

Measure D Annual Report Cover Sheet

Fiscal Year 2019/20

Investment Category: **Active Transportation/MBSST (17%)**

Lead: **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC)**

Dear Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee: The SCCRTC is pleased to present the following information demonstrating compliance with the voter-approved Measure D Ordinance, Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP), agreements and guidelines. Collectively they make up the Measure D annual report for the Active Transportation Measure D investment category.

Measure D Financial Information	
FY19/20 Formula Allocation	\$3,500,816
Unspent Prior Year Allocations	\$5,710,727.97
Interest earned on Unspent Prior Allocations	\$240,194.49
Total Measure D Funding Available in FY19/20	\$9,342,658
Total Measure D Funds Spent in FY19/20	\$1,162,230
Total Measure D Rollover to <u>FY20/21</u>	\$8,180,428
Maintenance of Effort	
FY19/20 LOCAL funds spent on transportation projects, operations, and/or services <i>(excludes grants & Measure D funds)</i>	\$2,617,436
Maintenance of Effort Baseline <i>(average amount of <u>local</u> funds spent on transportation projects in 3-5 fiscal years prior to 2017)</i>	\$2,114,952
Measure D Compliance Documents	
Document	Attached
1. FY19/20 Annual Report Cover Sheet <i>(this document)</i>	x
2. FY19/20 Audited Financials for Measure D funds	x
3. FY19/20 Expenditure Report Spreadsheet: Shows what Measure D formula funds were spent on.	x
3a. Grouped projects supplemental information	
A. Ongoing RTC oversight, coordination, and assistance, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveys and soil investigations, including consultant-led boundary surveys • County Environmental Health (EHS) agreements and overall reviews (some EHS work also charged to specific MBSST projects) • Development of MBSST cooperative agreement template for preconstruction, construction, and maintenance, including staff and legal reviews, meetings with implementing agencies • Public outreach: including website and fact sheet updates, responding to public and media comments and questions, presentations on trail to RTC and community groups, news releases • Stakeholder coordination • Legal actions, review of agreements, • Ongoing updates to total cost estimates for MBSST 	

B. Corridor Maintenance – Various Locations

Work done in FY19/20	Schedule
Cleared 10 cross culverts	Spring 2020
Tree risk assessments	Winter 2020
Removal or trimming of dead or fallen trees; grass mowing	Spring 2020
Trash, dumping, and encampment cleanups	Ongoing
Corridor property management	Ongoing

4. Map:

X



5. FY19/20 Performance Measures Report - only applies to direct recipients (cities, county and transit agencies)

NA

6. Maintenance of Effort Compliance Spreadsheet: List of local funds spent on transportation projects through FY19/20 as compared to the 3-5 years prior to FY16/17.

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Covers all regional projects

a. If FY19/20 Local funds expended were lower than Baseline amount, explain why: NA. Baseline MOE met.

NA

7. Indirect cost allocation plan: Does your agency have an indirect cost allocation plan (ICAP)?

Yes

a. Date of most recent ICAP: March 13, 2020

8. 5-Year Program of Projects (5-Year Plan): List showing planned use Measure D formula funds in the next 5 years.

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a. Evidence that the 5-year program of projects was approved through a public process.

X

See RTC website for staff reports

i. Public hearings at RTC meetings:

