Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 + 11 Project Update

Overview - Coastal Rail Trail

Project Benefits

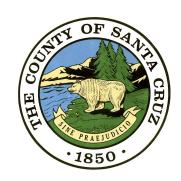
Project Design

Capitola Village & Trestle

Design Options

Schedule, Next steps & permitting

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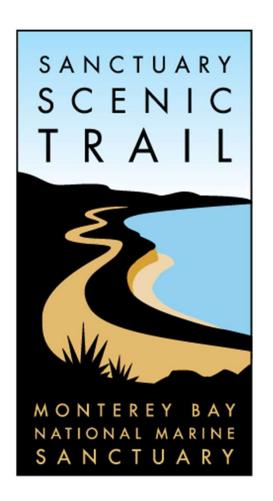


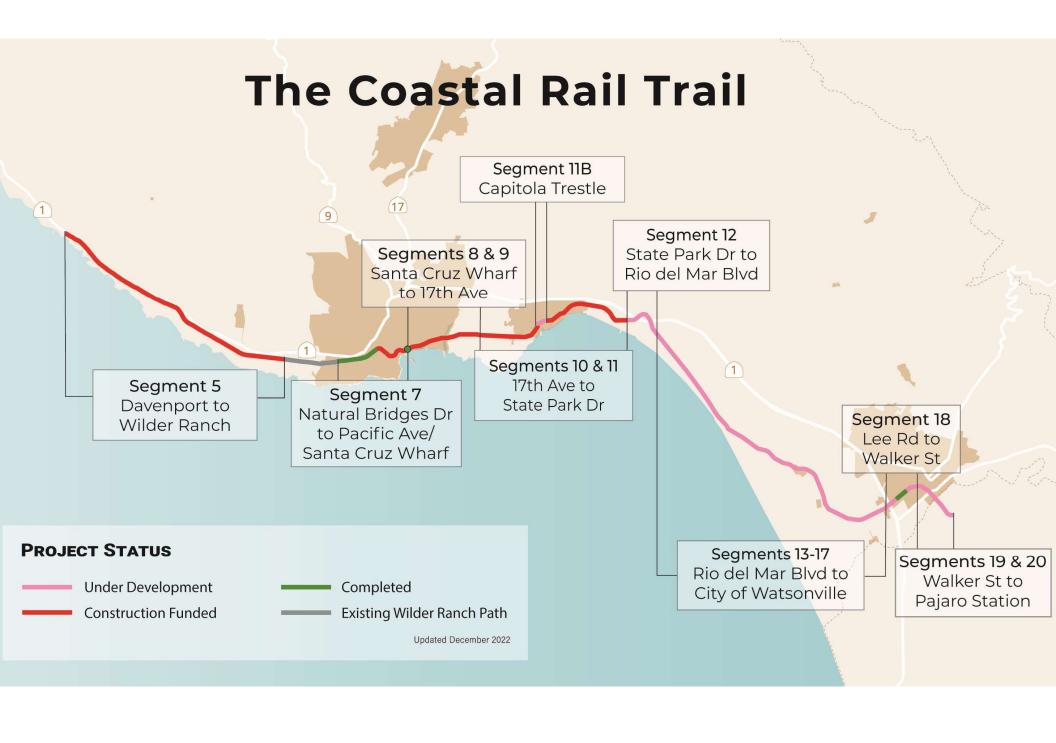




Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail

- Trail Master Plan
- 50-mile trail network
- Connects to Monterey County
- 32-mile Coastal Rail Trail/Santa Cruz Branch Line
- Adopted by City of Capitola in 2015

