



CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO Community News

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Join the Conversation about SLO Forward



We want you to join the conversation about the current and future needs of San Luis Obispo through SLO Forward. SLO Forward is a conversation with the community about the needs, challenges, and vision of San Luis Obispo to help maintain its unique character and quality of life.

After a top to bottom review of City services, maintenance and infrastructure needed now and, in the future, there is an annual financial gap of approximately \$15 million. We want to continue the conversation with you on what your highest priorities are that support our unique character and maintains our quality of life.

So, what are your top priorities? By joining the conversation, and completing the [community survey](#), your priorities will help shape the future of San Luis Obispo.

Learn more at sloforward.org.



City Council Passes Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of Electronic Cigarettes

In response to residents' concerns regarding the health affects of electronic cigarettes (vaping) on the youth, City Council recently adopted an ordinance prohibiting the sale of electronic cigarette products that have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The new ordinance will go into effect on May 4, 2020, providing tobacco retailers three months to remove these products from their inventories. Electronic smoking devices can be used to deliver an inhaled dose of nicotine. The ordinance also prohibits the sale of flavored vape juices and liquids used in an electronic smoking devices.

City Activates Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon

The City recently announced it has 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.

Some useful tips:

- When dark, drivers do not need to stop. The beacon remains dark until activated by a pedestrian or bicyclist intending to cross.
- When red flashing, drivers should treat it as a stop sign and stop; proceed when clear.
- When approaching from the side street, drivers should treat the stop sign as normal. Signs prohibiting right and left turns will illuminate when the beacon is activated.



PHB's provide an effective solution for improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, with less delay to drivers.



Marsh Street Bridge Replacement Project Kicks Off in March

Construction to replace the Marsh Street Bridge, located between Osos Street and Santa Rosa Street, will begin in April and wrap up in December. Demolition of the old bridge and construction of the new bridge requires the closure of Marsh Street to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

In 2013, the City reviewed options for repairing or replacing the bridge. Replacing the bridge was determined to be the best option for longevity and cost-savings. In addition, an aging and deteriorating sewer main underneath the bridge will be replaced with a more efficient line.

To highlight the historical significance of the original bridge, new lighting will be installed to replicate the original kerosene fixtures that would be lit every evening. New pedestrian light poles will be installed and equipped with energy-efficient LED fixtures.

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