- 6/6/2019: <https://scrtc.org/rtc-holding-public-hearing-on-measure-d-5-year-transportation-investment-plans/>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/3/2020: https://sccrtc.org/public-hearing-measure-d-five-year-plan-adoption/ 	
ii. Advisory Committee Review of draft plans: April 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bike Committee: https://sccrtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/BAC_April_2019_Packet.pdf Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC): https://sccrtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/00_Packet_19April09.pdf ITAC: https://sccrtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Apr2019-ITAC-packet.pdf 	
b. Date of 5-Year Plan Public Hearing soliciting input on 5-Year Plan	Date: 6/6/19 & 9/3/20
c. Date annual 5-year Plan approved by Governing Board – <i>*Interim amendments also made during RTC public meetings</i>	Date: 6/6/19 & 9/3/20*
9. Complete Streets Compliance (Cities/County only)	NA
10. Annual Report Narrative <i>(may be included in Management & Admin section of audit)</i>	
a. Fund Balances, Carryover Projects, and Description of planned, longer-term and future uses of Measure D revenues, if known.	x
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17% of Measure D net revenues are allocated to the Active Transportation investment category for implementation and maintenance of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST/Rail Trail). The fund balance (funds that have not yet been expended) is kept in a separate trust fund and tracked via the accounting system ledgers and programming spreadsheets. Most of the trail projects currently programmed to receive Measure D funds in the 5-year plan were undergoing environmental review, design, and/or right-of-way in FY19/20, with \$8,180,428 in Measure D balances are being used to leverage other grants, for construction, development, and maintenance of Segments 5, 7b, 8-9, and 18 in FY20/21-24/25. The City of Santa Cruz initiated construction of Segment 7, phase 1 in FY19/20 and invoices will be submitted and expenditures reflected in FY20/21. Measure D approved for Phase 2 was used as match for competitive Active Transportation Program (ATP). The County of Santa Cruz is initiating environmental review and design of Segments 10-11 in FY20/21. The County is using \$4 million in Measure D funds for this pre-construction work. Future projects: Taking into consideration extensive public and stakeholder input, technical analysis of the corridor, as well as local, regional, state, and federal transportation goals, the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan identified priorities for future sections of the trail. Future Measure D revenues are expected to continue to serve as match to leverage other funds in order to fully fund trail construction. Measure D funds are used for ongoing maintenance of the corridor and coordination and oversight of work done by agencies implementing individual sections. Maintenance of the rail trail corridor, technical assistance from the RTC, and ongoing oversight will continue into the future. RTC is currently working with local jurisdictions on long-term maintenance agreements. A portion of Measure D funds are expected to continue to be used for ongoing oversight, maintenance and technical assistance for the trail into the foreseeable future. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Measure D 5-year plan and Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) provide additional information on Measure D fund management and long term use of Measure D revenues. 	
b. Future Liabilities: The MBSST Network is being implemented and constructed as funding becomes available. As noted in the Measure D Strategic Implementation Plan , Measure D funds are being focused on pre-construction activities and to serve as match to make projects more competitive for grants. RTC and local jurisdictions will continue to seek grants and construct the trail in sections or phases. The Active Transportation Program (ATP), SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCCP), Prop 68, Federal Lands Access Program, Coastal Conservancy, and funding from non-profits such as the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County are some of the sources Measure D is leveraging.	
c. Compliance with Applicable Laws: <i>Confirm projects were implemented in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, requirements, standards of practice, guidelines, etc. which are applicable to publicly funded transportation projects are met and adhered to, including requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), state design and procurement requirements, etc.</i>	Yes. Trail projects are also reviewed by Caltrans Div. of Local Assistance for compliance
Public Outreach/Notification of Use of Measure D Funds	
11. Public Outreach/Process: During FY19/20 the RTC conducted outreach on the MBSST through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fact sheets Enews to people who signed up for project updates Website updates Social media updates on trail projects Public hearing on 5-year plan News releases Tabling at community events Segment 7, Phase I groundbreaking event 	x
12. Sample(s) of public outreach on Measure D-funded projects 7/1/19-6/30/20	
a. Websites with Measure D information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.sccrtc.org/move https://sccrtc.org/projects/multi-modal/monterey-bay-sanctuary-scenic-trail/ 	x
b. News Articles and News Releases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://sccrtc.org/rail-trail-segment-7-phase-i-awarded-with-completion-slated-for-summer-2020/ https://sccrtc.org/draft-2020-measure-d-strategic-implementation-plan-now-available/ https://sccrtc.org/measure-d-annual-report-released-2/ https://sccrtc.org/rtc-and-caltrans-to-hold-public-information-meetings-on-highway-1-projects-under-development/ https://www.kazu.org/post/has-santa-cruz-county-rail-and-trail-plan-finally-turned-corner#stream/0 	x

- c. **Signage:** The Measure D logo, informing the community of projects funded by Measure D, was included on project fact sheets, the RTC website, and required to be displayed at construction sites, such as the one below for Segment 7 of the Rail Trail.



