Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday February 28th, 2024
Existing Conditions

- Extends approximately 1.5-miles through Sand City
- Contains existing rail infrastructure
- Consists primarily of open space
- Several sections that are leased to various businesses
Key components of the multiuse trail system

- Focus on improved regional transportation
- Minimize conflict with existing leased property
- Will not remove or obstruct existing rail infrastructure or impede the future implementation of rail transit
**Monterey Recreation Trail System**

- Commuter trail ends at Roberts Lake
- Riders are diverted an additional approximately 2-miles in order to reconnect to the main trail system

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**EXISTING TRAIL SYSTEM**

**MST SURF! FUTURE BIKE LANE**

**PROPOSED MULTIUSE TRAIL**

**FUTURE MST SURF! STATION**

**CONNECTION TO EXISTING TRAIL SYSTEM**
Existing Trail System Adjacent to Existing Rail Infrastructure
Proposed Multiuse Trail System

- Approximately one-mile new trail system consisting of an approximately 12-20 foot wide path to accommodate both pedestrian and bike traffic

- Creates a connection in the existing Monterey Bay Coastal Trail to the future MST SURF! Bus Rapid Transit station

- Provides opportunities for active transportation, as well as access to transit, resulting in vehicle emission reductions.
Proposed Multiuse Trail System

- 0.3-mile bike trail and potential parking extending from the future MST SURF station at Playa Avenue and California Avenue to the Graniterock Construction property

- 0.2-mile bike trail and potential parking extending from the corner of Holly Street and Ortiz Avenue to Contra Costa Street

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• Bike lane improvements would extend approximately 0.3-miles along California Avenue to Holly Street and along Holly Street to Ortiz Avenue

• Enhanced bike lane striping on California and Holly Street
Benefits of Multi-Use Trails

**Health Benefits**
- Provide desirable space for physical activity, which can prevent or decrease some types of chronic illnesses and provide mental health benefits

**Environmental Benefits**
- Reduction in VMT and in total vehicle trips ultimately reduces vehicular congestion and eliminates tons of greenhouse gases (GHG) and other air contaminates.
Benefits of Multi-Use Trails

Regional Transportation Benefits
• Connect people to jobs, schools, parks, grocery stores, medical facilities, and other transportation routes.

*California State University, Monterey Bay*
• ~ 0.9 miles

*Naval Postgraduate School*
• ~ 0.1 miles

*Monterey Peninsula College*
• ~ 0.6 miles

*Middlebury Institute for Internation Studies*
• ~ 0.3 miles

*Defense Language Institute*
• ~ 0.9
Project Funding and Next Steps

- In August, 2023, the City submitted an application for the Monterey Bay Air Resources Control Districts Clean Air Management Program

- The City was awarded $160,000 to support the initial steps of the proposed multiuse trail system and bike lane improvements

- Funding will support the necessary planning and design, including project oversight, environmental review, engineering, and conceptual design, required for the future implementation of the project