



# Transit Safety + Rail Safety Month

September 5, 2025



# Rail Safety Month





# Rail Safety Month

- September is recognized as Rail Safety Month
- Highlight and reinforce safe behaviors around trains and grade crossings
- Partnering with Metrolink, Union Pacific Railroad, LOSSAN, Sierra Northern and Operation Lifesaver for outreach efforts
- Staff will be at the Oxnard Transportation Center, Camarillo Train Station and Simi Valley Train Station on September 17<sup>th</sup>



# Rail Safety Month

- Support education campaigns targeting schools, commuters, and the general public
- Partnering with Metrolink, Union Pacific Railroad, LOSSAN, and Operation Lifesaver for outreach efforts
- Highlight ongoing rail safety improvements within the community
- Prepare a rail safety flyer targeted for agricultural operators and farmworkers operating within the Santa Paula Branch Line corridor





# Transit Safety Updates

Transportation Emergency Preparedness Plan (TEPP) Update





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# Transportation Emergency Preparedness Plan

## Transportation Emergency Plan Overview (TEPP) Overview

- Developed through a partnership between Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and VCTC
- Addresses transportation challenges related to disasters that affect Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties



# TEPP Implementations

- Staff the Transportation seat at the EOC to coordinate resources
- Inventory of transportation assets, resources, and contacts to use in emergency
- Participation in TransMAC by multiple VC and SBC operators
  - Attended training led by TransMAC
- Formal participant in County's Regional Radio System (RRS) – now implementing
- GCTD has implemented contingency fleet
- Grant to prepare a Multimodal Transportation Network Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Action Plan





# Radio Equipment

Transportation Emergency Preparedness Plan (TEPP) Update







# New Radios for Bus Operators

- Replacing aging communication systems with modern, interoperable radios
- Enhance real -time communication between operators, dispatch, and emergency services
- Supports regional coordination, particularly during detours, emergencies, or special events
- Aligned with countywide and statewide efforts to modernize public safety communications







# Rail Corridor Updates





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Santa Barbara Peak Period Service



# Additional Temporary Peak Period Intercity Rail Service

- Roundtrip funded by the Santa Barbara Association of Governments (SBCAG) and VCTC
- New northbound morning train paired with an existing afternoon southbound train
- Temporarily utilizes LOSSAN's available "slot" on UPRR railroad Right-of-Way (ROW)
- LOSSAN to subcontract with Metrolink for operations





# Santa Barbara Peak Period Service

NORTHBOUND SERVICE TO SANTA BARBARA SOUTH COAST							SOUTHBOUND SERVICE TO VENTURA/LOS ANGELES						
Station	New Train (Metrolink)	AMTRAK Surfliner					Station	AMTRAK Surfliner		New Train (Metrolink)	AMTRAK Surfliner		
Los Angeles Union Station	New Train (Metrolink)	7:13 AM	9:13 AM	11:13 AM	3:13 PM	7:13 PM	Goleta	6:39 AM	8:31 AM	10:35 AM	1:31 PM	4:25 PM	6:30 PM
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Moorpark	6:38 AM	8:27 AM	10:24 AM	12:23 PM	4:26 PM	8:25 PM	Carpinteria	7:08 AM	9:04 AM	11:02 AM	2:03 PM	4:57 PM	7:08 PM
Camarillo	6:50 AM	8:41 AM	10:36 AM	12:36 PM	4:41 PM	8:47 PM	Ventura	7:39 AM	9:38 AM	11:30 AM	2:34 PM	5:28 PM	7:43 PM
Oxnard	7:00 AM	8:56 AM	10:54 AM	12:51 PM	4:52 PM	8:59 PM	Oxnard	7:57 AM	9:55 AM	11:43 AM	2:53 PM	5:42 PM	8:03 PM
Ventura	7:12 AM	9:10 AM	11:08 AM	1:05 PM	5:06 PM	9:13 PM	Camarillo	8:10 AM	10:09 AM	11:57 AM	3:09 PM	5:53 PM	8:14 PM
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Goleta	8:03 AM	10:11 AM	12:03 PM	2:02 PM	6:05 PM	10:12 PM	Los Angeles Union Station	9:46 AM	11:43 AM	1:30 PM	4:48 PM	7:40 PM	9:46 PM



# Additional Temporary Peak Period Intercity Rail Service Agreement Timeline

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- **January -February 2025** – Start -up Agreement Approved
- **March -April 2025** – Service Plan Finalized by Metrolink and LOSSAN
- **May-June 2025**
  - Draft Operating Agreement presented by Metrolink
  - LOSSAN legal review: Metrolink will serve as subcontractor to LOSSAN
- **June -July 2025** – Revised Agreements
  - Funding Agreement – VCTC/SBCAG & LOSSAN
  - Subcontractor Operating Agreement – LOSSAN & Metrolink
  - SBCAG/VCTC Issued Notice to Proceed with Crew Training (minimum of 60 days)
- **August -September 2025**
  - Finalize Operating and Funding Agreements
  - Union Pacific Review: Separate Agreement will be required (Crew training pending UPRR Agreement)