13. Photos: Segment 7-Phase 1 construction



14. Fact Sheets on larger projects: Attached

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Contacts

Designated staff available to report on or answer any and all inquiries in regard to Recipient Agency's audit, projects and expenditures, and/or compliance with Measure D before the RTC and/or the Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee or RTC advisory committees, as applicable.

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MEASURE D EXPENDITURE REPORT - Direct Allocations

Reporting Year **FY19/20**

SCCRTC **Active Transportation-Trail/MBSST**

				Prior Year expenditures (if applicable)			Consistency with 5-year plan		
#	Project Name	Total Cost	FY19/20 Measure D Expenditures	FY16/17 Measure D Expenditures on this project	FY17/18 Measure D Expenditures	FY18/19 Measure D Expenditures	Measure D TOTAL SPENT FY16/17-19/20	(Est) Future Year(s) Measure D Expenditures	Project in approved 5-year plan? (yes/no)
1	North Coast Segment 5	\$22M est.	\$ 429,853.91	\$0	\$476,939	\$522,276	\$1,429,069	\$777,805	Yes
5	Segment 7: Oversight and technical assistance	\$ 241,972	\$ 105,971.93	\$0	\$21,972	\$50,954	\$178,898	\$63,074	Yes
7	Segment 8: Oversight and technical assistance	\$ 7,149	\$ 384.40	\$0	\$0	\$6,765	\$7,149	\$0	Yes
9	Segment 8/9: Oversight and technical assistance	\$ 200,000	\$ 11,156.84	\$0	\$0	\$148	\$11,305	\$188,695	Yes
12	Segment 10-11 Oversight and technical assistance	TBD	\$ 30,020.21	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,020	\$248,571	Yes
14	Segment 18: Oversight and technical assistance	\$ 158,887	\$ 47,672.47	\$0	\$2,775	\$36,328	\$86,775	\$72,111	Yes
17	Santa Cruz County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy <i>Funded from several Measure D categories</i>	\$ 720,000	\$ 9,251.07			\$0	\$9,251	\$8,089	Yes
18	Ongoing RTC oversight, coordination, and assistance, including on development of future trail sections.	estimated avg. \$300k/year	\$ 103,099.96	\$0	\$144,767	\$159,057	\$406,924	\$1,874,563	Yes
19	Corridor encroachments & maintenance	\$500k/year	\$ 424,819.18	\$0	\$28,474	\$208,706	\$661,999	\$3,119,395	Yes
		Total	\$ 1,162,230						

	FY 19/20 Measure D Revenues	FY 16/17 Revenues (4/1/17-6/30/17)	FY 17/18 Measure D Revenues	FY 18/19 Measure D Revenues	Measure D Expended FY16/17-19/20	Fund Balance/ Carryover to Future Years
Allocation	\$ 3,500,816	\$ 579,855	\$ 3,535,823	\$ 3,645,131	\$ 3,321,391	\$ 8,180,428
Interest	\$ 131,114.85	\$ -	\$ 20,725.00	\$ 88,354.64		\$ 240,194.49

