

Welcome to Santa Paula Branch Line Trail 'Rails with Trails'

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CITY OF
VENTURA
LEAD AGENCY



RAIL OWNER



PROJECT MANAGEMENT
ENGINEERING



PUBLIC OUTREACH
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



PROJECT COLLABORATORS



Today's Agenda

- Project Background
- The Santa Paula Branch Line
- Project Design
- Major Challenges
- Survey and Engagement Results
- Trail Safety
- Timeline & Next Steps

Project Background



The Ventura SPBL Project is a 4-mile Class I/IV Multi-Use Trail



Caltrans
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANS

Design funded by ATP Cycle 6
(CALTRANS Active Transportation
Funding)



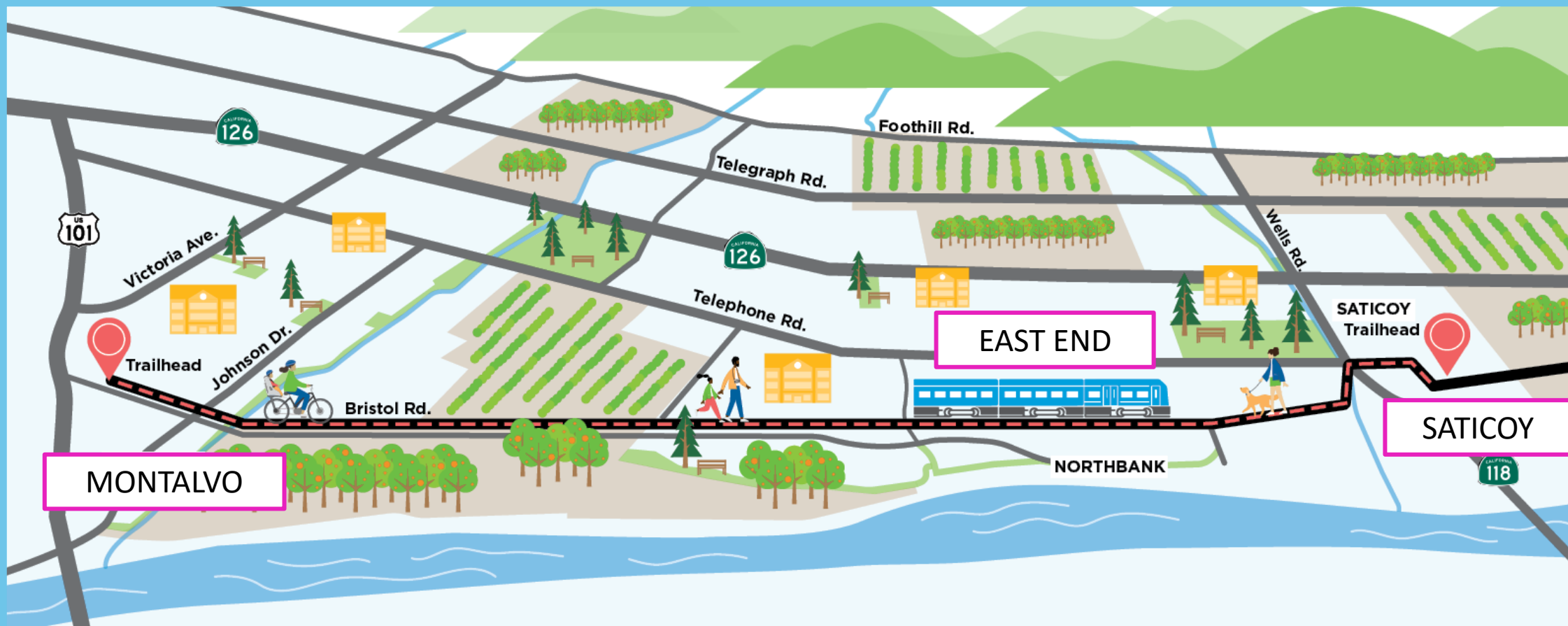
**California
Transportation
Commission**

Construction funded by the California
Transportation Commission's
Solutions for Congested Corridors
Program

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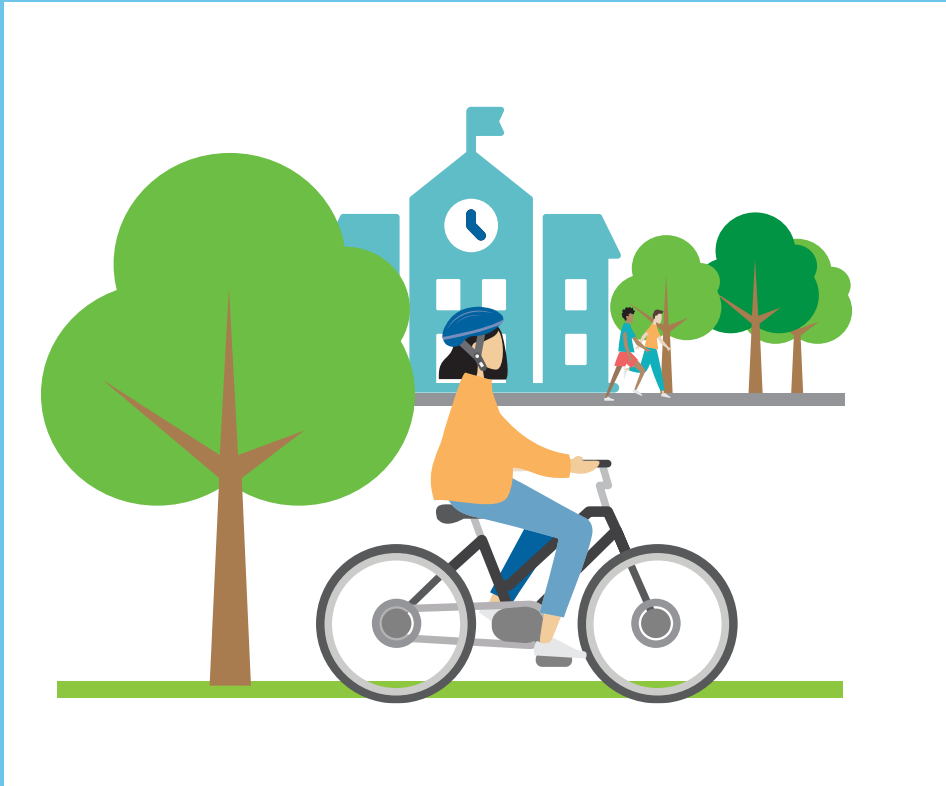
Priority Legislative Budget Project
Funds

City of Ventura's Santa Paula Branch Line Trail 'Rails with Trails'



Project Extents

City of Ventura's Trail Segment



SPBL 'Rails with Trails' is an Active Transportation Plan-adopted high priority project designed to:

Fill Critical Gaps in
Transportation

Reduce VMT

Promote Safer
Routes

Connect Existing
Networks

Connect Community
Destinations

Improve
Recreation

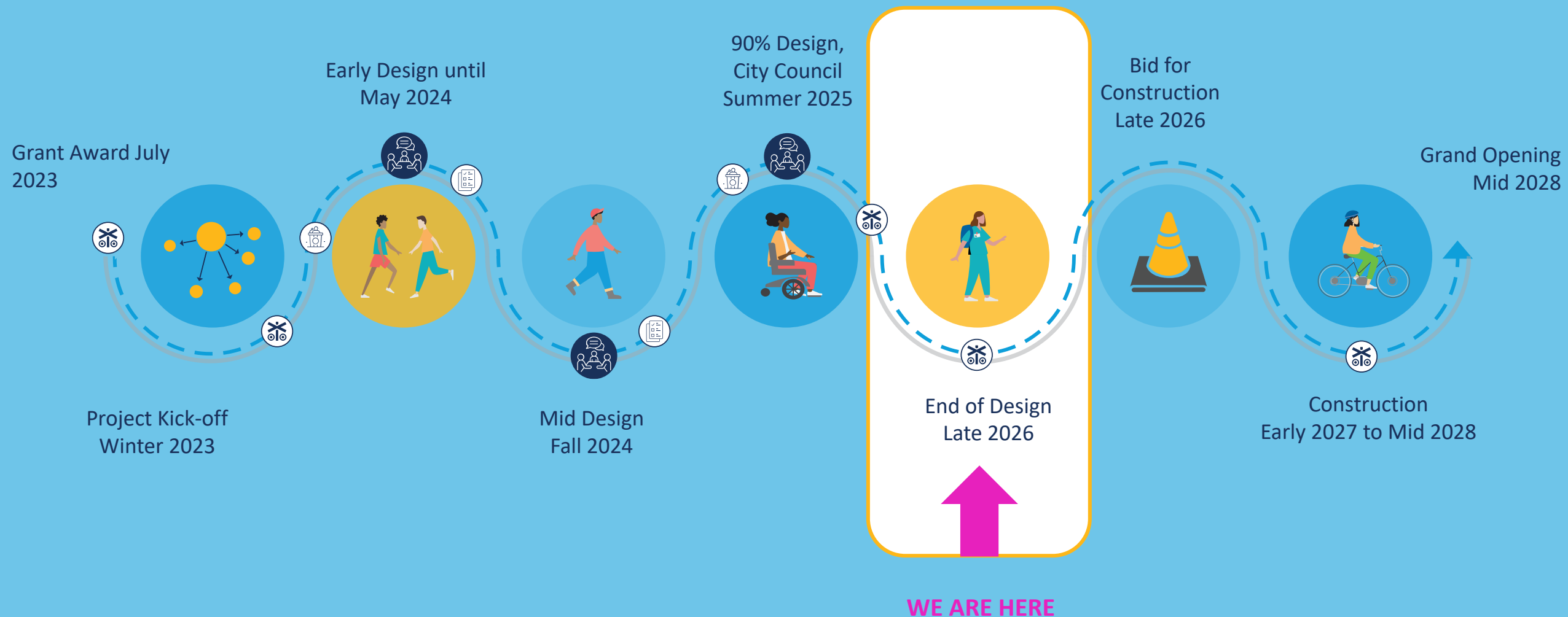
Project Elements

Caltrans ATP 6 (2022) Grant-Awarded Application

- 4 miles of Class I/IV Multi-Modal Trail
- Traffic Signal(s)
- Solar Lights
- Bike/Pedestrian Bridges
- Shade Trees
- Trash cans
- Benches
- Trail Kiosks
- Bike Repair Stations
- Exercise station
- Water Fill Stations

