



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the
SAN LUIS OBISPO BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Council Hearing Room, City Hall
990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

November 19, 2009

Thursday

7 p.m.

MISSION:

The purpose of the Bicycle Advisory Committee is to provide oversight and policy direction on matters related to bicycle transportation in San Luis Obispo and its relationship to bicycling outside the City.

ROLL CALL: Glen Matteson (Chair), Chris Black, Matt Colonell, Tim Gillham, Cheryl Lenhardt, Kristina Seley (Vice Chair), and Jim Woolf.

PUBLIC COMMENT: At this time, the public is invited to address the Committee concerning items not on the agenda but are of interest to the public and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Bicycle Advisory Committee. The Committee may not discuss or take action on issues that are not on the agenda other than to briefly respond to statements made or questions raised, or to ask staff to follow up on such issues.

MINUTES: September 17, 2009 (Attachment 1)

ACTION ITEMS:

1. BTA Grant Project (Attachment 2 and 3)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2. Committee Items:
 - Subcommittee Report:
Circulation Element/Bicycle Transportation Plan Update
 - Sidewalk Riding (continued discussion)
 - 2010/11 Unmet Bikeway Needs (CM Gillham)
3. Staff Items:
 - Madonna / S. Higuera intersection treatment
 - Railroad Safety Trail Update, Phase 3
 - Special Bike Count Results
 - Bike Signal at Laurel/Orcutt
 - County Bikeways Plan Update (Attachment 4)
 - Bill Roalman Bike Boulevard Completion



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ACTION ITEMS:

Agenda Item #1: Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Grant Application

Caltrans has announced a call for funding bicycle projects under the Bicycle Transportation Account program. The deadline for submitting applications is December 1, 2009. Previously the BAC approved a grade separated crossing of the railroad between Mill Street and Johnson Avenue as the BTA project. This project has been put on hold because negotiations with Union Pacific (UP) Railroad concerning easements cannot be obtained prior to the grant deadline. With this in mind, staff is recommending an alternative Railroad Safety Trail project which does not require Union Pacific Railroad approval. The project is called "Railroad Safety Trail Connections". It consists of three parts (Attachment 2). They are:

- Construct a Class I trail connection from the Laurel Lane/Orcutt Road intersection to the south end of the existing Railroad Safety Trail. This project is listed as RBP 3 in the Bicycle Transportation Plan.
- Construct a Class I trail connection from Sinsheimer Park to the Railroad Safety Trail. This is most closely listed as RBP 4 in the BTP. The actual trail location is shown in the Sinsheimer Park Master Plan (Attachment 3). Note: This trail segment had been requested as an agenda discussion topic for this meeting during the Sept. 17 meeting.
- Construct a ramp addition to the Jennifer Street bicycle-pedestrian bridge leading to/from the Bill Roalman Morro Street Bicycle Boulevard. This was the subject of the 2003-04 BTA grant application.

Staff is pursuing this project because all environmental clearances have been obtained, previous applications and documentation can be used to expedite the grant application process, and it meets BTA grant qualifications (see below).

BTA Program Qualification and Evaluation Criteria (partial listing):

- The applicant must have an approved Bicycle Transportation Plan with proposed projects listed.
- BTA projects must be in compliance with the applicable provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by the BTA application date.
- The California Streets and Highways Code Section 893 requires Caltrans to disburse money from the BTA for projects that improve the safety and convenience of bicycle commuters. Bicycle Commuters are defined as "...a person making a trip by bicycle primarily for transportation purposes, including, but not limited to, travel to work, school, shopping, or other destination that is a center of activity and does not include a trip by bicycle primarily for physical exercise or recreation without such a destination."
- The BTA Evaluation Committee evaluates applications based on the following criteria:
 - Will be used primarily by bicycle commuters?
 - Has the potential to increase bicycle commuting?
 - Is the best alternative for the situation?
 - Improves bikeways and/or amenities that support bicycle commuting e.g., bicycle parking, lockers, showers, lighting, call boxes, maps, and bicycle safety education programs.
 - Provides or improves bikeway continuity to activity centers such as public buildings, transit terminals, business districts, shopping centers, schools, etc.