MEASURE D EXPENDITURE REPORT

		Project Description/Location		Project Status/Timeline			
#	Project Name	Project Description <i>(may include additional project components, ex. complete streets, traffic calming, crossing improvements, drainage upgrades, etc.)</i>	Location/Limits (if grouped project, list each location/limit)	Work Done in FY19/20 <i>(e.g. planning, design, construction, right-of-way)</i>	CEQA compliance <i>(List type of doc & certification date - e.x. CE, 5/1/18)</i>	Construction/Implement schedule	Completion Date <i>(actual or estimate)</i>
1	North Coast Segment 5	EIR & design consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW; RTC project mgmt, oversight, outreach and technical assistance	Wilder Ranch to Davenport	Environmental review, design & right-of-way	EIR -3/7/2019; NEPA-2021	est. spring 2022, pending funding	est. 2024
5	Segment 7: Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	Natural Bridges Dr to Wharf, City of Santa Cruz	Ongoing coordination and assistance	na	FY17/18	FY23
7	Segment 8: Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	Seg 8: San Lorenzo River trestle. City of Santa Cruz	Ongoing coordination and assistance	na	1/2/19-6/1/19	6/1/2019
9	Segment 8/9: Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	SLR- 17th Ave	Ongoing coordination and assistance	na	FY18/19	est. 2023
12	Segment 10-11 Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project mgmt, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	17th Ave - 47th/Jade Street Park & Monterey Ave to State Park Drive	Initial analysis	na	FY19/20	2025
14	Segment 18: Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	Lee Road to Walker, Watsonville	Ongoing coordination and assistance	na	FY17/18	Est. 2024
17	Santa Cruz County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy <i>Funded from several Measure D categories</i>	Match to Wildlife Conservation Board grant for early mitigation planning for transportation projects.	Rail line - entire length	Study analysis	na	2019	2022
18	Ongoing RTC oversight, coordination, and assistance, including on development of future trail sections.	RTC: Surveys, soil investigations, Environmental Health (EHS), legal, stakeholder coordination, response to public comments, and development of future projects/grant applications	Rail line - entire length	Ongoing coordination and assistance	na	na	ongoing
19	Corridor encroachments & maintenance	Ongoing corridor maintenance, including vegetation, tree removal, trash, graffiti, drainage, encroachments, storm damage repairs outside of what is required for railroad operations	Rail line - entire length	ongoing maintenance	na	ongoing	ongoing

MEASURE D EXPENDITURE REPORT

		Stats - if applicable					Leveraged Funds, if any		FY19/20 Expenditure Detail		
#	Project Name	New Bike Lane Miles	New Ped Path or Sidewalk Miles	Miles of pavement rehab/repair (pothole, seals, etc)	Rehab of bikeways, sidewalks, or ADA ramps included? (describe)	If Complete Streets not incorporated into project, why not?	Leveraged Fund Amounts (grants & other funds where Meas. D used as match)	Leveraged Fund Source(s) Name(s)	FY19/20 Measure D Capital Costs	FY19/20 Measure D Non-capital (non-infrastructure, outreach, admin)	Measure D-funded Indirect costs (and overhead)
1	North Coast Segment 5	7.1	7.1	na	na	na	\$11,540,000	FLAP, Land Trust, RSTPX, Coastal Conservancy		\$ 326,419.32	\$ 103,434.59
5	Segment 7: Oversight and technical assistance	na	na	na	na	na			na	\$82,737	\$ 23,234.49
7	Segment 8: Oversight and technical assistance	na	na	na	na	na			na	\$181	\$ 203.08
9	Segment 8/9: Oversight and technical assistance	na	na	na	na	na			na	\$5,263	\$ 5,894.18
12	Segment 10-11 Oversight and technical assistance	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	\$23,751	\$ 6,268.83
14	Segment 18: Oversight and technical assistance	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	\$36,190	\$ 11,482.36
17	Santa Cruz County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy <i>Funded from several Measure D categories</i>	na	na	na	na	na		WCB+		\$4,364	\$ 4,887.36
18	Ongoing RTC oversight, coordination, and assistance, including on development of future trail sections.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na		\$48,623	\$ 54,477.41
19	Corridor encroachments & maintenance	na	na	na	na	na	varies	IP/shortline operator		\$ 317,149.59	\$ 107,669.59

Measure D: 5-Year Program of Projects (FY20/21-24/25)

Approved 9/3/20

Previously updated 6/6/19, 12/5/19, 5/7/20, 6/29/20.

