Transportation Planning Fact Sheet

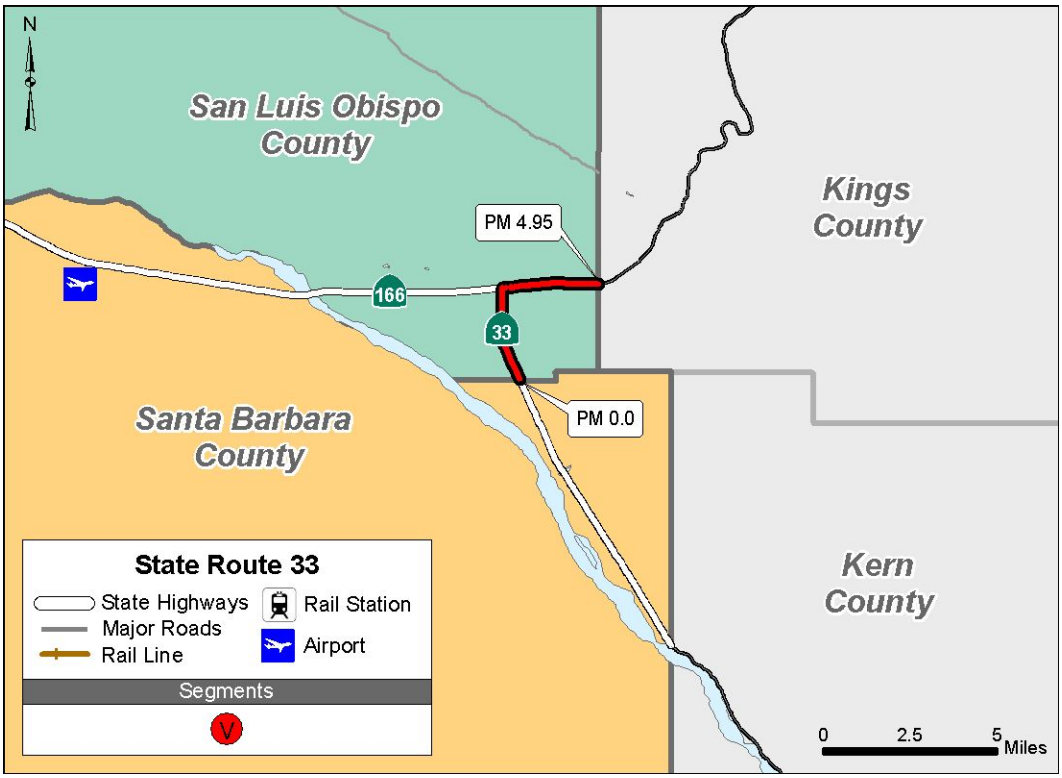
State Route (SR) 33 in San Luis Obispo County

Purpose of this Transportation Planning Fact Sheet:

Transportation Planning Fact Sheets provide one comprehensive summary document that captures physical, social, political, and development characteristics along State Routes and provides web links to various planning resources and documents. Fact sheets are to be used as supplemental planning documents to Transportation Concept Reports (TCRs) and to future Corridor System Management Plans (CSMPs).

Route Description:

In San Luis Obispo County, SR 33 is approximately 5 miles in length. The 1985 *Route Concept Report Summary: Route 33* considers SR 33 in its entirety, dividing the route into five segments that pass through the Counties of Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. Segment V is the only segment in San Luis Obispo County. It extends from the Santa Barbara/San Luis Obispo County Line to the San Luis Obispo/Kern County Line – reference map below.



- Traffic: ranges between interregional and recreational
- Access Control: conventional highway
- Functional Classification: rural minor arterial
- Terrain: rolling

Traffic Volumes:

- 2015 ADT: 1,500 - 3,700
- 2030 ADT: 2,200 - 10,500

Truck Traffic:

- Peak Hour: 7% - 9%
- ADT: 11% - 13.85%

Route Designations:

- Truck Designations: Advisory 34' KPRA and Terminal Access

Future Concept and TCR General Recommendations:

According to the 1985 *Route Concept Report Summary: Route 33*, the future concept and general recommendations that are still relevant for segment V of SR 33 in San Luis Obispo County are defined below.

