

## **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY RAPID TRANSIT RAILWAY.**

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Incorporated July 29, 1887. This road extended about eighteen miles from Aliso Street (on the east side of the Los Angeles River in Los Angeles) via Shorb to Monrovia. The eleven mile segment from Shorb to Monrovia was opened May 18, 1888 and the seven miles from Shorb to Los Angeles opened August 21, 1888. A branch of 1.5 miles from Alhambra northwesterly to Raymond was opened about 1889. This was all three-foot track as originally built, but was reconstructed to standard gauge in June of 1892. The company was operated by its own organization until June 12, 1892, then for one year to the Los Angeles Terminal Railway. From June 12, 1893 to October 2, 1894, it was operated by the Southern Pacific Company, though it had been sold at judicial sale February 15, 1894, to the Pacific Improvement Company and was conveyed to the Southern Pacific Railroad on October 2, 1894. The road had two 0-4-0 dummy locomotives which were sold in 1894.

The section between Los Angeles and Shorb was sold on 1#9Y 19, 1904 to the Los Angeles Interurban Railway. On October 30, 1895, when the Southern Pacific Railroad completed the 4.8 miles from Shorb north to Pasadena via Raymond, the 1.5 mile branch from Alhambra to Raymond was abandoned. The 3.5 mile extension from Monrovia to beyond Duarte was built by the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1896, but except for about two miles leased to the Pacific Electric, the entire branch, about thirteen miles, was abandoned in 1942 and rails removed in 1944.