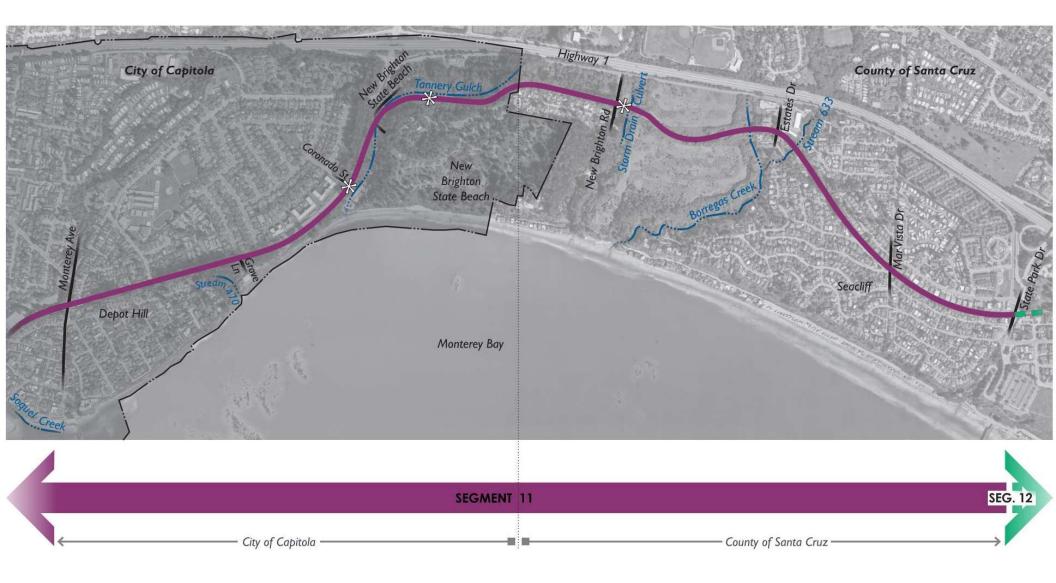




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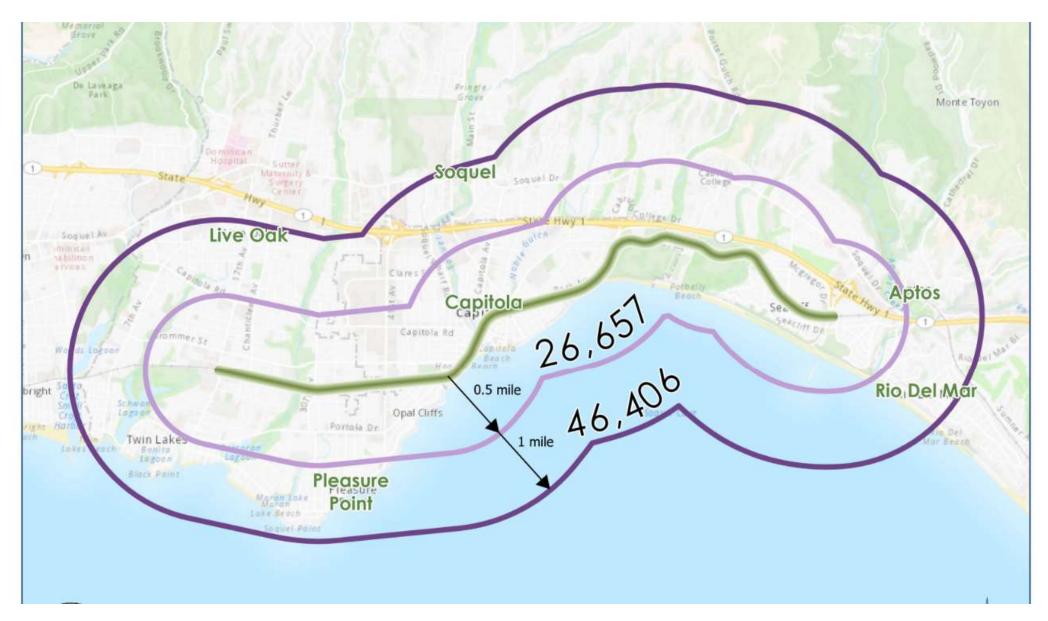