# Additional Temporary Peak Period Intercity Rail Service Next Steps

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- **August -September 2025** – Finalize Operating and Funding Agreements
- **September -October 2025** – Approve Operating and Funding Agreements
- **Pending** – Union Pacific Agreement
  - Training & Service Launch ~12 weeks out
- **Goal** – service implementation in early 2026

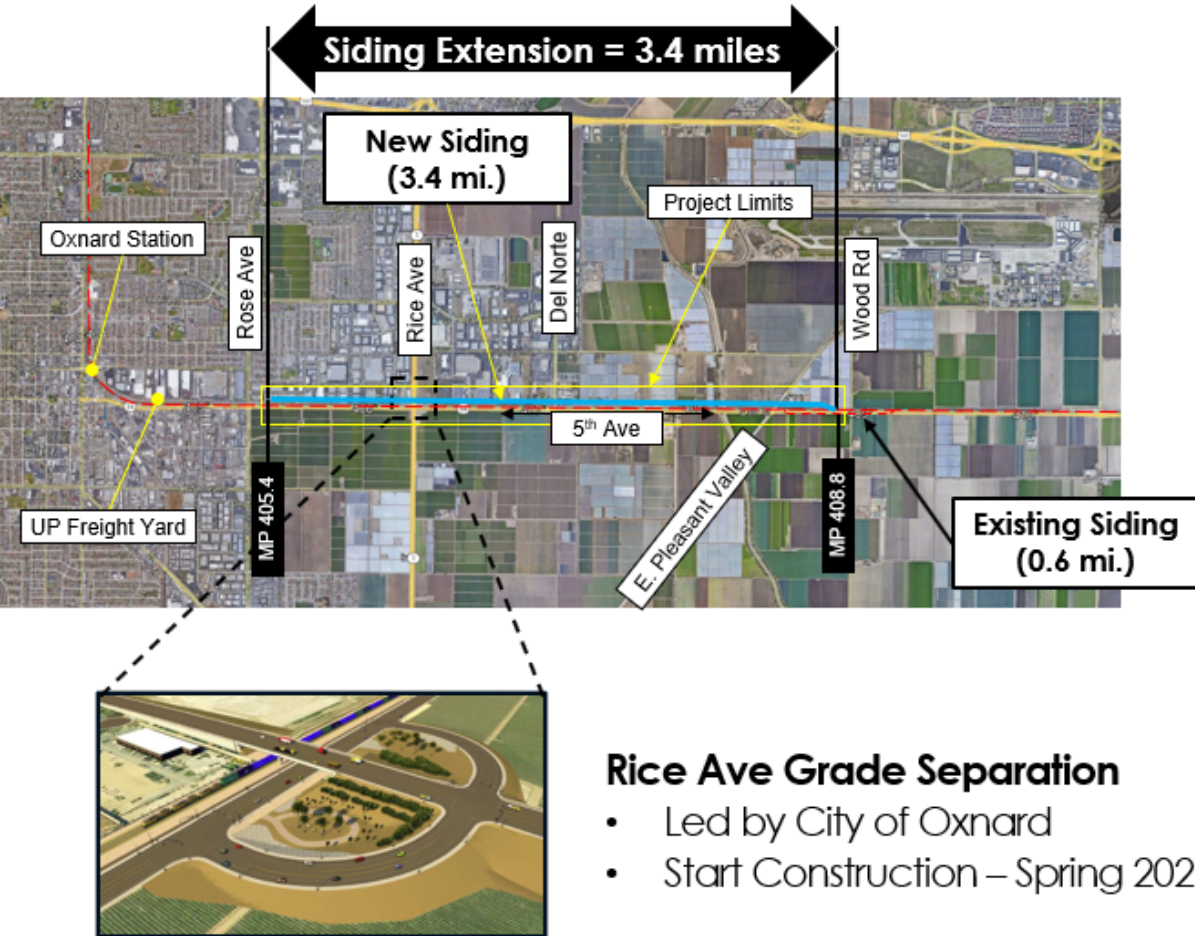


# Rail Corridor Updates

Leesdale Siding Extension and Upgrade Project







#### Rice Ave Grade Separation

- Led by City of Oxnard
- Start Construction – Spring 2025

# Leesdale Siding Extension and Upgrade

## Project Overview

- Construct new 3.4 -mile long siding.
- Allows for greater operational flexibility for Pacific Surfliner and Metrolink service.
- Design estimated to be complete in Spring of 2026
- Construction estimated to begin in Fall 2026





# Rail Corridor Updates

Camarillo Station Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvement Project







# Camarillo Station ADA Improvement Project

## Project Overview

- In 2021, VCTC entered into a settlement agreement with U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Improvements include:
  - Increasing accessibility on routes to/from the public right-of-way, public transit, accessible parking, and the passenger loading zone due to gaps
  - Remedying abrupt elevation changes and improper slopes
  - Adding detectable warnings at pedestrian/vehicular transition areas, and curb ramps, and
  - Improving signage to be ADA-compliant





