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Notice of Public Hearing for Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11 Project

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Project Title: Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11 Project

The County of Santa Cruz, as Lead Agency, in coordination with the City of Capitola, and the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, has completed a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11 project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Final EIR was certified by the Board of Supervisors on March 26, 2024. The full document is available at: https://dpw.santacruzcounty.us/Portals/19/pdfs/RailTrail/RTS1011_FEIR_Vols%201-3_COMBINED.pdf

Public Hearing: This Notice has been issued to notify interested parties that the County Board of Supervisors (Board) will hold a **public hearing** scheduled during the Board of Supervisors meeting on **April 30, 2024, at 9:00am or thereafter**, for the Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11 project. During this hearing, the Board will consider the recommended CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and make decisions on the Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11 project approval. The hearing will take place in the Board Chambers, at 701 Ocean Street, Room 525, Santa Cruz, California. Information regarding the timing and public participation of the hearing will be available via the Board of Supervisors website: <https://santacruzcountyca.igm2.com/citizens/default.aspx>. Remote participation is available via Zoom or via Phone. Please visit the website above for more information about remote participation, to view a livestream of the meeting, or to comment on an agenda item.

Project Location: The Project alignment extends along the Santa Cruz Branch Line rail corridor from the eastern side of 17th Avenue in the unincorporated Live Oak area on the west, to the western side of State Park Drive in the unincorporated Aptos area on the east, in Santa Cruz County.

Project Description: The Project is an approximately 4.5-mile new multi-use bicycle and pedestrian trail proposed to extend along the Santa Cruz Branch Line rail corridor from the eastern side of 17th Avenue at the western limits of the Project to the western side of State Park Drive at the eastern limits of the Project, excluding a 0.5-mile section following surface streets through the incorporated City of Capitola from Opal Street/Cliff Drive Plaza to Monterey Avenue/Park Avenue. The EIR evaluates the Ultimate Trail Configuration (Trail Next to Rail), as well as an Optional Interim Trail (Trail on the Rail Line) whereby the railroad tracks would be removed and the trail would be located on the rail bed, at an equal level of detail.

For more information about the project, please visit the project website: <https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/RailTrail>

Address Where Copy of Final EIR is Available: Copies of the Final EIR are available for review Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm except on specified holidays, at the County of Santa Cruz, Planning Department, General Information Desk, 701 Ocean St., 4th Floor, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. The Final EIR is also available at Santa Cruz County Parks Department, 979 17th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Santa Cruz, CA 95062, and online, at the project website: https://dpw.santacruzcounty.us/Portals/19/pdfs/RailTrail/RTS1011_FEIR_Vols%201-3_COMBINED.pdf

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