***No required matching funds needed from City Annual Budget*

Project Milestones



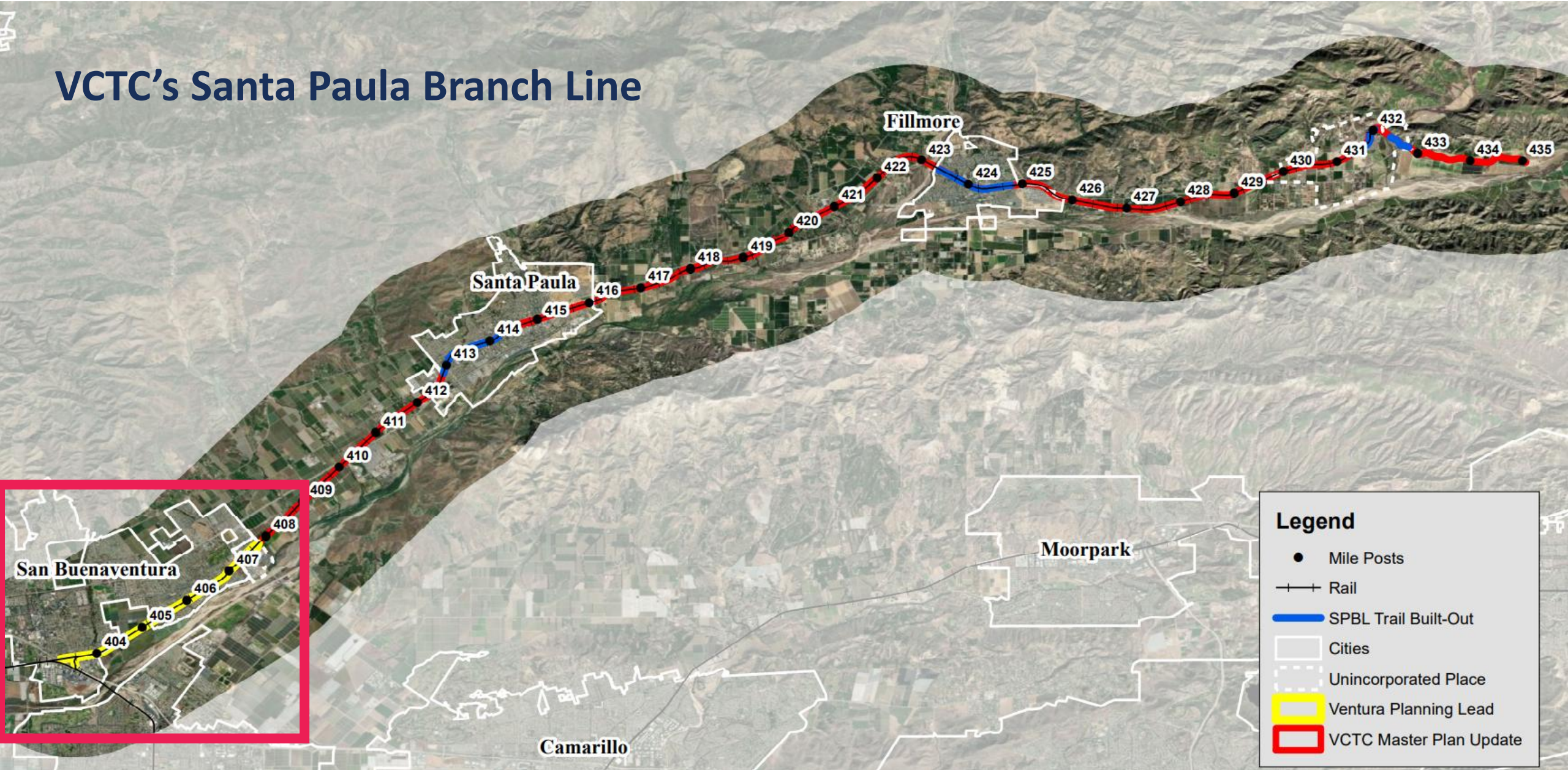
Community Engagement to Date

- Montalvo Community Council Feb 20, 2024
- Stakeholder Meeting 1 Mar 14, 2024
- EVCC Mar 23, 2024
- Saticoy MAC Apr 1, 2024
- Agency Stakeholder Meeting Apr 23, 2024
- Public Meeting 1 (Online): May 15, 2024
- Public Meeting 2 (In Person): May 23, 2024
- Public Meeting 3 (Online): Sept 25, 2024
- Public Meeting 4 (In Person): Oct 1, 2024
- EVCC Oct 17, 2024
- CI Bike Club for SPBL & Stakeholder Mtg 2: Nov 19, 2024
- Montalvo Community Council: Nov 19, 2024
- Saticoy MAC: Jan 6, 2025
- Project Update for EVCC: Feb 20, 2025
- Saticoy MAC: Mar 3, 2025
- Public Meeting 5 (Online): April 29, 2025
- Public Meeting 6 (In Person): May 8, 2025
- City Council Special Presentation: August 26, 2025

The Santa Paula Branch Line



VCTC's Santa Paula Branch Line



Benefits of the Santa Paula Branch Line Trail



Environmental

- Clean Transportation
- Significant decrease of vehicle miles traveled by an increase of 300-500 bike and pedestrian trips per day



Neighborhood

- Improved transportation and recreation opportunities for surrounding community
- Bike lanes and trails are associated with improved public health



Safety

- Bike trails reduce crashes by 17% - 90%

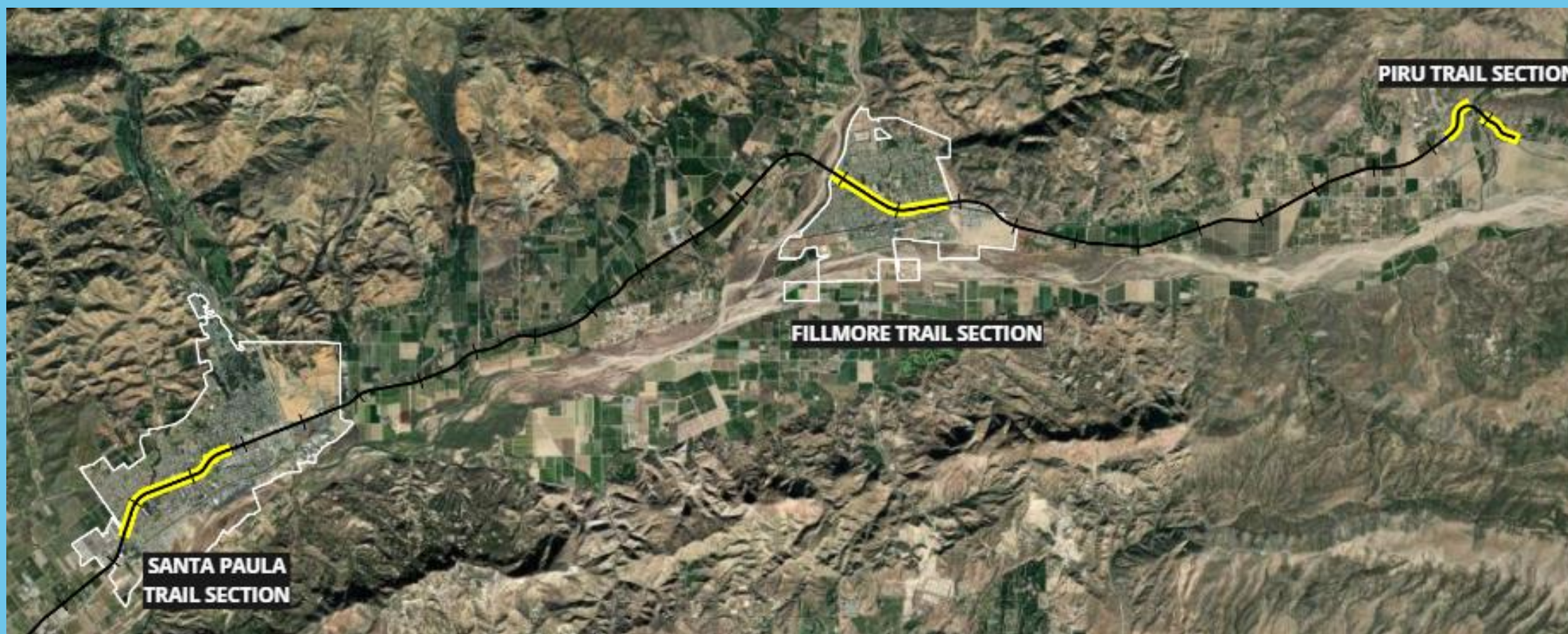


Economic

- Est. \$20 economic benefit per recreational trip and \$40 per commute trip
- Est. \$2M - \$7M annual economic benefit to build-out of full SPBL trail

Santa Paula Branch Line Trail System

Built Trail Sections in Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru



Project Design

Key Crossings and Project Elements





City of Ventura Santa Paula Branch Line Trail
“Rails with Trails”



City of Ventura's Santa Paula Branch Line Trail 'Rails with Trails'



Montalvo Metrolink Station

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Johnson Drive

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Harmon Barranca

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Bristol Road

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North Bank Drive

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Wells Road

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Existing Path over Storm Drain in Saticoy



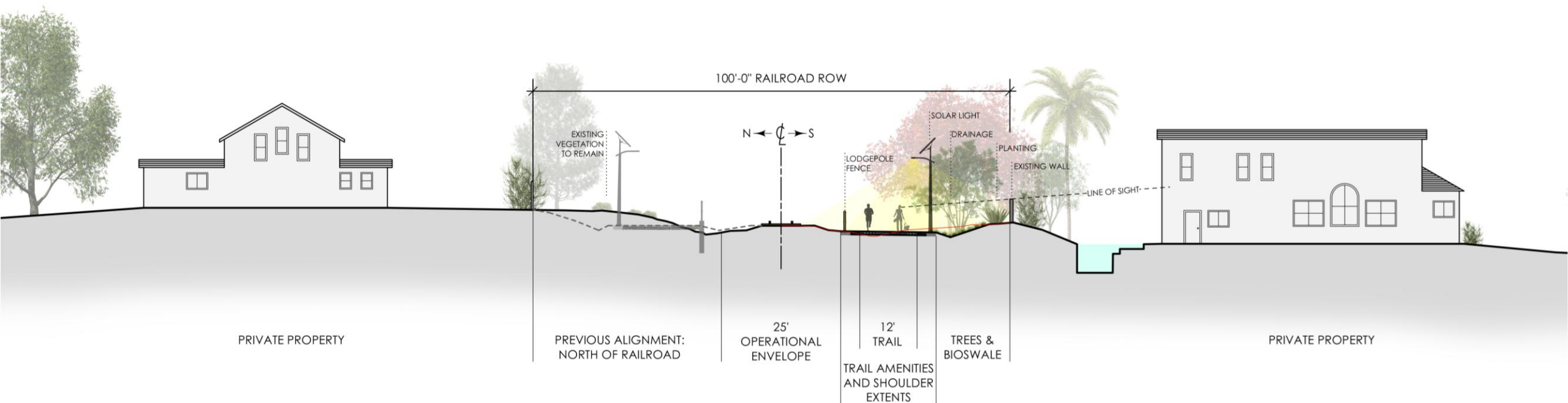
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60% Design, Saticoy Bike Path

