Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Environmental Impact Report
Scoping Meeting
Meeting Outline

- Introduction
- Project Overview
- Environmental Review Process
- Overview of Preliminary Scope
- Receive Comments
Introduction
Project Team

- Rich Deal – Transportation Agency for Monterey County
- Stefania Castillo – Transportation Agency for Monterey County
- Fred Watson – Community Member
- Scott Waltz – Community Member
- Greg Maher – Alta Planning + Design
- Megan Jones – Rincon Consultants
- Kate Giberson – Harris & Associates
- G. Reid Fisher – Cal Engineering & Geology
Inform the community and agencies about the project and the EIR
Solicit input regarding the EIR scope
Inform the community about future opportunities for input
Begin the EIR
Project Overview
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MoCo RTP 1971
MoCo GP 1982
GMPAP 1984

MBSST Existing trail ~1991-2007

Monterey Bay

Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Master Plan For Monterey County Existing Conditions
Project Overview

FORP 1996/1997
Project Overview

MBSST
Existing trail + recommendations
2008

TAMC
BPMP
2011
Project Overview

FORTAG vision
2013-2014
OLD MAP
SHOWN FOR HISTORICAL PURPOSES ONLY

Measure X
Transportation Safety & Improvement Plan
2016

TAMC
Regional Transportation Plan
2018
What Is FORTAG?

“The Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) is proposed as a 30-mile regional network of paved recreational trails and greenways connecting communities to open space.”
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Project Overview – FORTAG Values

- Connect people to open space
- Be a pleasant experience
- Be useable by anyone
- Have room for everyone
- Be complementary to the built environment
- Have loops, of different sizes
- Be 100% connected all the way around each loop
- Have no 'red flags' from land owners and/or jurisdictions
- Function as a habitat corridor for dispersal of native plants and movement of wildlife (with the exception of certain constrained segments where this is impractical)
Environmental Review Process
Purpose and Requirements of CEQA

- CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act
- Inform decision making
- Disclose potentially significant environmental impacts
- Identify mitigation measures
- Consider alternatives
- Foster public participation and interagency coordination
The EIR Process

- Notice of Preparation for EIR
- Draft EIR
- Final EIR
- EIR Certification & Decision on the Project
- We are here
  - TAMC solicits input on scope of draft EIR
  - TAMC solicits comments on the draft EIR
  - Public Hearings
Scoping Meeting Purpose

- “Scoping” the EIR
  - Environmental issues to address
  - Alternatives to consider
- Gather verbal and written comments regarding the scope (content and focus) of the EIR analysis
- Provide information on future opportunities for input
- Begin EIR process
Issues to be Analyzed

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
Issues to be Analyzed

- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Public Safety and Services
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire
- July 15: last day to submit comments on scope of EIR
- Draft EIR release: November 2019
- Final EIR hearing(s): March-April 2020
Environmental issues and project alternatives

**Written** comments to be included in record

Direct written comments to:
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Written comments due:
Monday, July 15, 2019 @ 5:00 PM
Thank you for your time!
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