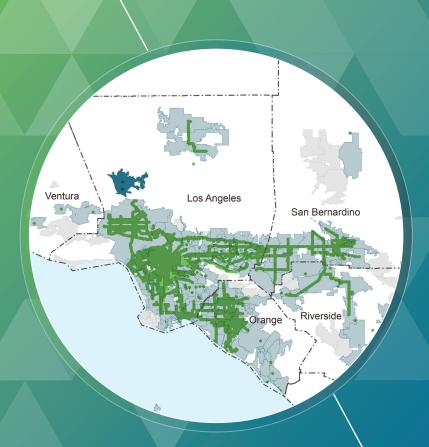
# Part 2 Station Area Profile



The Station Area Profile is a summary of the existing physical and socioeconomic conditions, as well as previously completed plans for the Pilot Project Area.

#### **Overview**

Santa Clarita High Quality Transit Area Santa Clarita Metrolink Station

### Socioeconomic Profile

Demographic Profile Employment Profile Employment Trends

# **Previous Planning Efforts**

Porta Bella Specific Plan (1995) City of Santa Clarita General Plan (2011) Santa Clarita Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (2014) Soledad Canyon Road Corridor Plan (2015)



# Santa Clarita High Quality Transit Area

The City of Santa Clarita's High Quality Transit Area (HQTA) is located in a hillside environment somewhat removed from the core of Downtown Santa Clarita along Soledad Canyon Road and across from the Santa Clara River. Existing uses within the 1/2 mile radius of the Metrolink Station are primarily single-family residential. The Newhall Metrolink Station, by comparison, is located within 3 miles of the Santa Clarita Metrolink Station and is within a considerably more dense urban environment. The only road to access the Santa Clarita Metrolink Station is Soledad Canyon Road. Just north of Soledad Canyon Road is the Chuck Pontius Commuter Rail Trail and the Santa Clara River.

The Pilot Project Area is comprised of three major sites: the privately owned Saugus Speedway Site, the privately owned and publicly operated Metrolink Site, and the privately owned Whittaker-Bermite Site. The Saugus Speedway Site is currently used as a swap meet. The Metrolink Site is leased by the City as a 400-stall commuter parking lot. The Whittaker-Bermite site is undergoing an environmental remediation process.

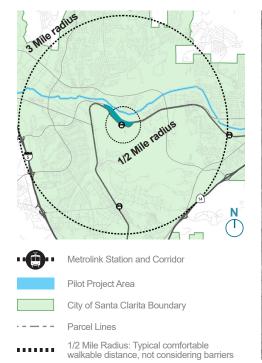


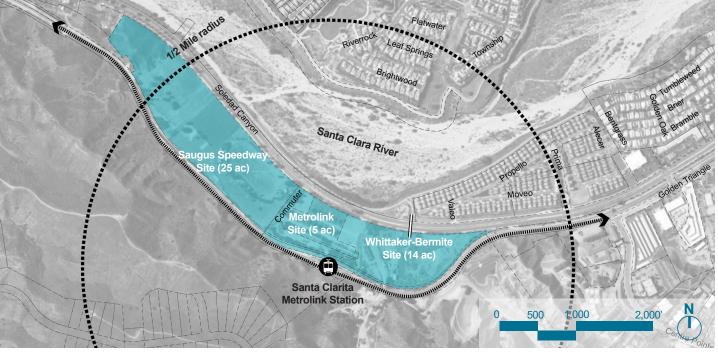


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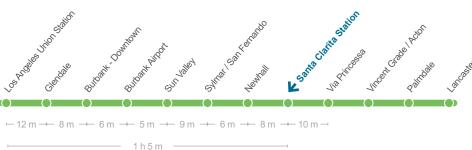
#### Santa Clarita Metrolink Station

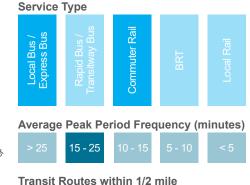
The Santa Clarita Station is serviced by Metrolink (Green Line). There are six bus stops serviced by Santa Clarita Transit located at the station or across the street along Commuter Way. Among the seven bus lines with stops at the Metrolink station are two commuter express lines that connect to Downtown Los Angeles at Union Station: Route 799 and Route 794.

The Metrolink Station has a 473 stall surface parking lot north of the platform. On weekdays between 4:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. there are 6 inbounding trains from Santa Clarita Metrolink Station to Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS).