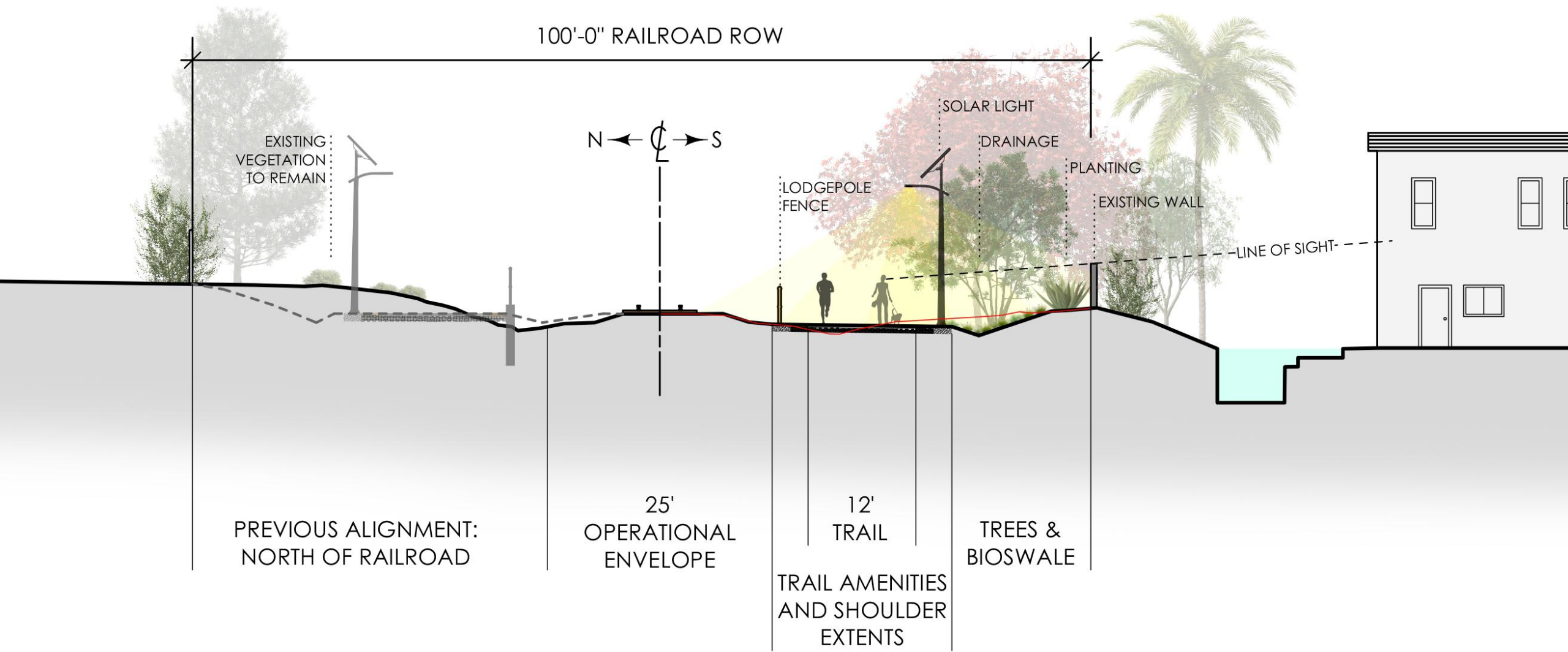


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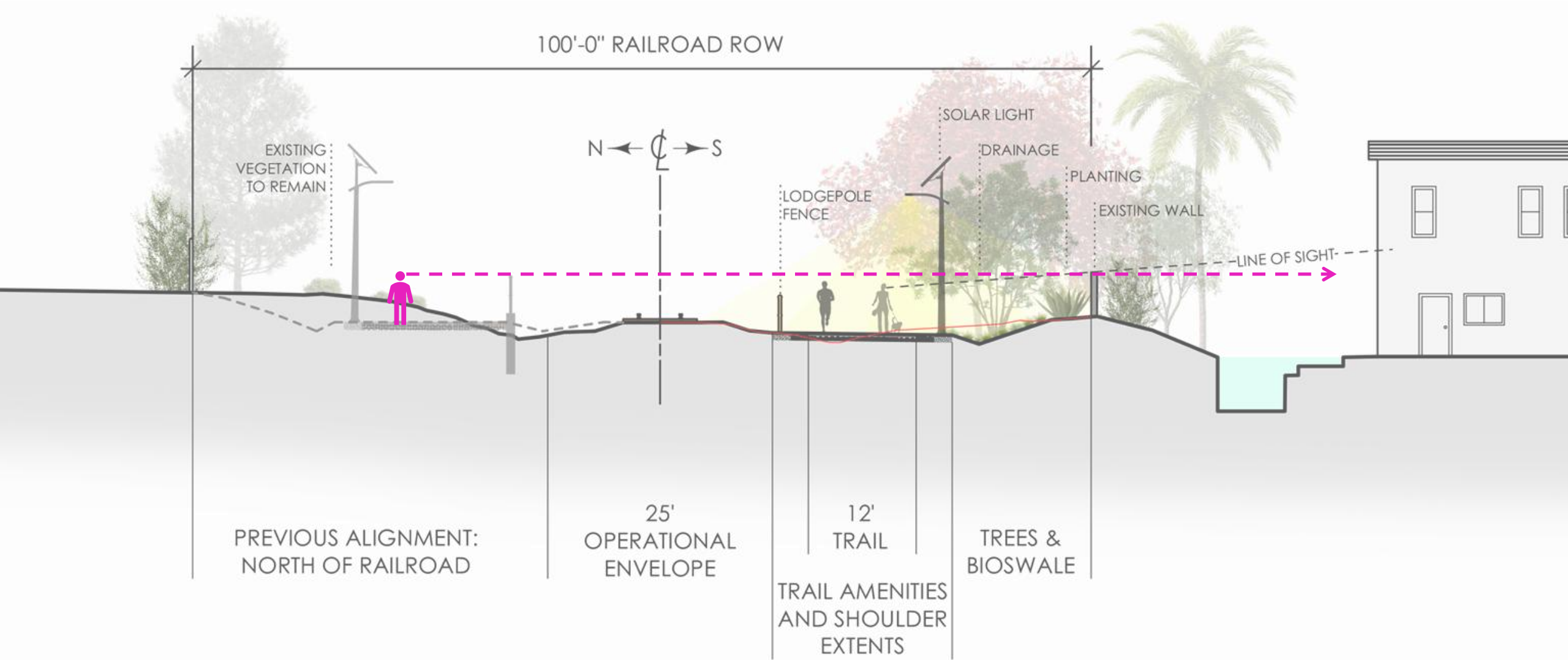
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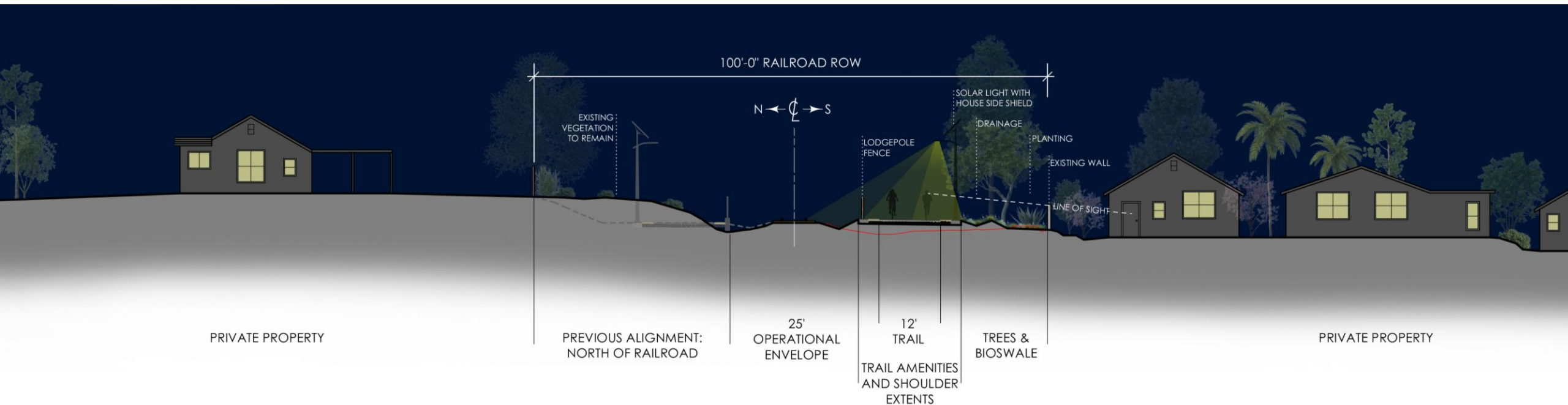
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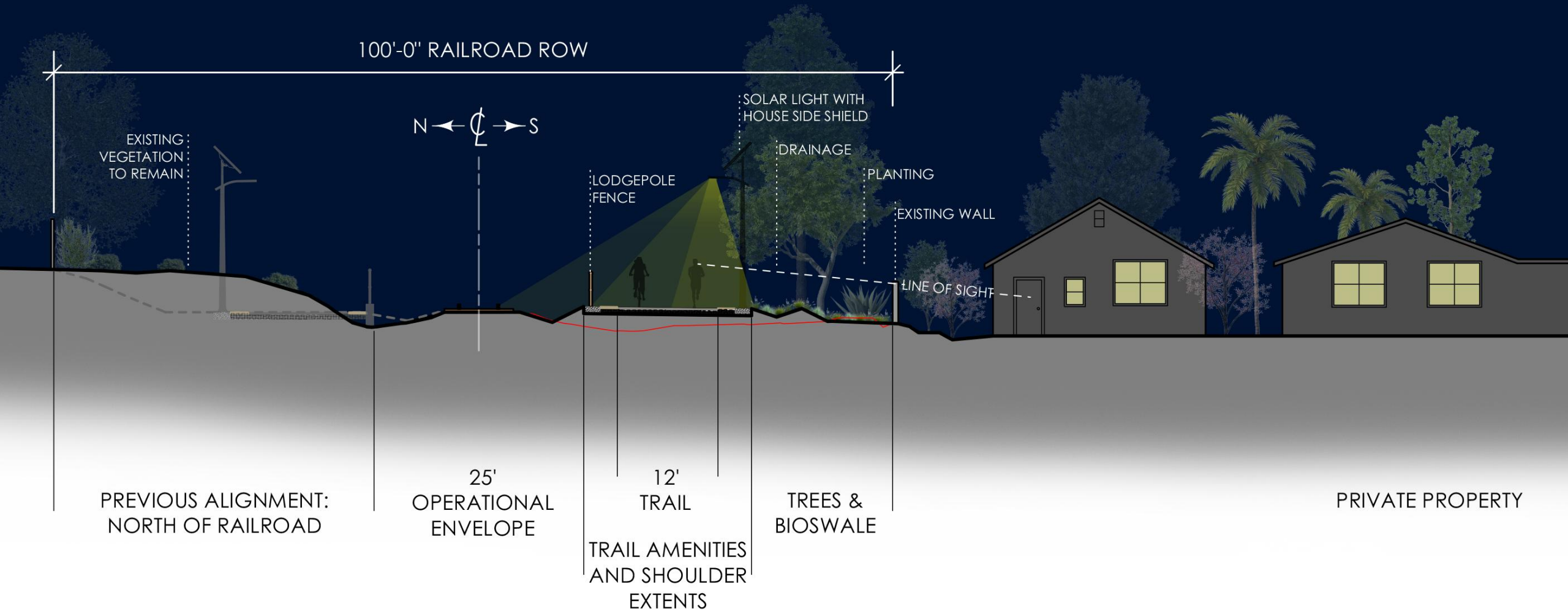
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East Ventura, Between Petit Ave & Saticoy Ave. (235+50)

