

The Three-Creeks Trail

an update for
Jim Beall

L. Ames, March 15, 2012

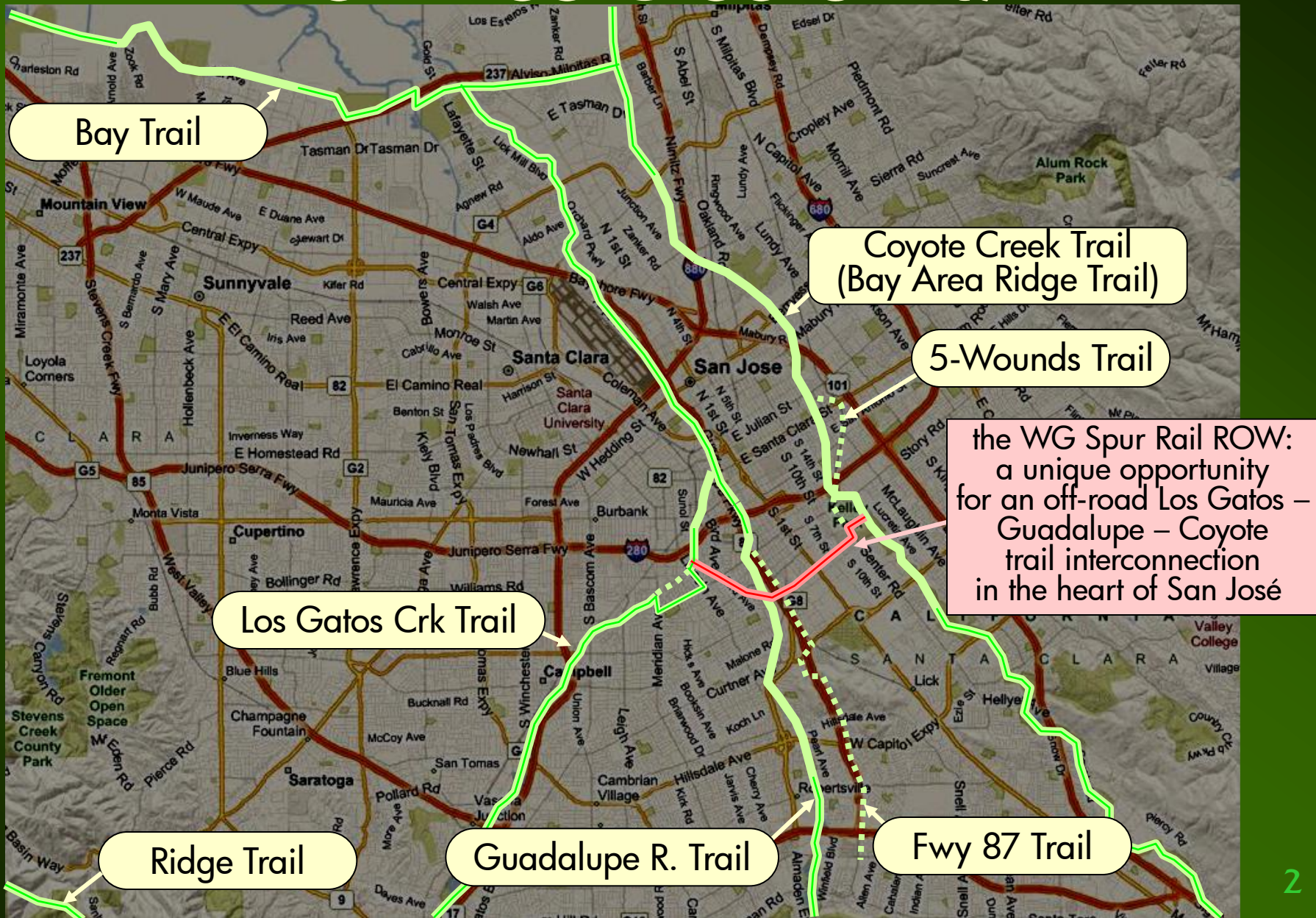
Save Our Trails!



Promoting trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all

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“The Three Creeks Trail”



