

MONTEREY BAY SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL



PROJECT BENEFITS

- ▶ Provides a safe bicycle and pedestrian route between Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties
- ▶ Provides a scenic multi-use trail for everyone to enjoy
- ▶ Reduces conflicts between bicyclists and motorists
- ▶ Educates the public about the National Marine Sanctuary

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail will be a bicycle and pedestrian pathway that spans the entire coast of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, from Pacific Grove to Santa Cruz. The vision of the project is to create a continuous, safe and accessible scenic trail for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other users free of automobile traffic. Parts of the trail already exist in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, yet vital links are missing, especially between Marina and Aptos. The trail will include interpretive features that provide information on the National Marine Sanctuary, the surrounding communities, adjacent farmlands and natural habitats.

COST ESTIMATE

Cost estimates to be determined as part of implementation.

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Existing trail near Lovers Point, Pacific Grove

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Complete Master Plan 2007

Begin Short Term Projects 2008

Begin Mid-Term Projects 2013

Begin Long Term Projects 2018

Estimated schedule - subject to revision



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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM


PROGRAM BENEFITS

- ▶ Provides sidewalks and bikeways to make walking and bicycling safer
- ▶ Reduces traffic congestion and driving on local streets and highways
- ▶ Supports a healthy community by providing exercise opportunities
- ▶ Reduces air pollution and increases regional attractiveness to residents and visitors



2nd Ave Bikelanes in Marina

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

 Transportation Agency provides approximately \$1 million from state and federal funds each year for bicycle and pedestrian projects, which are constructed by local agencies. The agency's General Bikeways Plan has identified priority projects for new funding. A Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meets monthly to review proposed bicycle and pedestrian projects and recommend policies to support bicycling and walking in the region.

FUNDING REQUIRED

The total cost of the priority bicycle projects, excluding the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail, is \$25 million.

PRIORITY BICYCLE PROJECTS

- ▶ Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail
- ▶ Highway 68 - Salinas River Bridge
- ▶ Carmel Valley bike lanes and path
- ▶ Castroville Blvd/Elkhorn Road bike routes
- ▶ Spreckels area bike routes
- ▶ Seaside, upper and lower Broadway Avenue, bike lanes and sidewalks
- ▶ Marina, Imjin Parkway bike lanes
- ▶ Salinas, north & south Main Street bike lanes

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