PROJECT FACT SHEET

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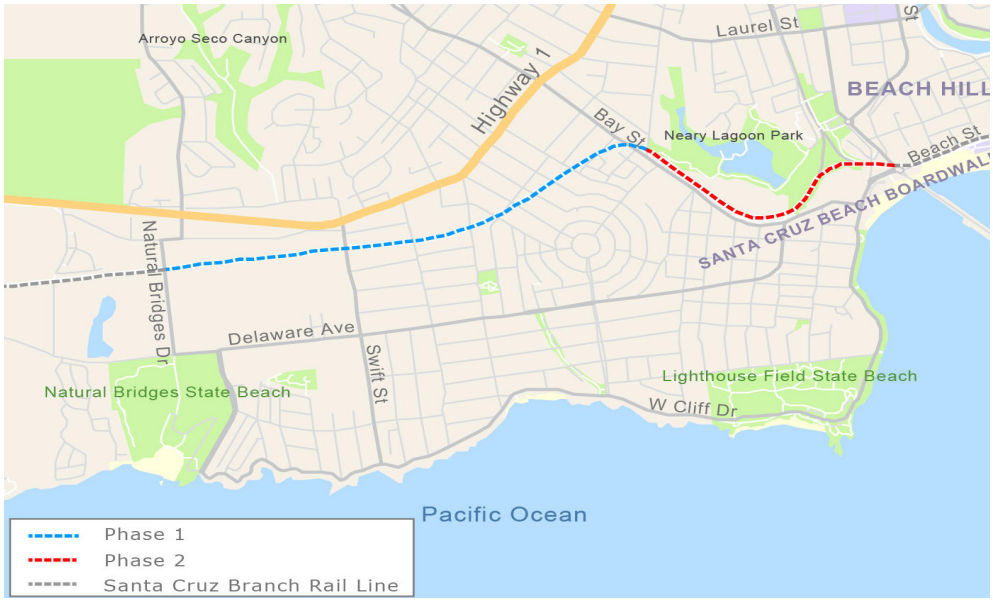
Active Transportation: Coastal Rail Trail Segment 7

Project Description

The Coastal Rail Trail Segment 7 project (as defined in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail {MBSST} Network Master Plan) proposes to construct 2.1 miles of the MBSST's rail trail spine between Natural Bridges Drive and Pacific Avenue at the Santa Cruz Wharf. The existing facility is along the publicly-owned railroad right-of-way. Alternate routes have high bicycle and pedestrian crash histories, making this a high priority project in mid-Santa Cruz County.

The goals of this project are to increase the numbers of people biking and walking, improve safety and mobility of non-motorized users, and to provide high-quality connections to schools, parks, and community facilities. When constructed, this project will be one portion of the planned 32-mile rail trail network that parallels the entire coastline of Santa Cruz County.

The Segment 7 project is at the epicenter of several existing trail networks such as Younger Lagoon Reserve and Antonelli Pond Park, and will also provide connections to Natural Bridges State Beach, the West Cliff Drive bike/pedestrian path, and the Wilder Ranch path.



Project Highlights

- Provides a low stress, off-street dedicated bicycle and pedestrian trail, improving safety and connectivity to schools, employment centers, and transit facilities
- Over 30,000 residents live within 1 mile of the corridor, where 9 schools and 28 parks are located
- Provides a safer car-free alternative to Mission Street and connects to the Beach Street bikeway
- Enhances mobility and transportation for disadvantaged communities

Project Delivery Strategy

The City of Santa Cruz is leading the project delivery. The City is delivering Segment 7 in stages due to funding availability. Phase I, from Natural Bridges to Bay/California, is fully funded. Phase II requires additional funds for construction. The City is targeting California Department of Parks and Recreation Proposition 68, SB1-Active Transportation Program, and federal grant opportunities to fully fund the construction of Phase II.

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Total Programming (in thousands)

Estimated Total Cost	$19,808
Funding Sources	
Measure D (Active Transportation)	$2,100
Other Secured*	$7,369
Need	$10,339

*Includes Coastal Conservancy, Congressional Earmark, FORT/BSCC Donations, Measure D - Local (City of Santa Cruz), City of Santa Cruz, and STIP funds.

Project Status/ Schedule

Phase I is under construction and expected to be completed in late summer 2020. Phase II is environmentally cleared and design is complete. Once funding and a minor section of right-of-way is acquired, Phase II can go to construction.

Preliminary Project Rendering