



council notes

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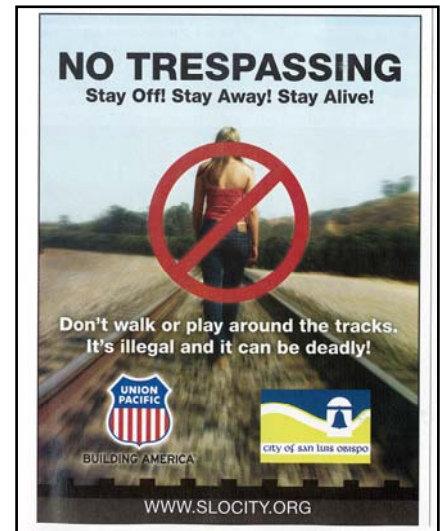
California Boulevard Sink Hole: On August 4th, the City discovered that a small sink hole had developed on California just near the intersection of Stafford. Initial investigations reveal the sink hole may have resulted from the failure of a corrugated metal pipe (CMP) that is used for storm drainage purposes. Additional investigation is being undertaken to determine the exact cause of the failure and to do emergency repair.



Attached are some photos of a sink hole at the intersection of California at Stafford. Engineering will begin generating an emergency project to replace the CMP under the street and stabilize the hole. Transportation is working on a more permanent traffic control plan for Streets Maintenance to implement. The goal is to get the pipe replaced and the project complete prior to Cal Poly starting at the end of September.

Contact Matt Horn, Supervising Civil Engineer at ext. 7108 if you have more questions.

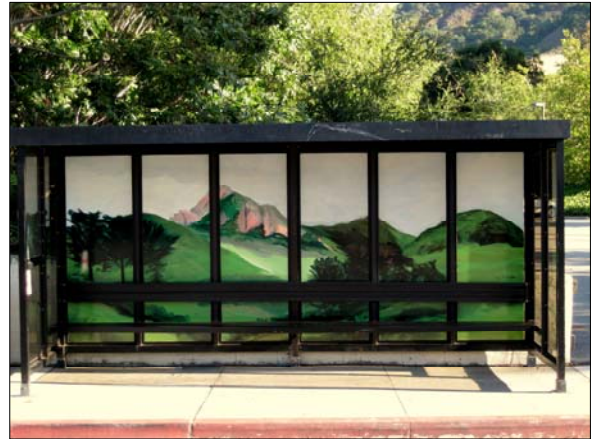
Railroad Safety Campaign: In an on-going effort by the City to promote pedestrian and bicyclist safety, public service announcements are being displayed in local publications to raise the public's awareness concerning safety issues on and around the railroad tracks. The most recent ad can be found in the August edition of the *Journal Plus* in the "Palm Street Perspective" at page 48. Similar ads have run in the *New Times* and all issues of the summer *Mustang Daily*. For more information about the City's Railroad Safety Campaign, contact Peggy Mandeville at 781-7590.



SLO Transit and Public Art - Working Together Again to improve the Community:

SLO Transit was one of the first systems in the nation to pilot a program for Art on Buses. That program was created over six years ago and the commitment to public art continues today with the new mural at the Ramona and Palomar bus shelter.

This bus shelter is the fourth busiest stop in our transit system, with over 240 boardings per day. Unfortunately, it has also been a target for graffiti and vandalism during the last few years with many of the glass shelter panels damaged or destroyed, necessitating replacement at great cost to our system. The frequency, severity and expense of the damage created the possibility that the shelter might have to be permanently removed or replaced at a very high cost. Instead, a novel approach has been taken by SLO Transit staff to try to solve the problem. Working together with Liz Maruska, a local artist who was involved with the art project on City buses, a unique shelter design was created that was installed early this month. The hope for the mural is that it will lower or eliminate damage to the shelter at this location since it portrays to the community a higher level of civic pride than just a normal glass structure. If successful, the program may be expanded to include other bus stops that have experienced similar problems.



The Ramona Shelter Mural

For additional information or questions concerning SLO Transit, please contact John Webster at 781-7121 or jwebster@slocity.org

Teen Idol 2009: Farmers' Market set the stage for the newly formatted and relocated Teen Idol 2009, an annual summer performance open to teens, ages 13 – 17 years. With a bustling crowd at the Thursday market, local teens showcased musical talents in front of hundreds of fans, supporters, and judges.



This year's group was composed of five talented teens and a wide range of performance skills. Each participant sang two songs for the audience. Starting at intermission, the audience was then able to vote for the performer of their choice. With the Farmers' Market atmosphere and the awe-inspiring talent of local youth, this summer's event was one to remember.

Once audience votes had been tallied, three participants were featured for their performances. Third place went to Karley Schlaht and second place went to Sheridan Riolo. The 2009 Teen Idol winner was Kayla Anderson. Kayla Anderson of Nipomo was awarded a \$250 visa gift card for her winning performance.



Teen Idol organizers would like to thank Annette Martin from SHIFT Salon for donating time to prepare all the performers on the night of the event, Music Lab for the generous \$100 gift, and Louisa's for all the extra fun prizes.



next slo city council meeting

Tuesday, August 18th

Regular Meeting Cancelled

Other Important Dates to Note

Friday, August 14th

Channel Counties Meeting

Avila Beach Golf Resort

5:30 p.m.