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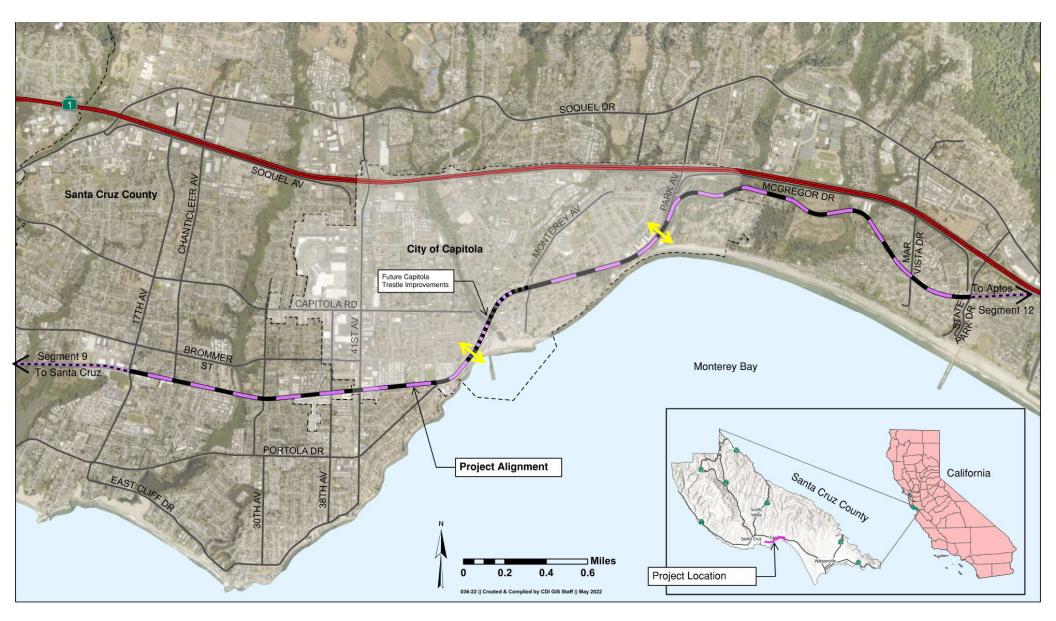


Project Benefits to Capitola residents

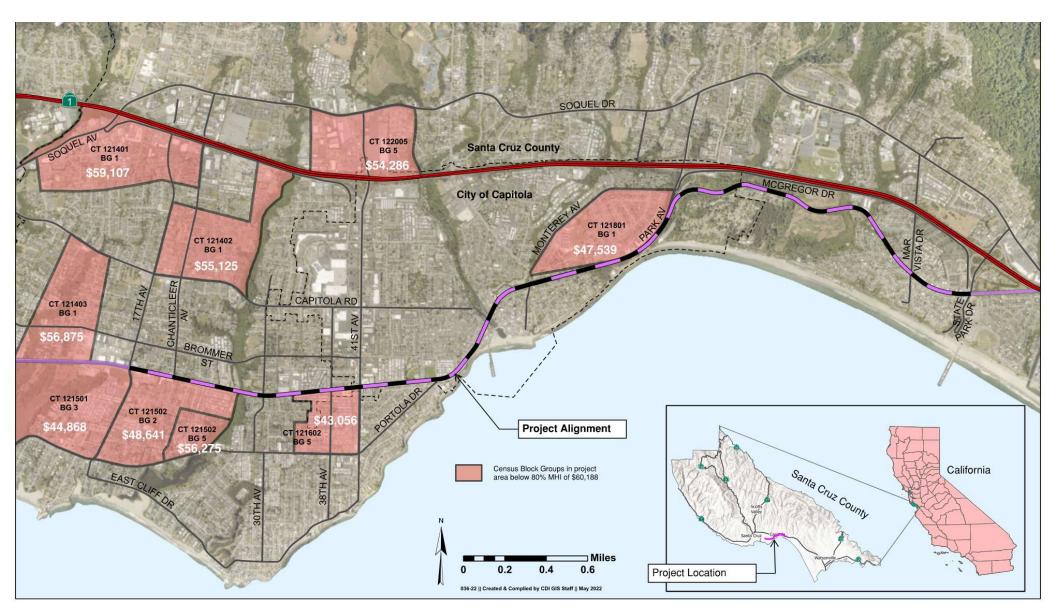
- 2 miles of new dedicated bicycle and pedestrian facility within the City of Capitola
- Direct connection to 18 miles of trails by 2029 (Aptos to Davenport)
- Within 1 mile of 100% and ½ mile of 88% of Capitola residents
- New bicycle and pedestrian and car free access from City of Capitola neighborhoods to:
 - Jade Street Park
 - 41st Ave Commercial Corridor
 - New Brighton State Beach
- Sidewalk gap closure on Park Ave, and provides parallel route for sidewalk gaps on Cliff Dr and McGregor Dr
- Enhanced nonvehicular and low-cost coastal access for all ages and abilities
- No construction cost to the City of Capitola



