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Cal Poly Students to Present Ideas to Improve SLO Downtown Traffic in May 24 Exhibition

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly civil engineering and city and regional planning graduate students will present ideas for improving traffic circulation for downtown San Luis Obispo at an exhibition Tuesday, May 24, from 12:45 to 2:30 p.m. in Engineering IV (Bldg. 192), Room 208, on campus.

The exhibit, titled SLO Downtown Circulation Enhancement 2035, includes students in Professor Eugene Jud's sustainable mobility class, who were asked to create a proposal that would increase alternative modes of transportation within San Luis Obispo. The goal of the project is to increase environmentally sustainable practices for transportation and future development projects.

The students considered issues relevant to the downtown area and envisioned ways to improve pedestrian activity, bicycle trail network connections and public transit, implement traffic "calming," and create a regional transportation hub. Each project presents a proposal for the city in the year 2035.

In addition, the students identified areas conducive to future housing, retail and entertainment activities while balancing current community concerns with future development. The exhibit gives city and county officials and community members the opportunity to see how the younger generation imagines the future of the downtown area.

"Good ideas can come from anywhere," Jud said. "These students are the engineers and planners of tomorrow, and they have an impact on how San Luis Obispo will look in the future."

At the exhibit, each group will give a short presentation, and then guests can discuss the displays with the students. The winning group will win \$100 from the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

The Engineering IV Building is located on campus between the Library and Highland Drive. For more information, contact Osmar Rodriguez, civil engineering graduate student and class president, at 619-876-2744 or Jud at 805-756-1729.

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