# VENTURA COUNTYWIDE SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

2025-2034

Valley Express Proposed Routes

September 2025

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# Countywide Short Range Transit Plan

#### Goals

Provide strategies for improved local and regional public transportation

Consider fixed route and demand response/paratransit collectively

Offer recommendations for increased coordination and connectivity between communities

### **Desired Outcomes**

Increased ridership

Improved marketing, communications, and partnerships to sustain ridership growth

Improved operational efficiency

Address inequity in the transportation network



# Components of the SRTP

Travel Market Analysis Who could use transit, and where?

Service Assessment How our current transit system performs

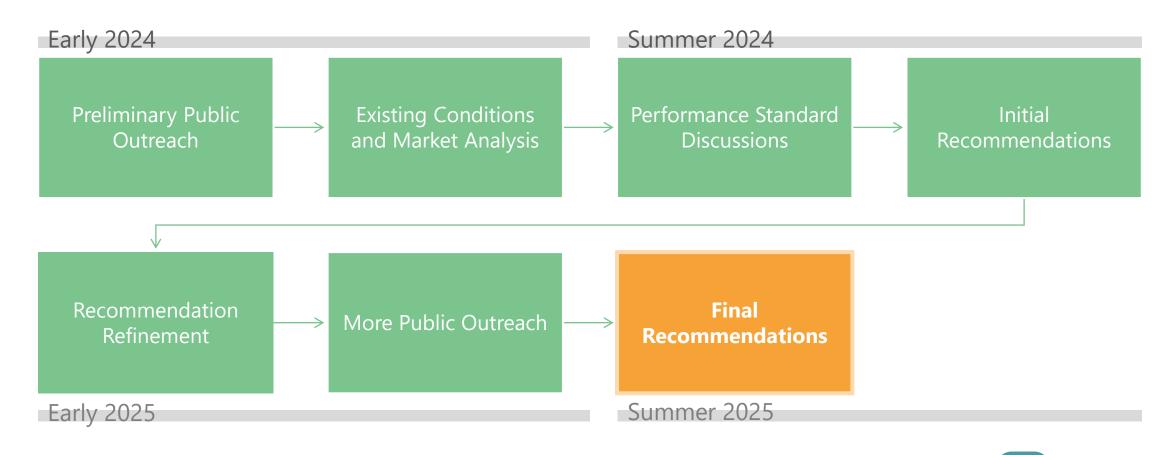
Service Recommendations Specific actions to address those questions

Capital and Financial Plan How to implement in the near-term

Path toward integrated Demand Response Actions to improve cost-efficiency and reduce barriers for the riders most dependent on public transportation



# Project Process Timeline





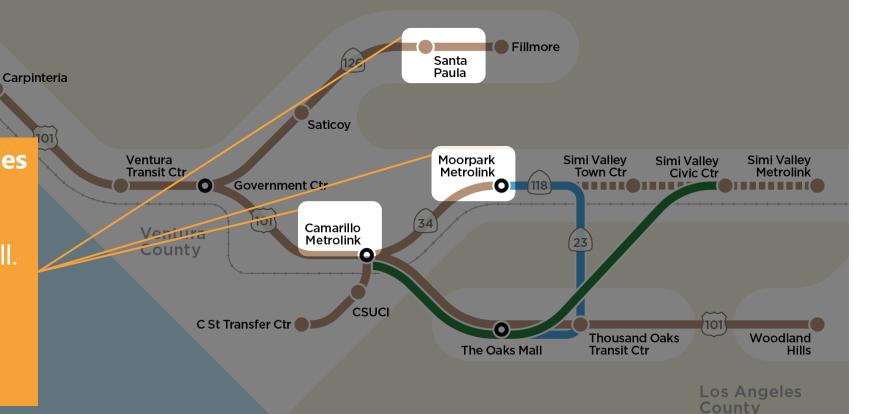
# Reinvesting in fixed-route service countywide

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Santa Barbara

Shift local resources
towards fixed
routes where they
should perform well.
Reserve demandresponse service
where it's most
needed



All details subject to change

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Santa Barbara County

Santa Barbara Santa Paula Goleta ( Revised routes Carpinteria Saticoy Ventura Transit Ctr **Near-Term Plan** Government Ctr Ventura

