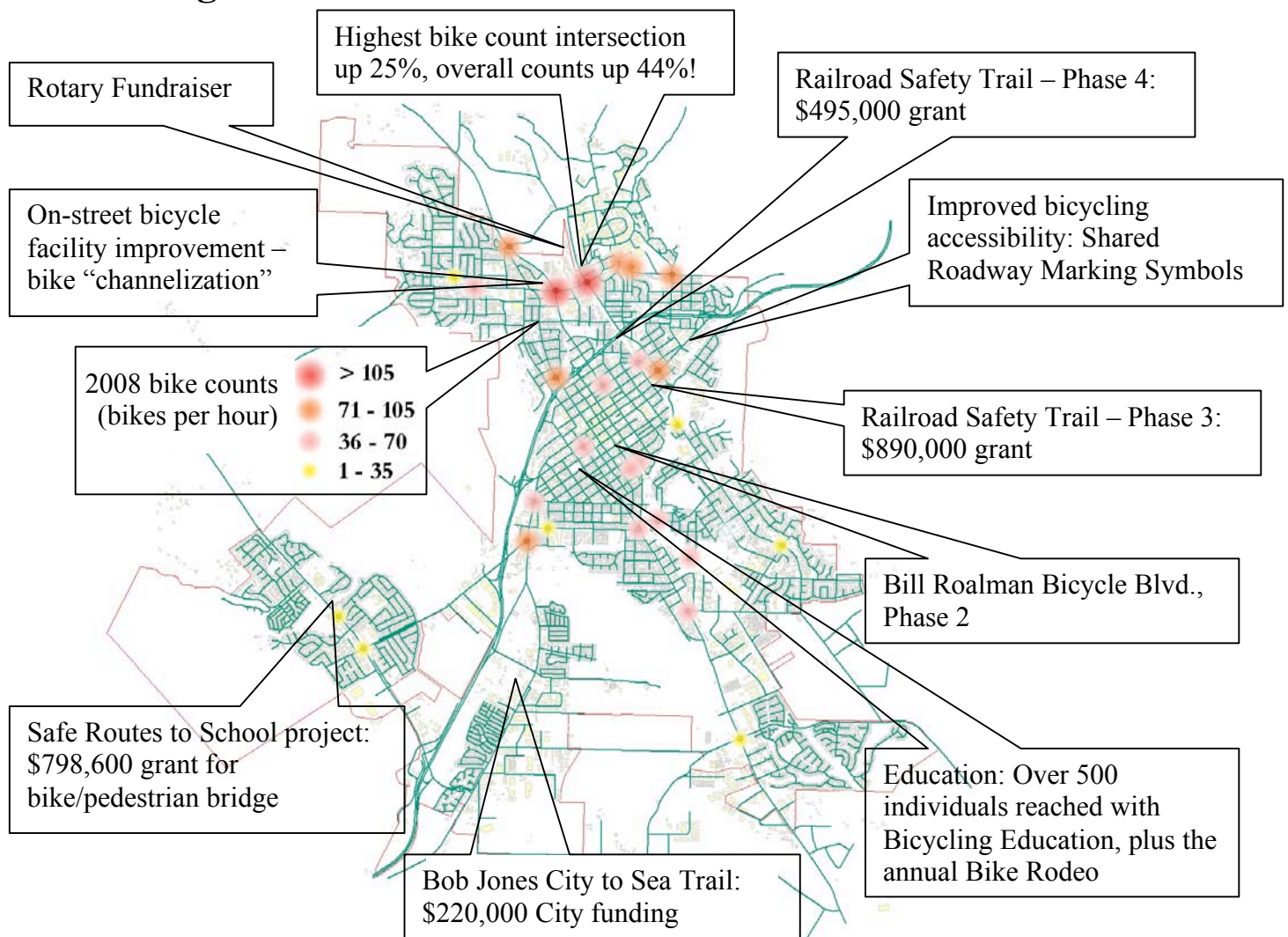


FY 2007 – 2009 Bicycling Highlights

Bikeway Improvements are identified as a Major City Goal in the 2007-2009 Financial Plan. Objectives of the goal are to continue to work towards the completion of the Railroad Safety Trail, improve maintenance of existing facilities, and consider additional facilities. The Major City Goal is an integral part of the City’s strategy to reduce and manage traffic congestion and improve the condition of City streets; a top priority for the use of Measure Y funds. From small to large, from commonplace to innovative, the City’s bicycling infrastructure is improving thanks to City funds being allocated for bicycling education, improvement grants being awarded by the State and Federal Government, collaboration with other agencies and organization, and local fundraising efforts.

The Big Picture



Class I Trails

Railroad Safety Trail



Missing Link: The Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo is raising funds for the trail section north of Foothill Blvd., to connect to the Cal Poly campus bike path.

Phase 3: Amtrak station to Marsh St.: Section awarded \$890,000 in grant funding in Oct. 2008. Currently under design.

Phase 4: Hathway to Foothill: Construction of this section is nearing completion. The dedication is scheduled for April 30.



