



North Coast Rail Trail Environmental Impact Report

Scoping Meeting

*Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission*

Davenport: September 27, 2017
Santa Cruz: September 28, 2017



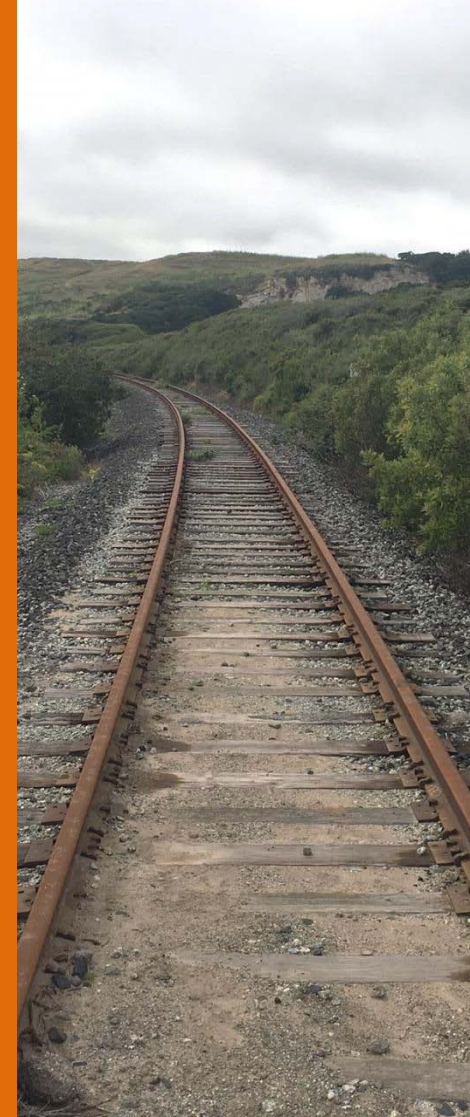


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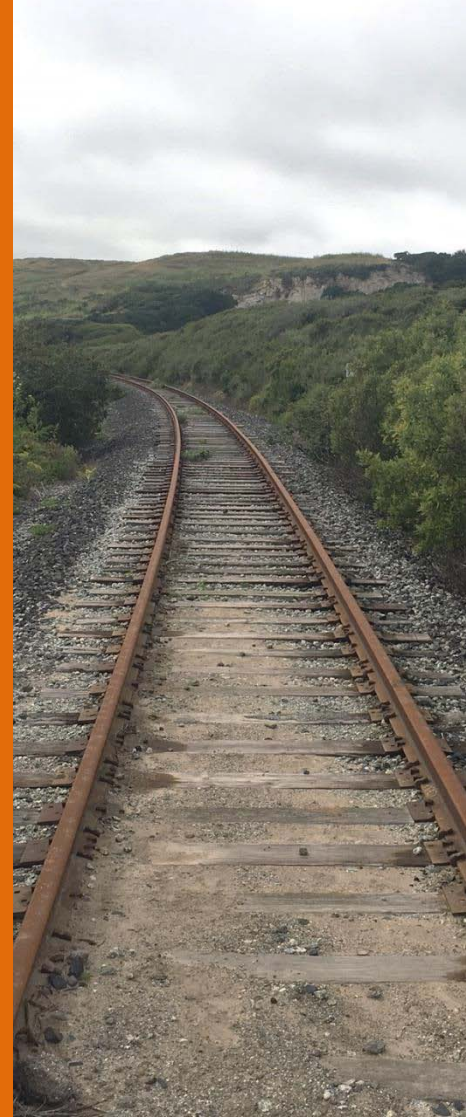
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Introductions