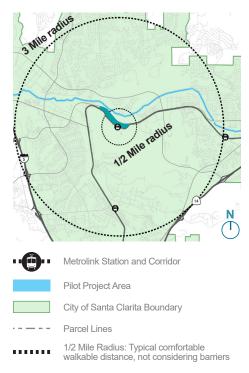
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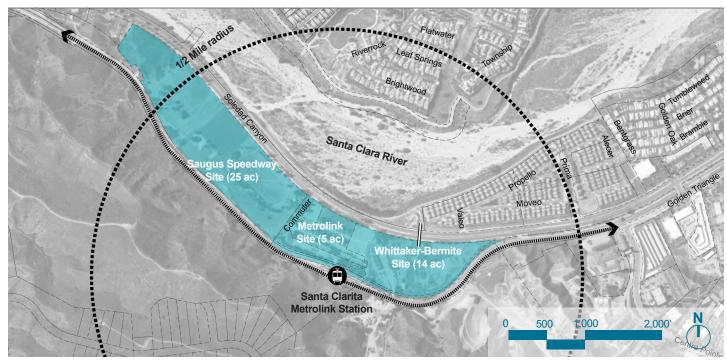
\* Travel times are based on Metrolink timetables at peak weekday traffic hour





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# **Demographic Profile**

The Study Area\*\*\* along with the City and the County have gained jobs between 2010 and 2015.

The Study Area has grown the fastest between 2010 and 2015, followed by the City and then the Los Angeles County.

Job growth in the City has outpaced the region, particularly driven by growth in the Education and Healthcare industries, followed by the Production, Distribution and Repair (PD&R) related industries. In addition

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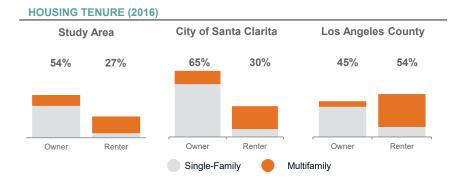
DEMOGRAPHICS (2017)	Study Area***	City of Santa Clarita	Los Angeles County
Total Population	9,247	186,809	10,275,545
Pop. Density (Per Sq. Mile)	1,260	3,420	323
Annual Growth Rate			
Historic (2010-2017)	4.01%	0.83%	0.65%
Projected (2017-2027)	1.14%	2.91%	0.74%
Total Households	3,591	62,192	3,362,080
Average HH Size	2.57	3.02	3.04
Annual Growth Rate			
Historic (2010-2017)	3.57%	0.63%	0.52%
Projected (2017-2027)	1.22%	2.95%	0.83%
Median Age	41.6	36.1	35.6
0-17 years	25%	25%	23%
18-64 Years	63%	64%	65%
64 Years and Over	13%	12%	12%
Jobs per Household*	2.7	1.1	1.3
Unemployment Rate**	3.8%	4.3%	4.8%
Median Household Income	\$72,716	\$88,465	\$59,613

<sup>\*</sup> HR&A Advisors, Inc.

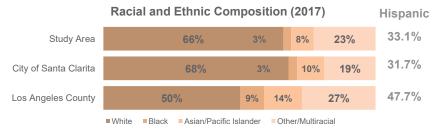
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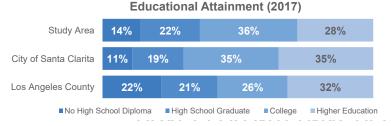
Sources: Social Explorer, ACS 2015 5-year estimates, SCAG Growth Forecast 2012, SCAG TAZ Forecast 2008, Dept. of Finance E5 2007.

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MOBILITY (2016)	Study Area	City of Santa Clarita	Los Angeles County
Average Commute Time (in mins.)	NA	33	30
Cars per Household*	NA	1.0	0.2
Public Transit Users	NA	3%	7%
Solo Drivers	NA	77%	74%
Others	NA	20%	20%





<sup>\*\*</sup>Percentage of population 16 years and over in the labor force.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Study Area is defined as a 5-minute drivetime from the Santa Clarita Metrolink station and is not the typical half-mile radius around the station.

# **Employment Profile**

The City of Santa Clarita is a thriving education and medical hub and has nearly 1.5% of Los Angeles County's worker population.

Some of the largest healthcare employers include Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital and Kaiser Permanente. The College of Canyons and Newhall School District are the largest education-related employers in Santa Clarita.

Job growth in the City is likely to outpace that of the County over the next ten years but growth in the Study Area is likely to be at slower pace than the City.