Bob Jones City-to-Sea Trail



Bob Jones Trail: The City opened its first section of the Bob Jones City to Sea trail in February, 2008 extending south from Prado Road. Bridges to connect to Los Osos Valley Road and S. Higuera Street have been funded in the FY 07-09 budget and are under design.

Projects that Improve Bicycling in SLO

Bicycling Education

The City has contracted with the San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Coalition to provide bicycling education classes. More than **500** students were reached in 2008 alone. Education has been in the form of student assemblies for both elementary and college age students, lunch sessions requested by local employers, and intensive half day classes with on-bike instruction.



The Bicycle Coalition also developed a brochure and advertising materials to promote the classes.

Transportation Choice

The City supports SLO Regional Rideshare's promotion of bicycling as a transportation choice during "Ride Share Week". Demonstrations on use of the bike signal were given, and bicycling safety information was distributed.



Collaboration



City staff, from the Police and Parks and Recreation Departments, organize a Bike Rodeo for children each year. In 2008, Public Works included helmet fit adjustments for every participant and bicycling safety education information for parents.

No Yes Parking

Bicycling advocates will tell you that safe, secure, and convenient bicycle parking is a key component for promoting bicycle transportation. As identified in the City’s Bicycle Transportation Plan and the Major City Goal for Downtown Improvements, there is a need for additional long and short term bicycle parking downtown.

Racks with Plaques

The City’s Racks with Plaques bicycle rack donation program allows donations to be coordinated with parking demand throughout the City.



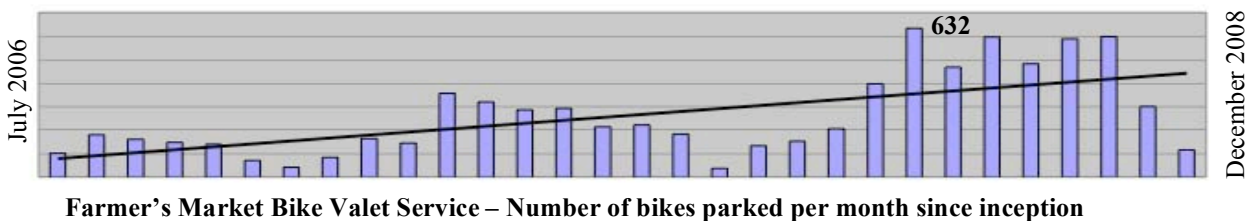
Following the long term success of the City’s first on-street bike rack on Garden Street, a second location was added in late 2007 on Chorro St., between Higuera and Marsh. At this location, six bikes and one motorcycle are now parking in a location where only one car could park previously.

Bike Valet



Bike Valet bicycle parking debuted during Bike Month in 2006. The City immediately saw the benefit to this service and included promotion and support of it in the update of the Bicycle Transportation Plan. The service now regularly provides short-term secure parking for Farmers Market, Concerts in the Plaza, and other special community events.

- In December, 2008, they served their 10,000th customer.
- The Valet has parked an average of 260 bikes per month at Farmers Market since its inception.
- 2008 had a 199% increase in bikes parked over 2007, averaging 389 per month at Farmers Market.
- The highest month was May 2008 (Bike Month).



Roadway Improvements

Utilizing the City's pavement management program as both a catalyst and a cost-saving tool, a number of roadway improvements that directly impact the quality of bicycling have been implemented in a cost effective manner.

Drain Inlets

Now you see them, now you don't. What's missing are the old metal drain grates in the bike lanes. They have been replaced by under-curb drain inlets, with no grate. What this means for bicyclists is no roadway surface changes, slippery metal, gaps, etc.



Channelization



Channelization: Pavement markings have been added at the following intersections to clearly define the path of travel for bicyclists traveling through the intersection:

- Marsh @ California
- Foothill @ Santa Rosa
- Foothill @ California

Pavement Markings

“Shared Roadway Bicycle Marking” symbols (also called “Sharrows”) have been installed on Monterey Street between Santa Rosa and Buena Vista to notify both bicyclists and motorists as to the minimum distance that bicyclists should stay away from parked cars when there is no bike lane. This helps prevent “dooring” and positions bicyclists in a manner less likely to get “right hooked”. (The most common car/bike collision in the City.)



Recognition of Accomplishment

Because of the City’s proactive work on bicycling infrastructure, programs, and guidance, the City has received recognition on the local, state, and national levels.

American Planning Association



The Central Coast section of the American Planning Association recognized the City of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department, with an Award of Excellence for the City’s Bicycle Transportation Plan, adopted by the City Council May 15, 2007.

Bicycle Friendly Community

In October 2007, the City’s efforts to create bicycling opportunities and promote bicycling as a legitimate travel mode were recognized with a Silver level ranking as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. This program recognizes communities for their efforts to promote bicycling and to provide “roadmaps” for improvement.



Livable Community



In May 2008, the San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Coalition presented the City with its Livable Community Award for the installation of the Morro St. bicycle signal. The award recognizes the City’s commitment to improving bicycling in the community. The signal creates a cohesive connection between the Bill Roalman Bicycle Boulevard and the Railroad Safety Trail.