

Transportation Planning Fact Sheet

State Route (SR) 135 in Santa Barbara 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:

SR 135 is approximately 18 miles in length. According to the 1986 [Route Concept Report: Route 135 In Santa Barbara County](#), the route is divided into two segments - reference map below. SR 135 begins at the junction of US 101 at Los Alamos and continues westerly through rolling terrain to its junction with SR 1, reaching a break in the route. SR 135 resumes south of Santa Maria and continues north through the City to its junction with US 101.



- Traffic: ranges commuter to local
- Access Control: transitions between freeway, expressway and conventional highway
- [Functional Classification](#): alternates between rural major collector, rural other principal arterial and urban other principal arterial
- Terrain: alternates between flat, rolling and mountainous

Traffic Volumes:

- 2015 ADT: 3,600 - 43,300
- 2030 ADT: 6,000 - 45,800

Truck Traffic:

- Peak Hour: 3% - 5%
- ADT: 4% - 7.6%

Route Designations:

- [Truck Designations](#): Portions are designated California Legal Network Advisory 40' KPRA and CA Legal

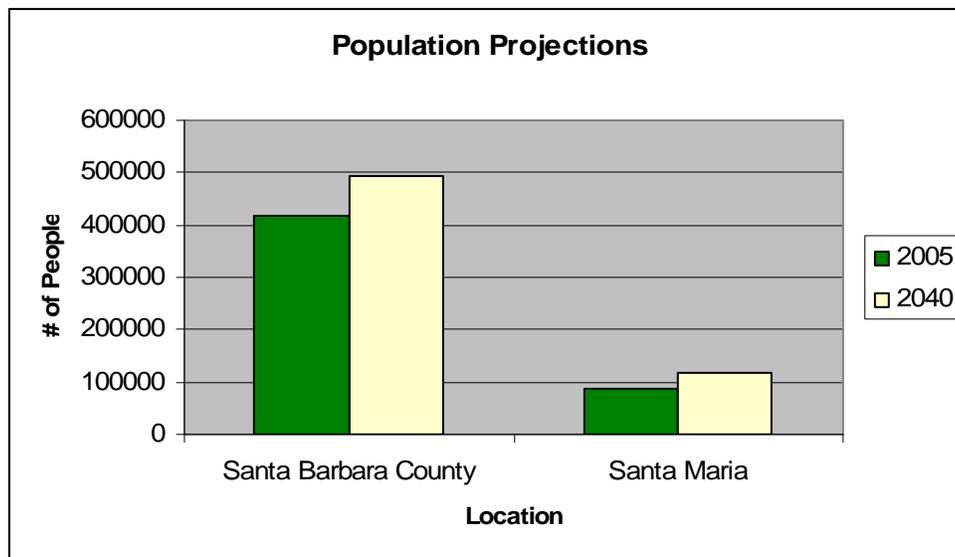
Future Concept:

According to the 1986 *Route Concept Report: Route 135 In Santa Barbara County*, the future concept and TCR general recommendations/proposed improvement for SR 135 is defined by Level of Service (LOS):

Segment	Begin Postmile	End Postmile	Route Concept	Proposed Improvement
No. 1 (SB)	0.0	9.1	LOS C	No Change
No. 2 (SB)	9.1	17.8	LOS D	6-Lane Facility (Portions)
Comments				
It should be noted that the Concept LOS may not agree with any LOS established by the local planning agencies. The Concept LOS, for the most part, is based on present traffic conditions. In some instances, this may vary depending on traffic needs and/or financial and technical considerations.				

County Profile:

- [Santa Barbara County](#) consists of eight incorporated cities. [City of Santa Maria](#) is the only incorporated city located within the SR 135 corridor (web links connect to City/County General Plan).
- According to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) 2007 [Regional Growth Forecast 2005 - 2040](#), 18% growth in Santa Barbara County between 2005 to 2040, from 417,500 to 492,800 - reference chart below



(Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, August 2007 Regional Growth Forecast 2005-2040.)

- Approximately 37% of Santa Barbara County residents speak another language other than English at home.
- Santa Barbara County is a coastal area surrounded by the counties of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and Ventura. According to the 2007 SBCAG *Regional Growth Forecast 2005-2040*, an increase in commercial development and a reduction of residential development in the 1980's resulted in a jobs/housing imbalance in Santa Barbara County. This created greater demands on the regional transportation system, increasing the volume of highway commuters from northern Santa Barbara and Ventura County.

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 for a few sections of freeways. There are no restrictions for bicycle use on SR 135.
- According to the [Santa Barbara County 2006 Bike Map](#), SR 135 is designated an alternate bicycle route from the SR 135/US 101 junction in Los Alamos extending north to the SR 135/SR 1 junction. Continuing north of the break in Santa Maria, between the SR 135/SR 1 junction and the SR 135/US 101 junction, bike designations include alternate routes, Class III on-street bike routes and a Class I bike path separate from automobile traffic. Alternate route segments on SR 135 are located between SR 1 and Clark Ave. and between Priesker Ln. and US 101. Class II routes on SR 135 are located between Clark Ave. and Lakeview Rd. and between Taylor St. and Preisker Ln. The Class I bike route is located between the SR 135/Foster Rd. and SR 135/Lakeview Rd. junctions.
- In efforts to increase bicycle ridership which has been declining in Santa Barbara County since the 1980's, SBCAG produced the [2008 Draft Regional Bike Plan](#). The City of Santa Maria adopted a bicycle master plan in 1992 which is currently being updated.

Public Transportation:

- [Breeze](#) provides commuter bus service along the SR 135 corridor in Santa Maria and extends to Vandenberg AFB and Lompoc.
- [Clean Air Express](#) provides commuter bus service from Lompoc and on SR 135 in Santa Maria to Goleta and Santa Barbara.
- [Greyhound](#) offers intercity bus service between San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles.
- [Traffic Solutions](#) is a division of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) which promotes alternatives to single vehicle ridership including walking, biking, carpooling, vanpooling and telecommuting through different transit services. [Park and Ride](#) is one example of a service provided by Traffic Solutions which offers meeting locations for people to park and carpool. Currently, there are five Park and Ride lots in Santa Barbara County with two located in Santa Maria along the SR 135 corridor.

Intercity Rail Service:

[Amtrak](#) provides rail and bus service from Los Angeles to Seattle and 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 five trains a day with service from southern California to Santa Barbara. Two of these trains extend their route to San Luis Obispo.

Airport:

Six airports are located throughout Santa Barbara County and include: [Santa Maria Public Airport District \(SMX\)](#), [Vandenberg Air Force Base \(VBG\)](#), [Lompoc Airport \(LPC\)](#), [Santa Ynez Valley Airport \(IZA\)](#), [Santa Barbara Municipal Airport \(SBA\)](#), and [New Cuyama Airport \(L88\)](#). Of these six, Santa Maria Public Airport District and Santa Barbara Municipal Airport provide the most extensive public regional airline services in the County. The SR 135 corridor is closest in proximity to SMX.

Transportation Agencies:

- [Santa Barbara County Association of Governments \(SBCAG\)](#) – MPO/RTPA
- [Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District \(SBMTD\)](#)
- [Santa Maria Area Transit \(SMAT\)](#)

State Highway Projects:

For an updated list of State Highway projects (including State Transportation Improvement Plan/State Highway Operation and Protection Program) along SR 135 in Santa Barbara 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 Barbara County highway projects, visit: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/#sb>
- Transportation Projects identified in the SBCAG 2008 Regional Transportation Plan: <http://www.sbcag.org/publications.html>
- Local Agency STIP Projects - Caltrans Local Assistance Website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/local/stip_index.html

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