Staff Recommendation: The BAC should recommend that the City submit a BTA grant application for the Railroad Safety Trail Connections project.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Agenda Item # 2: Committee Member Items

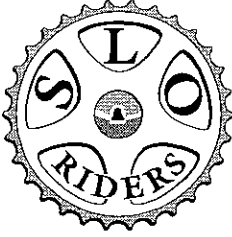
- Circulation Element/Bicycle Transportation Plan Update: Subcommittee Report
- Sidewalk Riding (continued discussion)
- 2010/11 Unmet Bikeway Needs (CM Gillham)

Agenda Item # 3: Staff Items

- Madonna / S. Higuera intersection treatment
- Railroad Safety Trail Update, Phase 3
- Special Bike Count Results
- Bike Signal at Laurel/Orcutt
- County Bikeways Plan Update (Attachment 4)
- Bill Roalman Bike Boulevard Completion
- Tentative agenda items for next meeting
 - Election of Officers
 - County Bikeways Plan Update Comments
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft BAC Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2009
2. Railroad Safety Trail Connections Map
3. Sinsheimer Park Master Plan Map
4. County Bikeways Plan Update Letter



DRAFT MINUTES

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ROLL CALL: Glen Matteson (Chair), Chris Black, Matt Colonell, Tim Gillham, Jim Woolf. Cheryl Lenhardt arrived late to the meeting.

Kristina Seley (Vice Chair) was absent.

Staff Members: Peggy Mandeville, Kevin Christian, Recording Secretary Janet Miller

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Morgan Marshall, San Luis Obispo Regional Rideshare, introduced the upcoming October event, "Commute for Cash Challenge".

MINUTES: July 16, 2009

Action: Motion to accept minutes with changes was made by **CM Colonell** and seconded by **CM Gillham**. The motion passed.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

1. Agenda Item # 1: Bob Jones Trail, County Tie-In at the Octagon Barn

B.K. Richard, Trustee for the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo, gave a presentation on the Octagon Barn. He discussed history, culture, and architecture, along with recreational and education opportunities for the site. The purpose for his presentation to the committee was to inform committee members concerning the expected use of the site in relationship to the Bob Jones Trail, how it currently connects with the County plans (Buckley Road extension and Bikeway facilities), and a desire to have an integral working relationship with the City. Of particular concern is how the trail is to cross S. Higuera Street from the barn location to the proposed County Trail alignment, and potential City segment connection, on the west side of the street. A CD of his presentation is available for the committee.

ACTION ITEMS:**Agenda Item # 2: Subcommittee tasks for updating the Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP)**

Subcommittee members: CM Lenhardt, CM Seley, CM Colonell

CM Lenhardt provided the following outline of tasks for updating the City Circulation Element and the Bicycle Transportation Plan.

Task 1: Determine and gather related information.

(Existing Circulation Element, progress on items listed, evaluation if any conclusions can be made, etc.)

Task 2: Identification of potential innovation introduced in the Circulation Element (or other similar guidance documents) of other cities.

(Select a few similar communities listed by the League of American Bicyclists as "Bicycle Friendly Communities", along with others internationally known for their biking culture.)

Task 3: Divide review areas into distinct topics, schedule, and prioritize topics.

(Goals, strategies, objectives, policies and programs)

Task 4: Implement Task 3 and highlight primary and secondary limitations.

(i.e. funding, regional appropriateness, and synergy with existing policies.)

Task 5: Formalize any recommendations in a letter to the City.

The subcommittee plans to meet one or two times between BAC meetings, report progress, and receive input at the BAC meetings. Task items 1 and 2 are targeted for completion and presentation to the BAC at the November 19, 2009 meeting.

Action: There was general consensus by the committee to accept the sub-committee task recommendations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**Agenda Item # 3: Committee Member Items**

- Sidewalk Riding, Letter from Barry Lewis

Staff noted that the law against sidewalk riding is in the City Municipal Code, not the California State Vehicle Code.

CM Lenhardt suggested that the issue be addressed through education - pamphlet.

