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June 27, 2019

# 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

# Scoping Meeting Purpose

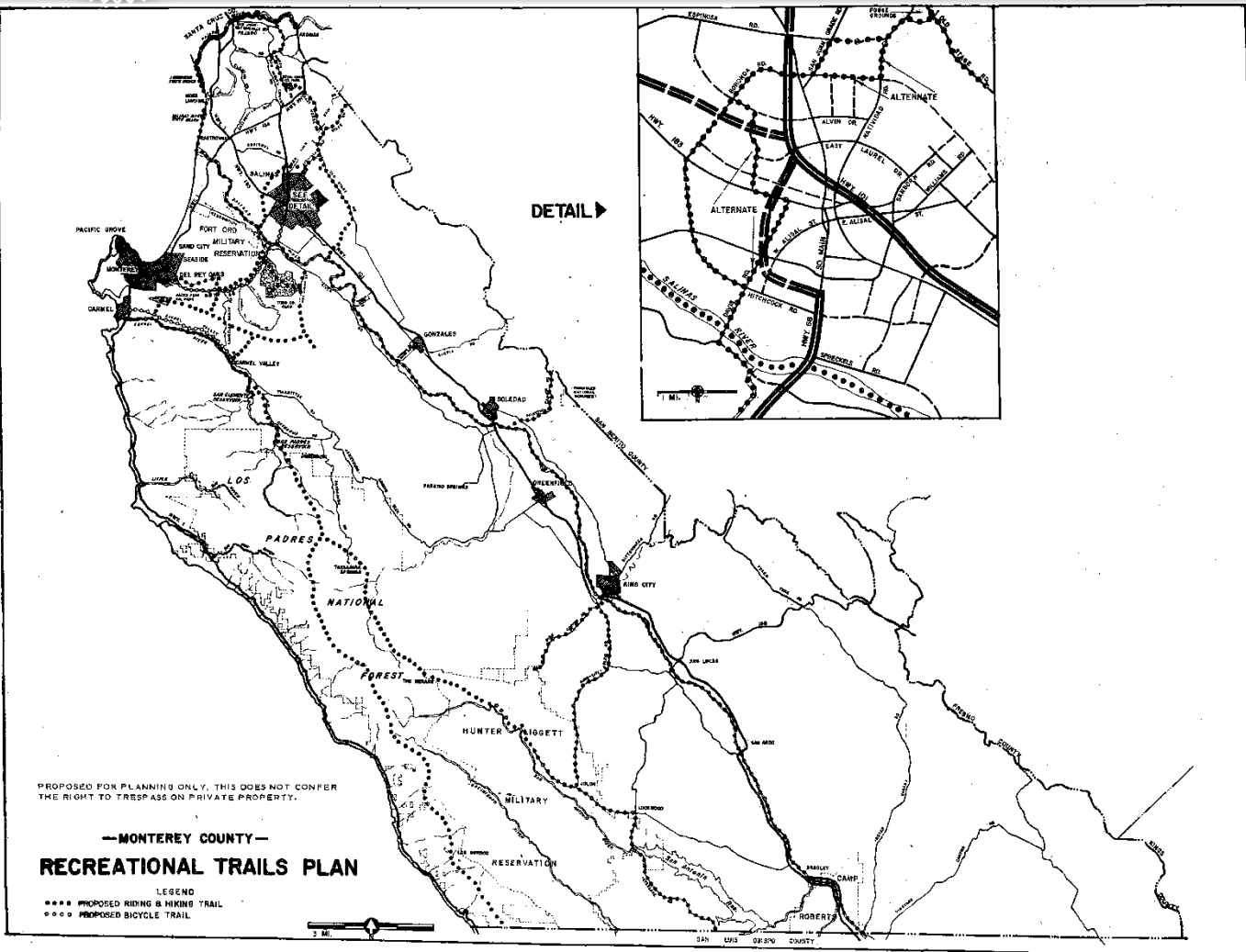
- Inform the community and agencies about the project and the EIR
- Solicit input regarding the EIR scope
- Inform the community about future opportunities for input
- Begin the EIR

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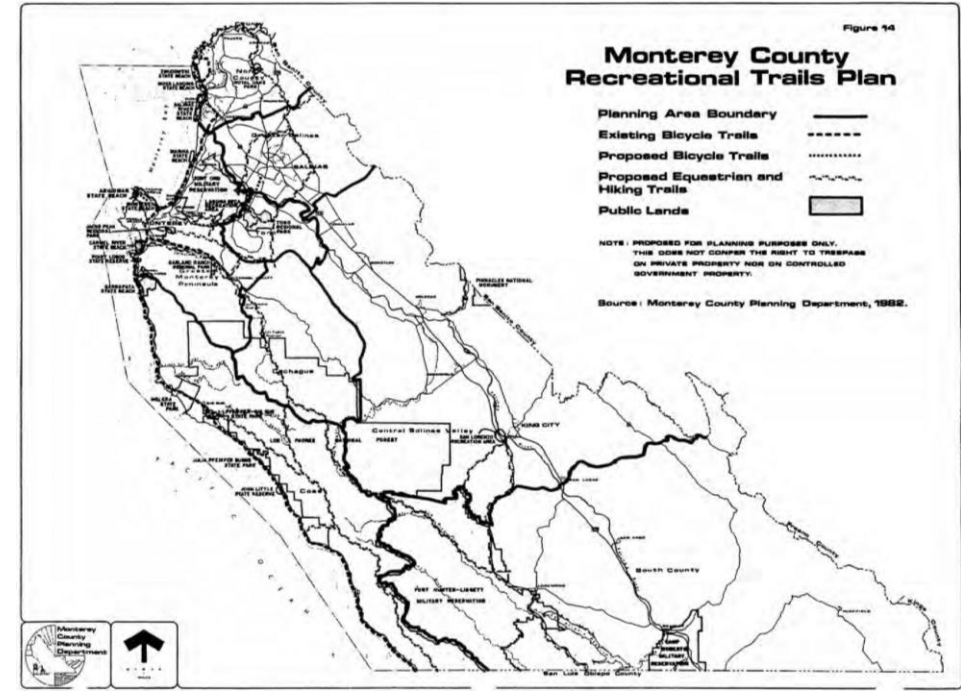


