

PROJECT FACT SHEET

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Watsonville - Santa Cruz MultiModal Corridor Program Cycle 3 Project



Project Description

The Watsonville - Santa Cruz Multimodal Corridor Program (WSC-MCP) Cycle 3 Project increases the safety and throughput of a regionally significant and congested corridor with an innovative solution to improve and integrate transit, active transportation, and highway/local roadway modes of travel.

The Cycle 3 Project includes safety and operational improvements on Highway 1, complete street and operational improvements on Soquel Drive, and a segment of the coastal rail trail to provide active transportation connections.

Transit Modes

Highway 1

- Hybrid bus-on-shoulder/auxiliary lane facility (State Park Dr to Freedom)
- 4 zero emission buses for SC METRO's cross-country route (91X) and upgrades to 6 bus stops with "smart benches" in Watsonville

Soquel Drive

- Transit priority at signals

Active Transportation Modes

Highway 1

- 2 bicycle/pedestrian overcrossings for the Coastal Rail Trail

Soquel Drive

- Buffered/protected green bike lanes
- Sidewalk gap closures and upgrades
- ADA curb ramps and improvements for bicyclists at intersections
- Crosswalk upgrades & rapid flashing beacons

Coastal Rail Trail

- 1.25 miles of bicycle/pedestrian trail along the rail line
- Crosswalks & rapid flashing beacons at 5 at-grade intersections
- 5 dedicated bicycle/pedestrian bridges

Highway/Local Roadway Modes

Highway 1

- 2 new sets of Auxiliary Lanes (State Park Dr to Rio Del Mar & Rio Del Mar to Freedom)
- Widening of Hwy 1 bridge over Aptos Creek
- New soundwalls and retaining walls

Soquel Drive

- Upgrades to signals with adaptive signal controls
- Pavement rehabilitation



Project Goals & Benefits

- ▶ Reduce congestion for all modes of travel
- ▶ Improve safety for all modes of travel
- ▶ Improve transit travel time and reliability
- ▶ Make the cross county METRO routes more attractive through transit upgrades - new commuter zero emission buses and upgrades to 6 bus stops in Watsonville
- ▶ Multimodal options to increase corridor throughput
- ▶ Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- ▶ Improve emergency response time
- ▶ Improve access to housing, jobs, schools and medical facilities
- ▶ Improve active transportation connectivity
- ▶ Promote sustainable development and livable communities (complete streets)



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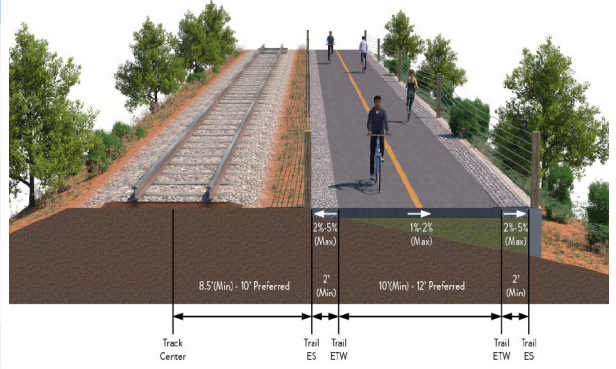
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Proposed Cycle 3 Funding

Funding	Hwy 1	Soquel Dr	Coastal Rail Trail	Transit Upgrades	Total
Pre-Construction	\$19.9M	\$1.3M	(included in Hwy 1 pre-construction)	-	\$21.2M
Construction (Local Match)	\$17.8M	\$3.7M	\$4.4M	\$1.0M	\$26.9M
Construction: Proposed LPP**	\$17.8M	\$3.7M	\$3.5M	-	\$25.0M
Construction: Proposed SCCP**	\$53.4M	\$11.0M	\$14.1M	\$4.0M	\$82.5M
Total	\$108.9M	\$19.7M	\$22.0M	\$5.0M	\$155.6M

**The amount requested is \$107.5M. If CTC awards \$25M in LPP, the total SCCP request would be reduced to \$82.5M.



Coastal Rail Trail Rendering.



CYCLE 3 PROPOSED MULTIMODAL PROJECT

- Soquel Dr Improvements** (Icons: Car, Person, Bus)
- Shoulders for Bus Only** (Icon: Bus)
- Segment 12 Rail Trail** (Icons: Bicycle, Person)
- Auxiliary lanes** (Icons: Car, Bus)
- Emergency Access at Interchanges** (Icon: Fire Truck)
- "Smart Bench" Transit Installations (Watsonville)** (Icons: Wi-Fi, Bus)