With House Side Shield

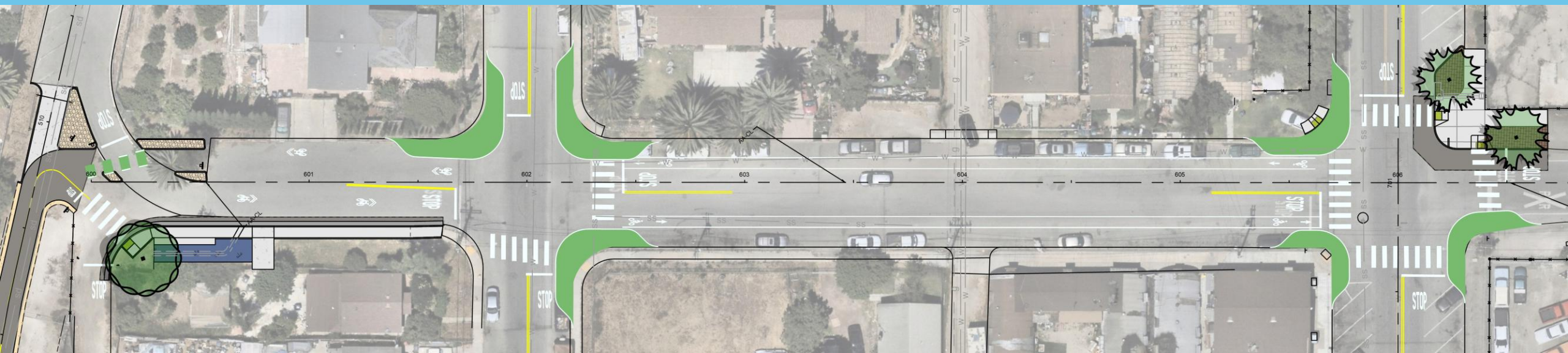


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Saticoy Improvements

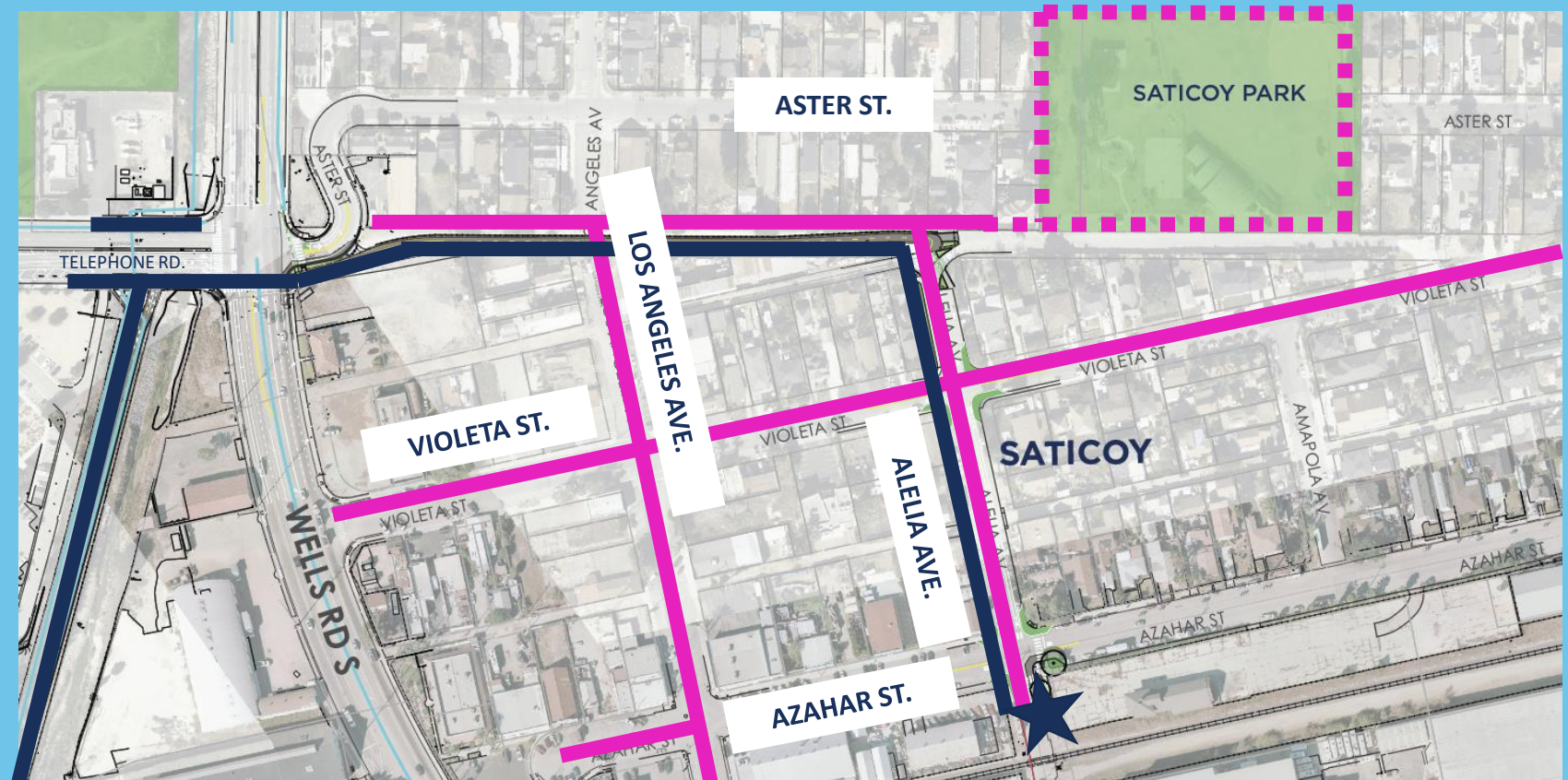
60% Overall SPBL Saticoy Design, December 2024

- Budget constraints limited improvements to:
 - Striping
 - Some accessibility upgrades
 - Saticoy Depot corner improvements
- SPBL was primarily interim improvements to be replaced by Ventura County's ATP 6 Project



Saticoy Improvements

-  City SPBL Improvements
-  County ATP-Funded Improvements
-  County General Services/Parks Project



Tentative Project Timelines Overlap

- SPBL Construction: Fall 2025 + 18 months
- County Transportation Improvements: Tentatively Fall 2027-2028

ATP 6-Funded County Improvements:

- 12-ft bike path w/ 2-ft shoulders,
- Pedestrian stairs/switchback ramp ,
- Bike path transitions to bike route at Alelia Ave

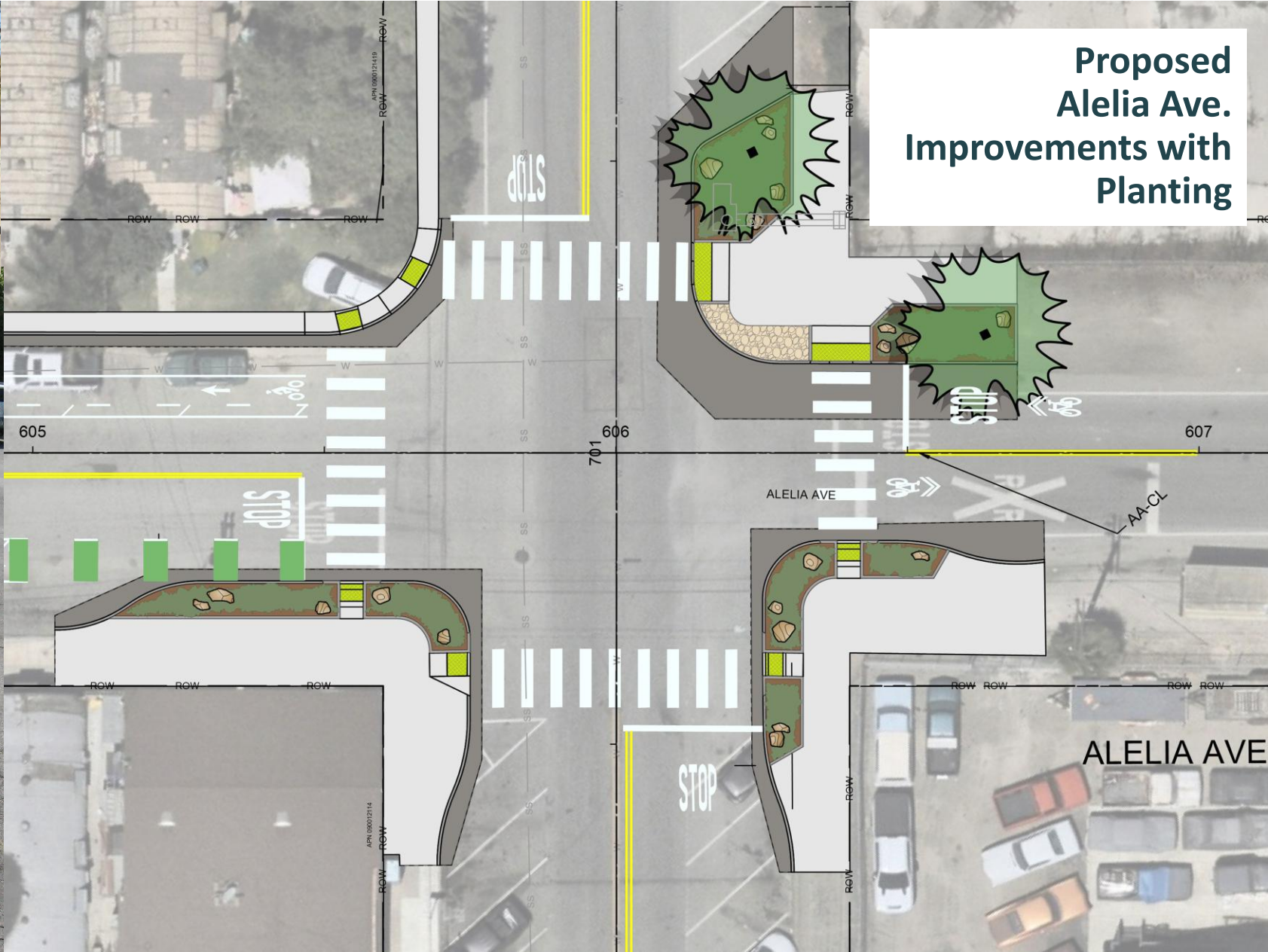
90% Overall SPBL Saticoy Design, March 2025

Design Updates

- Sidewalks – Fills Gaps and Provides Continuous Paved Path
- Bulb Outs/Curb Extensions and Curb Ramps
- All Class II Bike Lanes (Separated and Striped)
- Maintain Private Access (Driveway aprons)
- Potential Planting Areas



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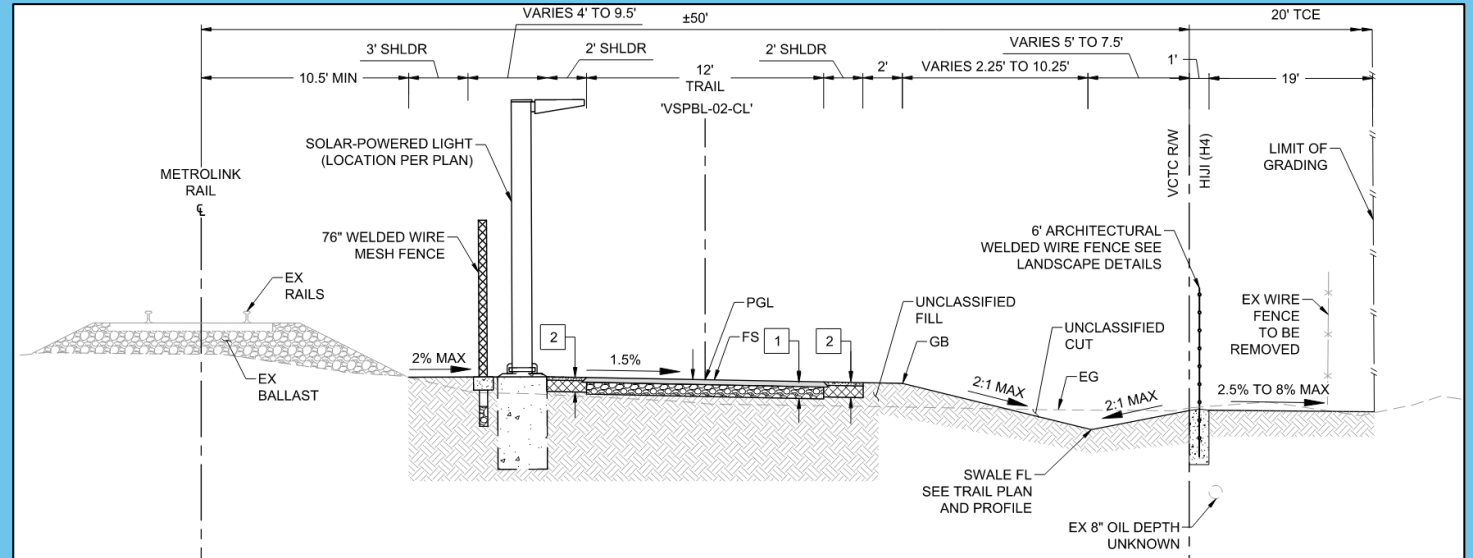


Major Challenges



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- Longitudinal project
- Constructing on railroad right-of-way
- Adjacency to farmland
- Regulatory Agency
- Grading/Utility Coordination – Changes from Conceptual to Final Design
- Outreach – Story Map/Website, Survey, Meetings, Emails, Calls, and Conversations



Survey & Engagement Results



Project Design Survey

- Open from September 26–October 20, 2024
- 189 Total Respondents
 - 27 In-Person at Public Meeting #4 (10/1/2024)
 - 162 Online via Virtual Survey
- Presented results to Parks and Recreation Commission on 11/08/2024

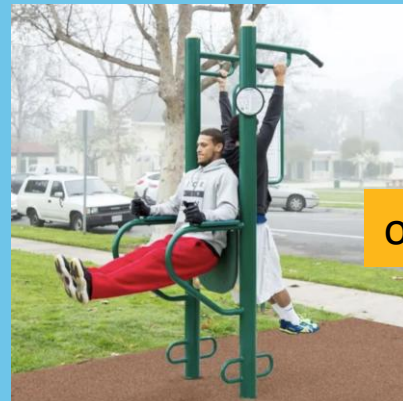
Design Survey Topics

- Exercise Equipment
- Trail Gateway Monument
- Bridge Design
- Trail Amenity Style
- Educational On-Trail Signage
- City of Ventura Council District

Which Exercise Equipment do you prefer alongside the trail?