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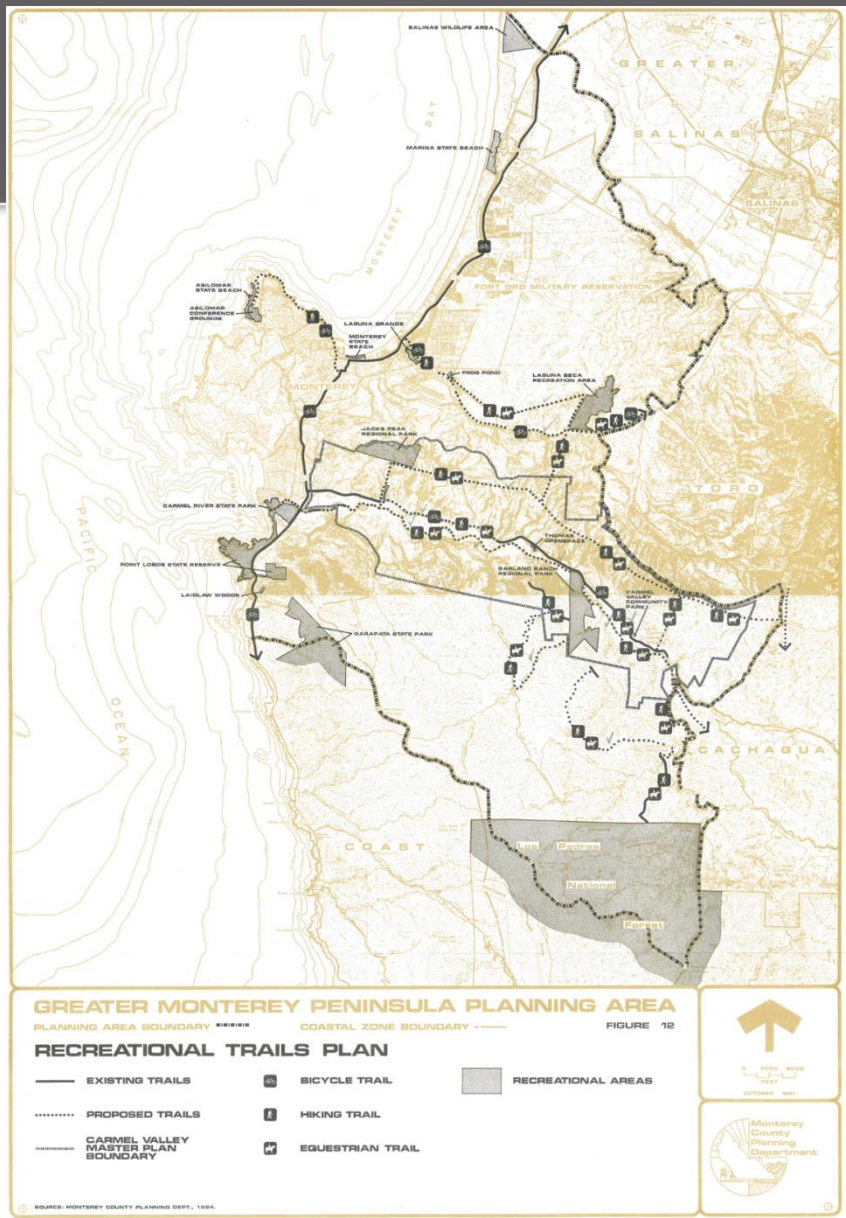
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RTP  
1971

