

**RTC item #27 – North Coast Rail Trail segment of the
Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network**
Revised Staff Recommendations

AGENDA: April 6, 2017

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner/Rail Trail Program Manager

RE: North Coast Rail Trail Segment of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC):

1. Accept an update on north coast rail trail project implementation; and
 2. Direct staff to expeditiously conduct a procurement process and return to the RTC for award of a contract for an environmental consultant to conduct an Environmental Impact Report, per the California Environmental Quality Act, to analyze trail project alignment options on the north coast in order to provide the information necessary for the RTC to select a preferred alignment, and to utilize the EIR to meet Measure D commitments; and
 3. Direct staff to return with a task list and funding needs as part of the Measure D 5-year plan in order to deliver the project in time to obligate funds for construction by 2020 and not lose federal or other funding.
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