

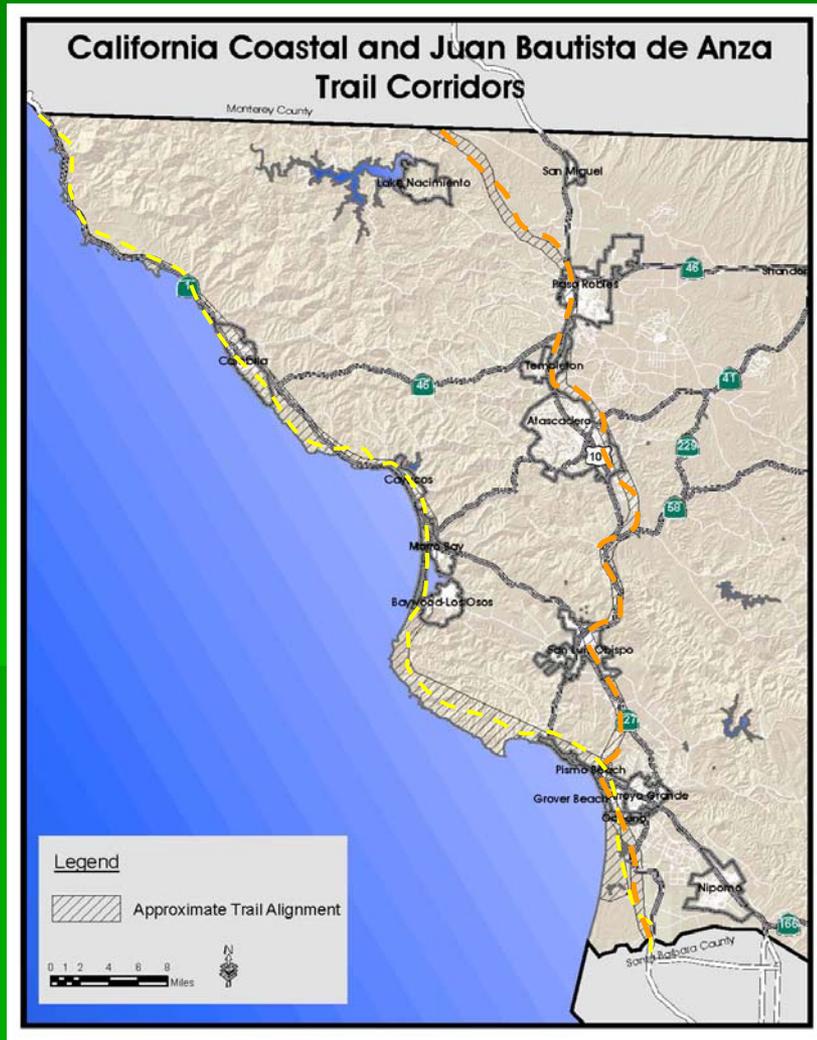
Trails, Multi-Use Paths & Bikeways in San Luis Obispo Region



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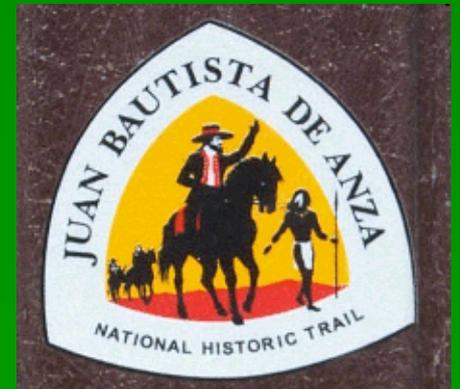
San Luis Obispo Region



California Coastal Trail



Juan Bautista de Anza Trail



Overview

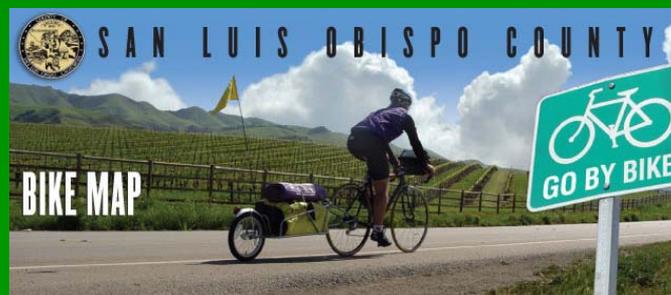
- Regional Objective: maximize opportunities region-wide
- Types and Examples of Trails
 - Hiking, walking, biking, transit, driving
 - Urban to rural
- Trail Development:
 - From Vision to Implementation

