

Transportation Planning Fact Sheet

State Route (SR) 225 in Santa Barbara 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:

Since the approval of the 1986 *Route Concept Report: Route 225 In Santa Barbara County*, a portion of the route (PM 4.49 to PM 7.34) was relinquished to the City of Santa Barbara. This reduced the Caltrans managed portion of the route from 7.3 miles to 4.5 miles in length. The route begins at the north junction of US 101, traveling south through rolling terrain as a 2 lane highway to Cliff Dr. It then continues as a 4 lane highway, easterly through the Santa Barbara waterfront to its intersection with Castillo Street – reference map below.



- Traffic: local and recreational
- Access Control: conventional highway
- [Functional Classification](#): urban other principal arterial
- Terrain: rolling

Traffic Volumes:

- 2015 ADT: 12,500 - 29,800
- 2030 ADT: 13,400 - 33,200

Truck Traffic:

- Peak Hour: 5%
- ADT: 5.1% - 6.6%

Future Concept:

According to the 1986 *Route Concept Report: Route 225 In Santa Barbara County*, the future concept for SR 225 is defined by Level of Service (LOS):

Segment	Begin Postmile	End Postmile	Level of Service	Proposed Improvement
1	0.0	4.1	LOS E	No Change
2	4.1	7.3	LOS E	No Change

Notes:

It should be noted that the Concept LOS may not agree with any LOS established by the local planning agencies. The Concept LOS, for the most part, is based on present traffic conditions. In some instances, this may vary depending on traffic needs and/or financial and technical considerations.

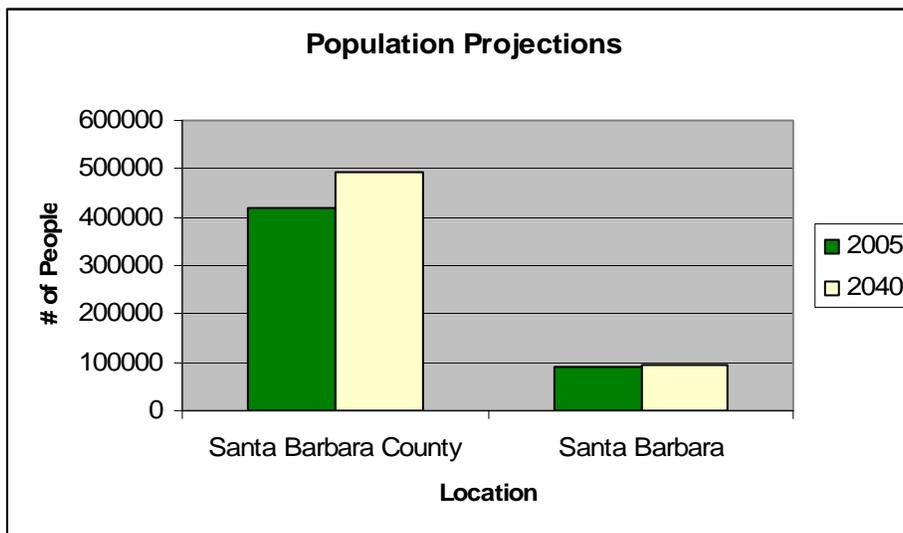
The City of Santa Barbara has interest in the future relinquishment of the route. In agreement with Caltrans, the City of Santa Barbara requested relinquishment of the route in 2005, but due to present economic conditions, the relinquishment has currently been placed on hold.

Route Designations:

- [Truck Designations](#): Terminal Access, CA Legal 40' KPRA and Advisory <30' KPRA

County Profile:

- [Santa Barbara County](#) consists of eight incorporated cities. SR 225 is located entirely within the [City of Santa Barbara](#) (web links connect to city/county general plans).
- According to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) 2007 [Regional Growth Forecast 2005 - 2040](#), 18% growth in Santa Barbara County between 2005 and 2040. This is a projected increase of 417,500 to 492,800 - reference chart below.



(Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, August 2007 Regional Growth Forecast 2005-2040.)