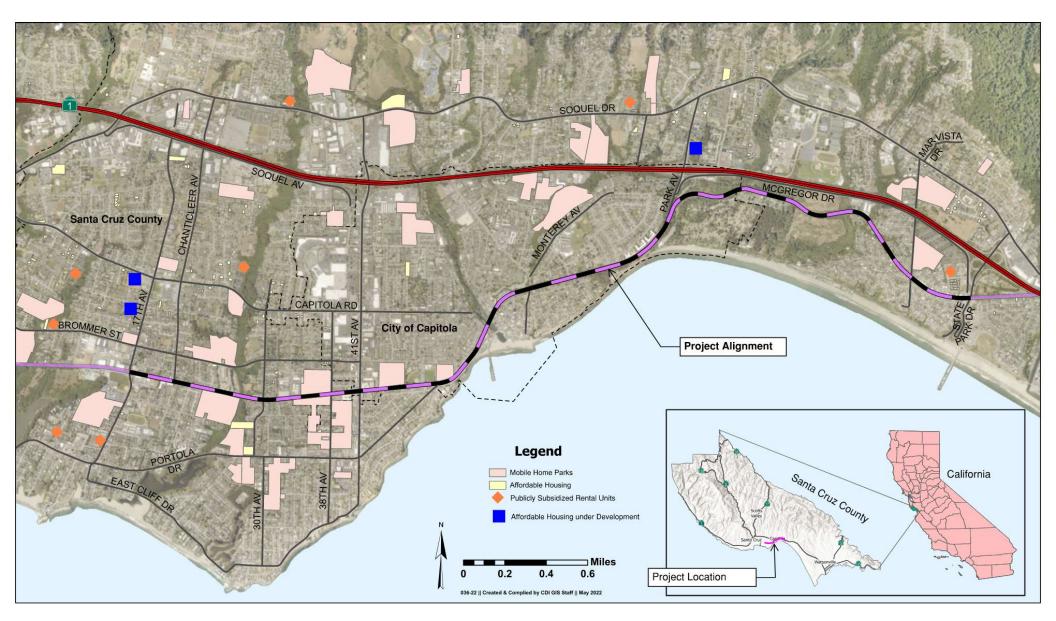
>26,000 people within ½ mile (10-minute walk) of trail



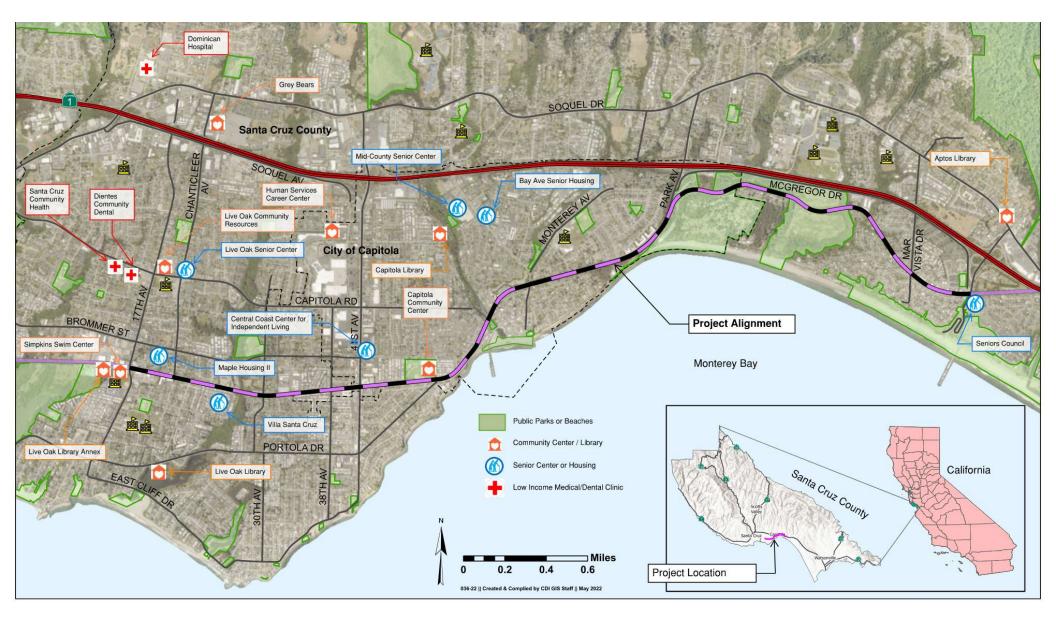
4.2 miles of trail – 2 miles traverses entire length of the City