Regional Objectives

- Create an interconnected, multi-use, regional bike and pedestrian network
 - Trails w/in Jurisdictions
 - Trails connecting Jurisdictions
 - Regional, State and Federal Trails
- Maximize Modal Options
 - Hiking, walking, biking, transit, driving

Trails in the Region

- Urban and Rural
 - Coastal and Inland
 - Local, Regional, State
 - All Interconnected and Linked to Public Transit
- Types include:
 - Pathways
 - Boardwalks
 - Multi-use trails
 - Bike Lanes
 - Class I
 - Class II



Types of Trails: Urban

SLO City
Railroad
Safety Trail



Types of Trails: Rural

Cambria Cross
Town Trail



Unique Solution: Cuesta Grade Bike Connector

How to get northbound bicyclists onto Stagecoach Road



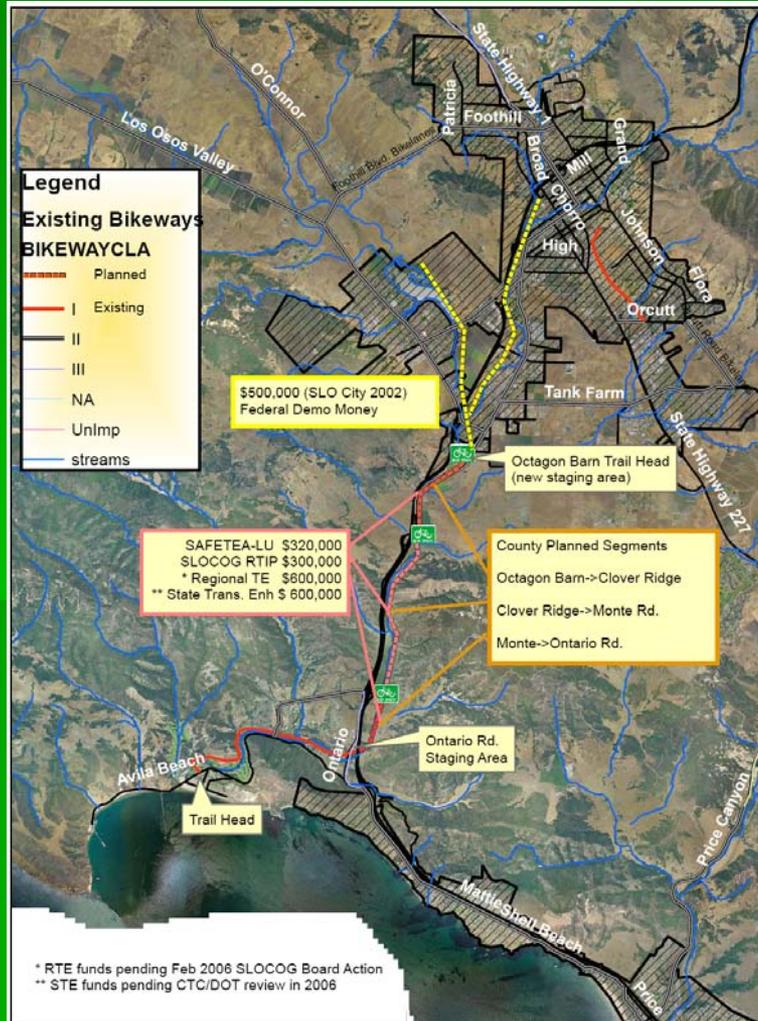
Stagecoach Road:
a low volume,
unimproved route
parallel to Highway 101,
preferred by many
cyclists



Bob Jones: City to Sea Bike Trail

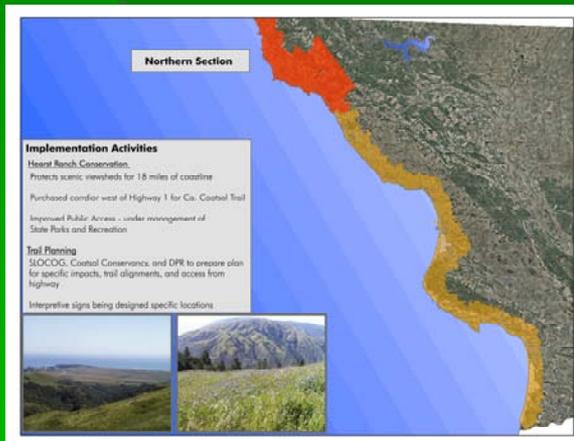
Funding Partners:

- San Luis Obispo City
- SLO County
 - Public Facility Fees
 - Avila Mitigation Funds
- SLOCOG
 - Transportation Enhancement \$
- State
 - Transportation, Community, and System Preservation funds