Project Overview





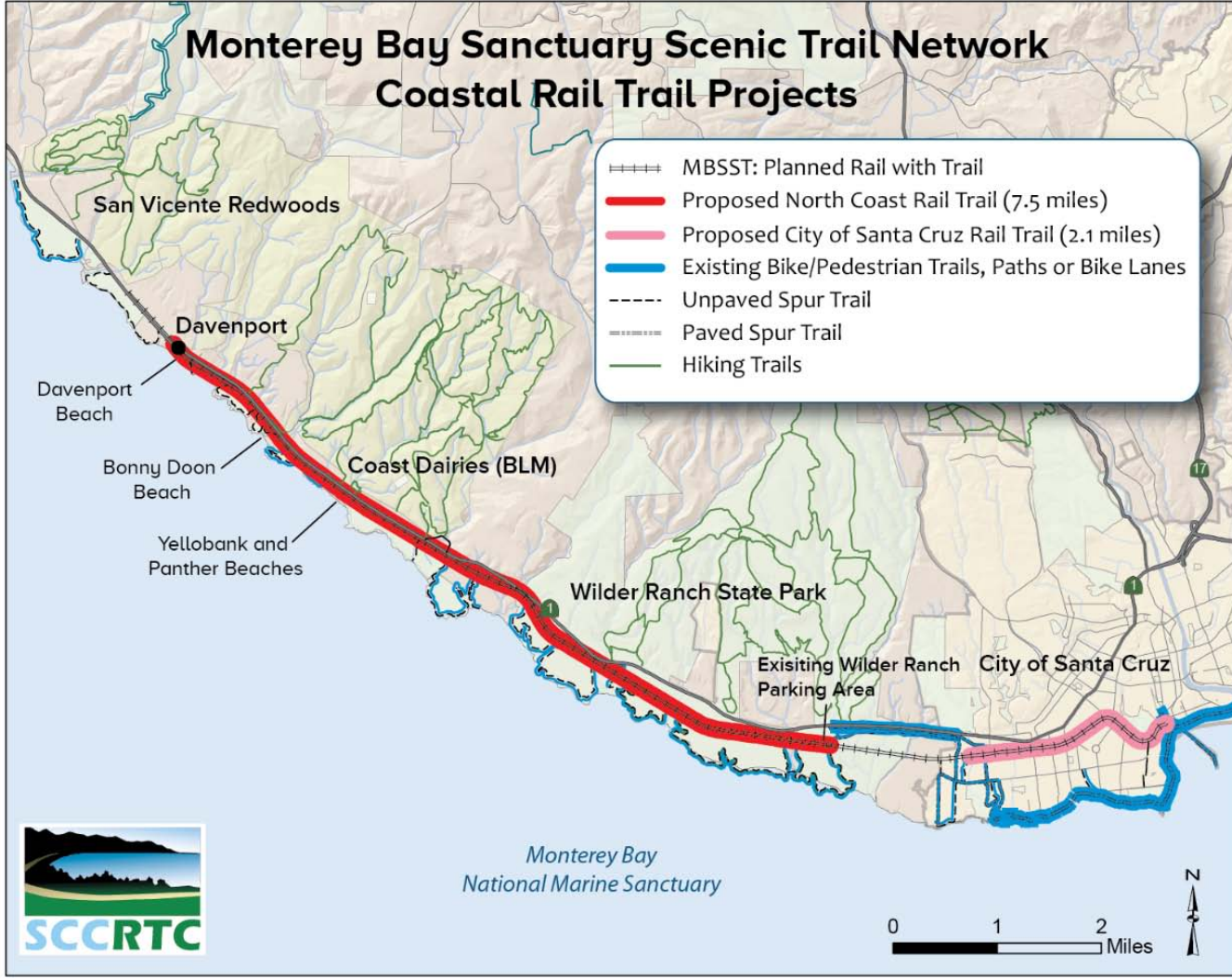
Project Overview

Background & Context

- Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network
 - Trail along Santa Cruz County coast
 - Primarily aligns with the RTC-owned rail corridor
 - 20 trail “segments”
 - MBSST Master Plan and programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) completed 2013
 - Several segments in design/subsequent environmental stages



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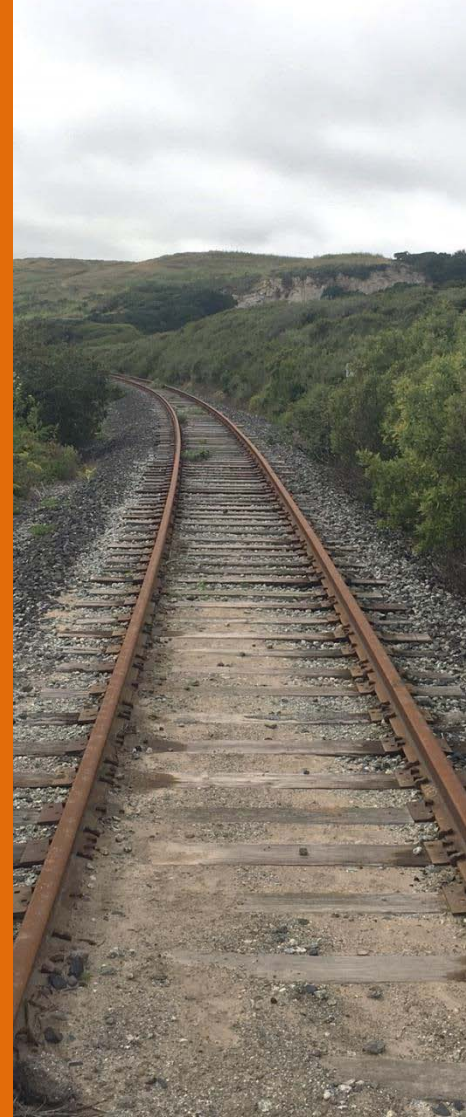
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Proposed Project