- Approximately 37% of Santa Barbara County residents speak another language other than English at home (US Census Bureau).
- Santa Barbara County is a coastal area surrounded by the counties of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and Ventura. According to the SBCAG 2007 *Regional Growth Forecast 2005-2040*, an increase in commercial development and a reduction of residential development in the 1980's resulted in a

jobs/housing imbalance in Santa Barbara County. This created greater demands on the regional transportation system, increasing the volume of highway commuters from northern Santa Barbara and Ventura County.

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 225.
- According to the 2006 [Santa Barbara County Bike Map](#), two segments of SR 225 are designated with Class II on-street painted bike lanes. The first segment begins at the US 101/SR 225 junction and extends to the SR 225/Cliff Dr. junction. The second segment is located between the SR 225/Montecito St. junction and extends to the US 101/SR 225 junction. One segment is also designated as an unsigned and not painted alternative route, located between the SR 225/Cliff Dr. junction and the SR 225/Castillo St. junction. A portion of this alternative route is also recognized as part of Santa Barbara County's Coast Route.
- In efforts to increase bicycle ridership which has been declining in Santa Barbara County since the 1980's, SBCAG produced the [2008 Draft Regional Bike Plan](#). The City of Santa Barbara adopted the [Bicycle Master Plan](#) October 1998 and the County of Santa Barbara adopted a Bicycle Master Plan January 2005.

Public Transportation:

Public transit service along the SR 225 corridor in Santa Barbara County is limited. However, various providers offer public transit service on US 101 located north of SR 225. These services include the following:

- [Central Coastal Shuttle](#) provides transportation from Santa Maria, Buellton, Santa Barbara, and Ventura to LAX.
- [Coastal Express](#) provides commuter service between Oxnard, Ventura, Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Goleta and UC Santa Barbara.
- [Easy Lift](#) serves residents from Ellwood to Summerland with Dial-A-Ride transit.
- [Greyhound](#) offers intercity bus service between San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles.
- [Santa Barbara Air Bus](#) offers service from Goleta, Santa Barbara and Carpinteria to LAX.
- [Sliverado Coast Flyer](#) provides three trips a day with multiple stops from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to Long Beach.
- [Traffic Solutions](#) is a division of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) which promotes alternatives to single vehicle ridership including walking, biking, carpooling, vanpooling and telecommuting through different transit services. [Park and Ride](#) is one example of a service provided by Traffic Solutions which offers meeting locations for people to park and carpool. Currently, five Park and Ride lots exist in Santa Barbara County.

Intercity Rail Service:

[Amtrak](#) provides rail and bus service from Los Angeles to Seattle and their newly improved [Coast Starlight](#) train offers an all encompassing travel experience, complete with diner, sleeping and entertainment focused cars. Caltrans [Pacific Surfliner](#) also provides travelers with service from southern California to San Luis Obispo, offering five trains a day. One of the five rail stations existing in Santa Barbara County is located near the intersection US 101 and the eastern limits of SR 225.

Airport:

Six airports are located throughout Santa Barbara County and include: [Santa Maria Public Airport District \(SMX\)](#), [Vandenberg Air Force Base \(VBG\)](#), [Lompoc Airport \(LPC\)](#), [Santa Ynez Valley Airport \(IZA\)](#), [Santa Barbara Municipal Airport \(SBA\)](#), and [New Cuyama Airport \(L88\)](#). Of these six, Santa Maria Public Airport District and Santa Barbara Municipal Airport provide the most extensive public regional airline services in

the County. The SR 225 corridor is closest in proximity to SBA located in the City of Goleta, near the University of California Santa Barbara Campus.

Transportation Agencies:

- [Santa Barbara County Association of Governments \(SBCAG\)](#) – MPO/RTPA
- [Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District \(SBMTD\)](#)

State Highway Projects:

For an updated list of State Highway projects (including State Transportation Improvement Plan/State Highway Operation and Protection Program) along SR 225 in Santa Barbara 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 Santa Barbara County highway projects, visit: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/#sb>
- Transportation Projects identified in the SBCAG 2008 Regional Transportation Plan: <http://www.sbcag.org/publications.html>
- Local Agency STIP Projects - Caltrans Local Assistance Website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/local/stip_index.html

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