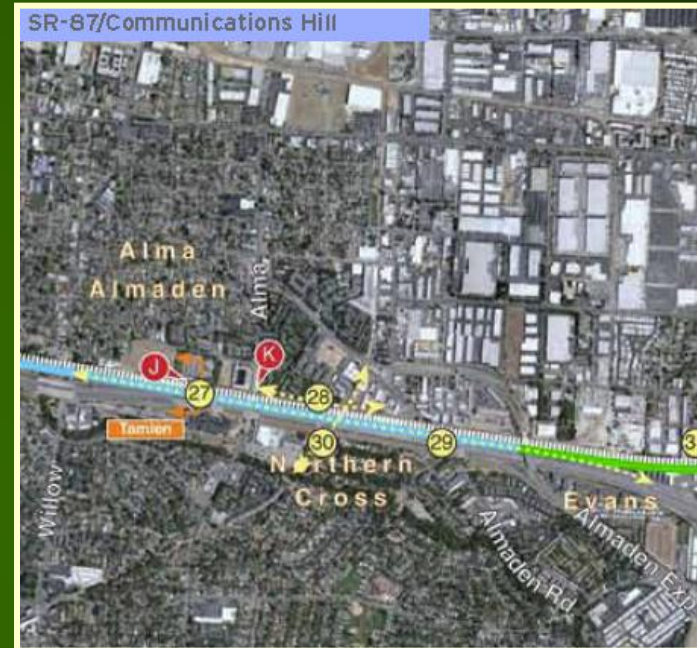
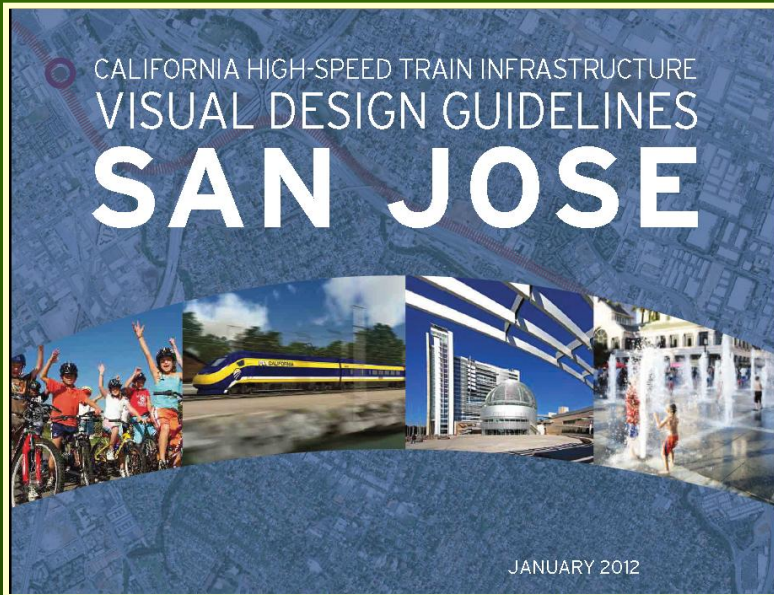
Status Update 3/15/12



Three Issues

- Crossing the CalTrain / High-Speed-Rail Tracks
- Right-of-Way that is already purchased and developed
- Right-of-Way that is still available and for sale