Connections to low-income areas of City

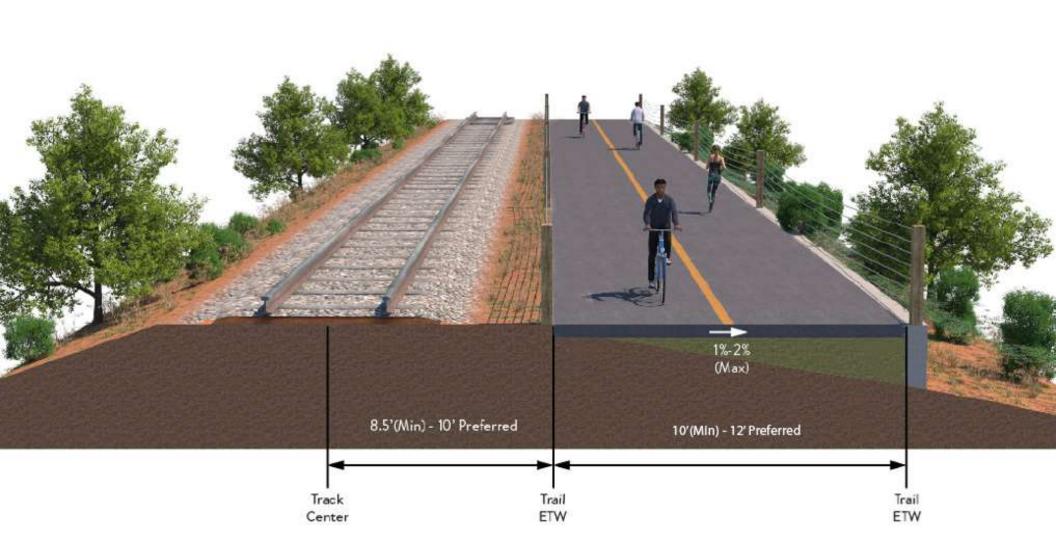


Connections to affordable housing

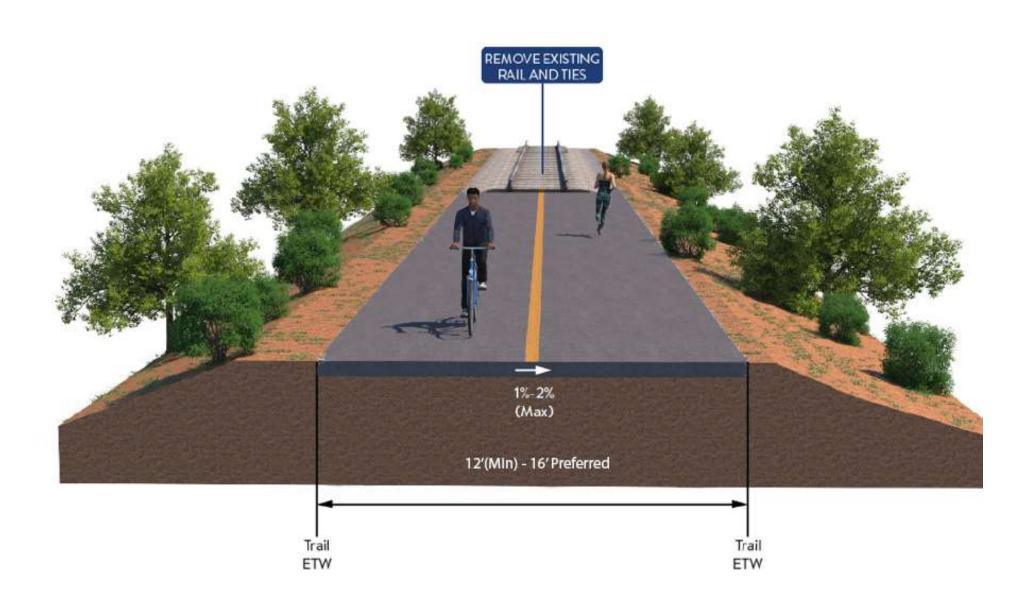


Connections to libraries, community centers, seniors, clinics

Ultimate Trail Configuration Trail Next to the Rail Line



Interim Trail Configuration Trail On the Rail Line



Coastal Rail Trail – Segments 10 & 11



41st Ave Area



Existing



Proposed

Jade Street Park Area





Existing Proposed

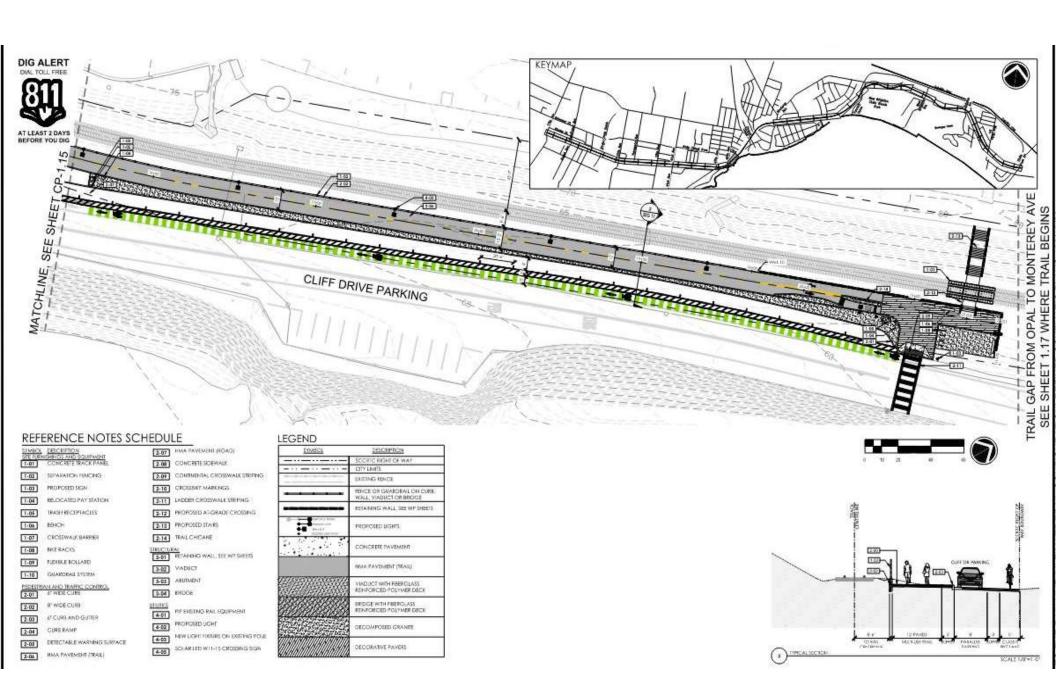
Cliff Drive Area





Existing Proposed

Cliff Drive Area



Capitola Village Area



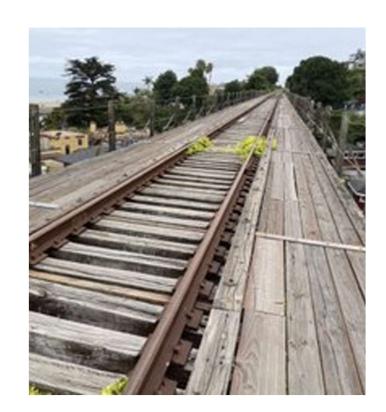
Additional Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities in Capitola Village

- Seek funding to develop an Active Transportation Plan for Capitola Village
- Identify locations for new bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Capitola Village
- Include Capitola Village priority bicycle and pedestrian improvements in future requests for state and federal funding



