

Chinatown

This block of Palm was once the hub of San Luis Obispo's sizable Chinese community, which made up 10 percent of the city's population in 1890. Surviving structures include the Candy Store (798 Palm), the Ah Louis building (800 Palm) and Mee Heng Low Chop Suey Shop (815 Palm).



The Mission

The fifth California mission founded by Father Junipero Serra, Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa was established in 1772 and named after Saint Louis, Bishop of Toulouse, France. Pio Pico, the last governor of Mexican California, sold it to Capt. John Wilson in 1845 for \$510.



The Creamery

Producing butter and cheese was more lucrative than raising beef in the early 1900s. SLO cattle ranchers sent millions of gallons of milk each year to the city's commercial creameries. The Central Creamery at 570 Higuera was the second to open (1910) and the last to shut down (1974).



Old Japan Town

Between 1931 and the internment in 1942, this neighborhood was the epicenter of the city's Japanese community. Some typical nihon-machi homes still exist on Brook St., which was originally named Eto St. after one of the local families. In 2002 the city dedicated Eto Park as a tribute to the original residents.



Meadow Park

Model T's and Duesenbergs raced around the speedway at Exposition Park from 1922 until 1925, when it went out of business and was parceled off. The dirt track covered all of what is now Meadow Park and many of the surrounding homes and commercial buildings.



Railroad District

The area containing much of the original, early 20th-century Southern Pacific rail yard was designated a city historical site in 1998. A memorial sculpture, Iron Road Pioneers (2003), commemorates the Chinese rail workers. The last remaining freight house, currently under renovation, is the future home of the SLO Railroad Museum (461-3456).



Victorians

At the turn of the 19th century, the Queen Anne-style homes on this block of Buchon housed many of the San Luis Obispo residents who could afford to live above the Marsh St. flood plain and away from the noise and coal smoke of the train tracks.



Dallidet Adobe

The 1859 home of French immigrant Pierre Dallidet was once surrounded by thousands of Mission, Charbonneau, and Black Malaga vineyards and the Central Coast's first commercial winery. The SLO Historical Society tore down the deteriorating winery building in the 1950s and built a carriage house with the salvaged lumber.



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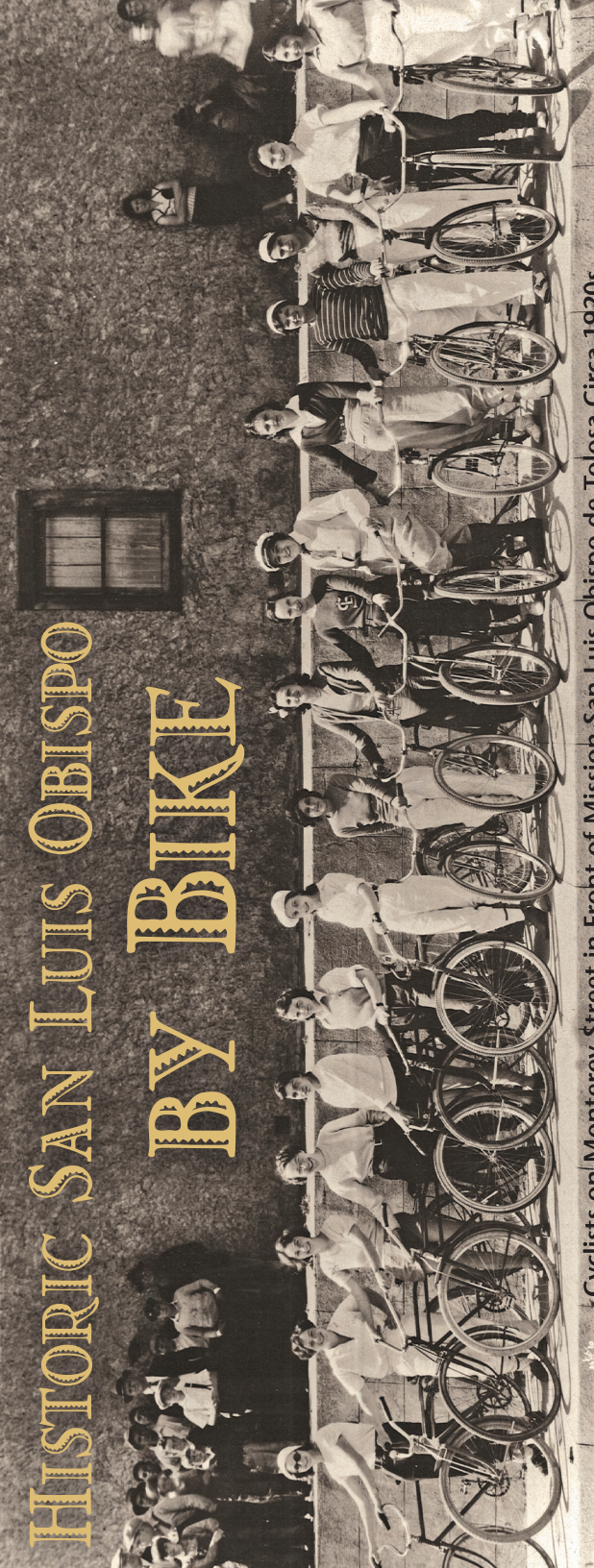
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HISTORICAL SAN LUIS OBISPO
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Cyclists on Monterey Street in Front of Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Circa 1920s

DIRECTIONS

BEGIN

- ↑ Start at Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center at 1039 Chorro.
- Turn right on Palm St. to go through Chinatown (1).
- Turn right on Morro, right on Monterey and go through the Mission (2).
- ← Turn left on Nipomo; detour to the Creamery Building (3) on Higuera.
- Turn right on Pismo, left on Higuera.
- Turn right on South, left on Brook to Old Japan Town (4).
- ↑ Cross Higuera onto South.
- Turn right on Beebee, left on Bridge, and ride through Meadow Park (5).
- ← Turn left on Meadow, right on South.
- Stay on south as it turns into Santa Barbara; detour to Railroad Square (6).
- ← Turn left on Morro, left on Buchon for detour to historic Victorians (7).
- Turn right on Buchon, left on Santa Rosa.
- Turn right on Pacific to Dallidet Adobe (8).
- ← Backtrack to Santa Rosa and turn right.
- ← Turn left on Higuera, right on Chorro.

END

Distance Approximately 4.3 Miles

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LEGEND

- **Tour Route**
- 🔑 **Bike Shop**
- ♿ **Public Restroom**
- 🌳 **Park**
- **Bike Path**

Historic Districts

- 🏠 **Old Town**
- 🏠 **Downtown**
- 🏠 **Mill Street**
- 🏠 **China Town**
- 🚂 **Railroad**

Points of Interest

- ① **China Town**
- ② **The Mission**
- ③ **The Creamery**
- ④ **Old Japan Town**
- ⑤ **Meadow Park**
- ⑥ **Railroad Square**
- ⑦ **Victorians**
- ⑧ **Dalliet Adobe**

*See Reverse for Descriptions

NOTES: Traffic conditions vary by time of day and day of the week. Traffic is usually heaviest during commute periods.