# Camarillo Station ADA Improvement Project

## Project Overview

- 100% design
- Staff waiting on Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for a Right -of -Entry (ROE) permit – leading to delay
- ROE permit is required to receive approval from California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding allocation
- Staff anticipating release of an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for construction in October or December 2025





# Rail Corridor Updates

Camarillo Train Station Undercrossing Project



# Camarillo Train Station Undercrossing Project

- Construct a new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian undercrossing, better linking the two platforms
- Existing pedestrian overpass is not ADA compliant -
- The Project is intended to create a more direct, convenient, and accessible path to access the platforms on either side of the tracks.
- Design is anticipated to be completed in 2026 with construction estimated to begin in 2027 -2028





























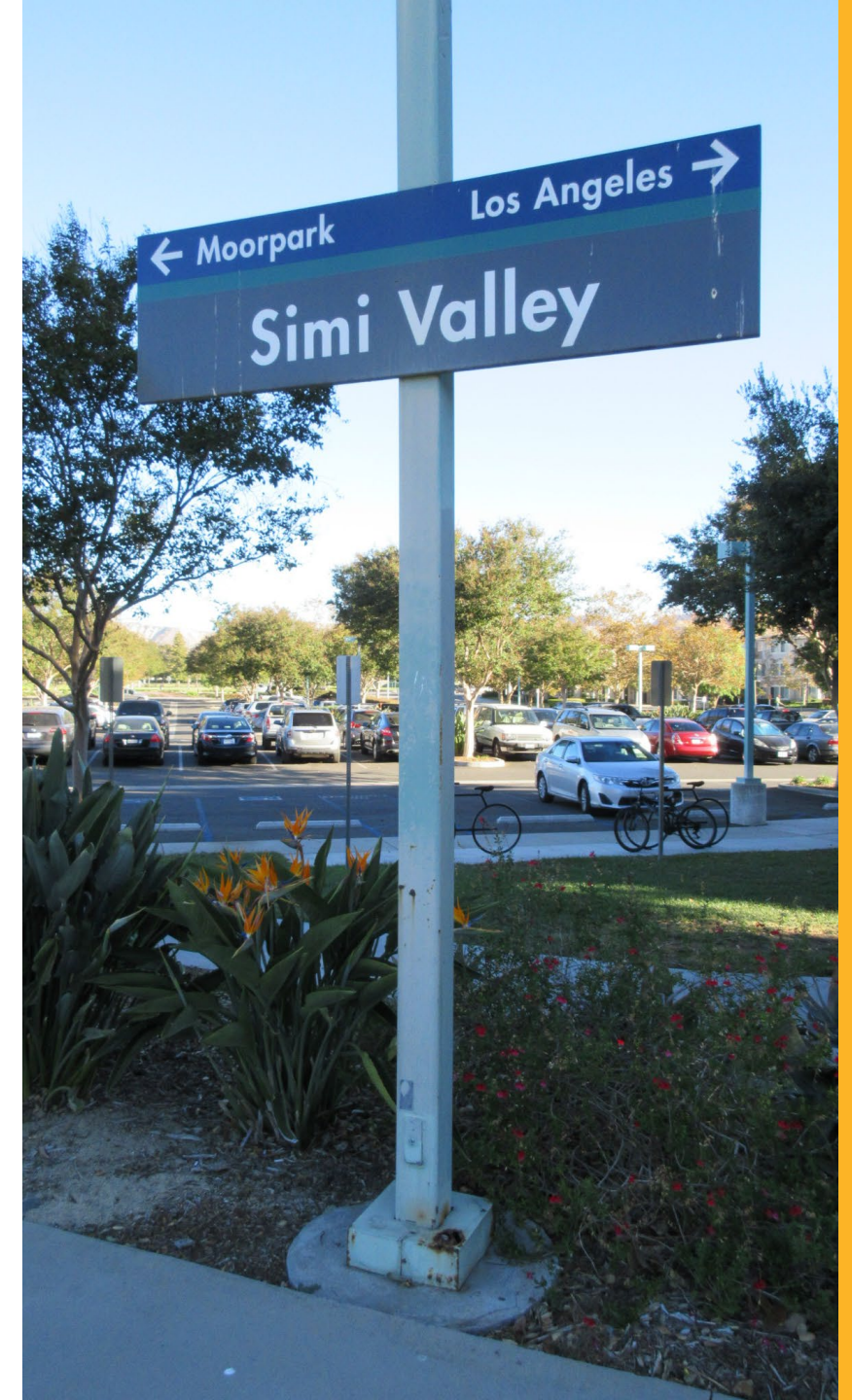
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Metrolink Simi Valley Double Track Project



# Metrolink Simi Valley Double Track Project

- Part of Metrolink's SCORE Capital Plan
- Enable more frequent train service
- Improve service reliability and on -time performance
- New platform access with an underpass
- Enhanced safety at improved at -grade crossings will facilitate Quiet Zone ready corridors
- Completed acquisition of last parcels
- Negotiating with UP on fiber relocation is last remaining item







**Questions?**