

# Santa Maria Valley Railroad



GUADALUPE

SANTA MARIA

Interchange

Cabrillo Hiway (1)

Simas St.

W. Main St. / Hiway 166

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Ray Road



Delta

CalPly

AG RX

Weyrick  
Transload

PictSweet

The Wye

Bell Storage

Green Cyn Trestle

W. Betteravia Road

Brown Road

Sinton Road

Black Road

W. Stowell Road

Frozsun  
Hayward Truss

Midco

Battles

Bragur  
Western  
Farm  
Services

Greka Energy

Stock

Carr

Blosser

W. Betteravia Road

BETTERAVIA

Hayward  
Lumber

Union Pacific Railroad

Hiway 1

Okonite

Skyway

Broadway / Hiway 135

Santa Maria Airport

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scaled



Santa Maria Valley Railroad's 14 miles of well maintained mainline track serves freight customers in the Santa Maria Valley. Our tracks are rated to transport 286,000 lb rail cars, we can transport the most modern freight cars. In addition to the 14 miles of mainline track, the SMVRR maintains many sidings and spurs with capacity to store rail cars.



The SMVRR has a complete locomotive and rail car repair shop and maintenance of way equipment. The SMVRR can serve off-site customers with track and locomotive repair maintenance. The SMVRR holds a California General Rail Contractors License.



Through our third party transportation logistics partner, Cochiolo Trucking Inc., the Santa Maria Valley Railroad can provide transload services, temporary warehousing of products, cross docking, and trucking for door-to-door service with your products.

## Brief History of the SMVRR



The Santa Maria Valley Railroad commenced construction on July 11, 1911 by an English oil syndicate to haul oil and asphalt from Roadamite to Guadalupe. The SMVRR reached Santa Maria on October 7, 1911 and was completed to Roadamite on November 5, 1911.

Captain G. Allan Hancock purchased the SMVRR in 1925 and proceeded to build many industries which complemented the railroad. Captain Hancock developed agriculture in the Santa Maria Valley, introducing new irrigation methods. Captain Hancock invested heavily in packing sheds, an ice plant, and Rosemary Farms. By mid 1930's the SMVRR was hauling many carloads of sugar beets to the Union Sugar Plant in Betteravia, and oil and vegetables out of the valley. The SMVRR was one of the busiest shortline railroads on the west, hauling over 20,000 carloads per year.

The SMVRR was one of the last railroads on the West Coast to run main line steam. On February 21, 1962 was the last run of steam engine No. 21 with Captain Hancock at the throttle and Walt Disney in the cab. Captain Hancock passed away in 1965. Oil produced in the valley eventually left the rails and in August 1993, Holly Sugar closed down the sugar plant in Betteravia.

In October 2006, the SMVRR was purchased by the Coast Belle Rail Corporation from the Hancock family. Since taking over the operations, the new Santa Maria Valley Railroad is being revitalized with significant rebuilding of the railroad, new marketing initiatives, expansion of switching and car maintenance services, excursions, and special events to promote public awareness of the railroad.



## Efficient

Our nation's freight railroads operate over 171,000 miles of track with over 1.3 million freight cars in service.

Railroads haul 40% of our nation's freight.

## Cost Effective

Rail freight rates have dropped 11% from 1981 to 2006, 55% in inflation adjusted terms.

Freight railroads have invested hundreds of billions of dollars in their infrastructures since deregulation in 1980, to continue to become even more efficient and cost effective to their customers.

## Environmentally Friendly

Freight Railroads reduce highway traffic congestion. One freight car is equivalent to three or more trucks.

The SMVRR transported the equivalent of over 2,900 truckloads of freight last year.



The Santa Maria Valley Railroad, serving the Santa Maria Valley's transportation needs since 1911, provides the most efficient, cost effective, and environmentally friendly way to transport products to any location in the continental United States served by our national railroad network. SMVRR's excellent service is achieved by well maintained track and equipment, modern communications, and loyal and dedicated employees.



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