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GP  
1982

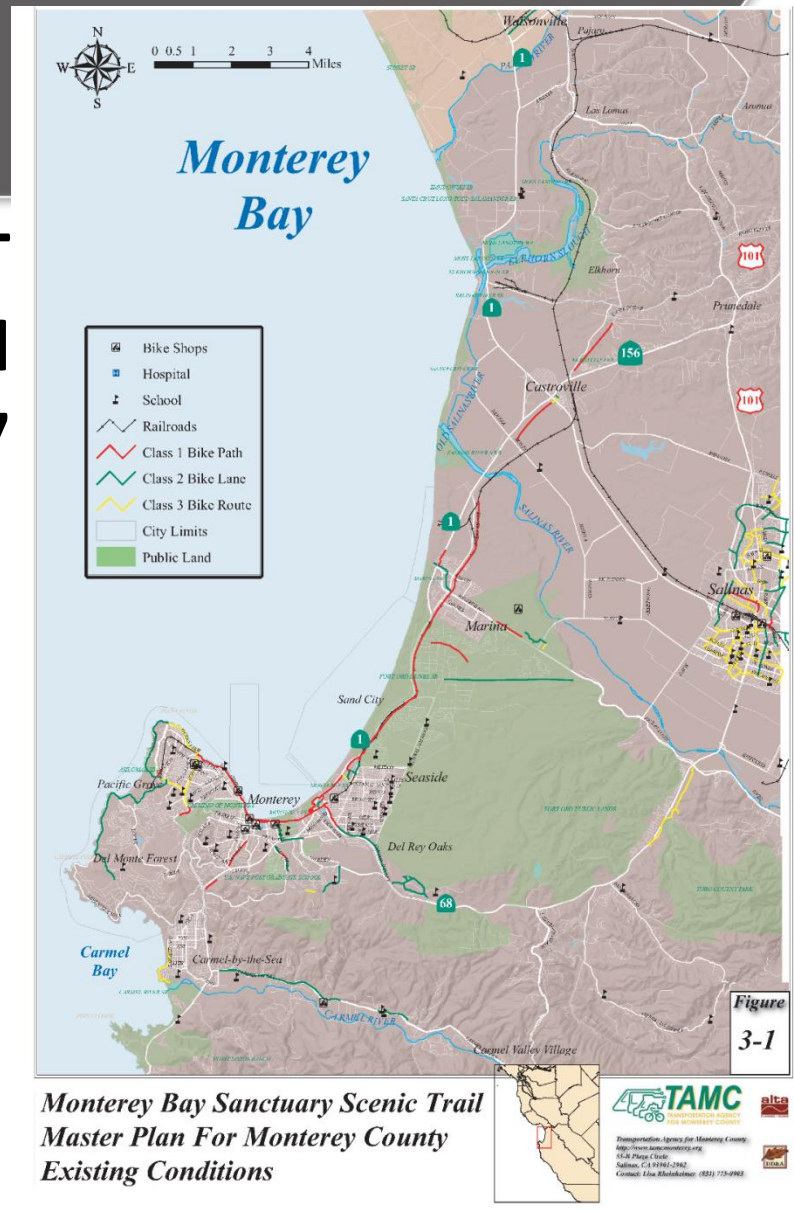




GMPAP  
1984



MBSST  
Existing trail  
~1991-2007







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**FORT ORD REUSE PLAN**  
Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA)

Land Planning	EDAW, Inc.
Market Analysis	EMC Planning Group, Inc.
Transportation Engineering	Sedway Katin Mouchly Group
Civil Engineering	JHK and Associates
Fiscal Analysis	Rimmer Associates
Habitat Planning	Angus McDonald Associates
Public Communications	Zander Associates
Community Development	The Ingram Group
	Resource Corps International

**LEGEND:**

- Bureau of Land Management Lands
- Limited Access
- Restricted Access
- California State Parks
- CSUMB Campus
- Other Public Open Space - Recreation-Oriented
- Other Public Open Space - Habitat Management
- Commercial Recreation
- Jurisdiction Boundaries
- Regional Hiker/Biker Trail
- Local Hiker/Biker Trail
- Equestrian Trail
- P Neighborhood Park
- C Community Park
- G Golf Course Opportunity Site
- Eq Equestrian Center Opportunity Site
- V Visitor/Cultural Center
- T Trailhead
- S Environmental Education
- Y Youth Camp

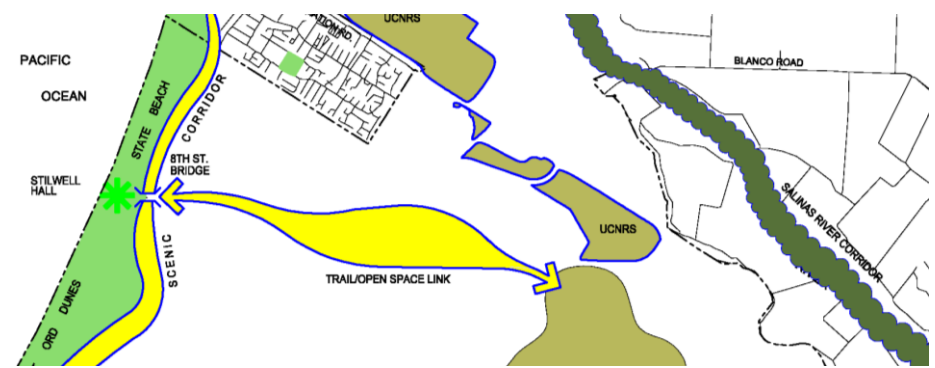
SHEET TITLE:  
**OPEN SPACE & RECREATION FRAMEWORK**

SCALE: 1" = 100'

SOURCE: Jones & Stokes, 1992  
FERRIS, 1992  
Bentley County, 1992  
ES&K, Inc., 1999