CM Gillham noted the prohibitive cost of signs and sidewalk stenciling and noted that this was an education issue.

CM Colonell and **CM Woolf** supported stencils on sidewalks.

CM Lenhardt noted that stencils would receive wear and tear.

CM Black noted that specific problem areas should be identified prior to taking any action. The intersection of Santa Rosa and Foothill was brought up as a location and he noted the unique bicycle environment there, and suggested the possible use of signal sensor stencils at the location. He did not support additional signage at the site. Staff noted that the intersection is CalTrans controlled and provided a description of observed bicycle, pedestrian and auto traffic. **CM Woolf** concurred with the stencil idea for the location.

Gary Havas, San Luis Obispo, expressed support on the behalf of Barry Lewis' letter concerning sidewalk riding. Mr. Havas suggested incorporating education into the Week of Welcome next year and other engagement with Cal Poly. Additionally, he suggested creating a pilot project location for stencils on the sidewalk.

CM Gillham suggested running an advertisement in the Mustang Daily.

CM Black suggested providing posters and fine notification at the Farmers Market Bike Valet.

Staff will solicit input from the Police Department, various list serves, research pamphlet options, and research the possibility of providing signal actuation legends for west bound bicyclists on Foothill Blvd., at Santa Rosa.

- County Bicycle Advisory Committee Update

CM Woolf provided an update to the Committee. He noted that they discussed the use of motorized devices on Class I trails, and utilized some materials generated by the City BAC. Due to the complexity of the issue, they did not take any action and will study it further.

Agenda Item # 4: Staff Items

- Madonna Inn Bike Path:

Staff provided an update.

- Bicycle Rodeo:

Staff discussed the upcoming event and requested volunteers for the helmet adjustment station.

- Path bollards near Meadow Park:

Staff discussed the recently submitted, City Engineering Standard change request for bollard design and location. **CM Lenhardt** noted that the ADA ramp on the cul-de-sac side had a difficult lip for the bicycle users. Mr. Gary Havas discussed the difficult height and location of bollards at the site.

- Chevron Tank Farm Specific Plan Amendment:

Staff noted that process was moving along.

- Bill Roalman Bicycle Boulevard Sign Height:

Staff noted that the sign height did meet regulations. Staff discussed that signs would be changing in the future. Mr. Havas discussed that Council meeting discussion on the Bill Roalman Bike Boulevard at the 9/15/09 Council meeting. Staff discussed the Council points and noted code enforcement issues.

- Mountain biking component of Bicycle Transportation Plan.

Mr. Havas discussed his meetings with Greg Bettencourt of Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers (3CMB) concerning trail maintenance and use. Mr. Havas volunteered to serve as a liaison between 3CMB and the BAC meetings.

- Special Bike Count.

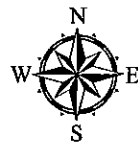
Staff noted that for Bicycle Boulevard assessment purposes, a special bike count needs to be conducted. Normal counts are biannual and the last was conducted in 2008. The special count is proposed for the second week of October, 2009. The count is proposed for the following two intersection locations: Osos/Leff, Morro/Leff.

- Staff Mandeville thanked Kevin Christian for conducting bicycling awareness training sessions with First Transit bus operators.
- Tentative agenda items for next meeting
 - Annual Traffic Safety and Operations Report
 - Railroad Safety Trail Update, Phase 3
 - Sub-Committee Report
 - Railroad Safety Trail access into Sinsheimer Park.

