

Public Infrastructure Passing through Extended Campus San Luis Obispo Creek Watershed

The railroad is one of many technological networks embedded in University land. By virtue of its central location on the Pacific coast, midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cal Poly lies at the crossroads of major state, national, and global infrastructures.

This map displays parts of that infrastructure offering no direct service to the campus but licensed to pass through campus land with legal easements, rights of way, lease agreements, or deeds.

1. Railroad [purple]

The Railroad owned the land before Cal Poly came into existence. The current owner is Union Pacific; Southern Pacific was former owner. Amtrak leases this single-track line for passenger service.

- **1A.** Goldtree and **1B.** Serrano former small communities and stops for fuel and water no longer in existence.
- **1C.** Traces of former rail spurs that led to Camp San Luis and to chromium mines on upper Cuesta Ridge.
- 1D. Stenner trestle and 1E. tunnels.



Coast Starlight crossing Stenner trestle

2. and 3. Telecommunications [yellow]

- **2.** ATT and Sprint North-South fiber optic trunk lines are buried along the railroad right of way. When landslides washed out part of the track in 1996, Visa card service was interrupted between San Francisco and Los Angeles.
- 3. ATT East-West fiber-optic trunk line buried in 2001 to replace coaxial cable installed in 1953. The total paid for the easement in perpetuity was \$760. This line comes across the Pacific Ocean, lands under the beach at Montana De Oro, goes through Cal Poly, over Cuesta Ridge, and then heads east to Bakersfield.