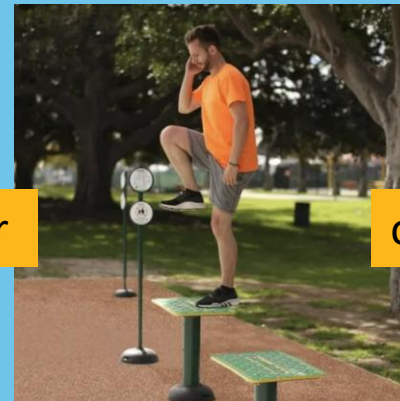


Pre-selected 2-Person Accessible
Chest Press



Static Combo

or



Plyometric Steps

or



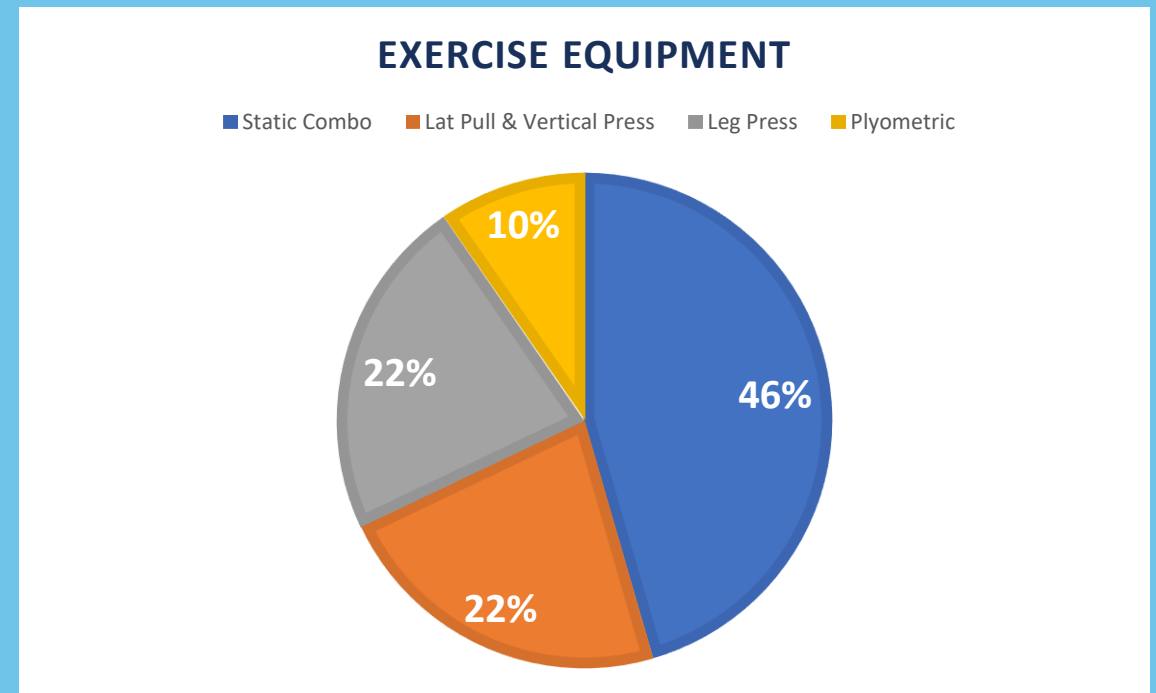
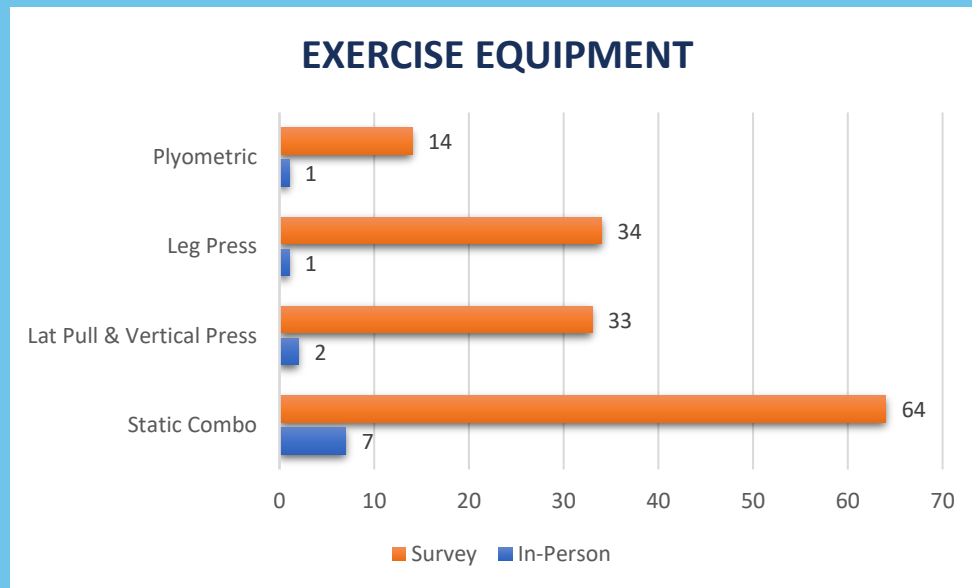
Lat Pull & Vertical Press

or



Leg Press

Which Exercise Equipment do you prefer alongside the trail?



Which Exercise Equipment do you prefer alongside the trail?



2-Person Accessible
Chest Press



Static Combo

Which Trail Gateway Monument do you prefer at the Montalvo Metrolink Trailhead?



Stone Pillar

or



Steel Vertical

or



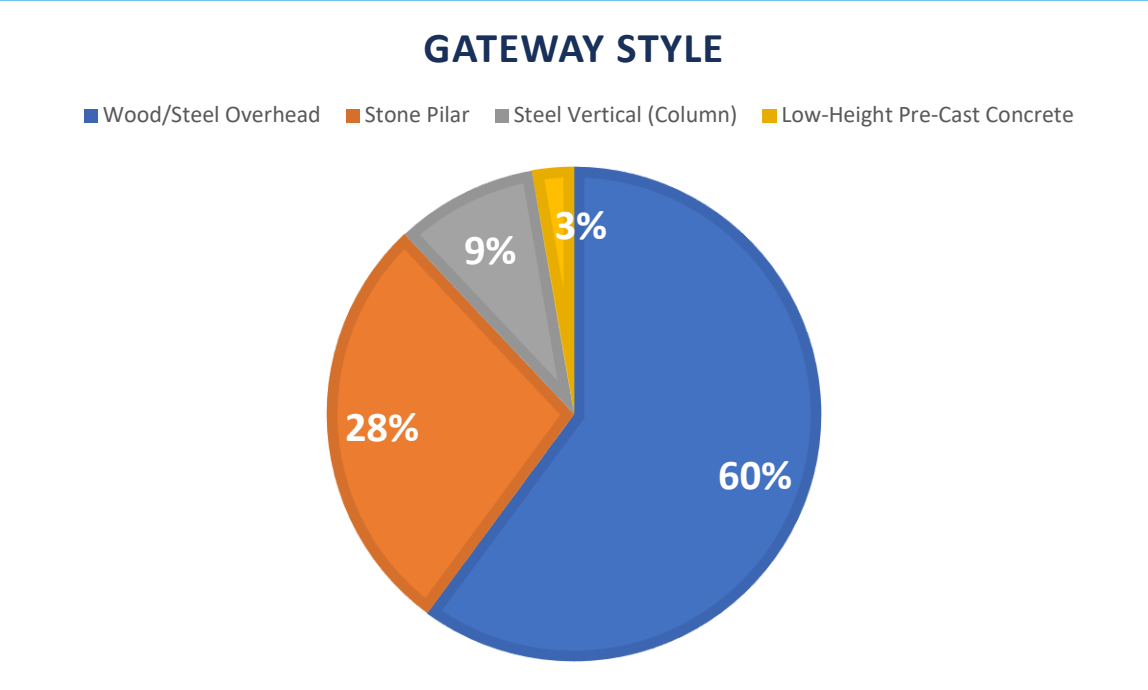
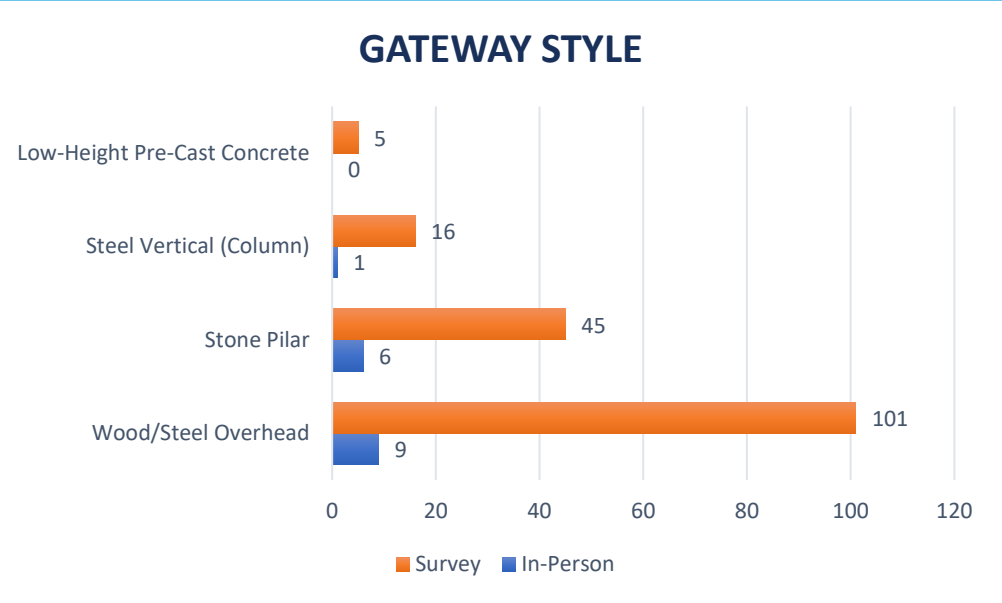
Stone & Wood Overhead

or



Low Height Pre-cast Concrete

Which Trail Gateway Monument do you prefer at the Montalvo Metrolink Trailhead?



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Stone & Wood
Overhead



Which Bridge Design do you prefer at the Harmon Barranca Crossing near Johnson Drive?