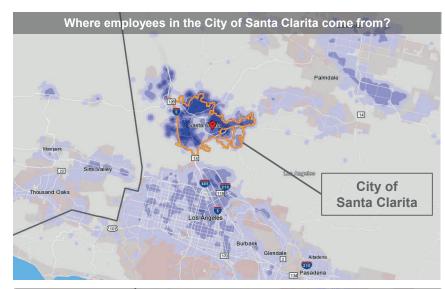
Residents living in Santa Clarita travel as far as downtown Los Angeles for work and the City is often perceived as a bedroom community for employees working in City of Los Angeles.

The residents are also heavily car-dependent and only 3% use public transit.

	Study	City of	Los Angeles
EMPLOYMENT (2015)	Area	Santa Clarita	County
Total Worker Population	9,609	68,856	4,443,133
Job Density (per sq. mile)	1,309	1,108	935
Annual Growth Rate			
Historic (2010-2015)	9.0%	3.3%	1.5%
Projected (2017-2027)	1.2%	2.4%	0.5%
Average Earnings per Job*	\$63,036	\$63,311	\$73,871
Top Three Industry Clusters			_
	Retail 26%	Education & Medical 24%	Education & Medical 24%
* Includes wages, salaries,	Government 20%	PD&R 21%	Knowledge- based 21%
supplements (additional employee benefits), and proprietor income. Approximated by zip code.	Education & Medical 17%	Government 15%	PD&R 18%

Sources: LEHD, Social Explorer, ACS 2015 5-year estimates, SCAG Growth Forecast 2012, SCAG TAZ Forecast 2008.

#### SOCIOECONOMIC PROFILE





#### **Employment Industry Cluster Classification**

The classification is based on Center for Transit-Oriented Development 2010 Report.

- Natural Resources includes agriculture and mining;
- Production, Distribution, and Repair ("PD&R") includes manufacturing, wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing;
- Knowledge-based includes information, finance and insurance, real estate, scientific, professional, and technical services, and management of companies;
- Entertainment includes arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services.
- Government includes utilities, administration and other services.

# **Employment Trends**

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#### **HQTA Opportunities**

- The Pilot Project Area includes a 25-acre Saugus Speedway infill site, which is the parcel immediately west of the Metrolink Station.
- Santa Clarita's thriving economy and employment hub, along with the Study Area's proximity to activity centers in Santa Clarita and other attractions offers this area unique development opportunities.
- The City is also witnessing significant new development in both office and industrial real estate. Some of the largest medical groups such as Kaiser Permanente and UCLA Medical have moved to the City.
- The Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation is positive of the future growth prospects of the City and anticipates continued growth in high-paying jobs and reduction in unemployment rates. All these factors can bring in added opportunities for the HQTA.

#### SOCIOECONOMIC PROFILE

EMPLOYMENT TRENDS	Study Area	City of Santa Clarita	Los Angeles County
Employment Growth in Industry Clusters (2010-2015)			
Natural Resources	0	1	(2,021)
Production, Distribution, and Repair	120	2,140	13,222
Retail	953	1,549	25,036
Knowledge-based	285	222	71,889
Education and Medical	490	3,508	197,156
Entertainment	777	1,484	90,691
Government	634	1,742	48,442
Other	113	(229)	(134,617)
Net Gain of Jobs (2010-2015)	3,372	10,417	309,798

Negative numbers in parenthesis

# Percentage Change in Employment by Industry Clusters (2010-2015)



# Porta Bella Specific Plan (1995)

The Porta Bella Specific Plan, adopted in 1995, covers the Metrolink Site, the Whittaker-Bermite Site, and additional parcels south of the Pilot Project Area; the Speedway Site is not within the Specific Plan's boundaries. The Specific Plan identifies its study area as having a classic Californian hillside community character, and sets forth a series of policies to maintain that character. The Plan divides the Porta Bella community into multiple districts with the HQTA Pilot Project Area within the Soledad Commercial District. It identifies the lands fronting Soledad Canyon Road as a prime location for offices and mixed-use commercial developments. The intended residential type is multi-family near the Metrolink station with pedestrian access to the station provided via a people mover and/or an escalator, supplemented a sports club and other recreational uses.

