

Community-Based Transportation Planning Grants

San Andreas Rural Livable Community Plan

- **Grant Amount:** \$80,000
- **Grant Recipient:** Calaveras Council of Governments
- **County:** Calaveras

Project Area – The project area encompasses the City of San Andreas. San Andreas is 50 miles east of Stockton.

Project Focus – The community desires to maintain a local balance between jobs and population, consistent with the growing local tourism and health services industry and the town's role as county seat (county government, education, and medical services are located here). Developing an attractive downtown with an emphasis on travel modes other than the automobile, consistent with the town's historical core is seen as one means to maintain the future balance between local employment (68%) with future housing growth and to maintain and improve the community's sustainability and livability.

Project Goals – This project enlists community participation to examine current living and working conditions, study improvement options, and lay a foundation for smart and strategic land use by exploring the applications of livable community concepts to improve safety, create long-term economic development, connect the community through transportation and land use planning; study context sensitive streetscapes, explore truck route feasibility, and plan a pedestrian/bike path through town.

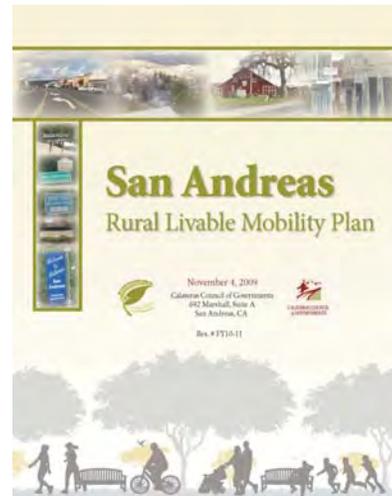
The final product “The San Andreas Rural Livable Community Plan” (SARLCP) will result in the adoption and implementation of transportation improvements that will provide safe mobility, access to services, and economic vitality for all who visit, live and work in San Andreas.

Community Outreach – A San Andreas Rural Livable Mobility Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) guided the development of the Mobility Plan. The CAC was made up of ten individuals who represented a cross-section of perspectives found within the greater community. A concentrated Mobility Week provided various opportunities for business and property owners, community members, students, employees, and local organizations to take part in developing a community-based vision for the Mobility Plan.

Environmental Justice Community Involvement – This project invites participation from the community through Town Hall meetings. A community survey was made available online for students to identify their mobility patterns and preferences. Low-income residents were notified of this project through social service agencies and other means targeting low-income residents. From October 15th to October 18th the San Andreas Mobility Week provided opportunities to participate in activities ranging from walking tours to visioning workshops concurrent with a three-day open house held at Town Hall. Seven community activities were held over a four-day period throughout San Andreas to encourage participation from a wide range of interests.

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Project Outcome – With the creation of a community based plan that enhances walking and bicycling opportunities, reduces automobile speeds, undertakes aesthetic treatments consistent with the town’s Gold Rush history, the Plan’s anticipated outcome is to have a sustainable townscape that is an attractor to business people, workers, residents and tourists, and is consistent in character and services with the town’s role as the county seat.



Challenges

- Traffic is expected to increase in San Andreas as a result of regional population growth and land use development within and around the town.

Successes

- Through the Rural Livable Mobility Plan an inviting space for the pedestrian/cyclist can be created that also benefits economic activities along the corridor.
- Planning efforts for future bicycle and pedestrian facilities include installation of continuous sidewalks on both sides of SR 49 between Mountain Ranch Road and Pool Station Road, installation of crosswalks at key pedestrian crossing locations along SR 49, and extending the San Andreas Creek Pathway.