Category: Active Transportation/MBSST-Rail Trail (17% of Measure D Revenues)

					Planned					Total Measure D	2020 Updates
	Rail Trail Project/Program	Description	Schedule	Prior Years Spent	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25		
1	North Coast Segment 5	EIR & design consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW; RTC project mgmt, oversight, outreach and technical assistance	est 2021	\$1,467,599	\$689,274	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,206,873	Update prior. Add funds for right-of-way, technical assistance, and interpretative signs. Previously \$1.77M
1A	North Coast Segment 5: trail maintenance and operations	Ongoing maintenance of sections of trail once constructed. Includes restriping, sweeping, vegetation management, mitigations, and periodic repaving.	ongoing	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$475,000	Update to reflect current schedule. Add funds for FY24/25
1B	North Coast Seg 5: Trail construction and reserve to match grants	Funds to serve as match to grant application(s). Includes \$125k for Davenport Crosswalk.	est. 2021	\$0	\$325,000	\$1,750,000	\$875,000	\$875,000	\$0	\$3,825,000	No change to total. Respread to match current schedule.
2	Segment 7: Natural Bridges to Bay/California (Phase I), Bay/Californiat to Wharf (Phase II), City of Santa Cruz (SC) lead	Allocation to City of Santa Cruz for Segment 7 rail trail	Phase I: 2020; Phase II: est. 2021-2022	--->	\$1,100,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,100,000	No change to total. Move \$1M for Phase 1 to FY20/21 based on est. completion 2020. Shift \$1 M for phase 2 construction to FY21/22 based on updated schedule. City seeking ATP grant for Phase 2.
2A	Segment 7: Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	duration of project delivery	\$173,769	\$35,000	\$33,203	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$241,972	No change to total. Unspent funds from prior years moved to FY21/22 based on updated schedule.
3	Seg 8: San Lorenzo River trestle widening, City of Santa Cruz	Allocation to City of SC for widening of existing walkway on the existing railroad bridge over San Lorenzo River near Boardwalk	Completed June 2019	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	No change. Project completed.
3A	Segment 8: Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	done	\$7,149	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,149	Reduced to reflect lower spending in prior years.
4	Seg 8/9: SC Wharf to 17th Ave., City of SC lead (partnership with County)	Allocation to City of SC: \$2M set aside to serve as match for construction grants. Joint project with County.	Fall 2022 start	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,750,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	City of Santa Cruz submitting application for ATP grant. \$250k moved to FY23/24
4A	Segment 8/9: Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	duration of project delivery	\$13,140	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$26,860	\$200,000	No change to total. Unspent funds from prior years moved to FY21/22 based on updated schedule.
5	Trail maintenance and operations in Santa Cruz	Ongoing maintenance. Includes restriping, sweeping, vegetation management, mitigations, and periodic repaving.	ongoing	\$0	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$225,000	Funds from FY19/20 moved to FY24/25. FY20/21 reduced to \$25k
6	Segment 10- 11 12 : Segment 10 (17th-47th/Jade St. park), Seg 11 (Monterey to St. Park Dr), & Seg 12 (St Park to Aptos Creek Rd) PA/ED	Allocation to County DPW for planning, environmental review, design, and right of way. Joint County-Capitola project, led by County DPW.	Starting PA/ED late 2020	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000	Update to reflect RTC decision to evaluate Segment 12 with Highway 1 Freedom-SP project. Respread other funds to match to match current schedule.
6A	Segment 10-11 Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project mgmt, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	TBD	\$28,591	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$278,591	Reduced FY19/20 funds. Add FY24/25.