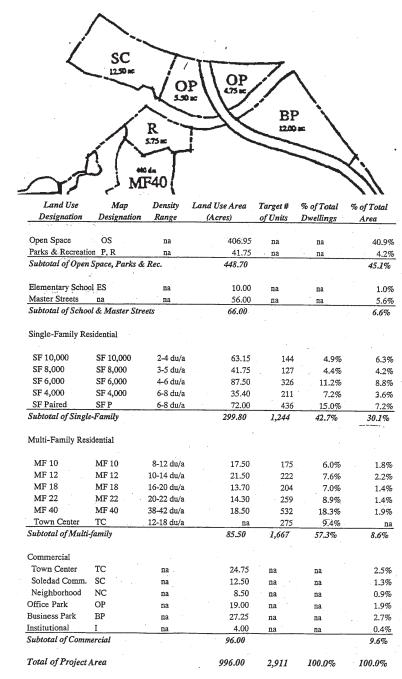
#### **Soledad Commercial District Map**



- RAIL STATION AND COMMERCIAL
- 2. \*OFFICE/BUSINESS PARK
- MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
- SPORTS CLUB/GOLF DRIVING RANGE
- PEOPLE MOVER/ESCALATOR

#### PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

#### **Land Use Designation Map**



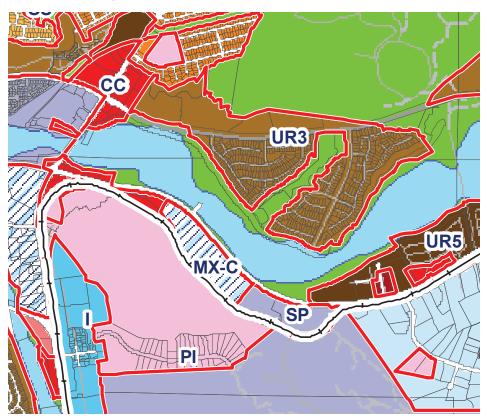
# **City of Santa Clarita General Plan (2011)**

The General Plan, also referred to as One Valley One Vision (OVOV), was adopted in 2011. The General Plan indicates that the Saugus Speedway Site is designated as mixed-use (MX-C) while the Metrolink Site is to be regulated according to the 1995 Porta Bella Specific Plan (SP). The MX-C designation allows commercial retail, office, and service uses intermingled with higher density residential uses in order to reduce vehicle trips.

As part of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process for the General Plan, a Valley-wide Traffic Study was conducted, which determined the estimated development threshold which could be supported by the traffic infrastructure. These thresholds are listed in the table at right. The traffic study uses three land use designations for the parcels comprising the Pilot Project Area: Commercial Retail, Commercial Office, and Multi-Family (MF) Residential.

#### PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

#### **General Plan Map**



# Land Use and Trip Generation Comparison – 2004 and OVOV Buildout

Zone	Land Use Category	2004 Amount	GP Buildout Amount
Metrolink Site (referred	3 Commercial Retail	0 sq. ft.	181,000 sq. ft.
to as TAZ 240 in OVOV			
Traffic Study)			
Saugus Speedway Site	2 MF Residential	0 dwelling units	450 dwelling units
(referred to as TAZ 250	3 Commercial Retail	0 sq. ft.	448,660 sq. ft.
in OVOV Traffic Study)	4 Commercial Office	0 sq. ft.	300,000 sq. ft.

# Santa Clarita Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (2014)

The 2014 Santa Clarita Non-Motorized Transportation Plan aimed to increase pedestrian and cyclist amenities throughout the city. Few recommendations were made near the HQTA. Most notably, an extension of the Chuck Pontius Commuter-Rail Trail, improved signage at the station, and enhanced roadway striping for more visible sidewalks and bike paths within the station site. The image below summarizes the plan's recommendations for the Santa Clarita Metrolink Station site.

## PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

#### Santa Clarita Metrolink Station Recommended Improvements



# **Soledad Canyon Road Corridor Plan (2015)**

The 2011 General Plan established a goal of creating a "Valley of Villages" and identified the Soledad Canyon Road Corridor as a village. The Soledad Canyon Road Corridor Plan was adopted in 2015 to further define the goals and standards for the corridor in accordance with the Santa Clarita General Plan. The Soledad Canyon Corridor planning area is located within the City of Santa Clarita in the community of Canyon Country on Soledad Canyon Road between the Santa Clara River and east of Solamint Road. This boundary is approximately three miles east of the HQTA Pilot Project Area. The plan establishes a series of development standards in pursuit of the following goals:

#### Goals

- Ensure that development is of human scale, pedestrian-oriented, and designed to create attractive streetscapes and pedestrian spaces
- Moderate vehicular traffic by providing for a mixture of land uses, pedestrian-oriented development, compact community form, safe and effective traffic circulation, and appropriate parking facilities
- Provide standards for the orderly growth and development of the Soledad Canyon Road
   Corridor that will assist in protecting and enhancing the community identity
- Ensure that proposed development and new land uses conserve energy and natural resources
- Facilitate the development and redevelopment of walkable, complete neighborhoods
- Provide for compatibility between different types of development and land uses through effective urban and architectural design

#### PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

#### **Corridor Boundary Map**