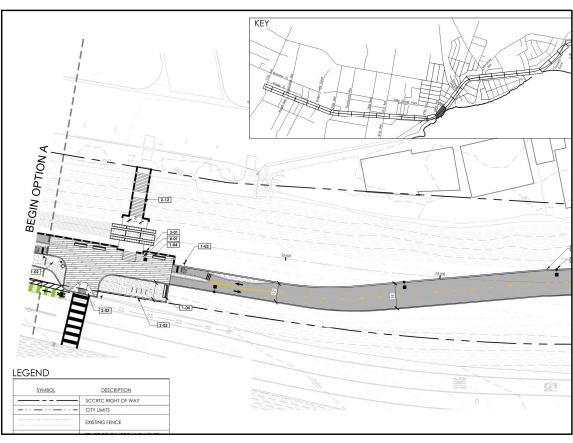
Capitola Trestle FAQs

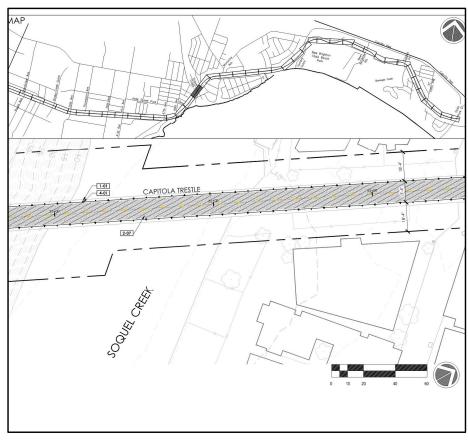
- Existing Structure cannot accommodate rail and trail
- Insufficient right-of-way to construct a separate trail bridge
- Replace existing trestle with a combined rail and bike/ped bridge over Soquel Creek as part of the RTC's Rail Project
- Convert Capitola Trestle to bicycle and pedestrian bridge requires regulatory approvals (railbanking)



Capitola Trestle Trail Conversion

- Not part of ATP grant scope or funding
- Interim Trail Configuration included
- Ultimate Trail Configuration now included as Design Option A

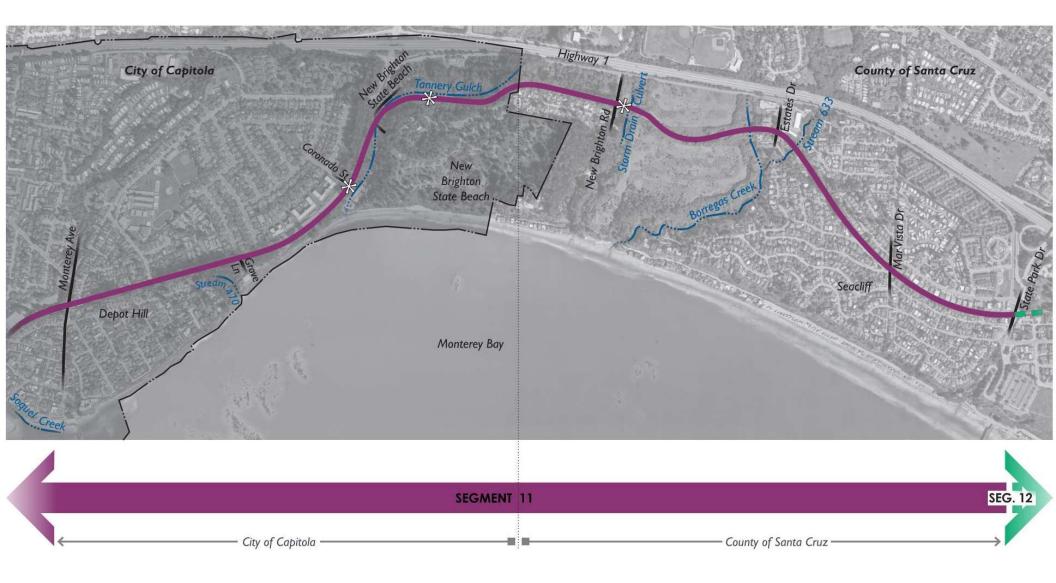




Design Option A

Interim & Design Option A

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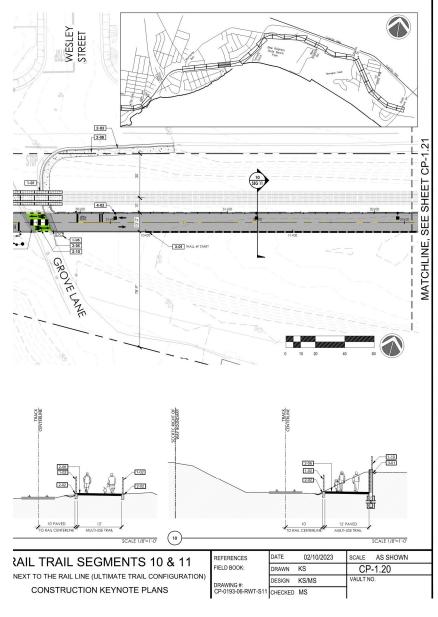