FIGURE: **3.6-3**

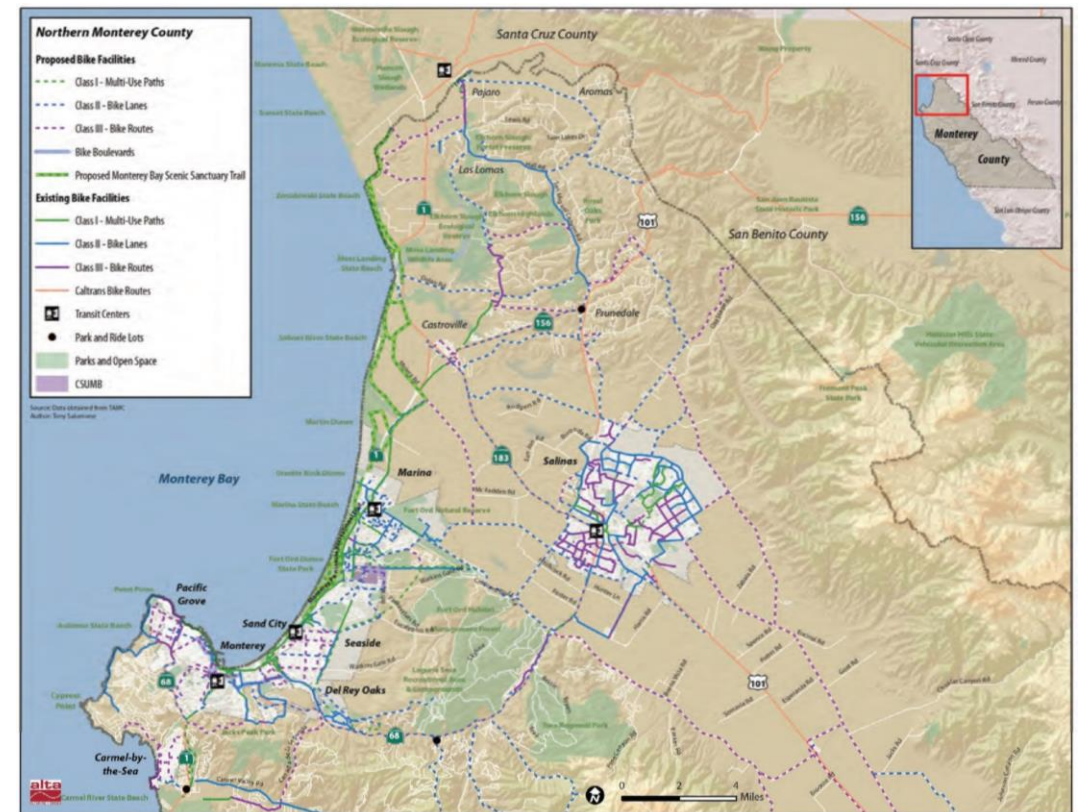
## FORP 1996/1997



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**MBSST**  
Existing trail + recommendations  
2008

**TAMC**  
**BPMP**  
2011

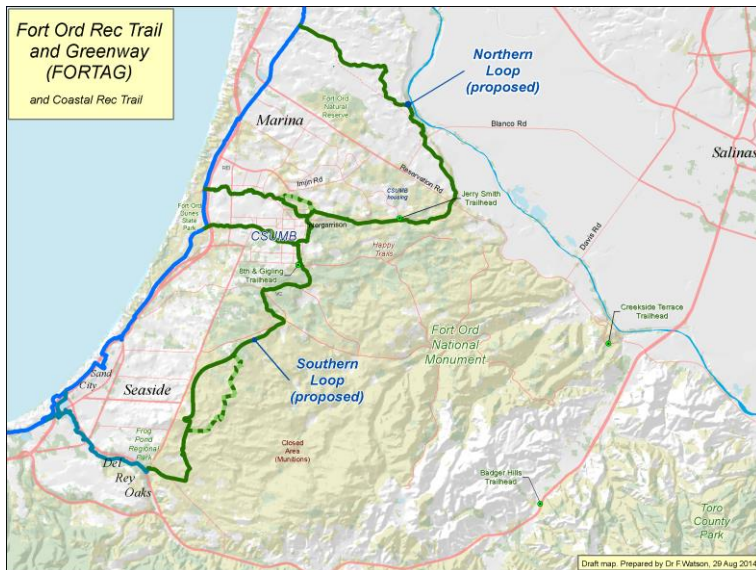




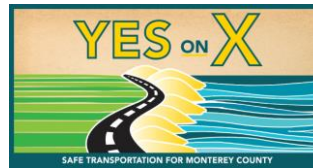
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## FORTAG vision 2013-2014 OLD MAP

SHOWN FOR HISTORICAL PURPOSES ONLY



## Measure X Transportation Safety & Improvement Plan 2016



### Pedestrian & Bike Safety

**Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) – Paved Transportation Corridor**  
Create a new paved regional active transportation route to serve as a safe pedestrian and bicycle corridor connecting Seaside, Marina, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, and unincorporated county residents to California State University Monterey Bay, Fort Ord National Monument, and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail transportation corridor.

