



US 101 North County Multimodal Corridor Plan (NCCMCP)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP)?

A Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan or CMCP is a performance-based assessment to identify a prioritized package of multimodal improvements that improves a given corridor's ability to move people and goods while facilitating overall connectivity reliably and efficiently for all travel modes. A CMCP must also demonstrate consistency with state planning initiatives including reductions in greenhouse emission, economic development; resilience; and equity.

The development of a CMCP must be consistent with the following corridor planning guidance documents to ensure eligibility and competitiveness for grant funding:

- Caltrans Smart Mobility Framework (Caltrans, 2010),
- Corridor Planning Guidebook (Caltrans, 2019),
- Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines (California Transportation Commission, 2019); and,
- SB-1 Accountability and Transparency Guidelines (California Transportation Commission, 2019).

What is the purpose of the North San Luis Obispo County Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan?

The purpose of the US 101 North San Luis Obispo County Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (NCCMCP) is to identify a transformative and sustainable package of multimodal transportation improvements that best address both local and regional

mobility priorities and needs within the corridor that meets the needs of San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG), the local agencies, and Caltrans. The study area includes US 101 from Cuesta Grade to the San Luis Obispo/Monterey County Line and SR 46 from the US 101 east to Jardine Road in Paso Robles. This includes frontage roads, local parallel roadways, interchanges, and ramp intersections.

As a starting point, the following vision statement was developed to encapsulate the core purpose of this study and to guide decisions throughout:

"Connecting communities within and across the region to improve travel time reliability, safety and modal choices for the efficient movement of people and goods."

**Source: US 101 North Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan, (2020)*

What are the objectives of the Plan?

Progress toward the plan's vision can be monitored using the following five objectives included in SLOCOG's 2018 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS):

- Vehicular Mobility – ensuring that people and goods can move between communities efficiently.
- System Safety – ensuring that US 101 and nearby roadways are safe for all users.
- Air quality – ensuring that Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions caused by excess delay are minimized, facilitating the use of alternative modes with lower emissions, and reducing the number of vehicle trips.
- Connectivity – ensuring that US 101 and the local roadway system work together seamlessly in serving both local and interregional traffic.
- Mode Choice – ensuring that regular travelers within the corridor are provided with reasonable, safe, and convenient alternatives to single occupant vehicle trips.

The above vision and objectives will serve as a guide for making recommendations of the multimodal improvement packages for the North San Luis Obispo County Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan. Performance metrics will be applied to

“measure” each improvement concepts benefit towards one or more of the stated objectives.

Why is this Plan important?

Completion of the NCCMCP will position SLOCOG and the participating agencies (County of San Luis Obispo, City of Atascadero and City of Paso Robles) for future State and Federal competitive grant funding opportunities for transportation. It will also provide a prioritized set of multimodal improvements if a transportation sales tax bid is considered in the future.

Who is developing the Plan?

As the regional transportation planning agency for San Luis Obispo County, SLOCOG is administering the (NCCMCP). A consultant team led by DKS that includes Kimley-Horn and Wallace Group has been commissioned by SLOCOG to develop the plan. SLOCOG has formed a Steering Committee comprised of representative from SLOCOG, Caltrans, County of San Luis Obispo, City of Atascadero and City of Paso Robles to help guide the plan’s development.

Who are the Stakeholders?

Stakeholders include Caltrans, City of Atascadero, City of Paso Robles, County of San Luis Obispo, the communities of Santa Margarita, Templeton, and San Miguel. Other stakeholders are San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority, specialized transportation providers, commuters, businesses, tourism industries, residents - including those within disadvantaged communities; and visitors.

How can the community provide input?

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The public is invited to visit the project website and the interactive web-based mapping tool. The project website is where the public can read about the project and provide input in the form of a survey or comment box. Public input will be conducted through an array of community based interactive community events. These events will include community workshops, popup events, public meetings, presentations, and information updates to the

project website. Public involvement is a major component of the transportation planning process. Every person in San Luis Obispo County is affected by transportation and, as such, is an important component of the transportation planning process.

Community members are invited to participate in the public workshops. These workshops will take place during the “public input phase” and again during the “review phase” of the draft plan. Upcoming workshops may be virtual or physical and will be posted on the SLOCOG website as well as in the project website.

The consultant team will also perform several pop-up events where a booth will be staffed to share information about the plan. These pop-up events will be planned during community events that generate a lot of foot traffic (i.e., Farmers Markets; Mid-State Fair; etc.) and will be publicized on the project website. Additionally, various public meetings and presentations will be conducted and will be posted on the project website.

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