

# Prospect Heights Town Hall



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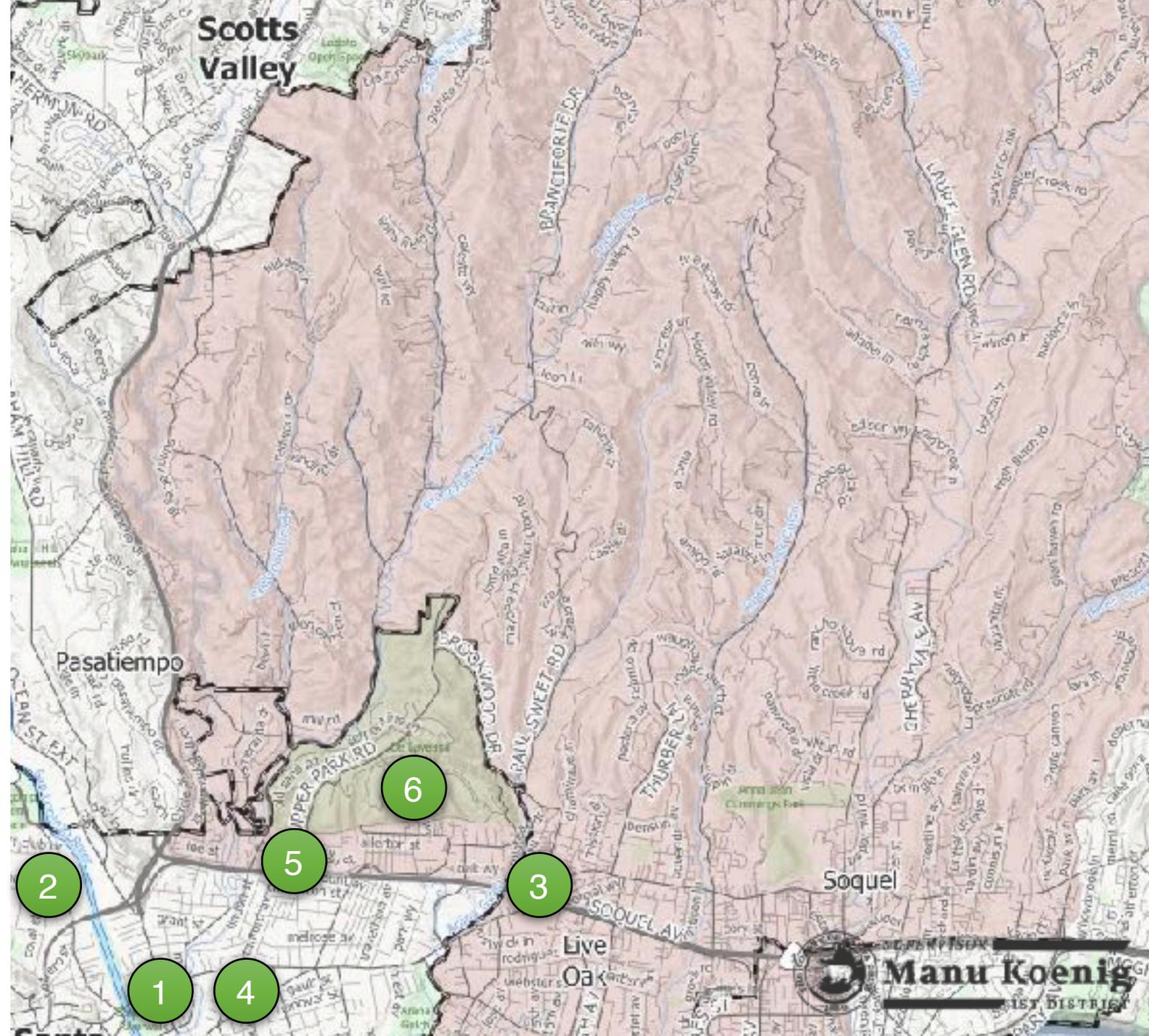
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# Agenda