- Segment 5 of the Master Plan
- Davenport to Wilder Ranch
- 7.5-mile multi-use bicycle and pedestrian trail
- 20 feet wide (12' paved, 8' unpaved)
- Two parking lots, restrooms, trash receptacles
- “Rail-with-trail” alignment (coastal side of railroad tracks)
- Federal and local funding



Environmental Review Process





Environmental Review Process

Purpose & Requirements of CEQA

- Inform decision making
- Disclose potentially significant environmental impacts
- Identify mitigation measures
- Foster public participation and interagency coordination

CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act

EIR = Environmental Impact Report



Environmental Review Process

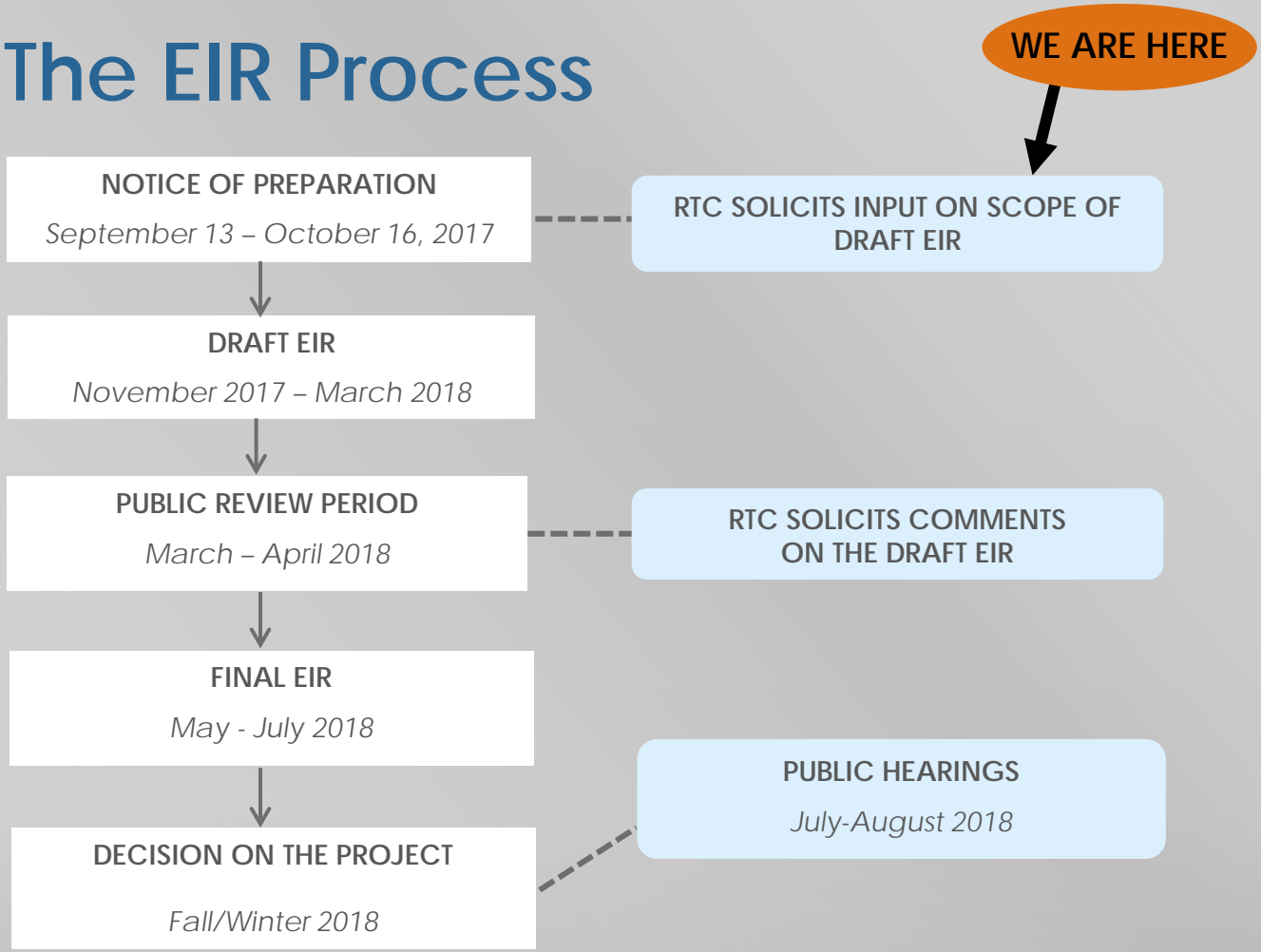
Relationship to Master Plan EIR

- MBSST Master Plan EIR (2013)
 - Entire 50-mile trail network
 - Program level (broad, generalized)
- North Coast Rail Trail EIR (current)
 - North Coast Rail Trail (segment 5) only
 - Project level (specific)
 - Proposed project and consideration of alternatives



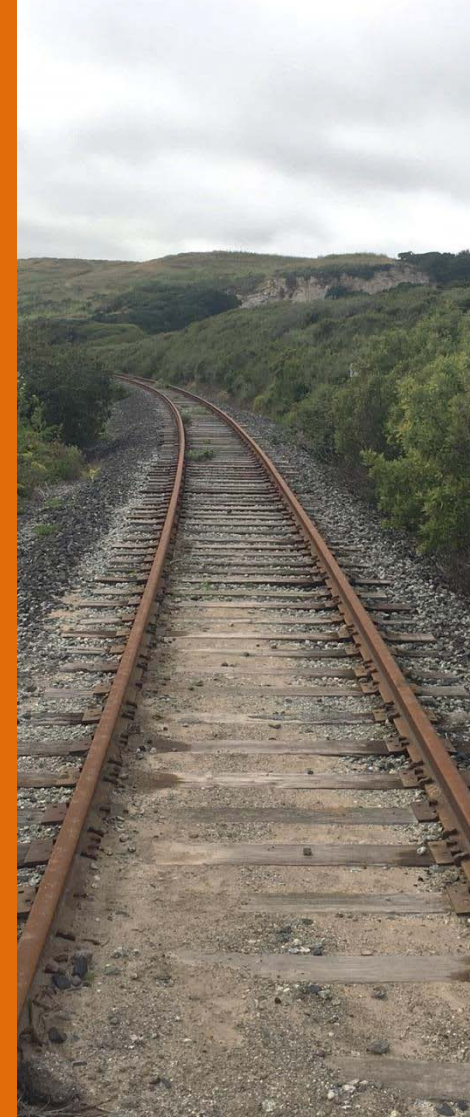
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The EIR Process



EIR = Environmental Impact Report

Notice of Preparation and Scoping





Purpose of Today's Meeting

- “Scoping” is gathering information regarding the content and focus of the EIR analysis
 - Environmental issues to address
 - Alternatives to consider
- Input should be provided in writing

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Environmental Issue Areas

1. Aesthetics
2. Agricultural Resources
3. Air Quality
4. Biological Resources
5. Cultural Resources
6. Geology and Soils
7. Greenhouse Gas Emissions
8. Hazards and Hazardous Materials
9. Hydrology and Water Quality
10. Land Use and Planning
11. Mineral Resources
12. Noise
13. Population and Housing
14. Public Services
15. Recreation
16. Transportation/Traffic
17. Tribal Cultural Resources
18. Utilities and Service Systems



Alternatives to Consider

- Alternatives - feasible, meet most project objectives, and reduce project impacts
- Alternative 1: “Rail-to-Trail” or “Trail Only” alignment (trail replaces tracks)
- Others?

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We Welcome Your Input!

- Environmental issues and project alternatives
- Written comments to be included in record
- Direct written comments to:

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- Written comments due:

Monday, Oct. 16, 2017 @ 4:00 PM

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