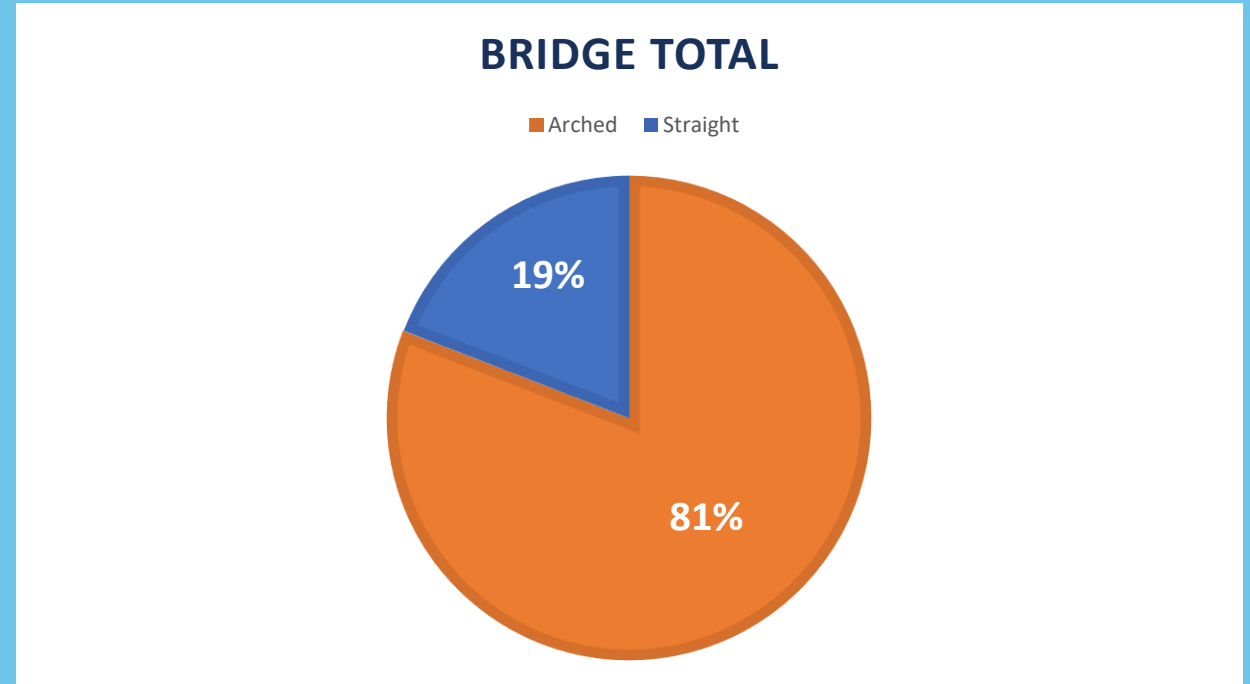
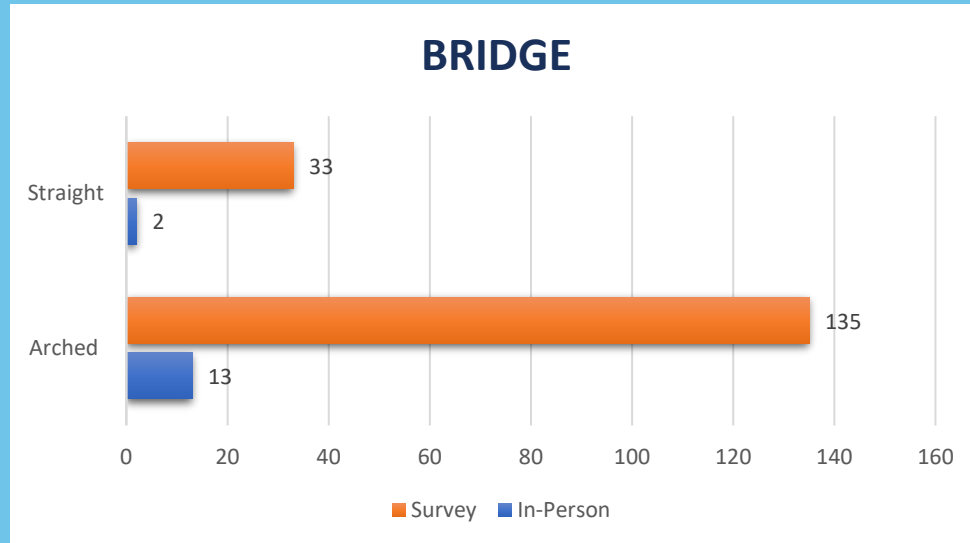
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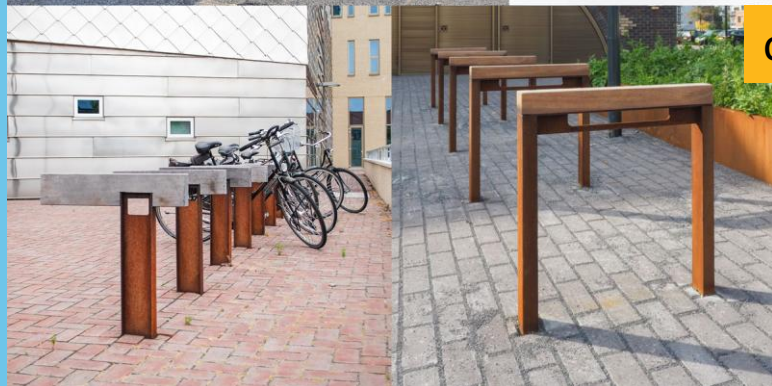
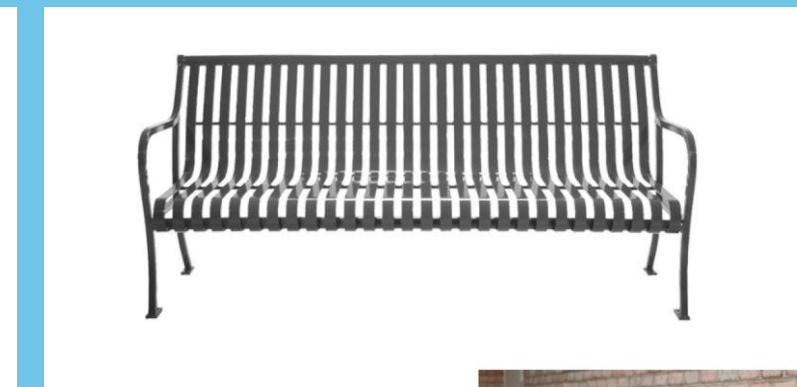


Flat

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Which Trail Amenity Style do you prefer for benches, trash receptacles, and aesthetic elements?

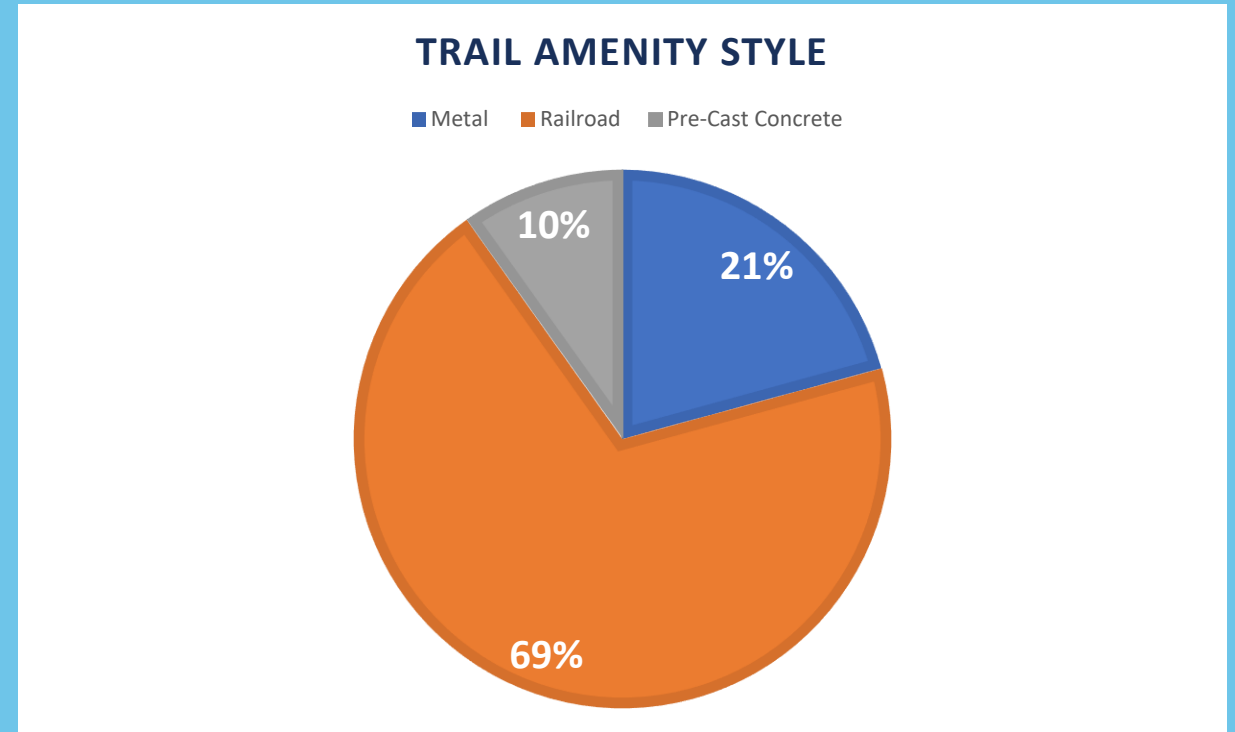
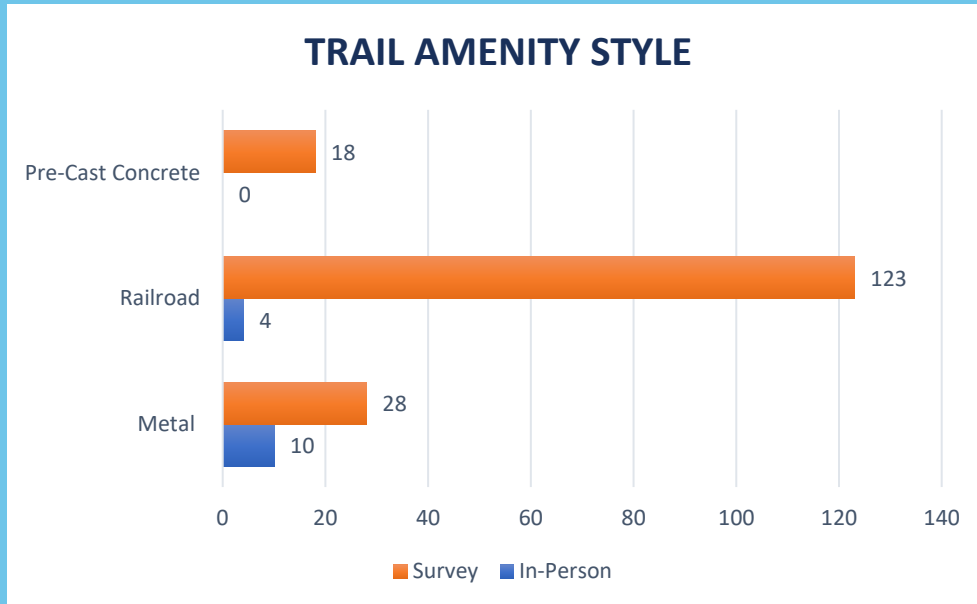


