

## Community Based Transportation Planning Grants

### PLACE3S Modeling Method by San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

- **Grant Recipient:** San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
- **County:** San Luis Obispo

**Project Area** - The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOGOC) includes seven city governments: Atascadero, Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, Morro Bay, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach, City and County of San Luis Obispo.

**Project Focus** - To establish a planning tool for the SLOCOG area. Data sets for the PLACE3S tool will be gathered and used to coordinate land use, transportation, and energy efficient transportation options within the SLOCOG area.

**Project Goals** - The project's objective is to increase the capability of decision makers to see the likely impacts of planning scenarios and development projects so they can make more informed choices regarding livable community principles.

**Project Approach** - All SLOCOG member agencies participated. The PLACE3S program was linked with the Cal Poly SLO University to establish ongoing maintenance and operation of the effort. Phase I, which consisted of compiling a comprehensive GIS database with data from all SLOCOG members, was conducted for this grant cycle.

Data on general plans, zoning, existing uses, and other information was gathered to create PLACE3S data sets.

#### Project Outcome -

The comprehensive GIS database is largely complete. Most of the required data for each of the seven cities and many of the unincorporated communities was gathered, and all roadways and 120,000+ parcels were digitized in a countywide database. The resulting GIS database includes categories defined with characteristics that compare to the cities' zoning and general plan categories and photos that show local examples of each type of land use.

Also, a conference was held to initiate interest in the PLACE3S concepts that will serve as a "jumping-off point" for Phase II. Phase II will continue with step 4 - Conducting Workshops and Planning Studies, and step 5 - Establishing Monitoring and Project Analysis Capability.\*

#### Planning Goals Realized -

- Efficient movement of people, goods, and services.
- Safe and healthy community.
- Public and stakeholder participation.
- Pedestrian, bicycle, and transit mobility and access.

\*Caltrans awarded SLOCOG a second CBTP grant in FY 2003-2004 to complete Phase II, which consists of visioning and public participation components to demonstrate PLACE3S to the community.