

Transportation Planning Fact Sheet

State Route (SR) 229 in San Luis Obispo County

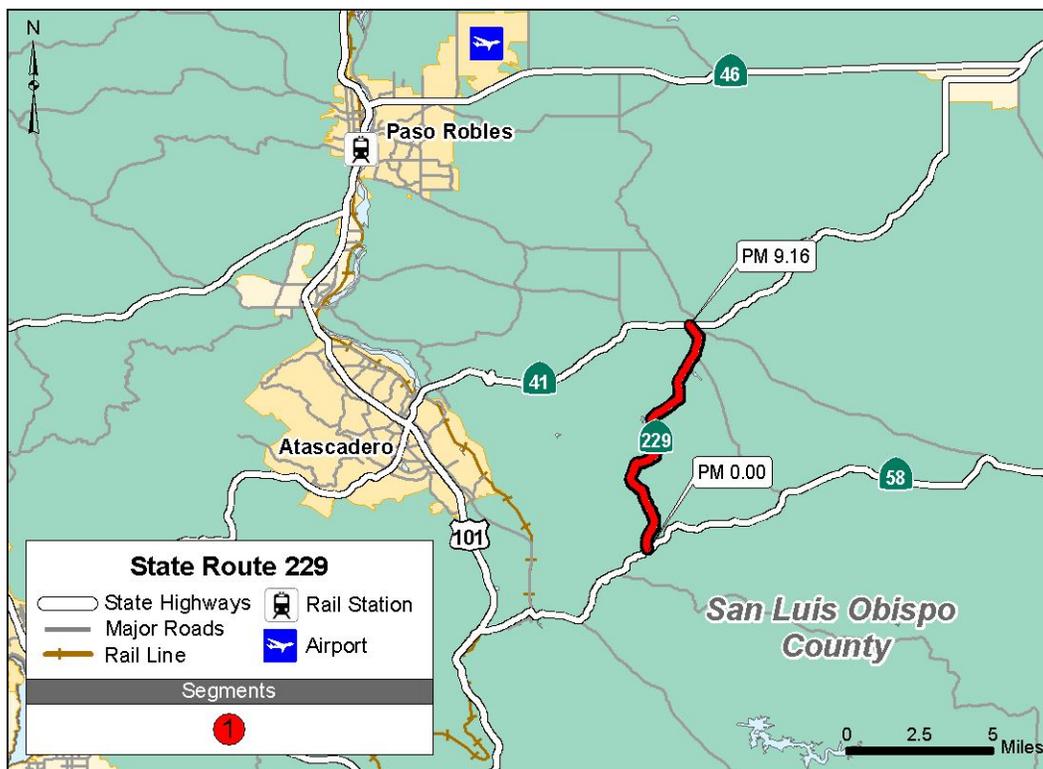


Purpose of this Transportation Planning Fact Sheet:

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:

According to the *Transportation Concept Report: Prepared for State Route 229, Located In San Luis Obispo County*, SR 229 is approximately 9 miles in length. The route originates at the junction of SR 58 northwest of the community of Santa Margarita and continues north, winding through mountainous terrain. SR 229 terminates at the junction of SR 41 near the community of Creston- reference map below.



- Traffic: local
- Access Control: conventional highway
- [Functional Classification](#): rural major collector
- Terrain: mountainous

Traffic Volumes:

- 2015 ADT: 660
- 2030 ADT: 1000

Truck Traffic:

- Peak Hour: 6
- ADT: 8.4%

Route Designations:

- [Truck Designations](#): Advisory < 30' KPRA

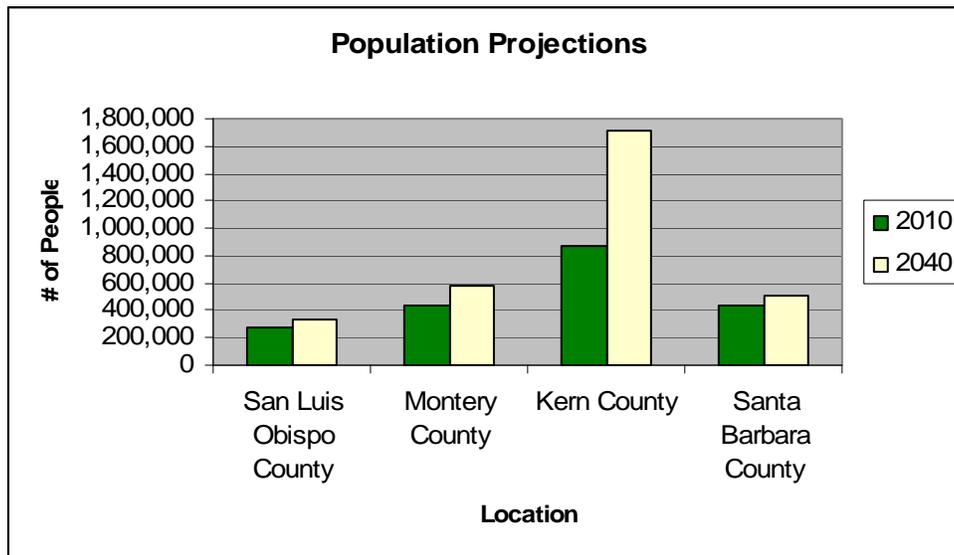
Future Concept:

According to the *Transportation Concept Report: Prepared for State Route 229, Located In San Luis Obispo County*, the transportation concept for SR 229 in San Luis Obispo County is describe below by Level of Service (LOS):

| Segment | Begin Postmile | End Postmile | Description | Route Concept |
|---------|----------------|--------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 0.00 | 9.16 | East of Atascadero from Junction w/ State Route 58 to Junction w/ State Route 41 | LOS B, 2-lane conventional highway |

County Profile:

- [San Luis Obispo County](#) consists of seven incorporated cities. SR 229 is located entirely within the unincorporated area of San Luis Obispo County (web link connects to the county general plan).
- According to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) 2005 [Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\)](#), 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 coastal 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.
- According to the 2006 [San Luis Obispo County Bike Map](#), SR 229 is designated as a recreational route for bikes.
- 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 regional transit and/or local transit services provided along the SR 229 corridor is minimal, 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 stations in San Luis Obispo County are located south of SR 229 in the City of San Luis Obispo or north of SR 229 in the City of Paso Robles.

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, San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport (SBP) provides the most extensive public regional airline service in the County. The closest airports to SR 229 are PRB and SBP.

Transportation Agencies:

- [San Luis Obispo Council of Governments \(SLOCOG\)](#) - MPO/RTPA
- [San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority](#)
- [South County Area Transit](#)
- [San Luis Obispo Regional Rideshare](#)

TCR General Recommendations:

According to the *Transportation Concept Report: Prepared for State Route 229, Located In San Luis Obispo County*, recommended actions include:

- Operational Improvements

State Highway Projects:

For an updated list of State Highway projects (including State Transportation Improvement Plan/State Highway Operation and Protection Program) along SR 229 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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