HSR & 3 Creeks Trail Crossing



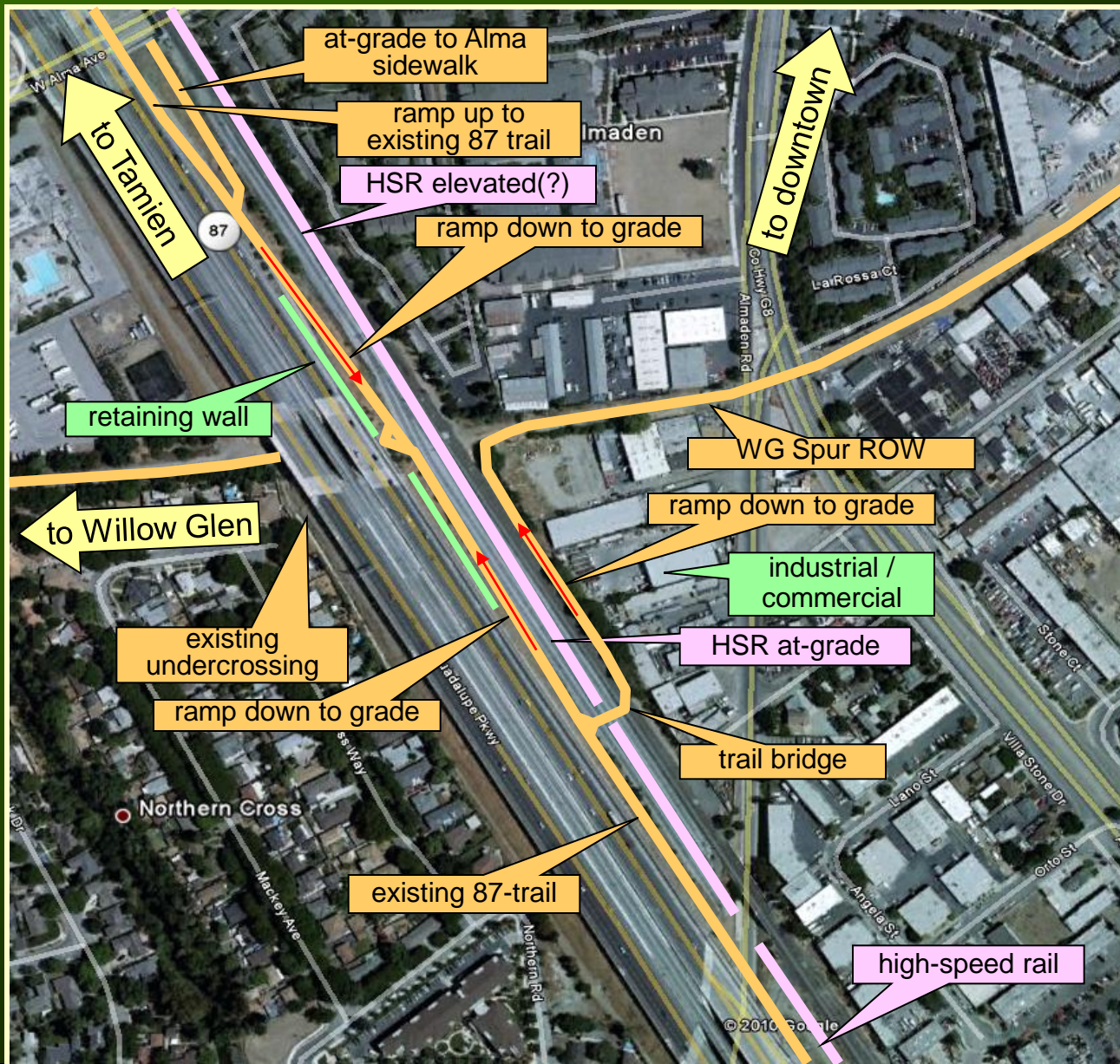
Design Objectives

- Maintain pedestrian and bicycle trail connectivity where impacted by alignment.

Desired Outcomes

- Rebuild the Class I bike path under HST aerial and alongside HST tracks as a safe, open and publicly visible route with landscaping and shade trees along the route.
- Construct the Three Creeks Trail crossing of HST and Caltrain/UPRR to allow a grade-separated Class I bike path from west of SR-87 to Almaden Road.

CalTrain / HSR Crossing



Stucco Supply Co.: Possible Route

will need eventually
to acquire an easement
along edge of property

Stucco Supply Co.

Bay Rags

Praxair

Hanson Iron

will need to buy structure;
won't have to remove it

alarmed
emergency
gate?

access drive undisturbed

12' trail
+ shoulder

landscaping

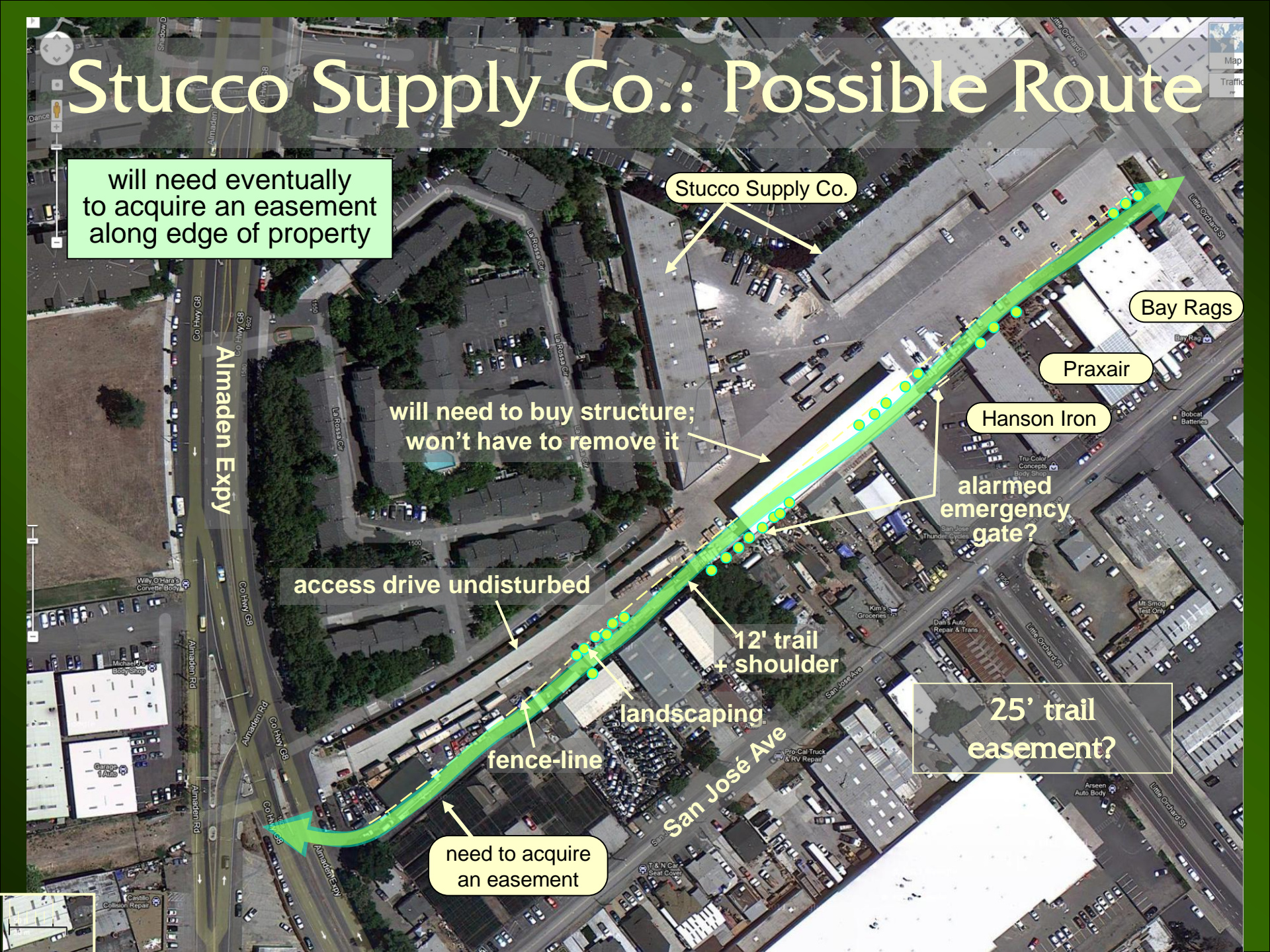
25' trail
easement?