SLO County Coastal Trail

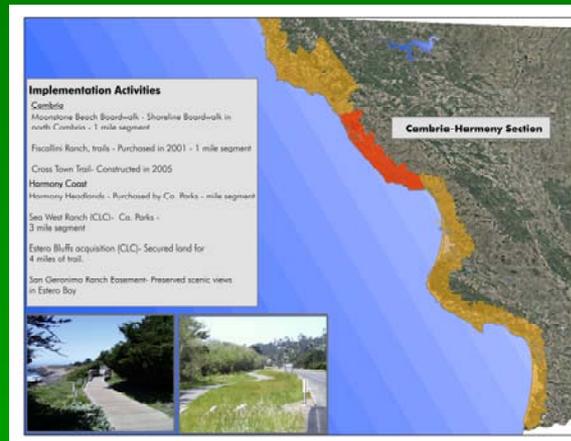
It is all part of a bigger picture



Northern Section

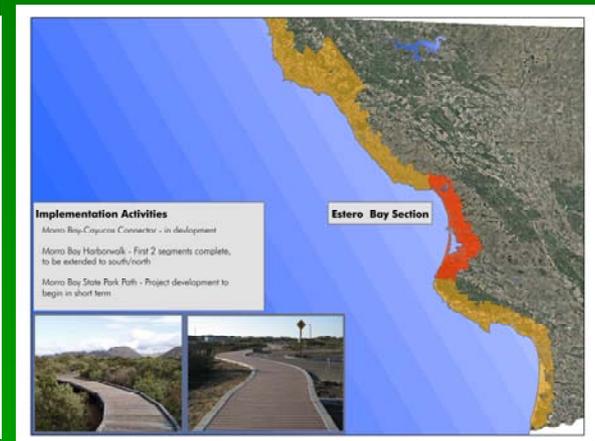
Implementation Activities
Marina Ranch Conservation - Protects scenic viewsheds for 1.8 miles of coastline
Purchased corridor west of Highway 1 for Co. Coastal Trail
Improved Public Access - under management of State Parks and Recreation

Trail Planning
SLOCOG, Coastal Conservancy, and DPR to prepare plan for specific impacts, trail alignments, and access from highway
Interpretive signs being designed specific locations



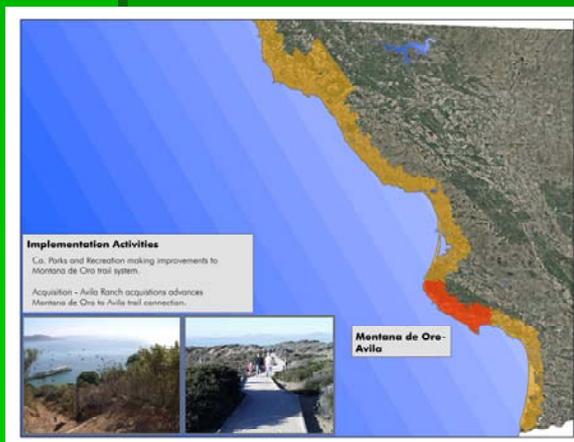
Implementation Activities
Cambria
Moonstone Beach Boardwalk - Shoreline Boardwalk in north Cambria - 1 mile segment
Fossilite Ranch, trails - Purchased in 2001 - 1 mile segment
Cross Town Trail - Constructed in 2006
Hermity Coast
Moonstone Beachlands - Purchased by Co. Parks - mile segment
Sea West Ranch (CLC) - Co. Parks - 3 mile segment
Estero Bluffs acquisition (CLC) - Secured land for 4 miles of trail
San Geronimo Ranch Easement - Preserved scenic views in Estero Bay

Cambria-Hermity Section



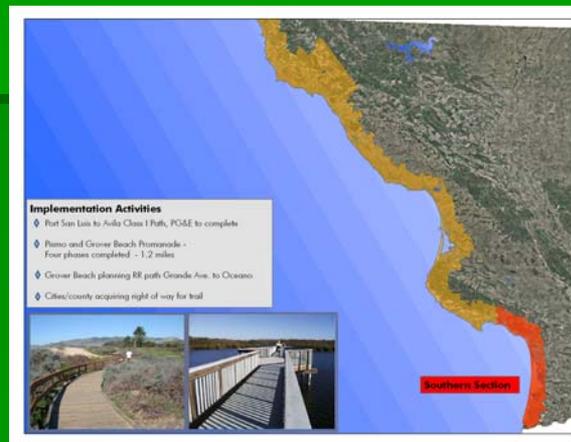
Implementation Activities
Morro Bay, Carpinteria Connector - in development
Morro Bay Harborwalk - First 2 segments complete, to be extended to south/north
Morro Bay State Park Path - Project development to begin in short term

Estero Bay Section



Implementation Activities
Co. Parks and Recreation making improvements to Montana de Oro trail system
Acquisition - Avila Ranch acquisition advances Montana de Oro to Avila trail connection.

