A Message from City Manager Derek Johnson

I am pleased to welcome you to the inaugural edition of San Luis Obispo’s Community News, a newsletter that we are proud to launch today and which will keep you informed about important projects and initiatives going on in our beautiful community.

Members of our community care deeply about San Luis Obispo. An informed community is one of the foundations of a healthy, safe and vibrant city and we are very proud to do our part to provide you with news and information that is timely, relevant and useful.

In addition to our Community News, the City has several other communication channels to keep you informed. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, as well as stop by the City website and sign up to receive our e-Notifications. We are always looking at ways to enhance our communications for those who live, work and play in San Luis Obispo.

Enjoy this and future editions of San Luis Obispo’s Community News. I look forward to seeing you around our beautiful city. Please drop me an email at djohnson@slocity.org if you have thoughts or suggestions about your city.

Sincerely,

Derek Johnson

City Completes El Capitan Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project

The City announced it has completed the El Capitan Pedestrian Bridge replacement and restored public access to trails within the Poinsettia Street neighborhood.

The new, $90,000 pedestrian bridge, which is 33-feet long, is made of steel with wood decking. The original bridge was constructed of wood and went into service in the late 90's. It was destroyed when a large eucalyptus tree fell onto it during a storm in January 2015.
City Activates Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon
First-of-its-Kind Traffic Safety Measure in the County

The City activated a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Ferrini Road, representing the first of its kind traffic safety measure in use in San Luis Obispo County.

Construction of the PHB, also frequently called a “HAWK Beacon,” began in July. The crossing at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Ferrini Road was identified as the highest safe routes to school improvement priority for Pacheco and Bishop’s Peak Elementary schools. The City has already reduced traffic collisions by nearly 60 percent over the past 15 years and this project will help further City’s Vision Zero goals to eliminate fatal and severe injury crashes citywide by 2030.

A PHB is a traffic control device used to stop road traffic and allow pedestrians and bicyclists to cross safely. They are often used to improve crossings of major streets in locations where conditions do not warrant installation of a full traffic signal. For pedestrians and bicyclists, a PHB provides a similar crossing experience to a conventional traffic signal, with less disruption to vehicle traffic flows on the major street.

For tips for using a PHB as a driver, pedestrian, or bicyclist, visit the City’s website.

Did you know Monterey Bay Community Power is your new local choice when it comes to electric generation services?

Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP) supports a clean power mix, invests in new renewable and storage projects. Heidi Harmon, Mayor of San Luis Obispo and City Manager Derek Johnson have been representing our community as MBCP board members since December 2018. For more information about MBCP, please click here.

Did You Know?

Heidi Harmon
Mayor of San Luis Obispo
MBCP Policy Board Member

Derek Johnson
City Manager of San Luis Obispo
MBCP Operations Board Member

Brandon O’Rourke
SLO Climate Coalition MBCP Community Advisory Council

Ensuring our community is included in decisions for power procurement, rate structure, local energy programs and more.