fence-line

need to acquire
an easement

Almaden Expy

San José Ave



Acquire Easement?



possible trail access?

Structure at Stucco Supply



a “drive-thru” building!

Next Step

- Have a solution for the CalTrain/HSR Tracks, but don't need to build bridge until can get thru Stucco Supply.
- Don't need easement thru Stucco Supply now: wait until it can connect other segments
- Need to acquire available ROWs now, lest they be purchased for development.

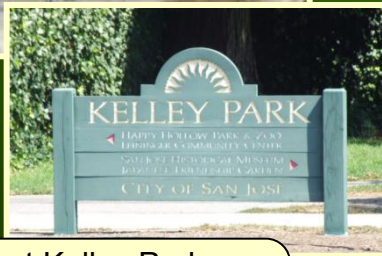


Funding

- For Acquisition of Western Section:
 - \$3.2 M from Open Space Authority (incl. interest)
 - \$2.0 M from Santa Clara Co. Parks
 - \$0.9 M from San José
 - Total actual acquisition price: \$6.033 M
- For Acquisition of Eastern Section:
 - \$1.0 M from Santa Clara Co. Parks
 - Open Space Authority is tapped out...
 - City matching funds?
 - Possible State or Federal Grants?
 - Total estimated acquisition price: ~\$5.7 M
- For Trail Development
 - \$0.5 M from SCVWD (for trestle)
 - various City funds
 - various State grants

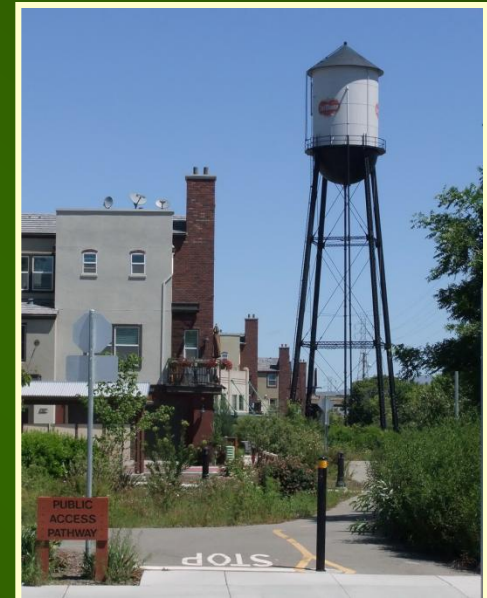
a “Historic Trail”

Connects the History Park...



... at Kelley Park ...

... by means of a historic train trestle ...



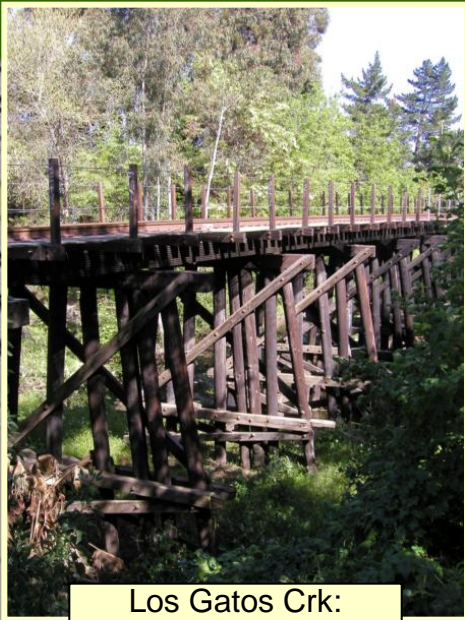
... to the historic cannery district in WG.

In Conclusion...

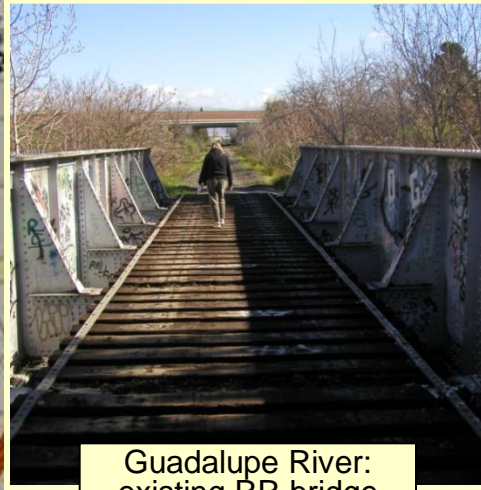
this is a
Historic Opportunity
to preserve
some wonderful
Urban Openspace!



