

Transportation Planning Fact Sheet

State Route (SR) 58 in San Luis Obispo County

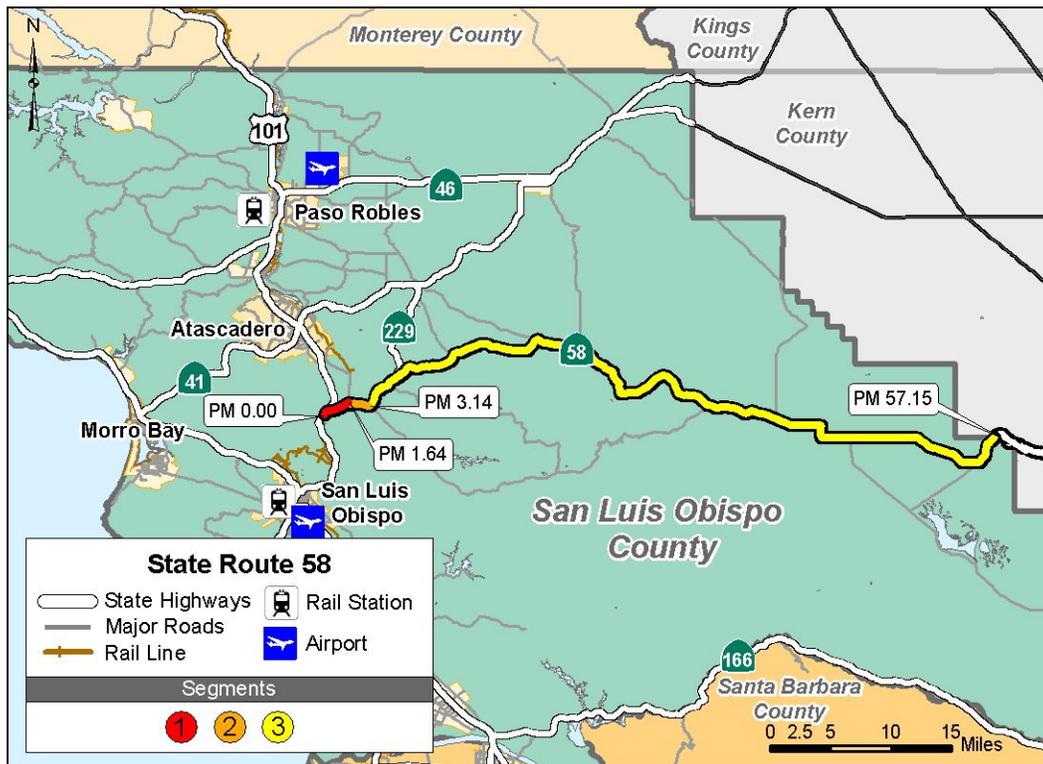


Purpose of this Transportation Planning Fact Sheet:

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 2003 *Transportation Concept Report For State Route 58 in Caltrans District 5*, SR 58 is approximately 57 miles in length and is divided into three segments. It originates at US 101 north of the community of Santa Margarita and traverses east to the San Luis Obispo/Kern County Line - reference map below. SR 58 continues westward through the Counties of Kern and San Bernardino (District 6 and District 8) before terminating just west of the City of Barstow.



- Traffic: alternates between local, regional, light recreational, and local agricultural
- Access Control: conventional highway
- [Functional Classification](#): rural minor arterial and urban minor arterial
- Terrain: ranges from flat to mountainous

Visit the [2002 California State Highway Log](#) for more detailed information and designations for District 5 State Routes

Traffic Volumes:

- 2015 ADT: 420 - 8,800
- 2030 ADT: 630 - 12,000

Truck Traffic:

- Peak Hour: 3% - 11%
- ADT: 4% -19%

Route Designations:

- [Truck Designations](#): Terminal Access and Advisory <30 KPRA

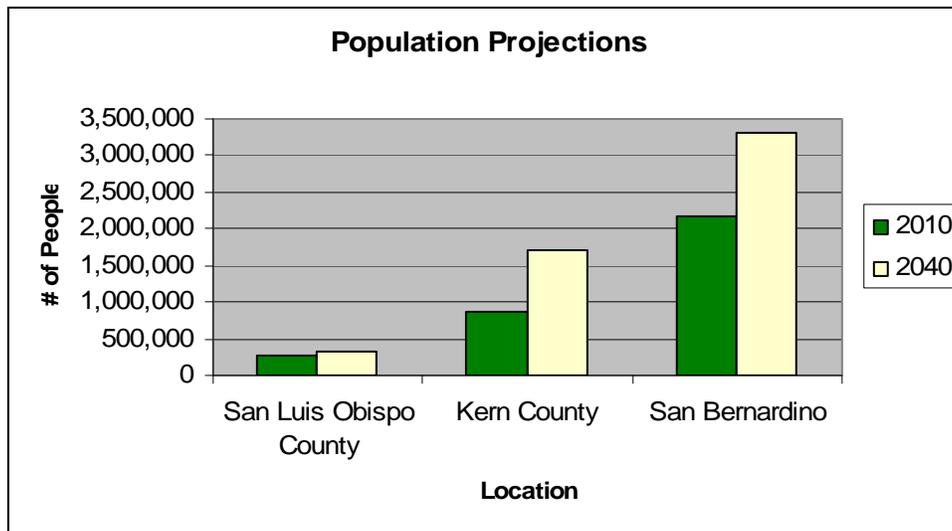
Future Concept:

According to the 2003 *Transportation Concept Report For State Route 58 in Caltrans District 5*, the summary of Route 58 Segment Considerations and Concept LOS for 2023 are listed as follows.

Segment	Begin Postmile	End Postmile	Description	Major Considerations	Route Concept
1	0.00	1.64	Junction with Route 101 to Estrada Avenue within the limits of Santa Margarita	Between SR 101 and the Santa Margarita urban boundary of (Wilhelmina Ave.) utilize the 100 foot right-of-way for pedestrian pathways, Class II 5-foot bike lanes, and landscaped parkways. Between Wilhelmina Ave., and Estrada Avenue, consider corridor enhancements such as sidewalk continuation pedestrian crossings	Peak LOS E, 2-Lane conventional highway
2	1.64	3.14	Estrada Avenue to Pozo Road within the Santa Margarita urban boundary	The section of SR 58 within the Santa Margarita Urban Boundary (Estrada Ave.) will also include sidewalks	Peak LOS E, 2-Lane conventional highway
3	3.14	57.15	Pozo Road to the Kern County Line	Operation improvements such as left-handed turn pockets and passing lanes will help mitigate additional traffic volumes.	Peak LOS D, 2-Lane conventional highway

County Profile:

- [San Luis Obispo County](#) consists of seven incorporated cities. In District 5, SR 58 is located entirely within unincorporated area of the County (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 – reference following chart.



(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. There are no restrictions for bicycle use on SR 58.
- According to the 2003 *Transportation Concept Report For State Route 58 in Caltrans District 5*, SR 58 is considered a recreational bicycle route within San Luis Obispo County. Class III bike lanes are present throughout Segments 1 and 2. Segment 3 has some Class III lanes where there are shoulders, but are nonexistent in particular areas. SR 58 is very popular with recreational bicycle riders due to the rural setting and relatively low traffic volumes.
- According to the 2006 [San Luis Obispo County Bike Map](#), SR 58 within the community of Santa Margarita is designated as a suggested bike route. Just west of Santa Margarita, to the junction of SR 58 and Camatta Road, the route is designated as recreational for bikes.
- According to the SLOCOG 2005 *RTP*, a non-motorized street scape improvements project is proposed on SR 58 from Wilhelmina Avenue to East of Encina Avenue (within a Mid Term: 2010-2014 planning horizon).
- 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:

Hourly public transit service on SR 58 is provided by the [San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority](#) between Santa Margarita and SLO/Atascadero weekdays (4 roundtrips Sat, 3 Sun).

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. Of the nine park and ride lots in North County, one is located along SR 58 near the community of Santa Margarita.

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 to SR 58 in San Luis Obispo County are located south of the corridor in the City of San Luis Obispo or north of the corridor 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 three, San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport (SBP) provides the most extensive public regional airline service in the County. The closest airports to SR 58 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 2003 *Transportation Concept Report For State Route 58 in Caltrans District 5*, recommended actions that are still relevant for the segments of SR 58 are provided as follows:

Segment 1:

- Bicycle and pedestrian improvements for SR 58 corridor through Santa Margarita

Segment 2:

- Widening of culvert-bridge at I Street
- Eliminating of ditch located on the east-side of SR 58/Estrada Ave. between I and J Streets
- Work with San Luis Obispo County to develop Context-Sensitive Solutions with all projects associated with Route 58 through the town of Santa Margarita.

Segment 3:

- Upgrade lanes and shoulders to standard width as funding allows.

State Highway Projects:

For an updated list of State Highway projects (including State Transportation Improvement Plan/State Highway Operation and Protection Program) along SR 58 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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