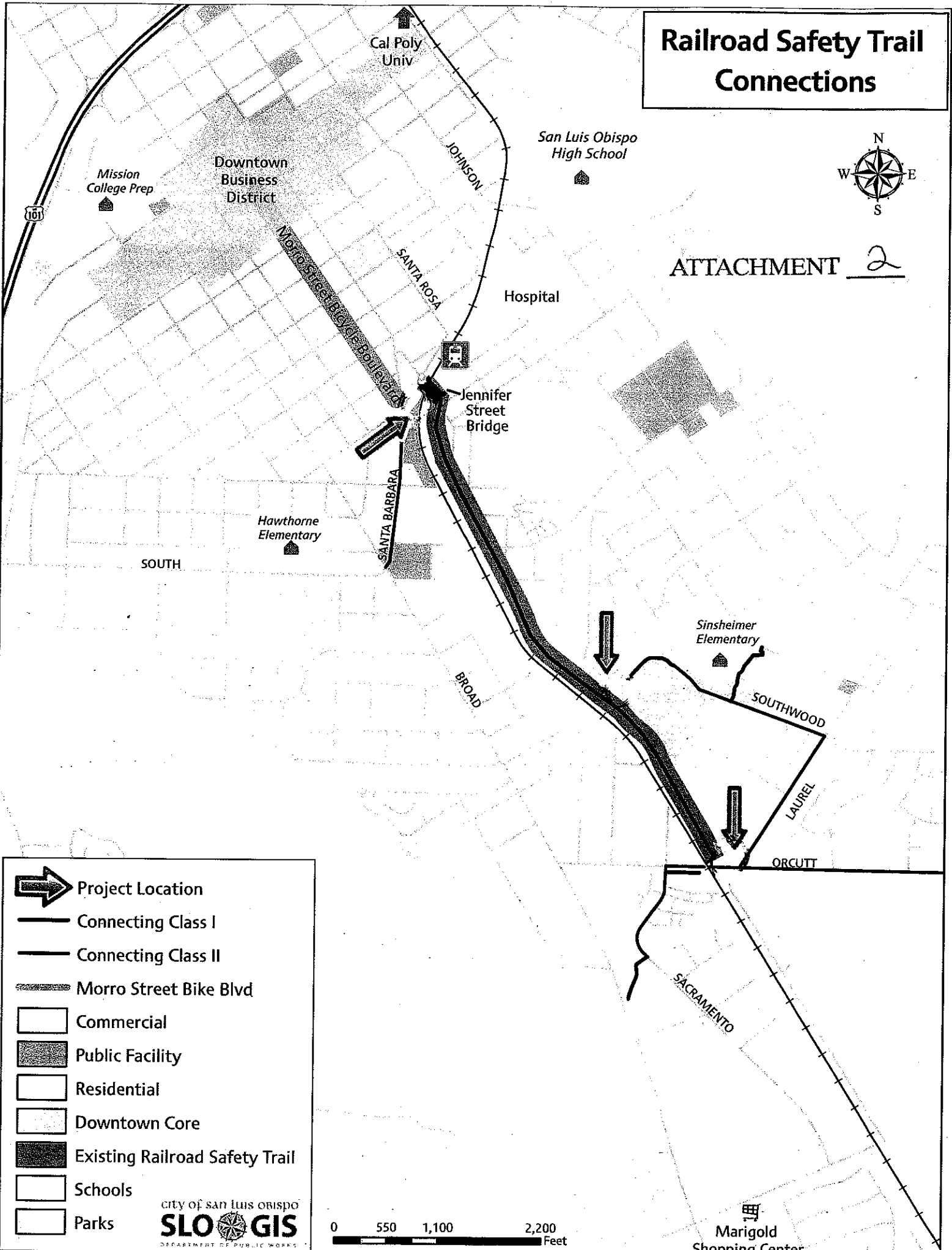
ADJOURNMENT:












CM Lenhardt motioned, and was seconded by **CM Woolf** to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