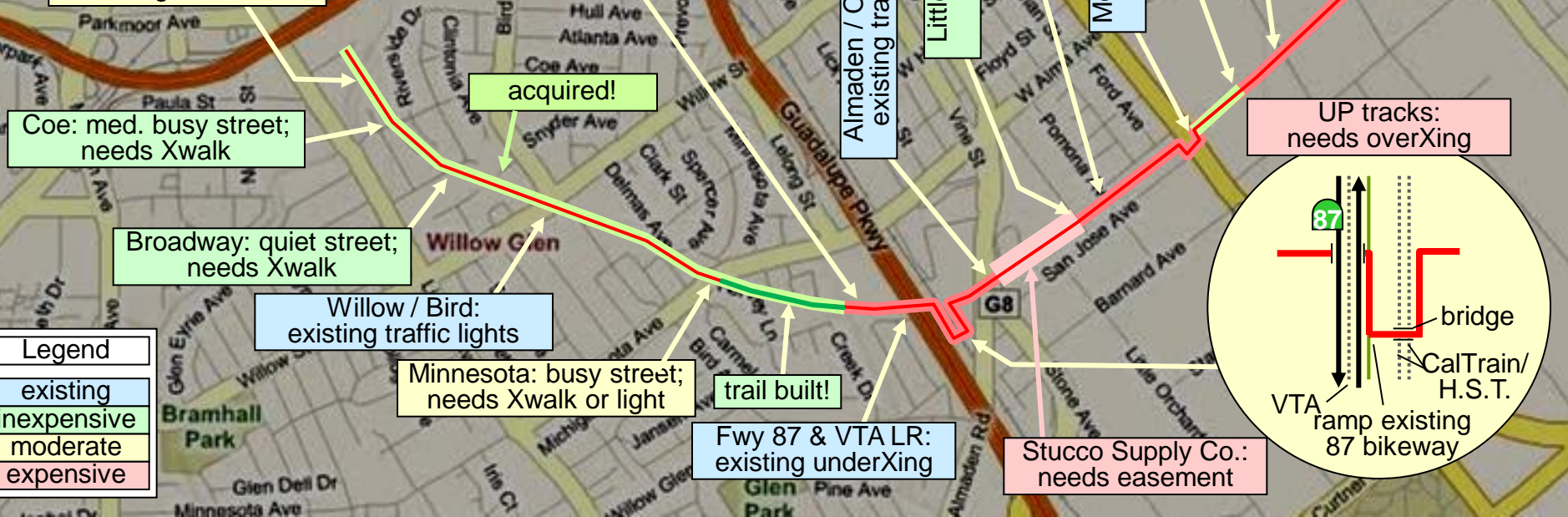
Challenges: the 3-Creeks Trail



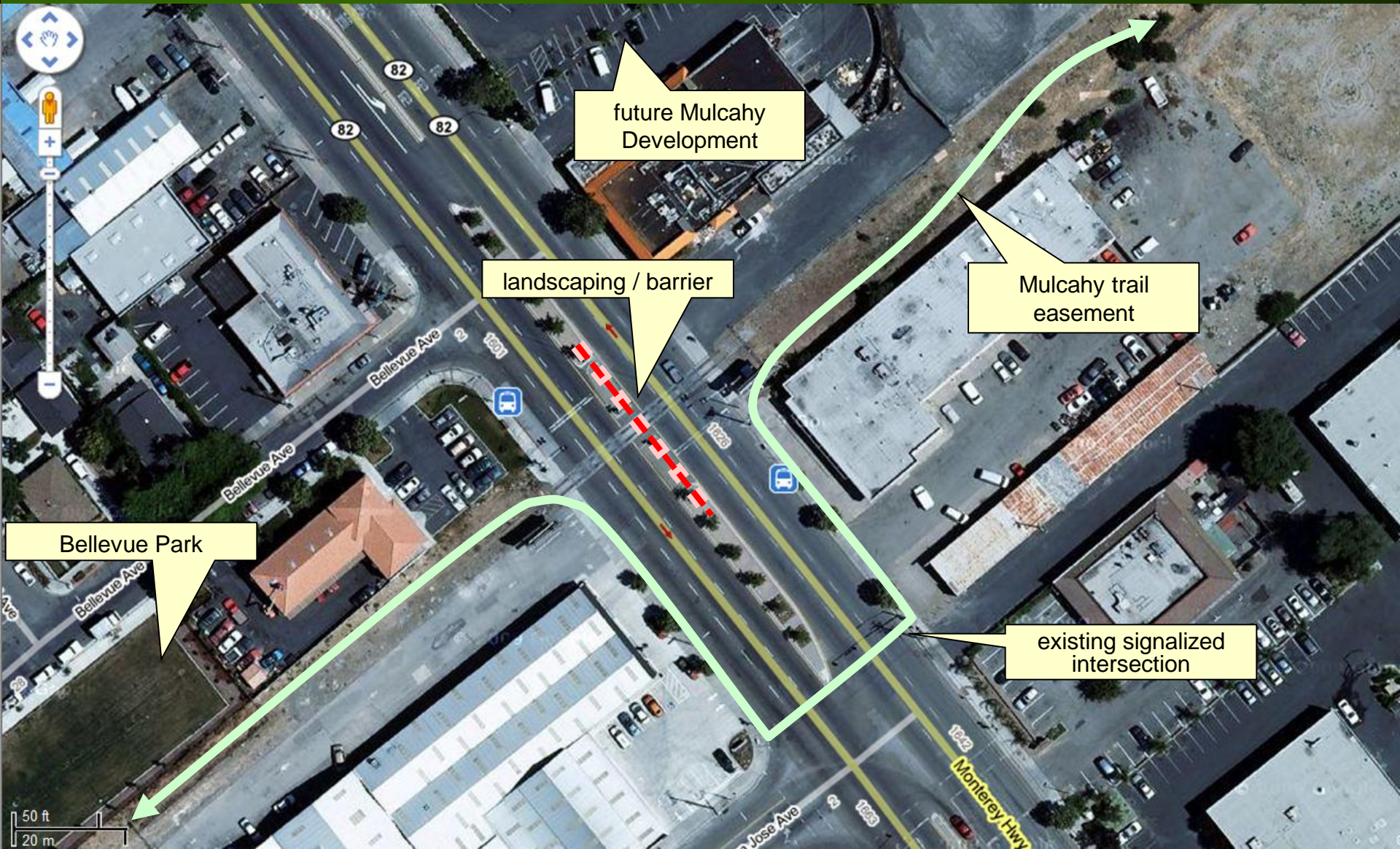
Los Gatos Crk:
existing RR trestle



Guadalupe River:
existing RR bridge



Crossing Monterey Hwy





Buildings that might
need to be demolished
to make room
if San Jose Ave.
were to be widened...

L. Ames 8/20/09

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Opportunities: the 3-Creeks Trail

Serves New High Density Residential areas:

- KB Homes at Del Monte site
