



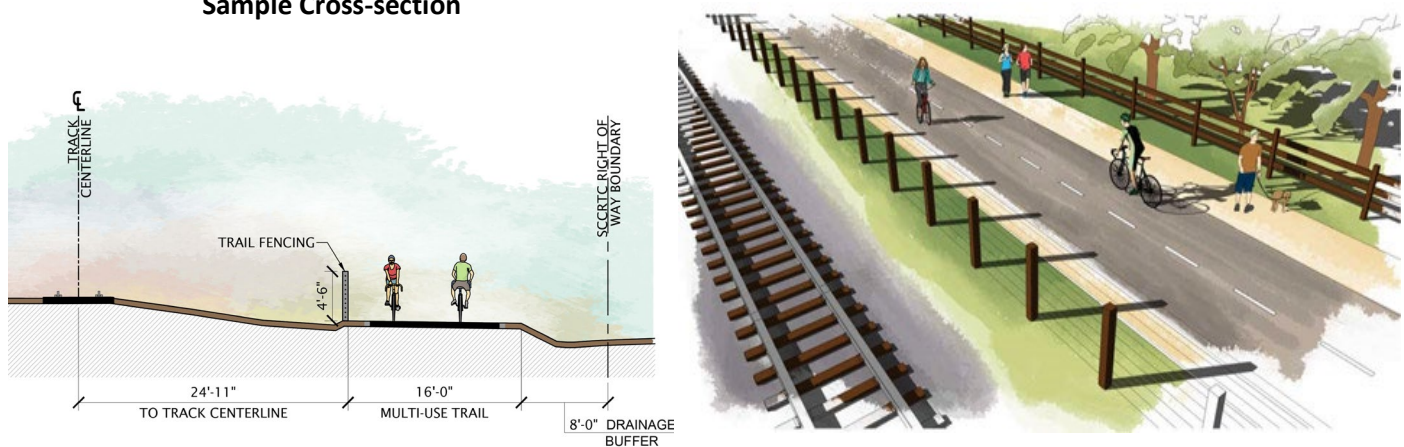
COASTAL RAIL TRAIL

MONTEREY BAY SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL NETWORK

FACT SHEET – 2019

- 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 trail will connect to neighborhoods, schools, parks, transit hubs, commercial and other activity centers. Half the county population, 92 parks and 44 schools are located within 1 mile of the rail line.
- Thirteen (13) miles of projects have been funded in full or in part, with construction to begin as soon as design, engineering and environmental permitting are completed. Construction of the first project will begin in 2018.
- Approximately \$24M has been secured from state/federal grants and private donations. Additionally, the voter approved sales tax known as Measure D will allocate approximately \$120M for the trail over 30 years.
- Following extensive public outreach, the RTC prepared and adopted a Master Plan which provides cost estimates, designs and divides the trail network into 20 segments to be built as funding becomes available (15 are within or adjacent to the rail corridor). Local jurisdictions have also adopted the Master Plan as a guide for implementation.

Sample Cross-section





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 (partially funded) / **Width:** 16-20 feet / **Construction:** Est. 2020/2021 for 5.4-mile segment; construction cost and schedule TBD for remaining 2.1 miles

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ: NATURAL BRIDGES DR TO PACIFIC AVE/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:** To be built in two phases: 1) Natural Bridges to Bay/California and 2) Bay/California to Pacific Avenue. Phase 1 construction will begin in 2019.

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ/COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ: BOARDWALK TO 17TH AVE

- **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:** Est. 2022-23
- **San Lorenzo River walkway:** Widening of the San Lorenzo River walkway at the Boardwalk is funded and being advanced ahead of trail / **Width:** 10 feet / **Construction:** To be completed prior to 2019 summer tourist season.

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:** Est. 2019/20