Montana de Oro-Avila



Implementation Activities
Part San Luis to Avila Cross I Path, PG&E to complete
Pismo and Grover Beach Promenade - Four phases completed - 1.2 miles
Grover Beach planning RR path Grande Ave. to Oceanos
Cities/county acquiring right of way for trail

Southern Section



Connecting pieces of the trail throughout the region

North Coast Trails

Piedras Blancas Acquisition



The 20-acre Piedras Blancas property is the only privately held parcel west of Highway 1 and the missing link in the California Coastal Trail within the 18-mile stretch of the Hearst Ranch holdings in coastal San Luis Obispo County.



During TPL's interim ownership, TPL will remove the visual blight of the existing gas station from the property, restore native vegetation to the site, and open the property for public day use.

Hearst Ranch Acquisition: 18 miles



- San Geronimo Acquisition
- Cayucos Bluffs Acquisition: 4 miles



North Coast Trails

Moonstone Beach Trail



Morro Bay Harbor Walk



North Coast Trails

Elfin Forrest: Los Osos



Pismo Beach Promenade

- Partners: Coastal Conservancy, SLOCOG, Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, Priority \$, ARRA



Phase 1 (Blue): Completed 1998

Phase 2 (Green): Completed 2002

Phase 3 (Yellow): Completed 2004

Phase 4 (Red):

- First segment completed 2006
- Second segment to begin construction Summer 2009, funded with ARRA and TE.
- Total Project Cost: \$5.5 M

Promenade I, 1998



Promenade II, 2002



Promenade Phase III

Pismo Beach Promenade III / Grover Beach Boardwalk

The project constructs 1.1 miles of the California Coastal Trail between Addie Street in Pismo Beach and Grand Avenue in Grover Beach. The project maintains pedestrian beach access while controlling and minimizing disturbance to the coastal dune environment by channeling foot traffic to the boardwalk.

\$1.3 Million



Lead Designer:
David Foote / Firma

Dune Boardwalk / Promenade Three

City of Grover Beach City of Pismo Beach

1" = 500'



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Funding Partners: SLOCOG, City of Grover Beach, City of Pismo Beach, Congresswoman Lois Capps, APCD, Coastal Commission.



Other Partners: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, California Regional Water Quality Control, California Department of Fish and Game, Federal Highway Administration, State Historic Preservation Office, State Department of Parks & Recreation, Caltrans.



Results

Non-Motorized Transportation



- 6.5 miles of Class I bike paths.
- Over 150 miles of Class II bike lanes throughout the region.
- 46 miles of Class III bike lanes with 8' shoulders on Highway 1 n/o of San Luis Obispo.
- Streetscape improvements in Arroyo Grande, Atascadero and Nipomo
- Boardwalks in Cambria, Grover Beach and Pismo Beach.



Trail Development

- **Adopt a Vision**
- **Secure Support & Create Champions**
 - Staff
 - Advisory Committees
 - Elected Officials
 - Stakeholder Groups
 - Local Media

Trail Development

- **Integrate into Adopted Plans**

- Local General Plans
- Regional Transportation Plans
- State Park Plans
- Caltrans Rt Concept Reports.

Advocate for Change:

- Fed & State priorities: establish multi-modal transportation system.
- State Requirements to reduce VMT, GG
- Environmental Mitigation of other projects.

Trail Development

- **Secure Funding for Studies, Environmental Review and Project Development**
 - Advocate Set-Asides for Funding
 - Establish Priorities for match funding.
 - Adopt priorities and criteria that favor multi-use, trail and bikeway development.
 - Secure in Budget

Trail Development

- **Request Every Funding Cycle have set-asides or priorities for Multi-use paths.**
- **Require as conditions of approval**
 - Project Mitigation (residential, commercial)
 - Road Rehabilitation Projects
 - Road Realignments

Funding Options

- **Federal:**
 - Scenic Byway
 - Recreational Trails
 - Transportation Enhancements
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
 - Surface Transportation Program (STP)
 - Congressional Earmarks and Appropriations

Upcoming Issue: Reauthorization !!!!!

Funding Options

- **State:**
 - Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation
 - State Bond Proceeds
- **Regional:**
 - Open Space Districts
 - Regional Local Option Sales Tax
 - Transportation Funds (TE, CMAQ, STP, STIP)
- **Local:**
 - Regulatory (Conditions of approval)
 - Transportation Funding
 - Park Funding

Celebrate Your Victories!



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