- Parkmoor/Race (Midtown)
- Tamien Station
- Alma/Almaden

Connects regional trail systems:

- Los Gatos Creek Trail
- Guadalupe River Trail
- Fwy 87 bikepath
- Coyote Creek Trail

Connects regional and local parks:

- Del Monte (under const.)
- Bellevue (new)
- SJ Municipal Stadium and the "South Campus Study" area
- Kelley Park (zoo, gardens, ...)
- Tamien (future)
- Vietnamese Cultural Gardens

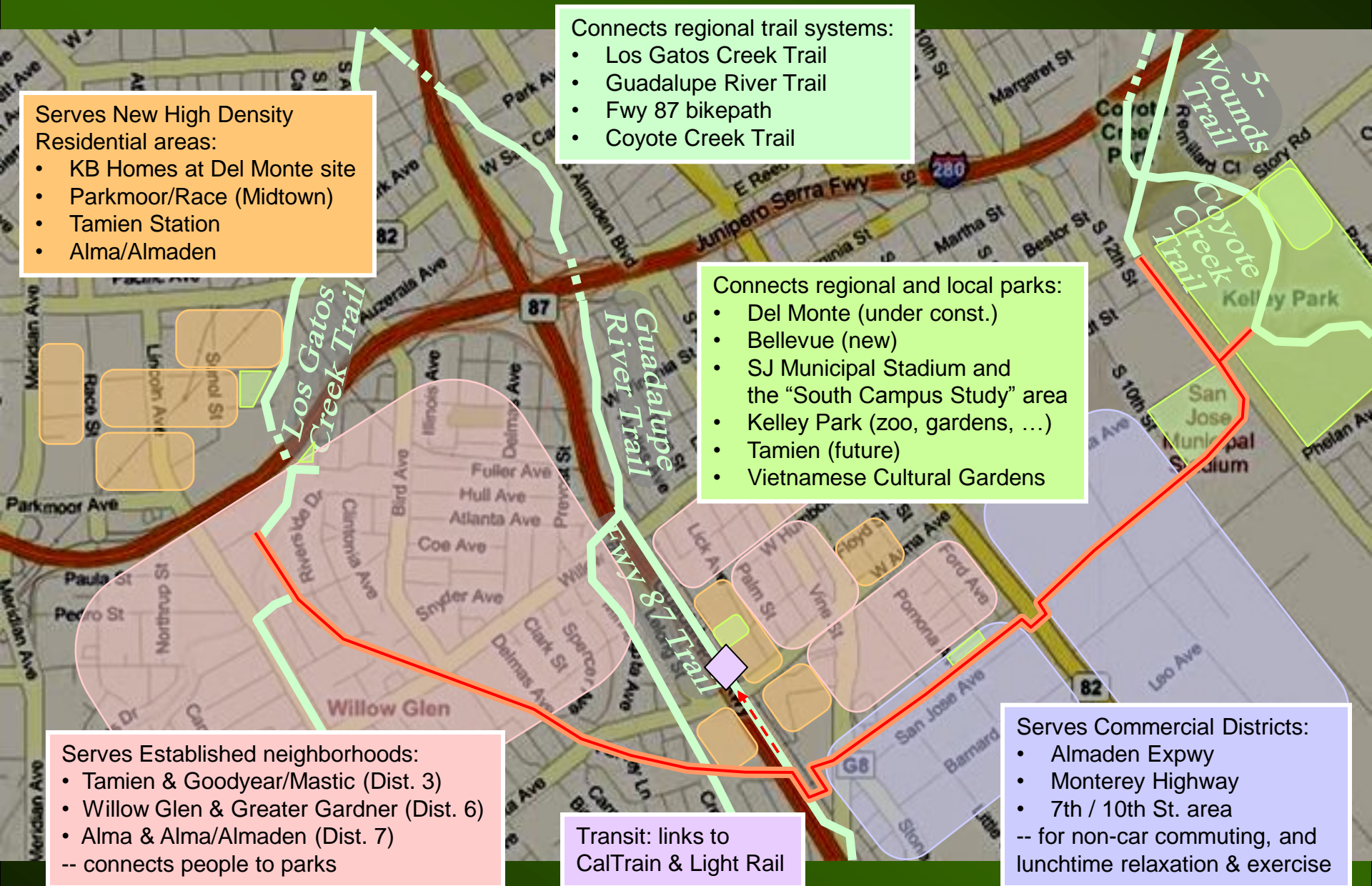
Serves Established neighborhoods:

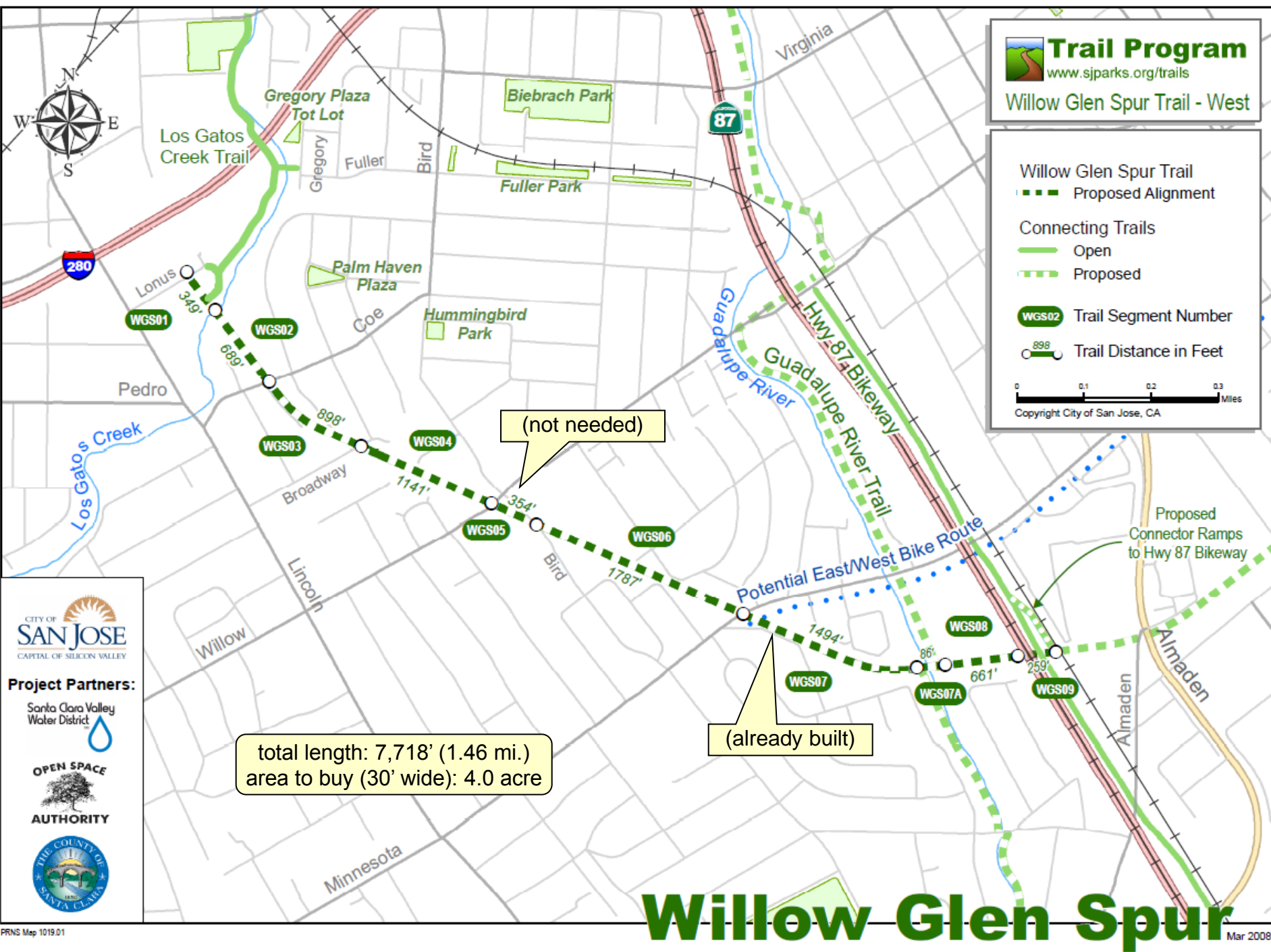
- Tamien & Goodyear/Mastic (Dist. 3)
- Willow Glen & Greater Gardner (Dist. 6)
- Alma & Alma/Almaden (Dist. 7)
- connects people to parks