More dependable local circulation facilitates more local short trips and greater opportunity for connecting to regional routes

every 40 minutes Camarillo Metrolink Camarillo New service every 30 minutes

County

Fillmore+Piru

Simi Valley

Civic Ctr

Improved routes every 60 minutes

Thousand Oaks

Transit Ctr

Simi Valley

**Town Ctr** 

Moorpark Revised service

The Oaks Mall

Fillmore

Santa Paula

Moorpark

Metrolink

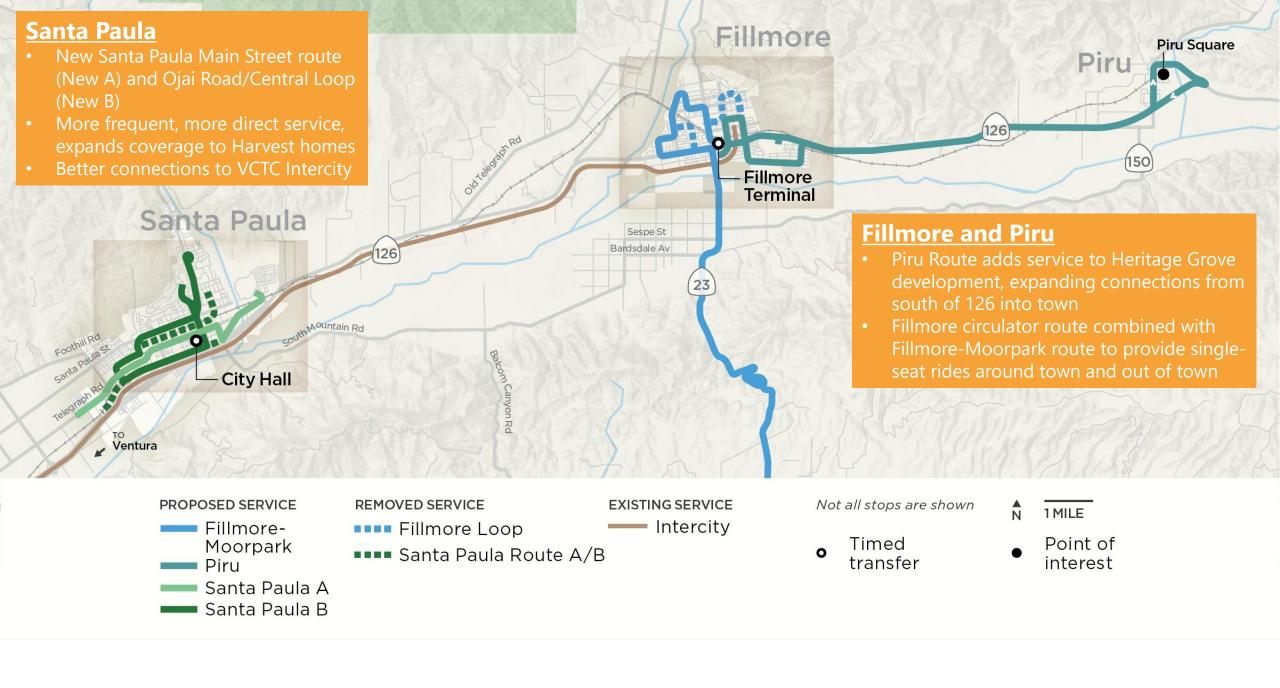
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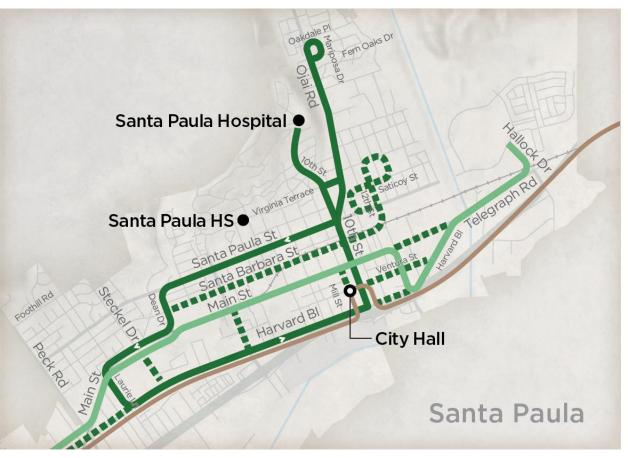
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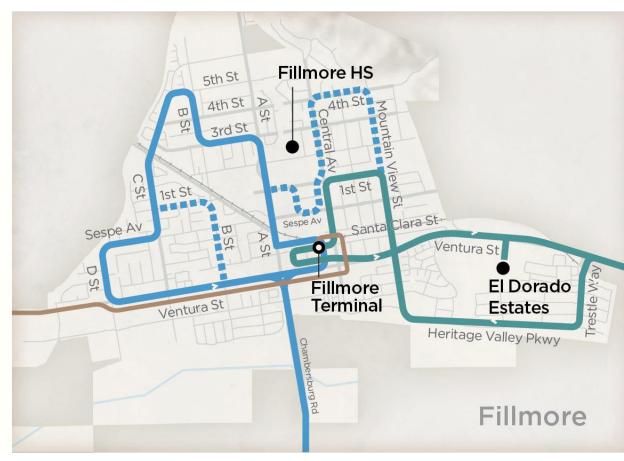
Woodland