	Rail Trail Project/Program	Description	Schedule	Prior Years Spent	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25	Total Measure D	2020 Updates
7	Segment 18: Ohlone to slough trail (Phase I), Remainder Lee to Walker (Phase II), City of Watsonville lead	Allocation to City of Watsonville for trail construction.	FY19/20 and remaining portion in FY21/22	\$0	\$150,000	---->	\$933,333	\$933,333	\$933,333	\$2,950,000	No change to total. Funds shifted out based on updated schedule for phase 2.
7A	Segment 18: Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	duration of project delivery	\$85,215	\$53,672	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$158,887	Update prior. Carryover funds not spent prior years. \$10k added for anticipated EHS work on land use covenant
8	Trail maintenance and operations in Watsonville	Ongoing maintenance. Includes restriping, sweeping, vegetation management, mitigations, and periodic repaving.	ongoing	\$0	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$43,000	No change to total. Some funds from FY20/21-21/22 moved to FY24/25 based on schedule.
9	Capitola Trail: City Hall to Monterey Ave	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	TBD	\$1,087	\$13,913	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	FY19/20 balance shifted to FY20/21
10	Santa Cruz County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy - Grant match	Match to Wildlife Conservation Board grant for early mitigation planning for transportation projects.	FY19/20	\$17,340						\$17,340	No change
11	Ongoing RTC oversight, coordination, and assistance, including on development of future trail sections.	RTC: Surveys, soil investigations, Environmental Health (EHS), legal, stakeholder coordination, response to public comments, and development of future projects/grant applications	ongoing	\$648,986	\$337,500	\$260,000	\$345,000	\$345,000	\$345,000	\$2,281,486	Update prior based on actuals. Add funds for FY24/25
12	Corridor encroachments & maintenance	Ongoing corridor maintenance, including vegetation, tree removal, trash, graffiti, drainage, encroachments, storm damage repairs outside of what is required for railroad operations	ongoing	\$390,685	\$1,313,709	\$519,250	\$519,250	\$519,250	\$519,250	\$3,781,394	Add funds for significant drainage anticipated in FY20/21 and funds in FY24/25. Updated to reflect funds spent in prior years and shift unspent funds to FY19/20.
Estimated 5-Year Measure D Expenditures				\$3,333,563	\$5,137,068	\$5,878,453	\$5,698,583	\$3,198,583	\$2,060,443	\$25,306,693	



Coastal Rail Trail

Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network

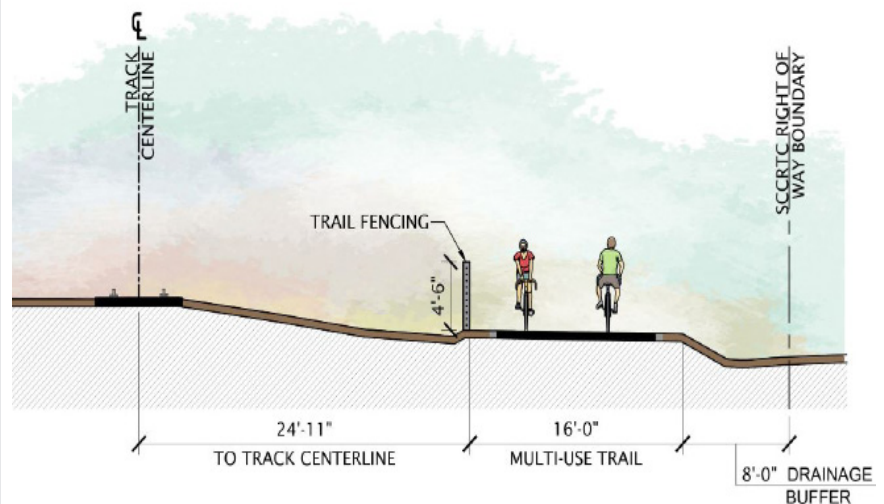
Project Description

The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) is a Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) proposed 50-mile bicycle and pedestrian trail project. The spine of the trail network will be the 32-mile Coastal Rail Trail from Davenport to Watsonville, to be built within or adjacent to the RTC-owned rail right-of-way. The remaining miles will be connecting paths, sidewalks, bike lanes, other roadway improvements or unpaved coastal spur trails.