Segment	Begin Postmile	End Postmile	Route Concept	Proposed Improvements
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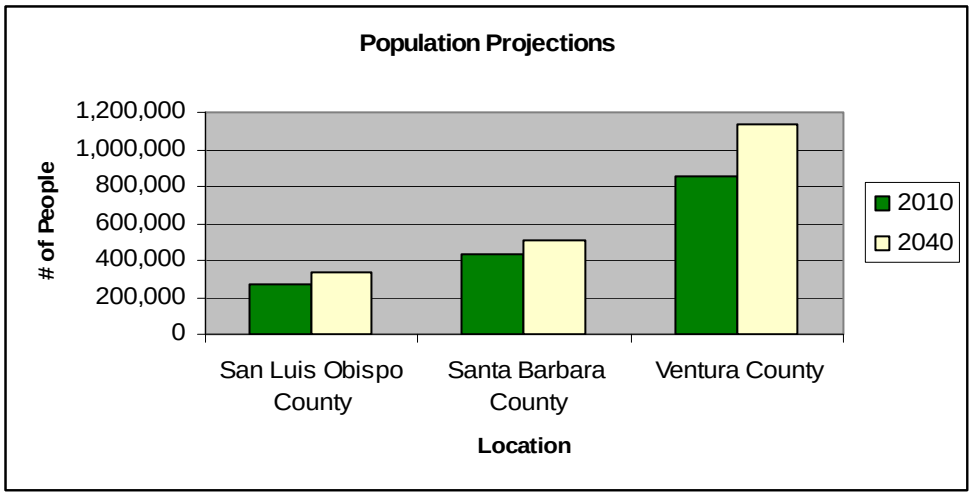
County Profile:

- San Luis Obispo County consists of seven incorporated cities. In San Luis Obispo County, SR 33 is located entirely within unincorporated area (web link connects to the county general plan).
- According to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) 2005 *Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)*, San Luis Obispo County's annual growth rate is 1.24%. If this remains constant, population growth between 2004 and 2025 is expected to increase from 258,208 to 334,775.



(California Department of Finance, *Population Projections by Race / Ethnicity, Gender and Age for California and Its Counties 2000-2050*, July 2007)

- Approximately 15.2% of San Luis Obispo County residents speak another language other than English at home (US Census Bureau).
- San Luis Obispo County is a costal area surrounded by the counties of Monterey, Kern, and Santa Barbara. According to the SLOCOG 2005 *RTP*, in the 1970's, the creation of new jobs in the San Luis Obispo region spurred an increasing growth trend in the area. Today this is further impacted by the migration of retired and semi-retired people to the area. Additionally, with the population boom of the 1970's, the proportion of people commuting by carpool, bike and transit has decreased, while individual car trips have increased. This trend has resulted in increased strain on the transportation systems in the region, projected to impact the Level of Service (LOS) at specific intersections and worsen congestion over time.

Bicycle Access:

- According to the Caltrans-District 5 2004 *Bicycle Map: For State Highways of the Central Coast*, all of the State Highways are open to bicyclist except at a few sections of freeways. There are no restrictions for bicycle use on SR 33.
- San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) has yet to develop a regional bike plan. The County of San Luis Obispo's existing 2005 *County Bikeways Plan* is intended to be updated by 2010.

Public Transportation:

Currently, in San Luis Obispo County there is minimal regional transit and/or local transit services along the SR 33 corridor, however:

- Ride-On Transportation provides social services clients' and the general public with transportation alternatives including shuttles and vanpools
- Runabout provides Americans with Disabilities (ADA) complementary paratransit service

Park and Ride Lots:

A region wide inventory of park and ride lots conducted by SLOCOG in July 2008 found fifteen formal park and ride lots throughout the county. Nine are located in North County, two are located on the North Coast, one is located in Central County and three are located in South County.

Intercity Rail Service:

Amtrak serves San Luis Obispo County in providing rail and bus service from Los Angeles to Seattle. Their newly improved Coast Starlight train offers an all encompassing travel experience, complete with diner, sleeping and entertainment focused cars. Caltrans Pacific Surfliner also offers two trains a day with service from southern California to San Luis Obispo. The closest rail station to the SR 33 corridor in San Luis Obispo County is located eastward of the route in the City of Grover Beach.

Airport:

Three airports are located throughout San Luis Obispo County and include: Paso Robles Municipal Airport (PRB), San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport (SBP) and Oceano County Airport (L52). Of these three, San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport (SBP) provides the most extensive public regional airline service in the County. However, SR 33 in San Luis Obispo County is closest in proximity to the New Cuyama Airport (L88) located in Santa Barbara County.

Transportation Agencies:

- San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) - MPO/RTPA
- San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority
- San Luis Obispo Regional Rideshare

State Highway Projects:

For an updated list of State Highway projects (including State Transportation Improvement Plan/State Highway Operation and Protection Program) along SR 33 in San Luis Obispo County, click the Caltrans District 5 *Status of Projects* web link: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/pdf/d5sop.pdf

- For more information about Caltrans San Luis Obispo County highway projects, visit: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/#slo
- Transportation Projects identified in the SLOCOG 2005 Regional Transportation Plan: http://www.slocog.org/cm/Publications_and_Reports/Regional_Transportation_Plan.html
- Local Agency STIP Projects - Caltrans Local Assistance Website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/local/stip_index.html

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