

Transportation Planning Fact Sheet

State Route (SR) 35 in Santa Cruz County



Purpose of this Transportation Planning Fact Sheet:

Transportation Planning Fact Sheets provide one comprehensive interactive 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 Caltrans Transportation Concept Reports (TCRs).

Route Description:

- Within Santa Cruz County, the mountainous SR 35 begins at the junction of Summit Road and Highway 17. It continues northwest along the Santa Cruz/Santa Clara County line on the Santa Cruz side for just over seven and a half miles until it crosses into Santa Clara County.
 - It starts out as Summit Road west of SR 17 and then once it crosses Bear Creek Road, it becomes Skyline Boulevard for the rest of the Santa Cruz county portion of the route along the ridge of the Santa Cruz Mountains.
- Type of facility: 2 lane undivided conventional highway
- Terrain: Mountainous
- Truck Traffic: 4% (2005)
- See the **SR 35 Corridor Data Summary Sheet** for more route details



Route Designations:

- ❖ [Scenic Highway System Eligible](#)
- ❖ [Bike Accessible](#)

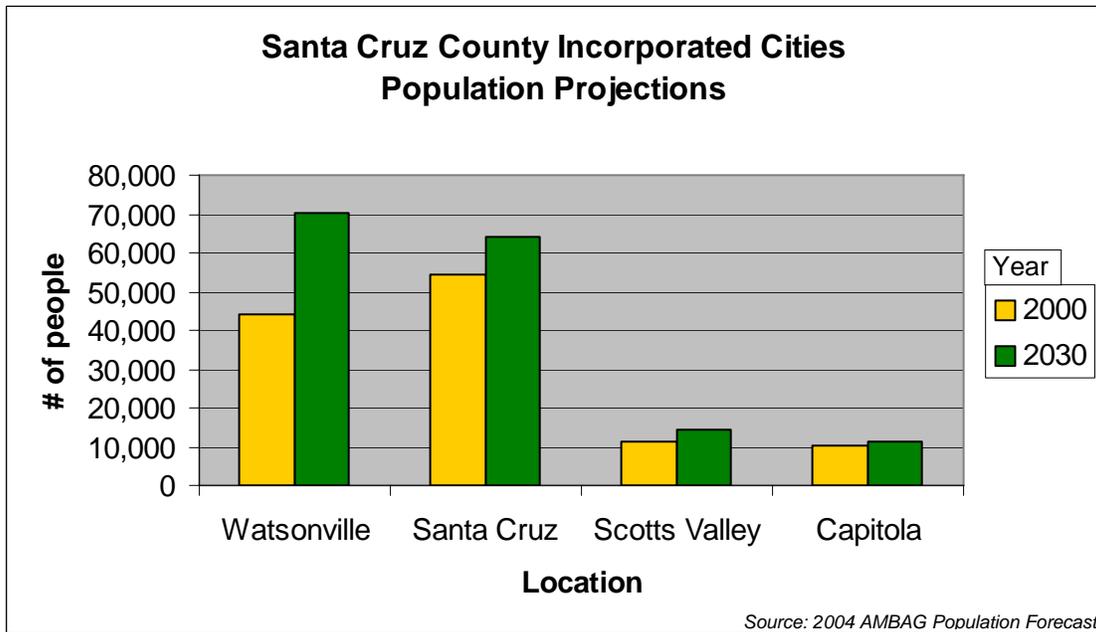
Traffic Volumes:

- AADT ranging 555 to 1,050 (Highway Segment Inventory – yr. 2005)
- Future AADT ranging 1,333 to 1459 (Forecasted, yr. 2030)

County Profile:

- [Santa Cruz County](#) consists of four incorporated cities: [Watsonville](#), [Santa Cruz](#), [Scotts Valley](#), [Capitola](#) (web links connect to City/County General Plan)
- The two most populated cities in the County are Santa Cruz and Watsonville
- Santa Cruz County: 19.3% projected growth between 2000 to 2030, from 255,602 to 304,847
 - Incorporated Cities: 32.9% projected growth between 2000 and 2030, from 120,276 to 159,816
 - Unincorporated Santa Cruz County: 7.2% projected growth between 2000 and 2030, from 135,326 to 145,031
- Within the county, there is substantial variation in age and income, as well as travel patterns and employment:
 - Population of those 65 and older are expected to grow by 143 percent through 2030
 - Seniors currently make-up about ten percent of the population and will make up about 21 percent of the population by 2030.
- Santa Cruz County has an extensive [network of bike lanes and paths](#) for commuters and recreational riders
 - The area has an active bicycling community, which supports and promotes the provision of dedicated bicycle facilities on most arterials and collector routes.

Communities and Growth Trends:



- City of Watsonville, located on SR 1 near the south end of the County, is the fastest-growing city in the County:
 - Very large bilingual (English/Spanish) or Spanish-speaking population
 - Hispanic or Latino of any race make up about 75% of the population (2000)
- City of Santa Cruz – Very urbanized, County seat, home of the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC):

Transportation Agencies:

- [Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission](#) (SCCRTC) – Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA)
- [Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments](#) – Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- [Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District](#) (METRO)
- [Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association](#)
- [Community Bridges](#) – Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA)
- [Santa Cruz Bicycle Industry Coalition](#)

State Highway Projects

For an updated list of State Highway projects (including State Transportation Improvement Plan/State Highway Operation and Protection Program) along SR 1 in Santa Cruz 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 Cruz County highway projects, visit: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/-scr>
- Highway Projects, Programs and Studies Identified by the SCCRTC: <http://www.sccrtc.org/highway.html>
- Local Agency STIP Projects - Caltrans Local Assistance Website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/local/stip_index.html

Regional Planning Efforts:

- **[Transportation Funding Task Force \(TFTF\)](#)**: Formed by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) - purpose is to engage the community in a discussion about transportation needs and funding, and ultimately, see if the county would like to pursue additional local funding for their transportation system.

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