

lack of curb cuts, sign posts, benches, and rough and severely cracked sidewalk surfaces.

Bicycle Travel

A considerable bicycle network exists, particularly in the urbanized portions of Santa Cruz County.

Although there is a general lack of continuity in bike lanes striped on the region's state or county major highway and street network, progress has been made in planning and funding bikeway improvements. TAMC and SCCRTC are developing a Monterey Bay Sanctuary Trail. Continued emphasis on improving bicycle routes that safely connect employment centers and residential locations will increase commuter bicycle use.

Bike Lanes in the region are classified according to the Caltrans Highway Design Manual, chapter 1000 (2006). These include:

- *Class I Bikeway.* Typically called a "bike path" or "multi-use path" a Class I bikeway provides bicycle travel on a paved right-of-way completely separated from any street or highway. Class I bikeways are not for the exclusive use of bicyclists, and can be used by pedestrians, joggers, and other non-motorized users.
- *Class II Bikeway.* Often referred to as a "bike lane," a Class II bikeway provides a striped and stenciled lane for one-way travel on a street or highway.
- *Class III Bikeway.* Generally referred to as a "bike route," a Class III bikeway provides for shared use with pedestrian

or motor vehicle traffic and is identified only by signage.

Figure 6. Bike Lane Classifications

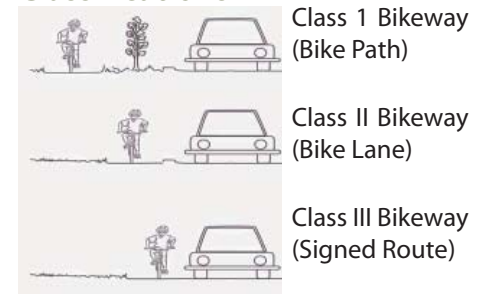


Figure 7. The existing and proposed bicycle network in the Monterey Bay Area.

