



Santa Maria Valley Railway

Historical Museum

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Presentation to:

Recreation and Parks Commission
City of Santa Maria

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Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum On the Right Track

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Itinerary



- **SMVRHM - Who We Are**
- **History of the SM Valley Railroad (SMVRR)**
- **Preserving the Historic Captain Allan Hancock Rail Corridor**
- **The Community Benefits**
- **Looking Ahead**

Who We Are



Vision

To operate a museum depicting and preserving the railroad heritage of the Central Coast of California, specifically, the Santa Maria Valley including operation of a short-line rail system.

Mission

The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum is dedicated to the preservation of American railroad heritage with specific emphasis on California, the Central Coast and the Santa Maria Valley, by collecting, restoring, displaying and operating historic railroad equipment, models and memorabilia for its recreational and educational value.

Who We Are (cont'd)



- **70+ Members now**
- **Interim Museum (in the Mall)**
- **Acquiring Rolling Stock**
- **Modelers**
- **Events**



What We Do



- Artifacts
- Restoration
- School Field Trips
- Scouting
- Acquisition
- Fun Days
- Modeling
- Web Site



The SMVRR History



- **SMVRR was constructed in 1911 to haul crude oil, produce and sugar beets and provide shipping for other goods in and out of the Valley**
- **Purchased by Captain Allan Hancock in 1925**
- **The Railroad continued to expand and is still serving agriculture and industry today**

What We Are Requesting

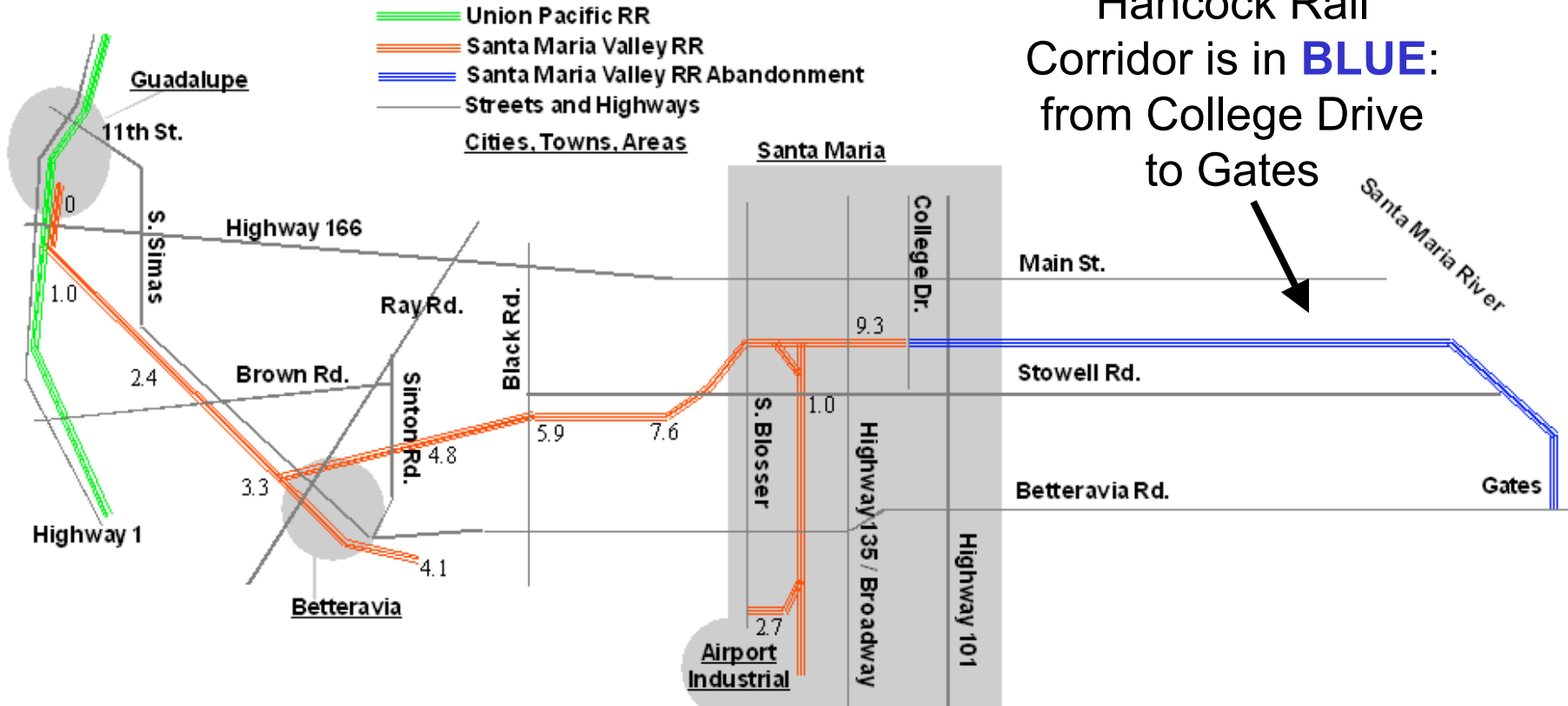


- **Preserve the Right-of-Way of the SMVRR from College Drive East to the Gates Station**
- **Preserve the Captain Allan Hancock Rail Corridor**
- **Continue the process in order to determine the highest and best community uses**

Allan Hancock Rail Corridor



The Captain Allan Hancock Rail Corridor is in **BLUE**:
from College Drive to Gates



Community Benefits



- **Creating a Historic Tourist Train**
- **Promoting Agricultural Heritage of the Santa Maria Valley – focusing on Wine, Grapes and Strawberries**
- **Increase Tourism, Create Jobs**
- **Give Santa Maria a Unique Historic Identity**

Potential Resources



- **Grants (Historical, Transportation, Recreational, and Economic)**
- **Private contributions**
- **Fundraising**
- **CalTrans**
- **Preservation Organizations**
- **Railroad Historical Organizations**

Let's get the Community On Board

Hancock Rail Corridor



Community Partners in the Vision

- Central Coast Cultural Group
- Santa Maria Valley Historical Society

And others are expressing interest...



Looking Ahead



We see

- Tourism/Jobs
- Excursions
- Speeder Runs
- Strawberry/Wine Train
- On-rail Exhibits



Other ideas deserve consideration...



All Aboard!



Together, let's pursue the vision of preserving the Captain Allan Hancock Rail Corridor as a Community Asset.