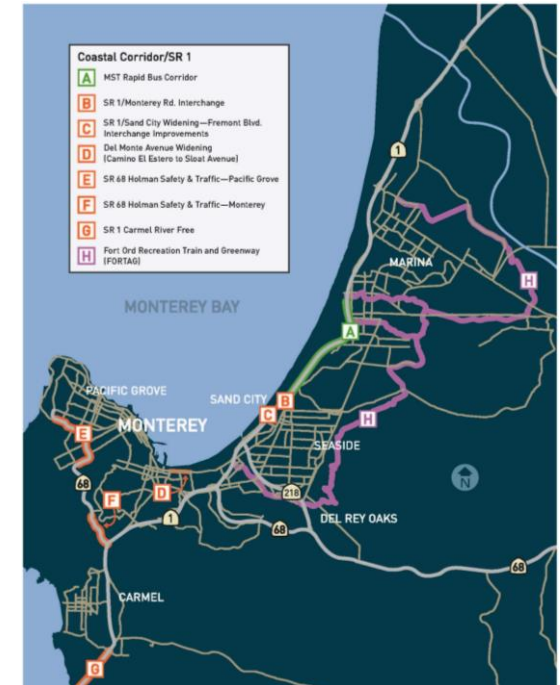
**Project Purpose**  
The project is a continuous 12-ft wide paved bikeway with an open space buffer on both sides incorporating habitat, parks, playing fields, developed outdoor recreation sites and associated amenities. The northern loop of FORTAG encircles Marina, following a 13 mile route that includes 3 miles of the existing Coastal Rec Trail. The southern loop of FORTAG encircles Seaside and bisects Del Rey Oaks, following a 15 mile route that includes 4 miles of the existing coastal trail system. The route includes spurs connecting with existing and planned bike/pedestrian infrastructure. Several sections of the paved trail will link to nearby unpaved trails.

- Project Benefits**
- Provides a safe connection between residential areas, schools, workplaces, regional parks, and city services
  - Enhances property values along the greenway corridor
  - Provides community health benefits from active transportation routes
  - Creates economic benefits from associated retail, hospitality, and competitive events

**Investment Plan Funding: \$20 million**



## TAMC Regional Transportation Plan 2018





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## 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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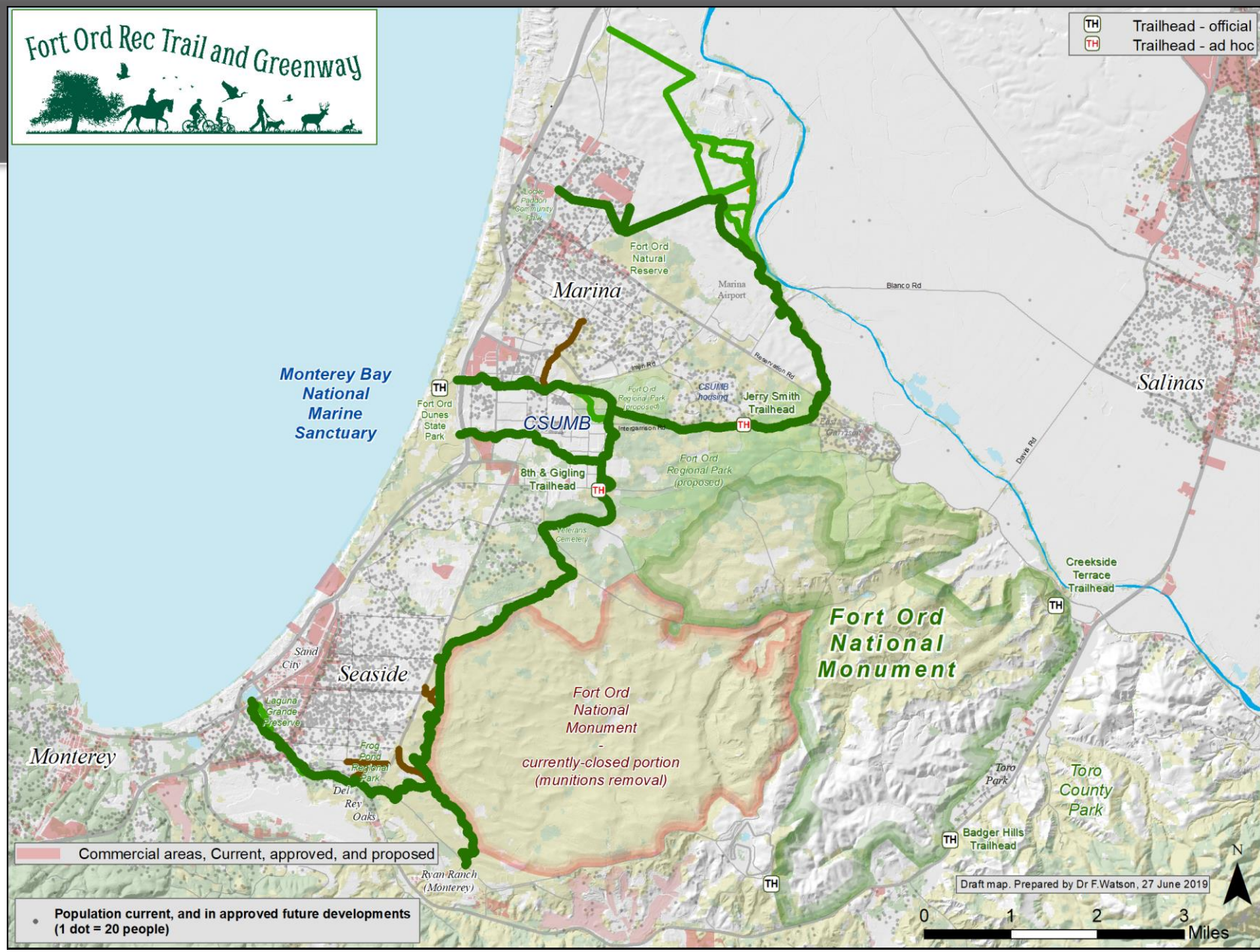


