 feet off the main highway, that runs parallel between HWY 126 northside and a private property owner's orchard that diverts for a very short distance until it connects with the road that goes under the hwy 126 and then reconnects with the railroad?



Date Submitted	Pin Category	Address of Pin	Full Pin Comment
4-Dec-25	Area of Opportunity	Spalding Drive, Fillmore, CA 93015	The trail should follow the railroad alignment in this location and not Sycamore Rd.
4-Dec-25	Area of Opportunity	11220 Azahar Street, Ventura, CA 93004	This seems like a huge opportunity for an incredible community space or public private partnership.
9-Dec-25	Area of Concern	19406 East Telegraph Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060	Having a bike path next to an orchard is a bad idea. The orchard needs to be maintained with tractors and spray equipment, which would be a hazard to anyone on the path.
10-Dec-25	Area of Opportunity	612 River Street, Fillmore, CA 93015	The road is already here! Finish the connection on this beautiful path to go through the outside of the houses in this area and connect trail that's already there. That whole bike path is golden, but let's pave through the homeless encampment!
10-Dec-25	Area of Concern	250 East Telegraph Road, Fillmore, CA 93015	I believe this could potentially be a huge risk for crossing the 126
10-Dec-25	Area of Opportunity	1555 W Ventura St, Fillmore, CA 93015	I want a real connection between Fillmore and the Los Padres National Forest ... trails and passive Access not guns and ATVs. Hiking and appreciating nature
10-Dec-25	Area of Opportunity	550 East Telegraph Road, Fillmore, CA 93015	Would like to see Fillmore trails connect with the fish hatchery/Sespe Cienega open space
10-Dec-25	Area of Opportunity	Chambersburg Road, Fillmore, CA 93015	This trail goes under the A street bridge. It's sketchy but could be a great connector along the river. Also the property there has a bunch of arundo that unhouses camp in that is a fire hazard
31-Dec-25	Love this!	8031 Pacific Avenue, Fillmore, CA 93015	It's exciting that the trail passes right by a local honey stand! Highlighting these kinds of small, existing businesses through signage or trail connections would make the trail experience feel uniquely local and support nearby farmers and makers.
31-Dec-25	Other	3425 Sycamore Road, Fillmore, CA 93015	I think it would be helpful to have minimal, dark-sky conscious but warm lighting near crossings for safety without losing the rural night-sky feel.
31-Dec-25	Area of Opportunity	Lavender Street, Fillmore, CA 93015	It would be wonderful to see the unincorporated stretches of the trail remaining quiet and scenic while still supporting cyclists with small amenities such as shaded rest areas, benches, water refill stations, and basic bike repair posts. Interpretive signage about the Santa Clara River, local agriculture, wildlife, and birding would enhance the experience without overdevelopment, while occasional seasonal farm stands could reflect the area's agricultural character and encourage the community to interact and benefit from the trail.
31-Dec-25	Area of Opportunity	923 East Santa Barbara Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060	Santa Paula has such a great walkable area and such a great art culture it would be wonderful to incorporate some murals and public art. I think also good signage in this area will be important to lead cyclists to the downtown area.



Date Submitted	Pin Category	Address of Pin	Full Pin Comment
31-Dec-25	Area of Opportunity	665 Piru Square, Piru, CA 93040	Piru already has some great food spots that would be appealing to cyclists. It could be cool to have weekend popups near the trail like local farm stands, honey, baked goods, etc. It would be nice for the city to have some bike racks, water refill stations, restrooms etc to encourage cyclists to explore. Also highlighting the lake, kayaking, birding, etc.
31-Dec-25	Area of Opportunity	365 Santa Clara Avenue, Fillmore, CA 93015	It would be great to have the winery and maybe some additional coffee/pastry shops perhaps even railroad themed as destination spots along the trail.
9-Jan-26	Area of Concern	3101 East Telegraph Road, Fillmore, CA 93015	Having a bike trail so close to orchards is a disaster waiting to happen. Loud equipment operation and air-blast pesticide/fertilizer application create too many opportunities for injury to the public, who generally do not understand farm operations. Helicopter pesticide/fertilizer applications also occur to these fields. Dust and odor will generate complaints and illness claims. I do not see a way to mitigate these serious concerns. This trail also may create easy access into private property which may lead to agricultural theft. The County will regret building this trail when lawsuits start coming in. Show some common sense and keep the public out of these areas, farms are not parks.
17-Jan-26	Area of Opportunity	7825 Bristol Road, Ventura, CA 93003	Will there be an opportunity to join the trail around here?
17-Jan-26	Area of Concern	7010 Wolverine Street, Ventura, CA 93003	Any opportunity to improve access to the trail at this location? Right now neighbors use this crossing to get over the Barranca and it seems a bit unsafe due to the train tracks. Would be great to somehow allow access to the trail in a safe way

Santa Paula Branch Line Trail Master Plan Update Engagement Page



Share your feedback here!