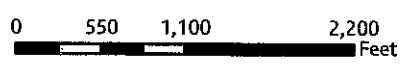
Railroad Safety Trail Connections



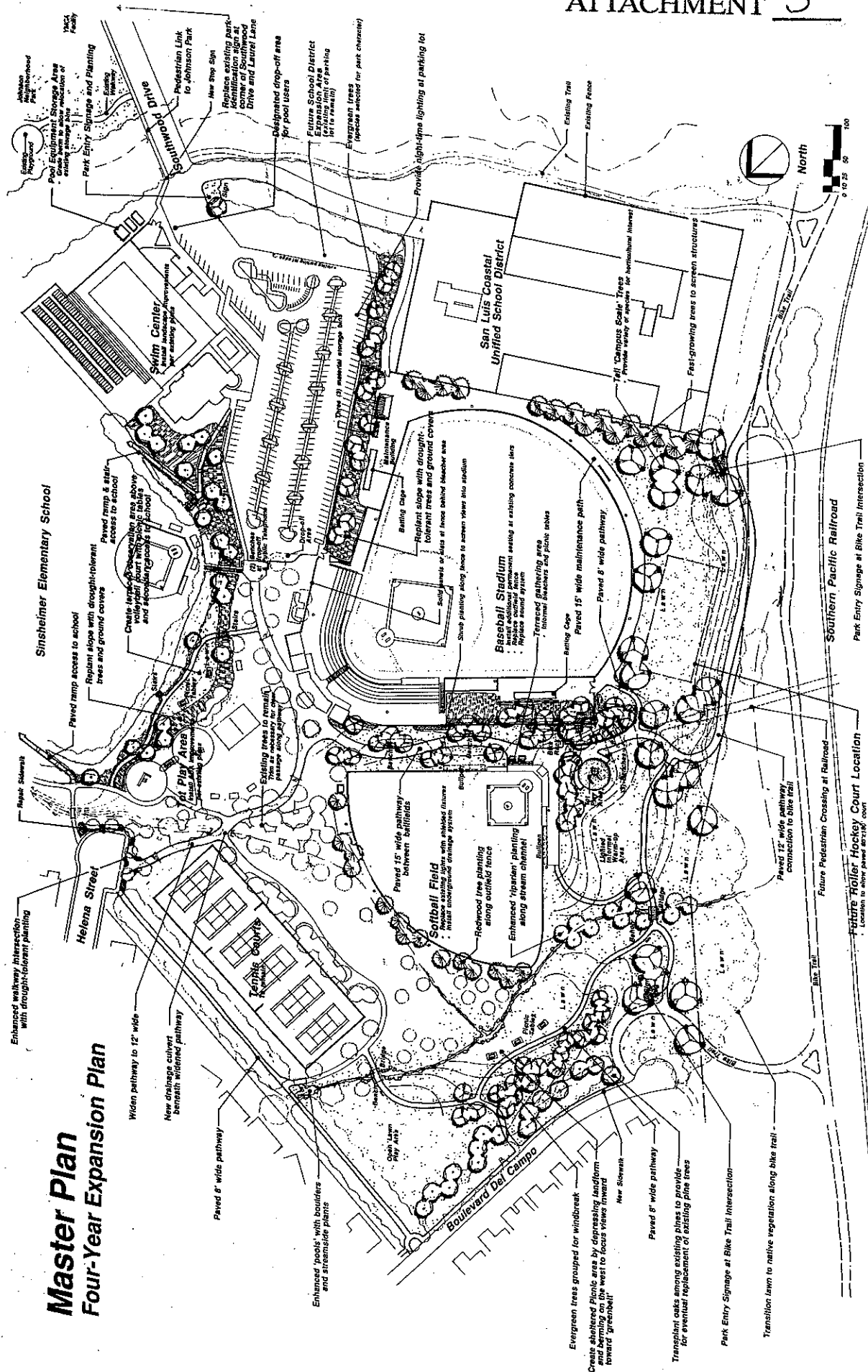
ATTACHMENT 2



-  Project Location
-  Connecting Class I
-  Connecting Class II
-  Morro Street Bike Blvd
-  Commercial
-  Public Facility
-  Residential
-  Downtown Core
-  Existing Railroad Safety Trail
-  Schools
-  Parks



Marigold Shopping Center



**Master Plan
Four-Year Expansion Plan**

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October 28, 2009

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Subject: County Bikeways Plan Update

Good Day,

San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Advisory Committee has begun to update the County Bikeways Plan for 2010. We invite you to participate in the process by reviewing the current plan and providing input that you would like to see included in the updated plan.

You can take a look at the current County Bikeways Plan online at
<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/Traffic/BAC.htm>.

Please send your suggestions to me at the following address:

Robert Fuller Davis
2961 Sandalwood Avenue
Morro Bay CA 93442

Very truly yours,

ROBERT FULLER DAVIS
Bicycle Advisory Committee President

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