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# Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway



# 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



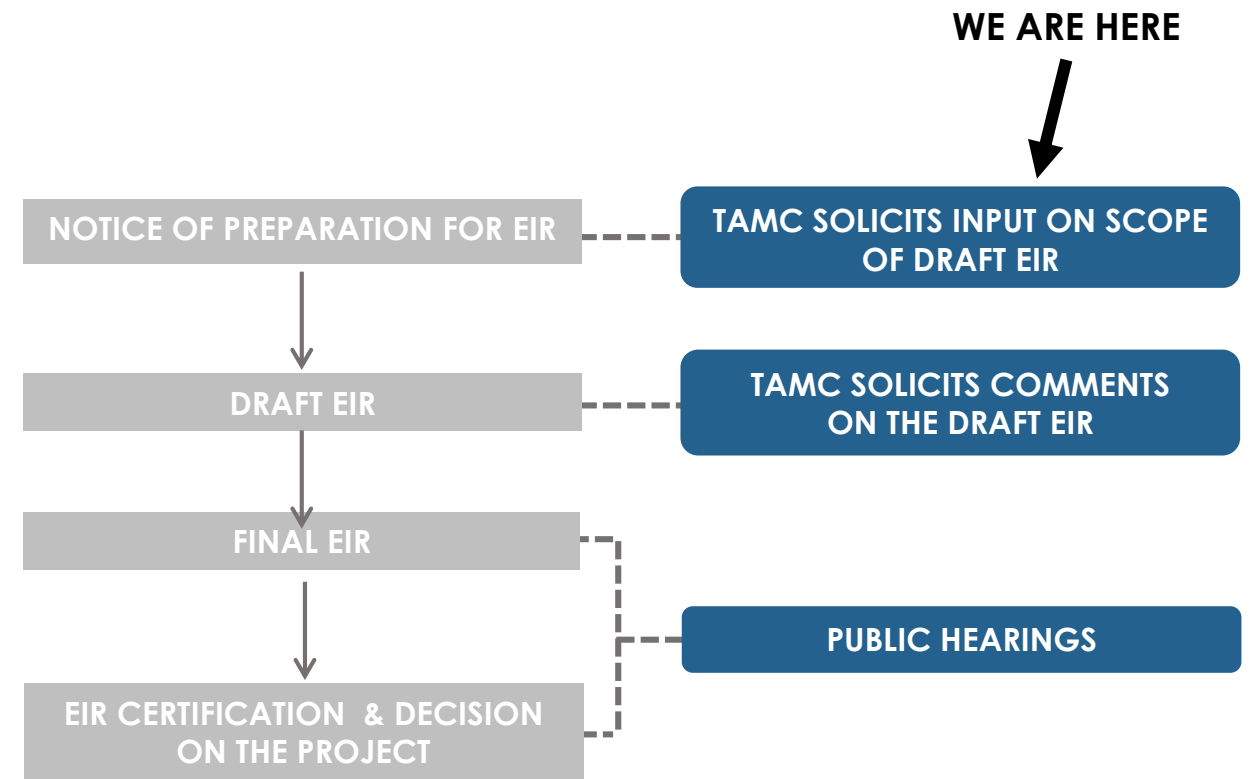


# Purpose and Requirements of CEQA

- 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



# Scoping



# 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





# EIR + Project Approval Schedule

- July 15: last day to submit comments on scope of EIR
- Draft EIR release: November 2019
- Final EIR hearing(s): March-April 2020