About the SPBL Trail Master Plan Update and EIR/EIS

The Santa Paula Branch Line Trail Master Plan Update and Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) focuses on planning the phased implementation of approximately 27-miles of bicycle and pedestrian trail, and its associated improvements, along the existing railroad right-of-way from Saticoy Depot to Piru.

[Vea el video en español aquí.](#)

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If you would like to receive emails on project updates and upcoming community events, please provide your contact information. We don't spam!

First name

Email address

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To learn more about this rails-with-trails project and upcoming in-person engagement opportunities, visit our project website.

[Project Website](#)

Engagement Map: Current Conditions

The Ventura County Transportation Commission wants to better understand community needs and concerns related to existing routes and conditions, and the future Santa Paula Branch Line Trail.

Your feedback will help guide the development of the Master Plan update, including alternatives for the trail alignment and design options.

Consider the following questions:

- What **routes** do you typically use to **bike, walk, or roll?**
- What do you **like** and **dislike** about **existing routes, trails, bike and pedestrian** facilities, and/or intersections?
- Looking at the routing options on the map, what **preferences or suggestions** do you have about the **future trail** route?
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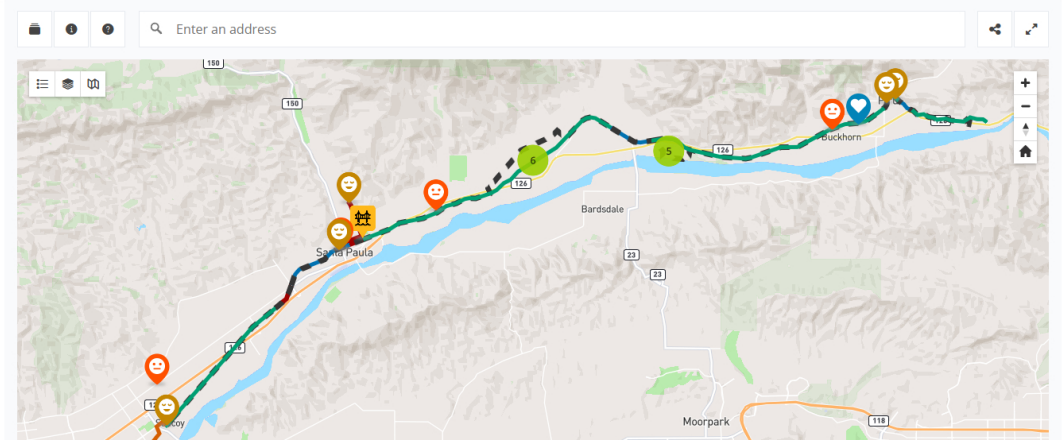
Let us know what you think!

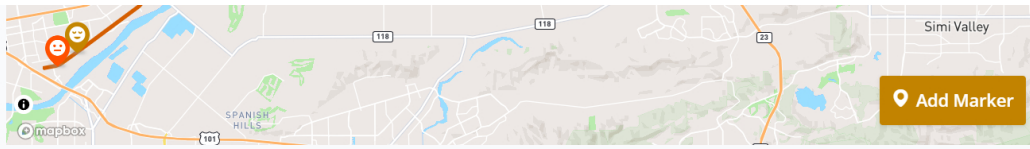
Drop a marker to pinpoint your thoughts about a given location. Select the category of marker you would like to drop on the map. Feel free to add comments or images with your marker.

- Click the Information icon below to learn more about marker categories.
- Click the Question Mark icon below to learn more about how to interact with this Engagement Map.

See below to learn more about the different trail routing options.

23 contributions so far





<h3>Current Master Plan Update Study</h3> <p>Segments of the Santa Paula Branch Line Trail under study for this Master Plan Update, including 27 miles of improvements.</p>	<h3>2000 Master Plan</h3> <p>Alignment of the trail from the 2000 Santa Paula Branch Line Recreational Trail Master Plan.</p>	<h3>Existing Trail</h3> <p>Segments where the Santa Paula Branch Line trail exists today in Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru.</p>	<h3>City of Santa Paula Trail Project</h3> <p>The City of Santa Paula is conducting a separate project to add an additional 2.5 miles of bicycle pathways, including a trail extension along the Santa Paula Creek.</p> <p>Learn more... ></p>	<h3>City of Ventura Trail Project</h3> <p>The City of Ventura's Santa Paula Branch Line Trail Project will build 4 miles of bicycle trail between Montalvo Metrolink Station to the Saticoy Train Depot.</p> <p>Learn more... ></p>



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