

# Transportation Planning Fact Sheet

## State Route (SR) 33 in Santa Barbara County

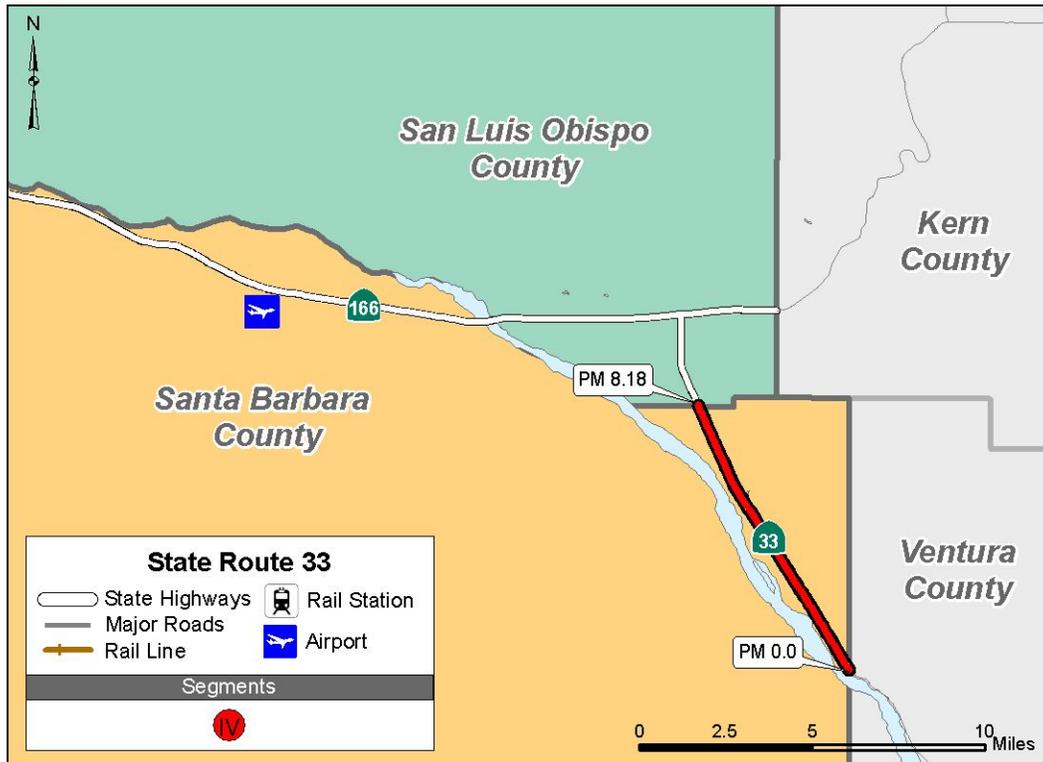


### **Purpose of this Transportation Planning Fact Sheet:**

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:**

In Santa Barbara County, SR 33 is approximately 8 miles in length. The 1985 *Route Concept Report Summary*: Route 33 considers SR 33 in its entirety, dividing the route into five segments that pass through the Counties of Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. Segment 4 is the only segment in Santa Barbara County, extending from the Ventura/Santa Barbara County Line to the Santa Barbara/San Luis Obispo County Line - reference map below.



- Traffic: Interregional
- Access Control: conventional highway
- [Functional Classification](#): rural minor arterial
- Terrain: flat and rolling

### **Traffic Volumes:**

- 2015 ADT: 750
- 2030 ADT: 1,500

**Truck Traffic:**

- Peak Hour: 7%
- ADT: 11%

**Future Concept and TCR General Recommendations:**

According to the 1985 *Route Concept Report Summary: Route 33*, the future concept and general recommendations that are still relevant for SR 33 in Santa Barbara County is described and defined by Level of Service (LOS):

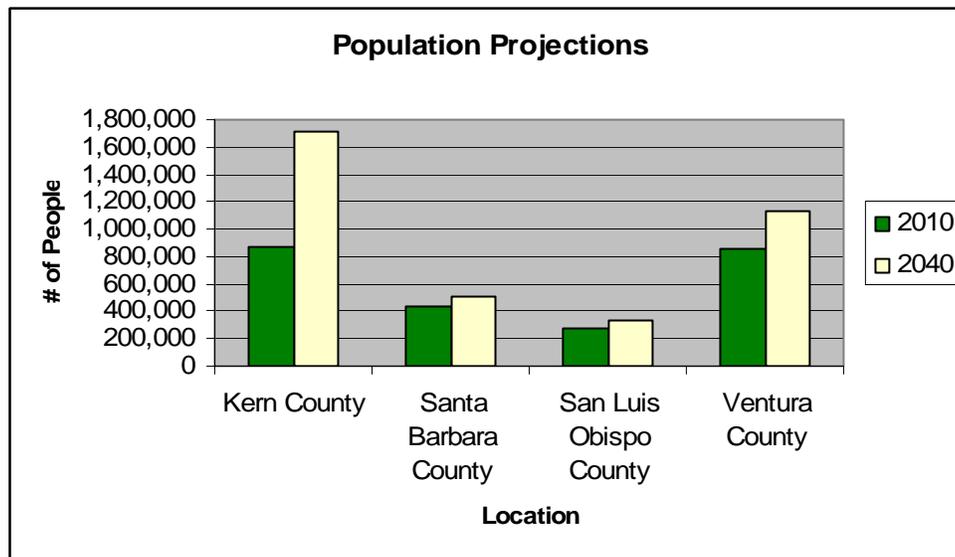
Segment	Begin Postmile	End Postmile	Route Concept	Proposed Improvements
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**Route Designations:**

- Freeway and Expressway System
- [Scenic Highway System](#): Portion designated as an Eligible Route
- [Truck Designations](#): Advisory <30 KPRM for entire route

**County Profile:**

- [Santa Barbara County](#) consists of eight incorporated cities. However, the portion of the SR 33 corridor traversing through Santa Barbara County is located within unincorporated area and extends north through San Luis Obispo County and south through Ventura County (web link connects to 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 and 2040. This is a projected increase of 417,500 to 492,800 - reference chart below.



(California Department of Finance, *Population Projections by Race / Ethnicity, Gender and Age for California and Its Counties 2000-2050*, July 2007)

- Approximately 37% of Santa Barbara County residents speak another language other than English at home (US Census Bureau).
- Santa Barbara County is a coastal area surrounded by the counties of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and Ventura. According to the SBCAG 2007 *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 at a few sections of freeways. There are no restrictions for bicycle use on SR 33.
- 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](#).

#### **Public Transportation:**

Urban transit and inter-city transit services provided along the SR 33 corridor in Santa Barbara County are listed as follows:

- [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 none existing along the SR 33 corridor in Santa Barbara County.

#### **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 \(SMX\)](#), [Vandenburg 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 33 corridor is closest in proximity to L88 in New Cuyama.

#### **Transportation Agencies:**

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

#### **State Highway Projects:**

For an updated list of State Highway projects (including State Transportation Improvement Plan/State Highway Operation and Protection Program) along SR 33 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](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/local/stip_index.html)

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