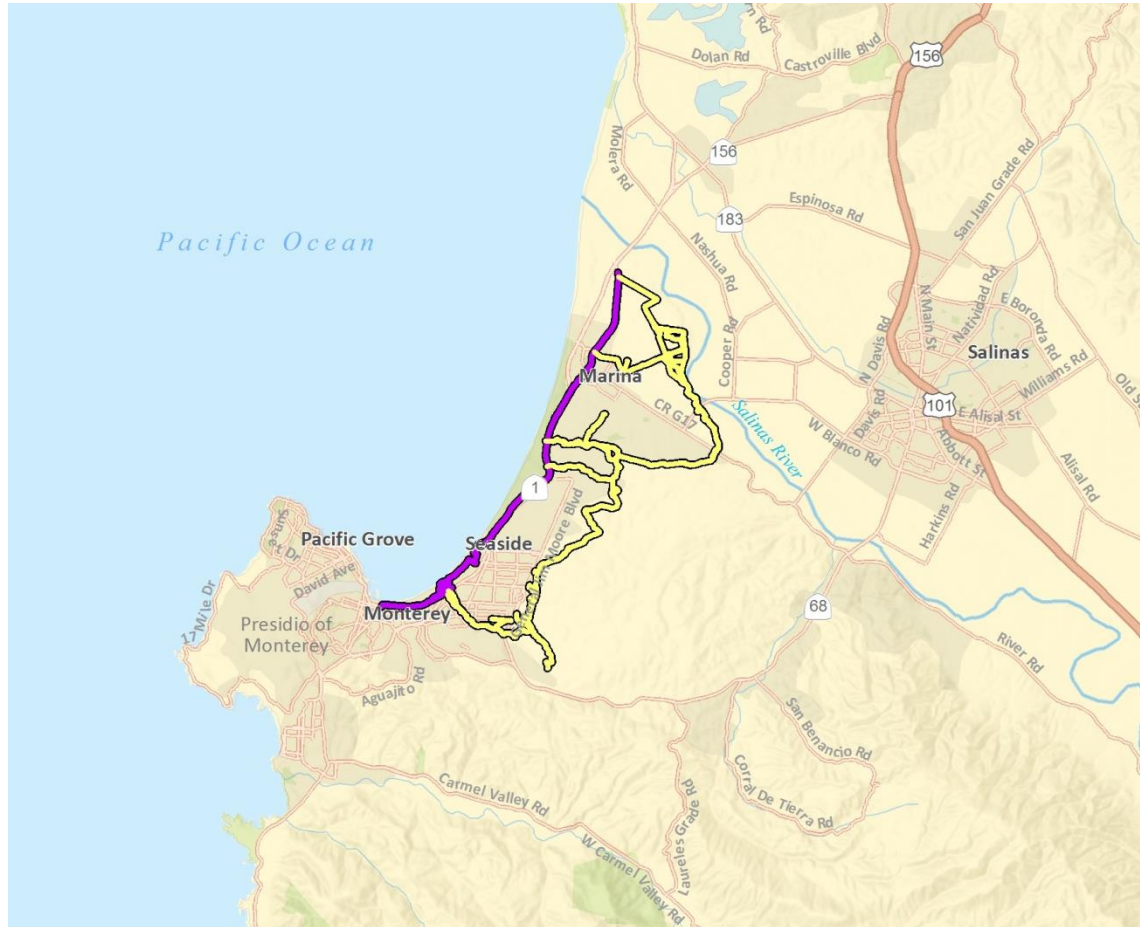
# We Welcome Your Input

- Environmental issues and project alternatives
- Written comments to be included in record
- Direct written comments to:
  - Rich Deal, Principal Engineer
  - Transportation Agency for Monterey County
  - 55-B Plaza Circle | Salinas, California 93901
  - [rich@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:rich@tamcmonterey.org)
- Written comments due:
  - Monday, July 15, 2019 @ 5:00 PM**

