



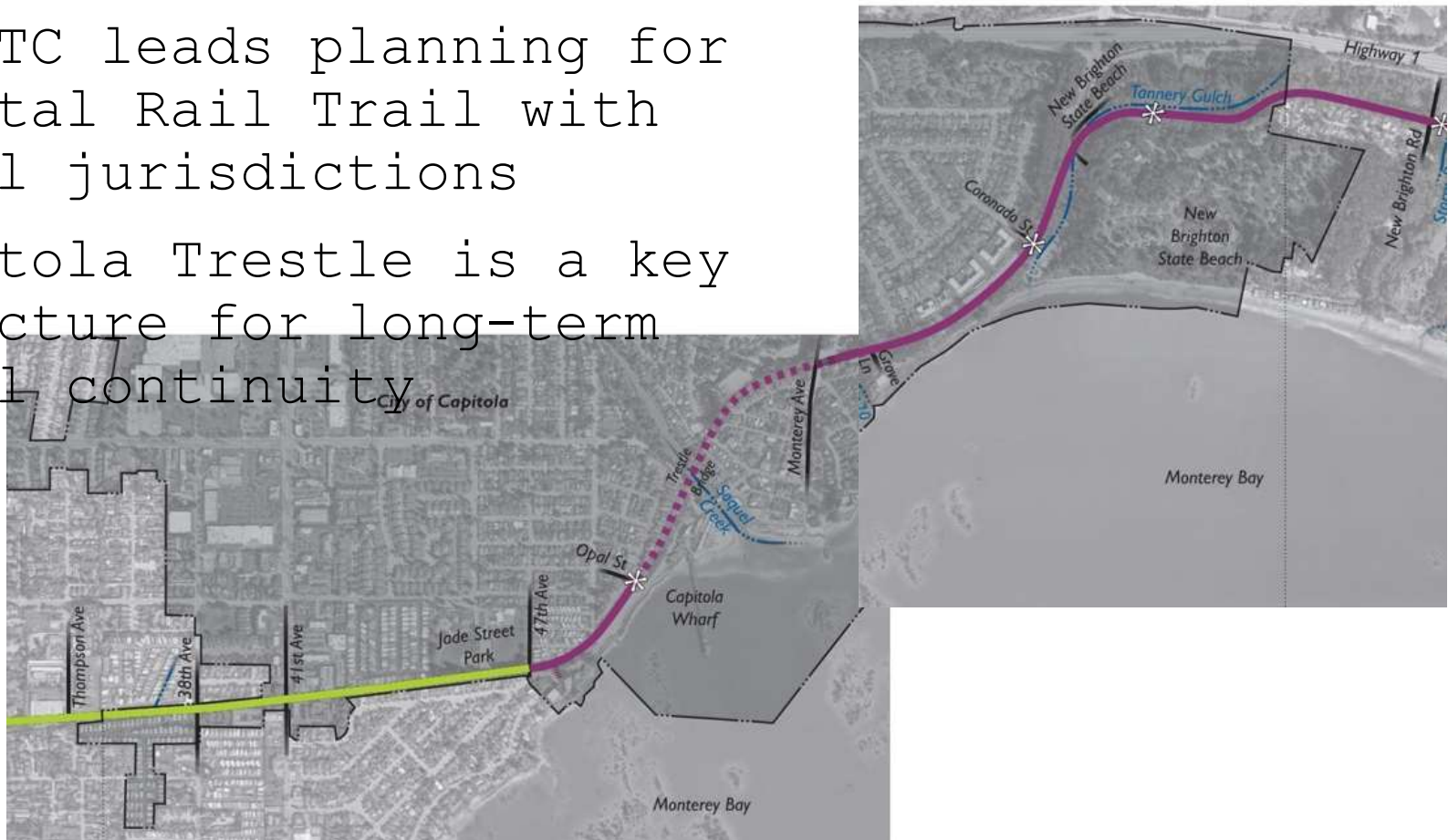
Support for RTC
Direction on
Coastal Rail
Trail Segments
10-11

City Council
January 22, 2026

Support for Rail Trail Background 10-11



- SCCRTC owns and manages Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line
- SCCRTC leads planning for Coastal Rail Trail with local jurisdictions
- Capitola Trestle is a key structure for long-term trail continuity



Support for Rail Trail Segment 10-11 Policy Context



Capitola Municipal Code Chapter 8.72 (Measure L)

- Requirements governing use of rail corridor within City limits

April 17, 2025 City Council Action:

- RTC/County trail may be built in rail corridor
- Not on City property or City ROW
- City retains authority over streets, sidewalks, bike paths

Support for Rail Trail RTC December 4, 2025 Action Segments 10-11 Summary



Implementation
directions for CRT
Segments 9-11:

- Allow Interim Trail without railbanking
- Advance Interim Trail design and pause Ultimate Trail
- Pursue revised cooperative agreements
- Evaluate retrofitting Capitola Trestle



Ultimate Trail Configuration



Interim Trail Configuration

Support for Rail Trail

What This Action Does / Does Not Do

Segments 10-11



Does:

- Express Council support for RTC direction
- Communicate City policy position

Does NOT:

- Commit to funding, design, schedule, or agreements
- Authorize construction or property use

Support for Rail Trail

Segments 10-11

Next Steps



- RTC returning with Interim Trail proposals and agreement updates
- Staff will monitor and coordinate
- Any agreements or funding impacts return to Council for approval
- No fiscal impact for this action



Recommend Action

Adopt a resolution expressing support for the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's December 4, 2025 action advancing an Interim Trail configuration for Coastal Rail Trail Segments 9-11 and directing evaluation of the historic Capitola