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### **Local Route Detail**

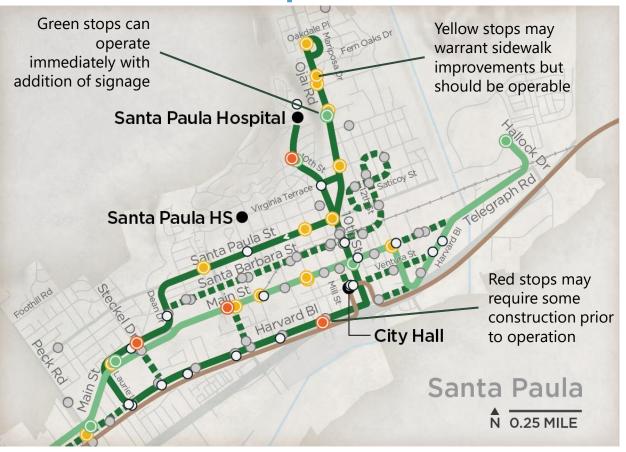




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# Bus Stops Detail - Santa Paula



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- Stops proposed to be discontinued are within a short walk of a remaining or new stop.

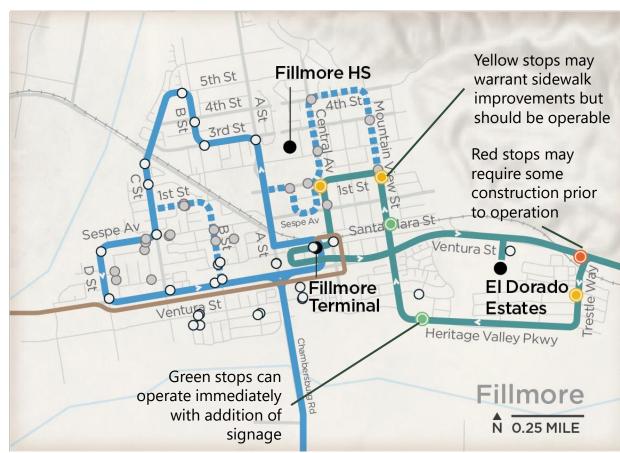
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# **Transit Pricing**

- Shift to "premium" price for Dial-a-Ride
- Encourage riders to use improved fixed routes
- Introduce fare capping to support frequent riders

Current	Phase 1 Proposed
\$1.25 base fare	\$1.50 base fare
\$0.60 seniors and people with disabilities	\$0.60 seniors and people with disabilities
\$2.00 Dial-A-Ride fare	\$3.00 Dial-A-Ride fare for seniors and people with disabilities
	\$5.00 Dial-A-Ride fare for non-disabled adults
	Fare cap: all rides free after 32 a month (16 round trips)

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## **Anticipated Outcomes**

- Increased ridership from reinvigorated local routes
- Increased ridership from more reliable and coordinated connections
- Streamlined services that are simpler to understand and more consistent in when and how they operate
- Better circulation in neighboring communities (Santa Paula, Moorpark)



# Ensuring successful outcomes

- Marketing improvements and refreshing promotions over time
- Developing and expanding partnerships with organizations, employers, and schools

- Better data monitoring and guidance for adapting over time
- Maintain long-term focus on proven service models and strategies



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