**Thank you for  
your time!**

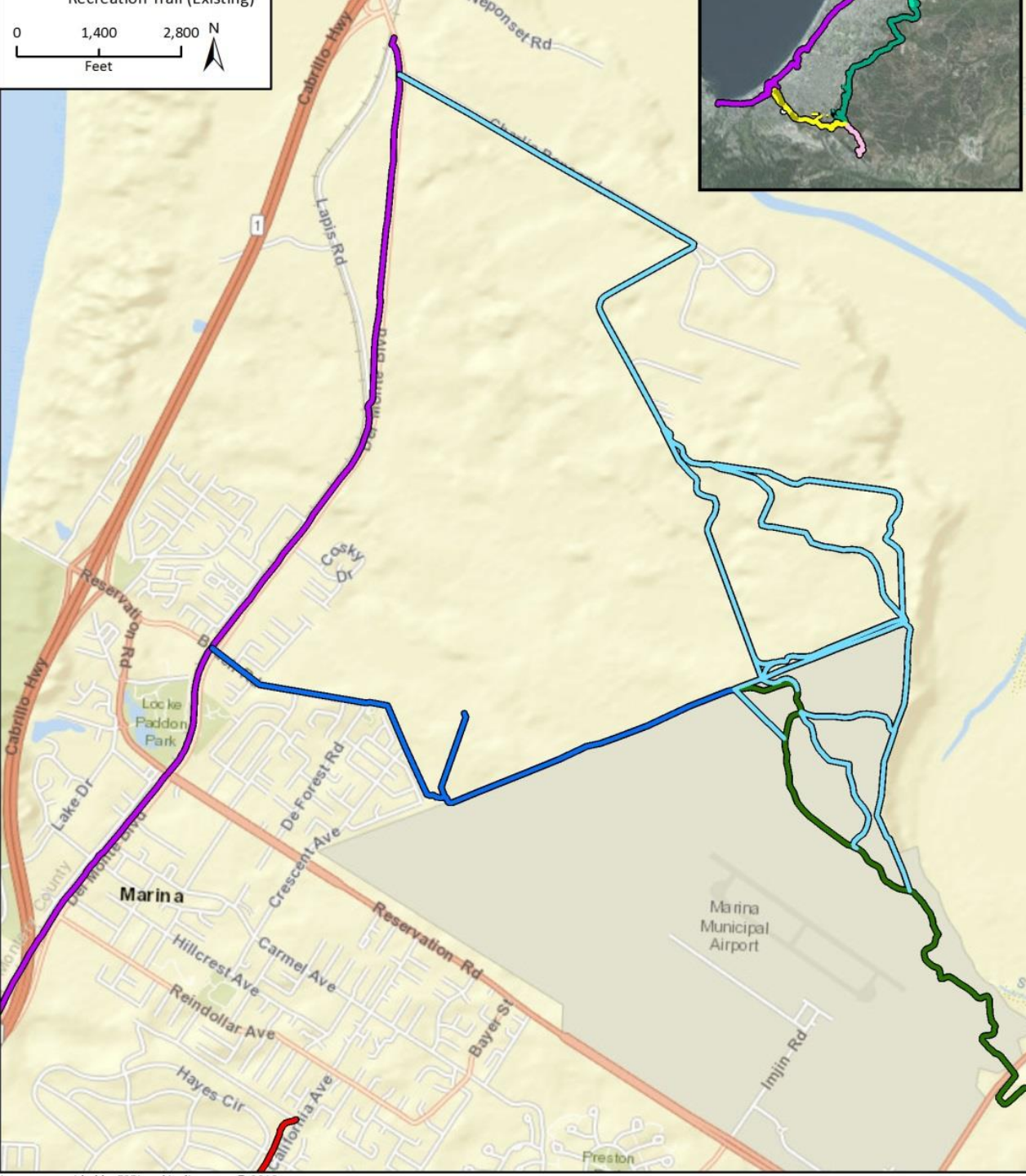


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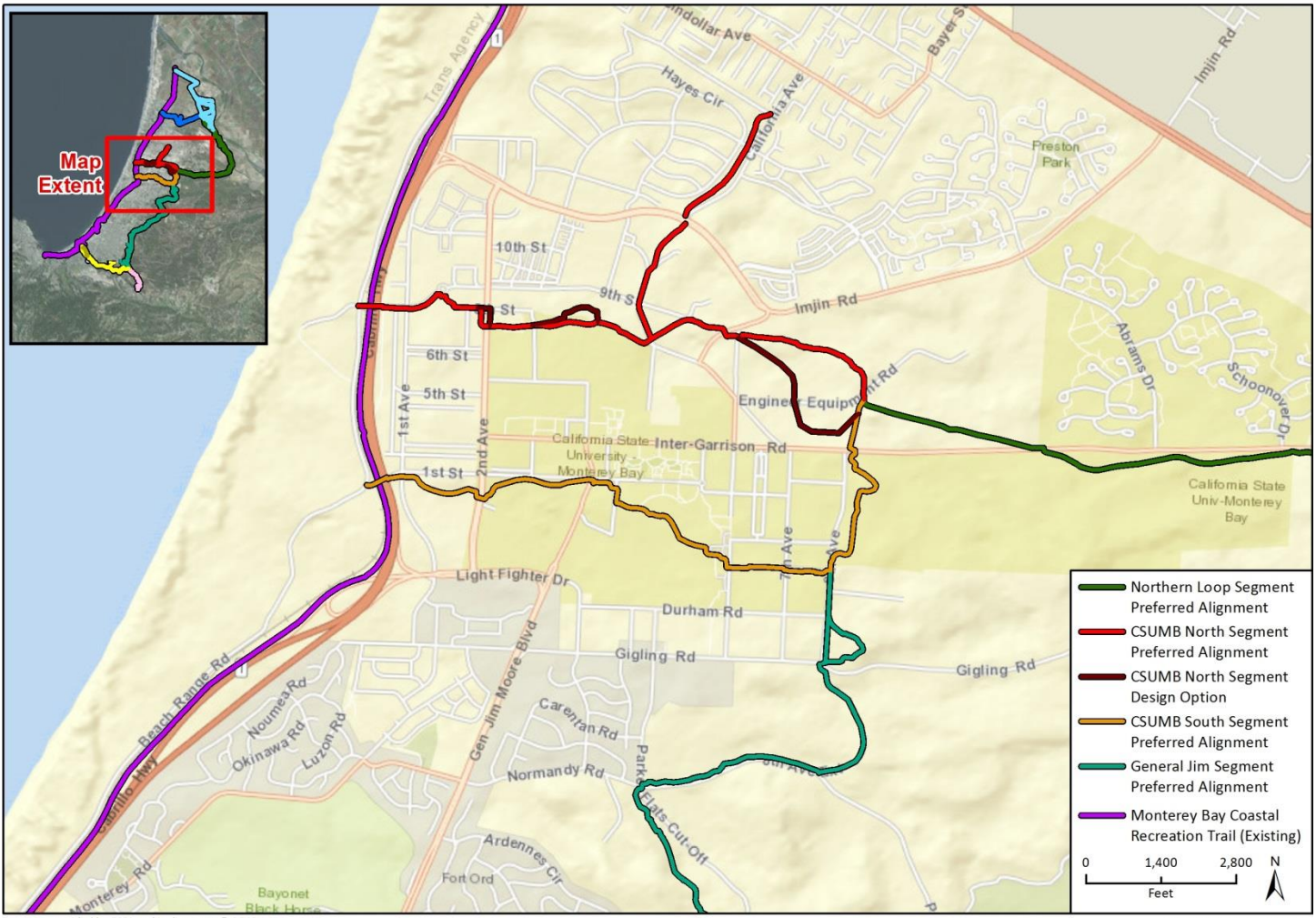


# Project



- Northern Loop Segment
- Northern Loop Segment Preferred Alignment
- Marina Segment Preferred Alignment
- CUMS North Segment Preferred Alignment
- Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail (Existing)

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Fig 2-8 CSUMB Options\_Landscape



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