Railroad

Pre-cast Concrete

Metal

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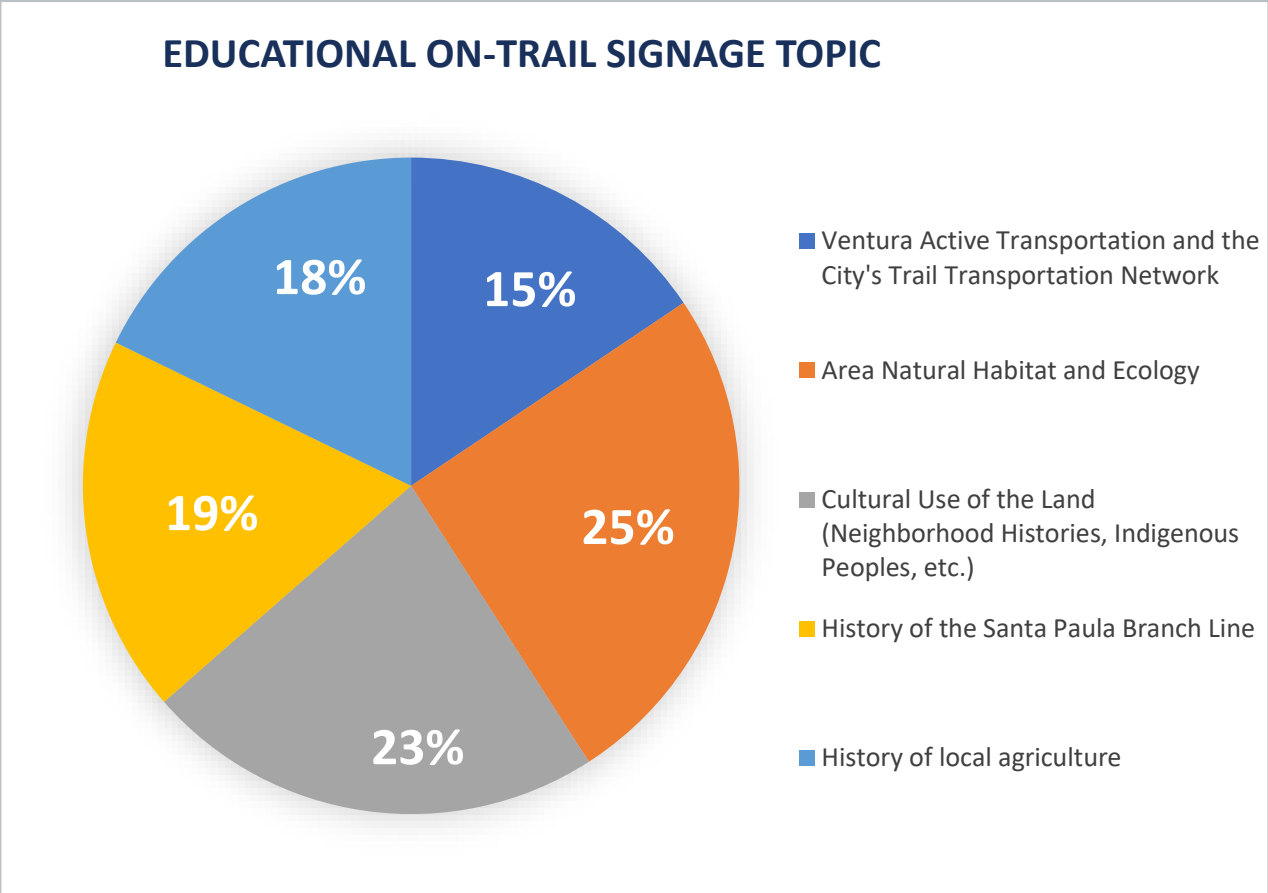
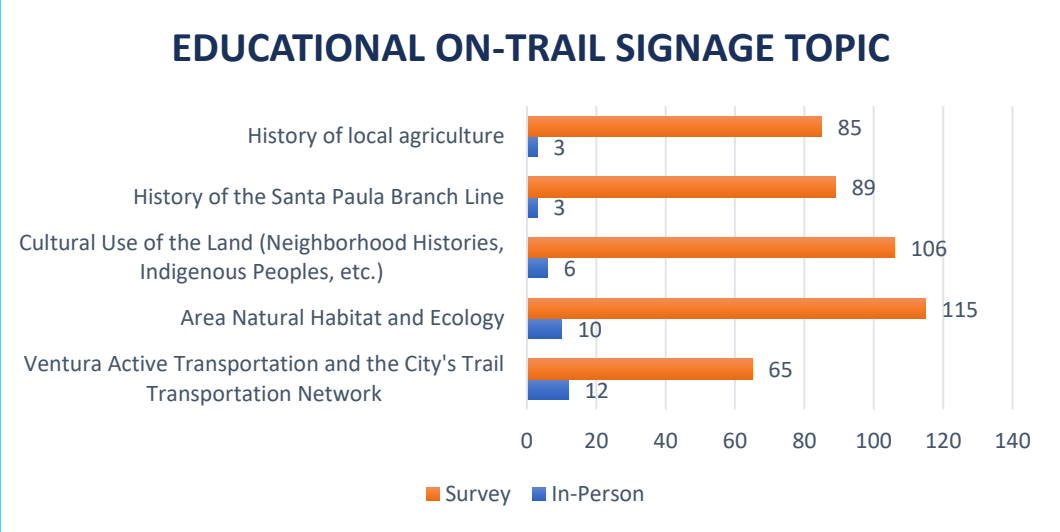


What subject(s) would you like featured as Educational On-Trail Signage? Select all applicable.

- History of the Santa Paula Branch Line
- History of Local Agriculture
- Area Natural Habitat and Ecology
- Ventura Active Transportation and the City's Trail Transportation Network
- Culture Use of the Land (Neighborhood Histories, Indigenous Peoples, etc.)

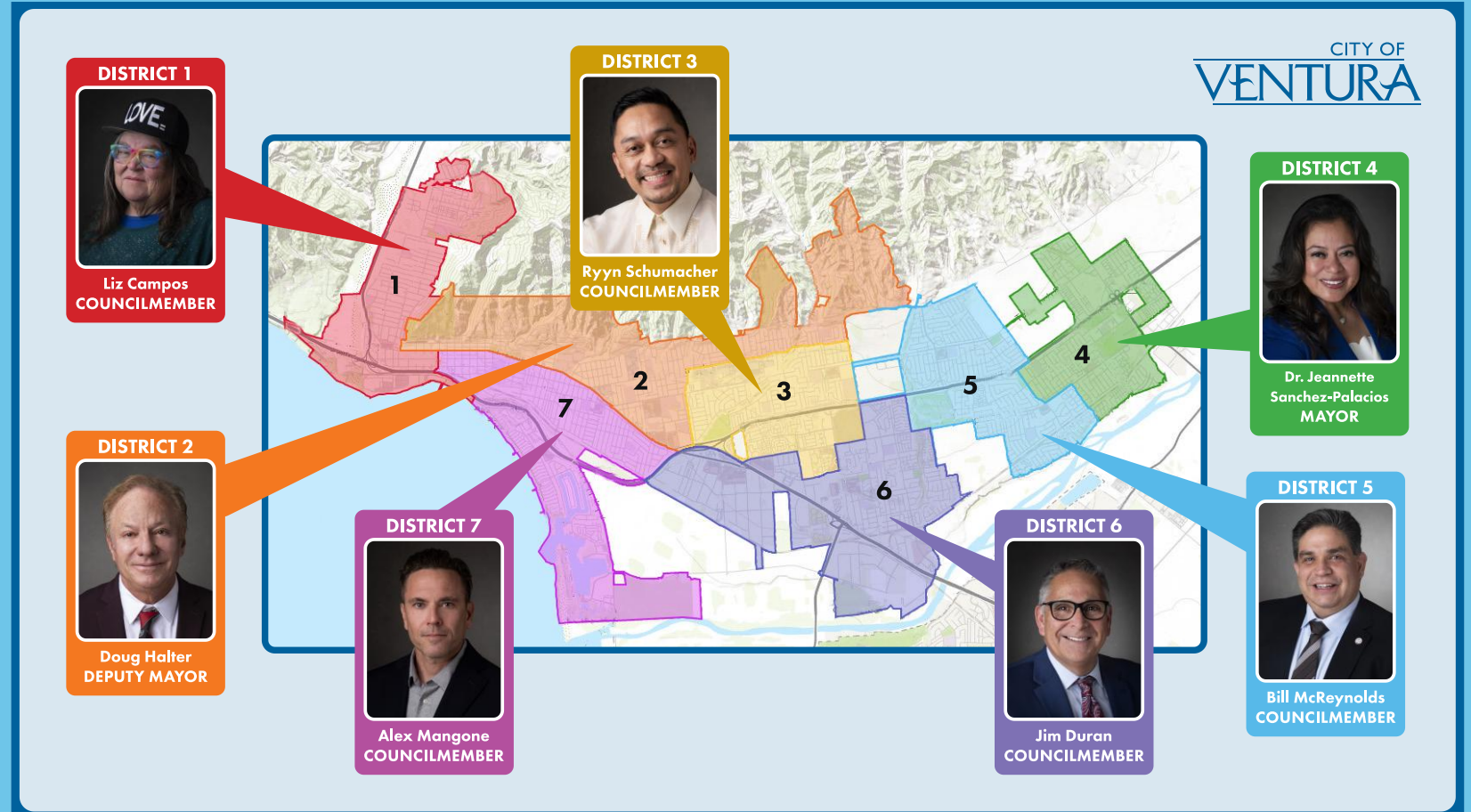


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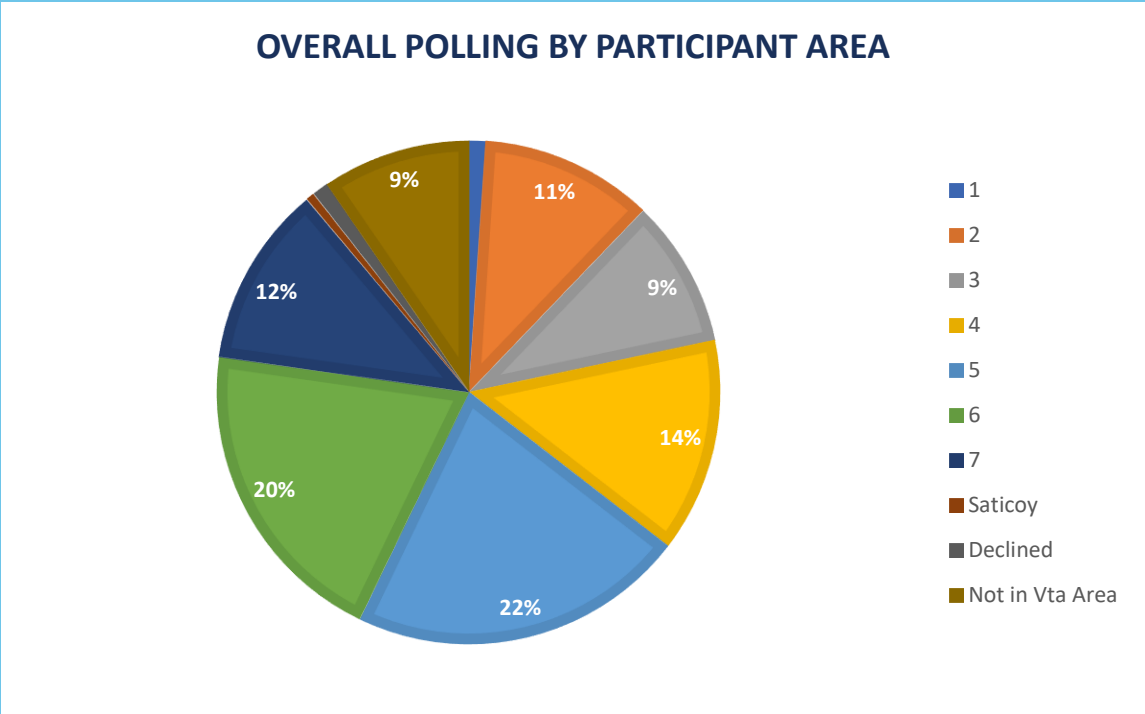
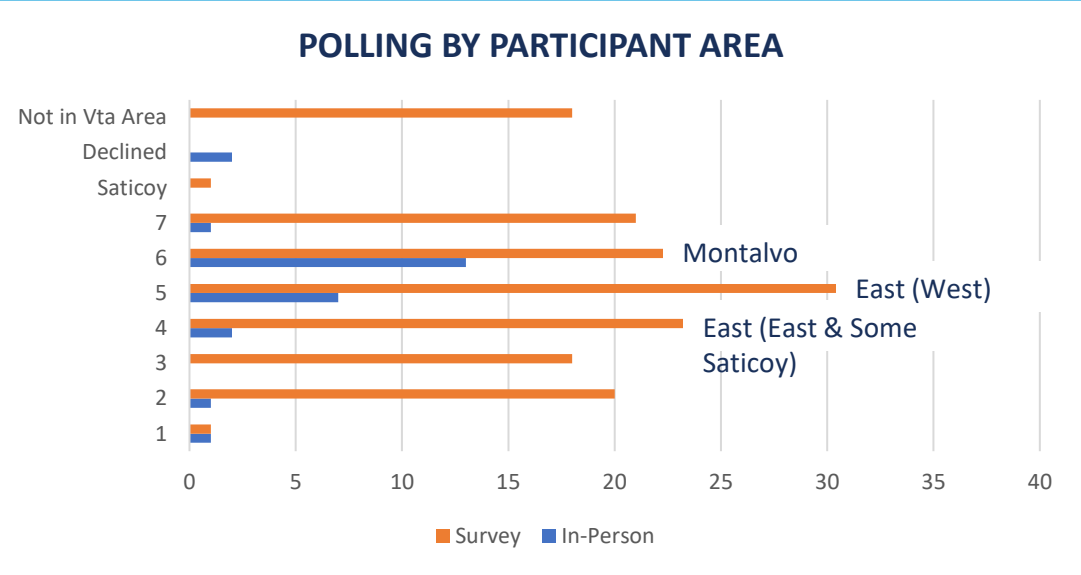