Transit: links to
CalTrain & Light Rail

Serves Commercial Districts:

- Almaden Expwy
- Monterey Highway
- 7th / 10th St. area
- for non-car commuting, and
lunchtime relaxation & exercise





Trail Program

www.sjpark.org/trails

Willow Glen Spur Trail - West

Willow Glen Spur Trail

--- Proposed Alignment

Connecting Trails

— Open

--- Proposed

WGS02 Trail Segment Number

898 Trail Distance in Feet

0 0.1 0.2 0.3 Miles

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total length: 7,718' (1.46 mi.)
area to buy (30' wide): 4.0 acre

(not needed)

(already built)

Proposed
Connector Ramps
to Hwy 87 Bikeway

Willow Glen Spur



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Willow Glen Spur Trail - East

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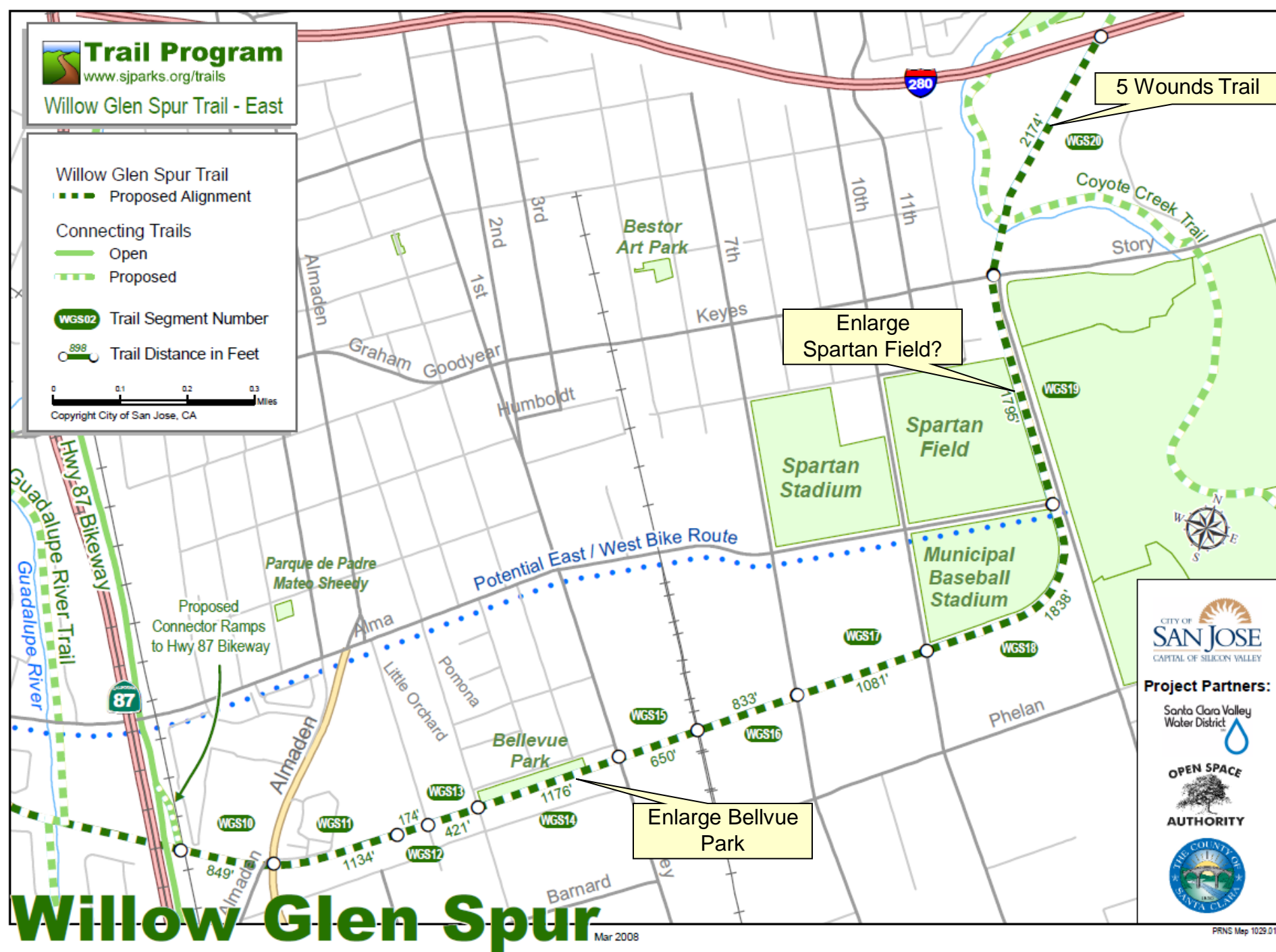
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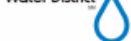
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