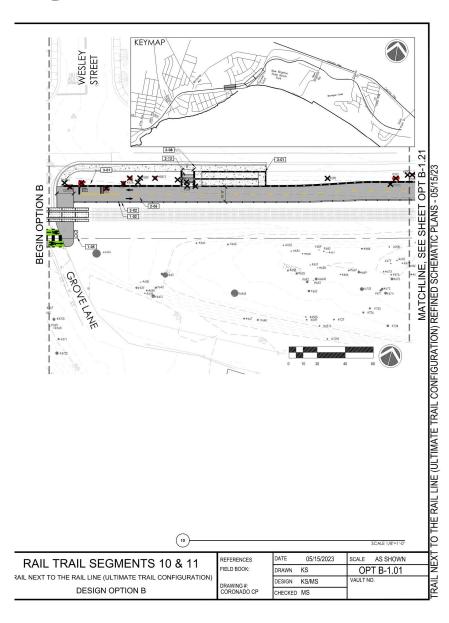
Monterey Ave to Grove Lane





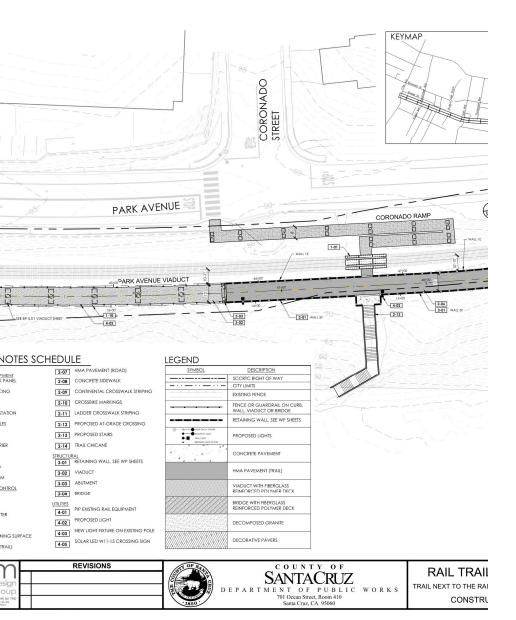
Grove Lane to CoronadoWestern Connection @ Grove

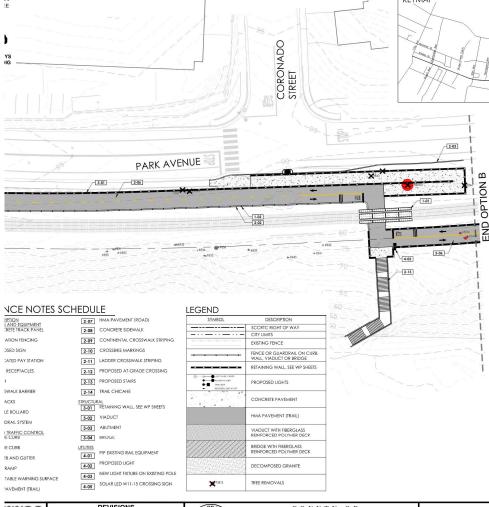


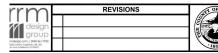


Inland - Design Option B

Grove Lane to Coronado Eastern Connection @ Coronado









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Inland - Design Option B

Segment 10 & 11 Key Public Input to Date:

- Environmental Impact Report Scoping Meeting November 2021
- Neighborhood presentations Late 2021
- RTC Transportation Policy Workshop February 2022
- Virtual and In-person Open House Schematic Design Reviews Spring 2022
- Online project survey Spring 2022
- RTC Citizen Advisory Committees (Bicycle Committee, Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee, Interagency Technical Advisory Committee) - Spring 2022
- Targeted outreach to disadvantaged communities Spring 2022
- Parks and Recreation Commission Summer 2022
- Capitola City Council Spring 2023
- Neighborhood presentations Spring 2023
- Draft Environmental Impact Report October 16 December 15*

*Note: comments made during this presentation are not part of the official record of comments on the DEIR.

Segment 10 & 11 Project Schedule & Next Steps

- Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report October 2021
- Draft Schematic Plan Reviews 2022
- Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

 October 2023
- Draft EIR Public Meeting November 16, 2023
- Certification of Final EIR March 2024
- Final Design, right-of-way, and permitting 2024 2026
- Construction Start Date 2026



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