The Coastal Rail Trail promises to be a highly valuable asset to the Santa Cruz County community for transportation, recreation, education, health, eco-tourism, coastal access, economic vitality, and other visitor-serving purposes. It will connect to neighborhoods, schools, parks, transit hubs, commercial and other activity centers. Thirteen miles of projects are in various stages of development and have been funded in full or in part. Project delivery includes completing design, engineering and environmental permitting, as well as receiving public input.

Approximately \$24M has been secured from state/federal grants and private donations. Additionally, Measure D, the voter-approved transportation sales tax, will allocate approximately \$120M for the trail over 30 years.

Following extensive public outreach, the RTC prepared and adopted an award-winning Master Plan which provides initial cost estimates and concept designs. All local jurisdictions through which the trail will traverse have also adopted the Master Plan as a guide for implementation.



Project Highlights

- ▶ Half the county population, 92 parks and 44 schools are located within 1 mile of the rail line.
- ▶ Thirteen (13) miles of projects are under development.
- ▶ Approximately \$24M has been secured from state/federal grants and private donations.
- ▶ Measure D will allocate approximately \$125M for the trail over 30 years.
- ▶ Construction of the first project began in 2019.



PROJECT FACT SHEET

Updated March 2021

Coastal Rail Trail

Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network



Status of Funded Rail Trail Projects

North Coast: Davenport to Wilder Ranch

- **Benefits:** Provides a car-free alternative to Highway 1; connects to Wilder Ranch trails, numerous beaches, soon to be opened Coast Dairies and San Vicente Redwoods trails and Davenport; includes parking lots and restrooms at Panther/Yellowbank beach and in Davenport; links to City of Santa Cruz providing approximately 11 miles of continuous bike/ped paths.
- **Distance:** 5.4 miles (fully funded); 2.1 miles + 3 parking lot improvements and a crossing in Davenport (partially funded) **Width:** 16-20 feet **Construction:** Preconstruction activities will be complete in Spring 2021 and the project is scheduled to go to construction in 2022 pending funding availability.

City of Santa Cruz: Natural Bridges Drive to Pacific Avenue/Santa Cruz Wharf

- **Benefits:** Connects over 30,000 residents who live within one mile of the trail, to schools, work, beaches, shopping and other activity centers; provides safer car-free alternative to Mission Street and connects to the Beach Street bike-way; 9 schools and 28 parks are located within a mile of this section of trail.
- **Distance:** 2.1 miles **Width:** 12 -16 feet **Construction:** Construction of Phase I was completed in December 2020 and the trail is now open. 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.

City of Santa Cruz/County of Santa Cruz: Boardwalk to 17th Avenue

- **Benefits:** Close to 48,000 residents live within one mile of the corridor where 15 schools and 37 parks are also located.
- **Distance:** 2.2 miles **Width:** 12 feet **Construction:** Estimated 2022-23
- **San Lorenzo River walkway:** Widening of the San Lorenzo River walkway at the Boardwalk was funded and advanced ahead of trail **Width:** 10 feet **Construction:** Completed May 2019.

City of Watsonville: Lee Road to Walker Street

- **Benefits:** Close to 20,000 residents live within one mile of the corridor where 12 schools and 12 parks are also located. The new trail will link 850 homes along Ohlone Parkway with the City's 7-mile slough trail system and the downtown area.
- **Distance:** 1.2 miles **Width:** 12 feet **Construction:** Construction on Phase I is expected to be completed in summer 2021; Phase II is expected to be completed in 2022.