

Community Focus Statement H: Maintain roadway infrastructure and improve traffic flow and vehicle safety within the communities.

Action Statement H.1: Coordinate with the County to identify needed roadway maintenance associated with tree roots.

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Benchmarks: Roadways are maintained regularly for tree root damage.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: \$300–\$1,500



San Luis Obispo County has a Cooperative Road Improvement Program to help local residents upgrade existing unpaved County-maintained roads to paved roads or bring roads to a County standard for acceptance into the maintained system.

Roadway networks are critical to the daily operation of a community in that they provide access to and from employment, education and health services, and social opportunities. Proper maintenance of existing infrastructure facilities helps to ensure access to such daily functions and promotes safe and efficient travel operations. Maintenance also extends the service life of such facilities. While trees provide many physical and visual benefits to a roadway corridor and community, operational and safety issues could arise if their root systems extend and lift roadway

pavement.

Maintenance of tree roots in roadways should consider both the effective use of the roadway facility and the health of the tree. Cutting of a tree's root system could have a significant impact on the tree's health; thus, impacts to the tree should be considered prior to conducting maintenance activities.

The County has an annual budget for maintaining roadways. Requests can be submitted to the County for assessment and incorporation into its maintenance program. The San Bernardino County Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining over 2,500 miles of roadway in the unincorporated areas, which is known as the County Maintained Road System (CMRS). The Public Works dispatch center can be contacted to report issues with trees lifting the sidewalk along a street. The Public Works Department helps to support the Countywide Vision by maintaining the roadway infrastructure. The San Bernardino County Transportation Planning Division can be contacted regarding plans to repave roadways. In addition, Lake Arrowhead County Service Area (CSA) 70 R-7 is a road maintenance district that provides the level of service desired by the residents. CSA 70 R-7 maintains 965 feet of paved roads and receives funding for road maintenance and snow removal services.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Create a Public Safety Task Force	Champion	Month 1	San Bernardino County Special Districts Department http://specialdistricts.org/index.aspx?page=176 San Bernardino County Public Works, County Maintained Road System http://sbcountydpw.maps.arcgis.com San Bernardino County, Public Works Dispatch Center (909-387-8063) available Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM San Luis Obispo County, Traffic and Transportation http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/Traffic.htm
2. Identify County-maintained roadway facilities in the Lake Arrowhead communities.	Public Safety Task Force with Lake Arrowhead County Service Area, Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce, local community leaders	Month 1	
3. Identify those roadways within the communities that are experiencing tree root lifting.	Public Safety Task Force with Lake Arrowhead County Service Area, Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce, local community leaders	Month 2	
4. Coordinate with the San Bernardino County Public Works Department and the Lake Arrowhead County Service Area with the list of locations identified as having tree root issues for Public Works consideration.	Public Safety Task Force	Month 3	
5. Contact the San Bernardino County Public Works Department and the Lake Arrowhead County Service Area to report the issues that have been identified via the Public Works Dispatch Center, as needed.	Public Safety Task Force	Month 4	