Which City of Ventura Council District do you reside in?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- I live in Saticoy
- I don't live in Ventura



Which City of Ventura Council District do you reside in?



Trail Safety

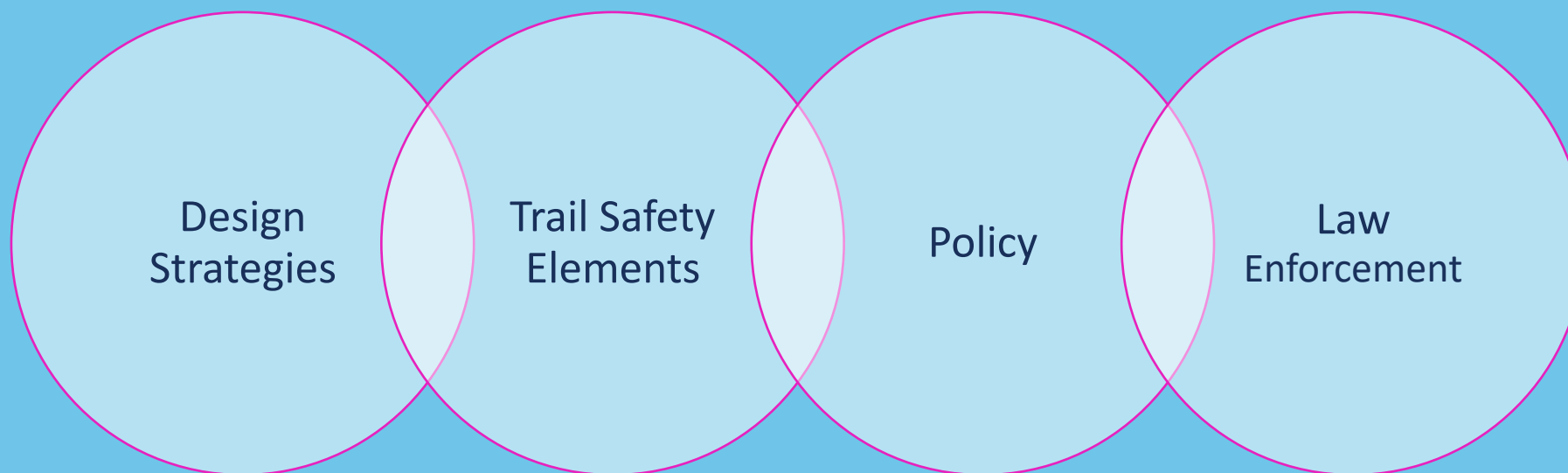
Strategies, Policy, and Enforcement



Project Safety – A Holistic Solution

DESIGN

LONG TERM STRATEGIES



Safety - Design Strategies

- Open Clear Sight Lines
- Security Call Boxes
- Design for Emergency Vehicle Access at Key Locations
- Provide separation of trail from rail
 - Distance
 - Physical Barrier (Fence)
- Crossing Treatments
- Lighting
- CCTV Cameras



Inland Rail Trail. City of Vista, California

Crossing Treatments: Pre-Signal



Johnson Drive Crossing Proposed

Crossing Treatments: Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons or HAWK



Bristol Road Proposed



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Crossing Treatments

Two-Way Cycle Track with Bicycle Signals



Proposed Telephone Road at Wells Road Intersection



Bristol Road at Johnson Drive Existing

Safety: Trail Lighting

- 14'-0" H Poles
- 100' on Center
- Photocell Timer
- House-side shield



Fonroche Solar Light



Ventura River Trail



CCTV Cameras: What are they?

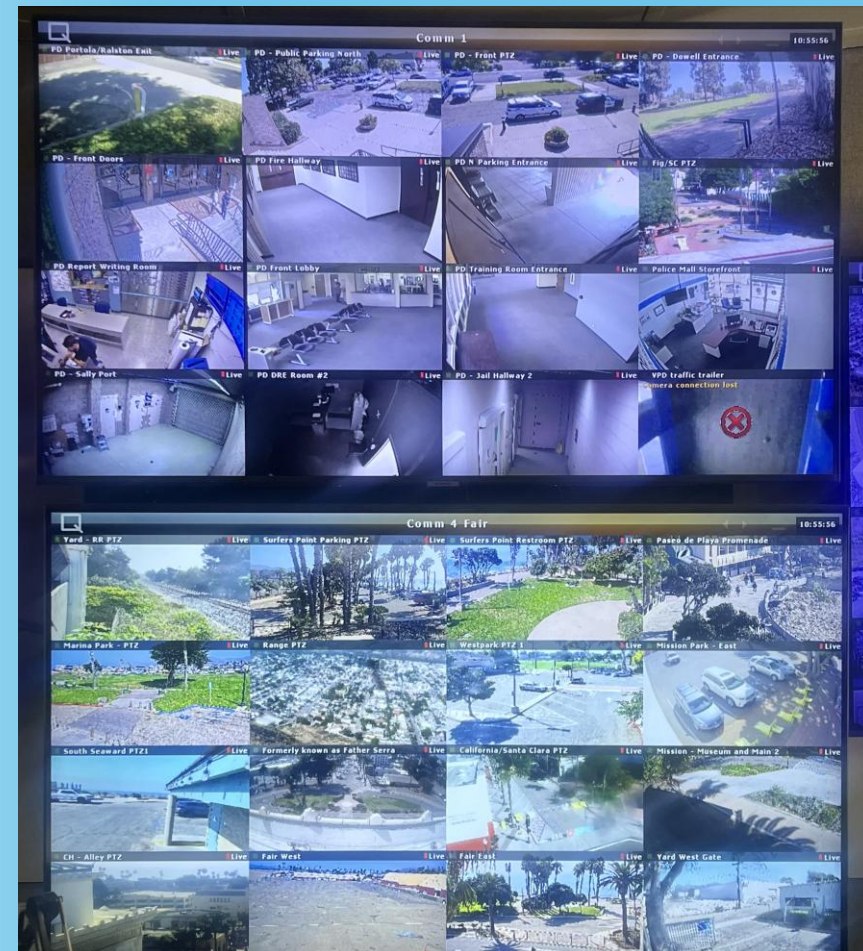
- City owned cameras that VPD has immediate access to.
- Camera feeds stream directly into our Dispatch Center and the Watch Commander's office.





CCTV Cameras: How do they Work?

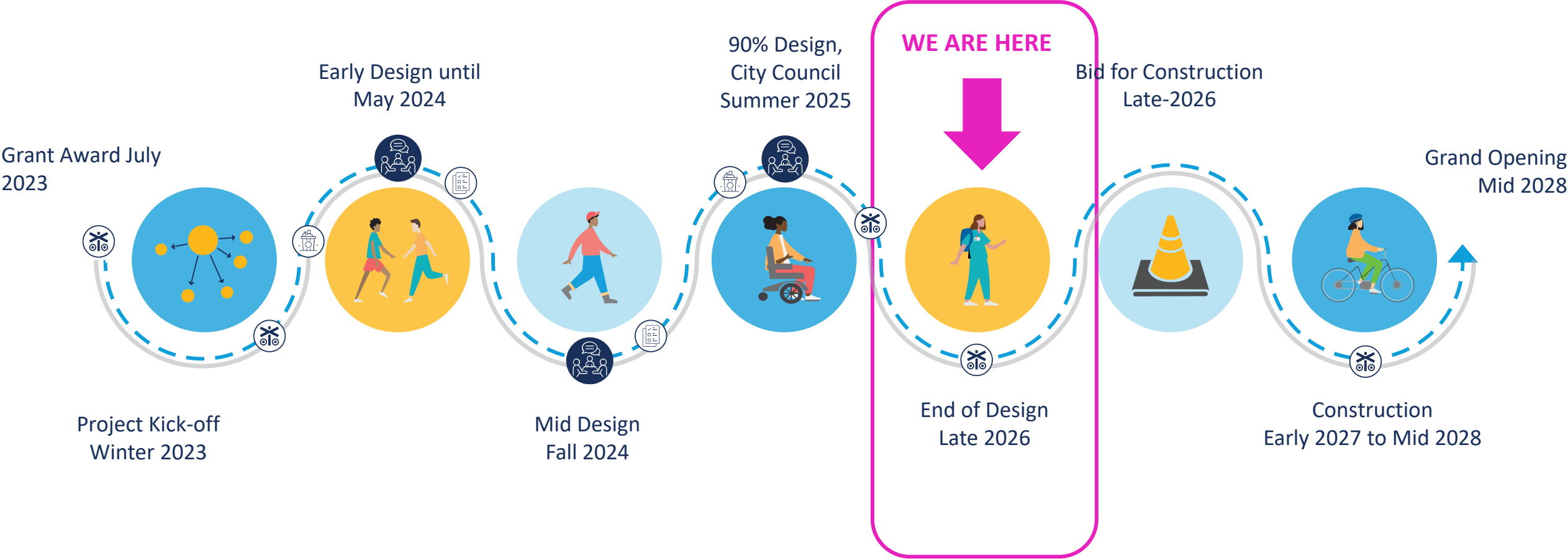
- There are several dozen cameras positioned throughout the City so not all are on screen 24/7 but rotate through at various intervals.
- Any feed can be pulled up onto a large monitor in real time
- Dispatchers often pull up a visual feed when we receive a call in that area, and we need added visuals or information to share with officers



Timeline and Next Steps



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Stay in Touch!

Questions? ATP@cityofventura.ca.gov

Project Website

Sign-up for meeting invites and project updates!

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