1. Proposed County Budget 2022-23
2. Homelessness Plan
3. Transportation Update: HWY 1, Soquel Dr, Harbor Bridge
4. Measures on the Ballot
5. Low Stress Bike Route
6. Fire Wise
7. Q&A



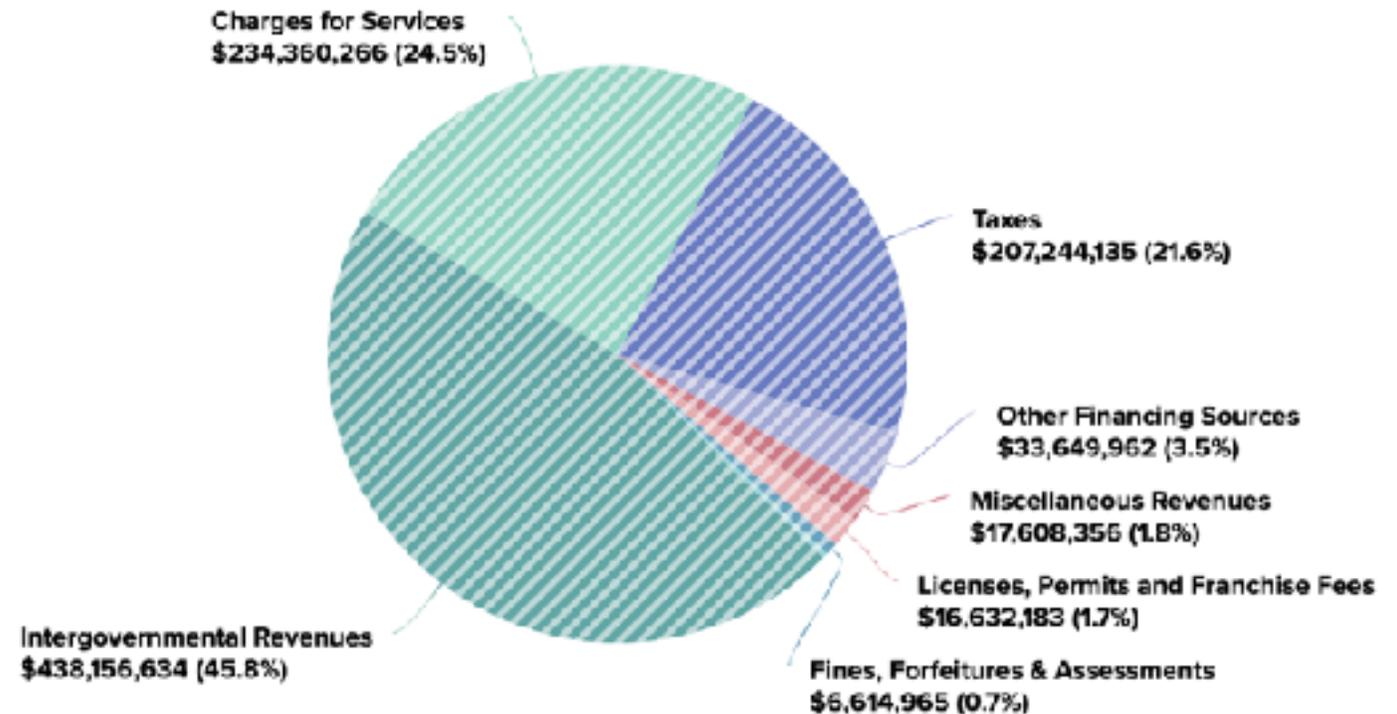
# Proposed 2022-23 Budget Posted



## Revenues

### Visualization

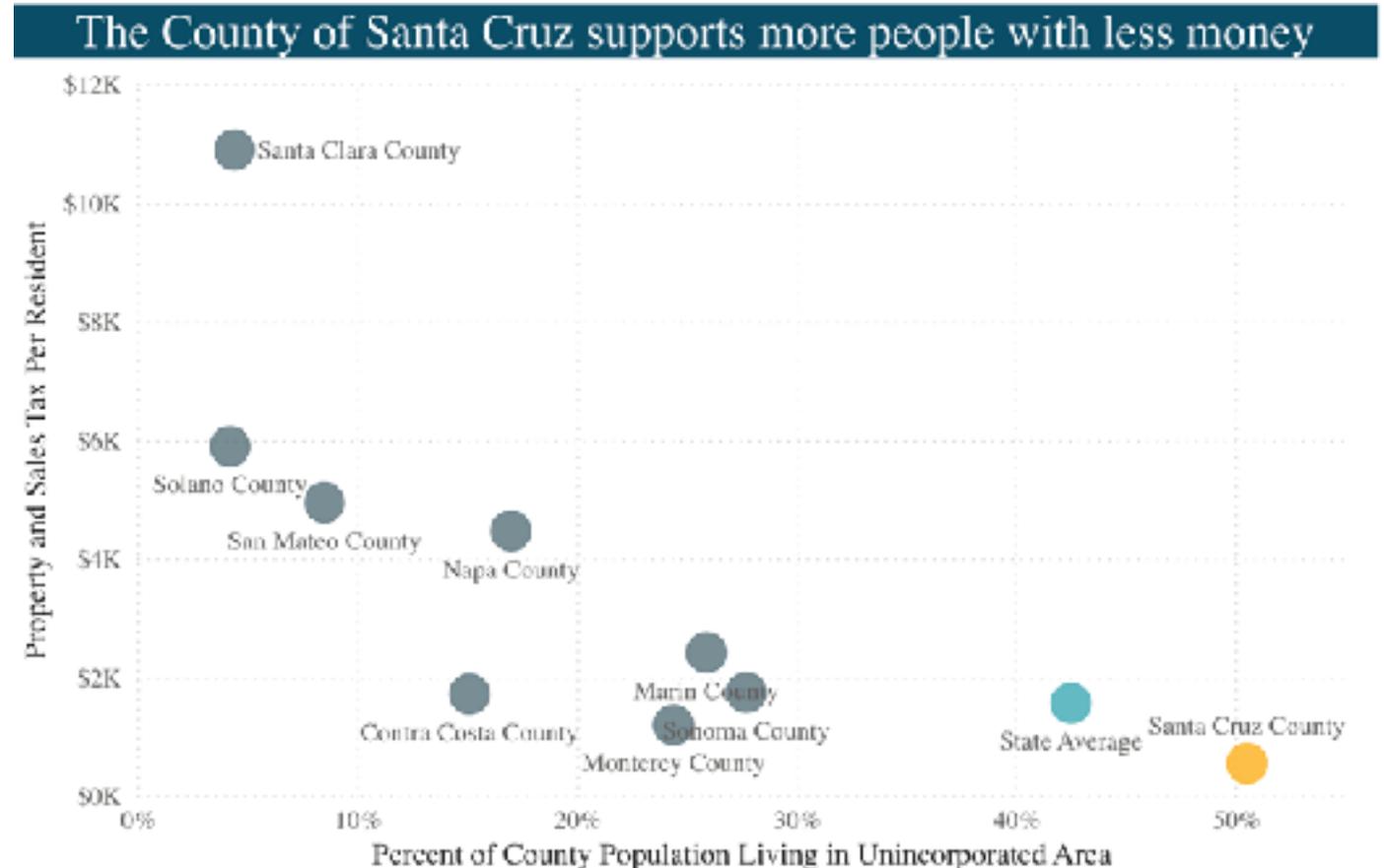
- \$1.033 billion proposed budget
- Discretionary General Fund resources \$210 million
- New digital-first budget published with OpenGov.



<https://www.santacruzcounty.us/VisionSantaCruz/Budget.aspx>

# Proposed 2022-23 Budget Posted

- County gets 13% of property taxes.
- Jurisdiction. 50% of the County population lives in the unincorporated area and utilizes county services for: Police (Sheriff), Parks, Planning, Public Works
- City residents still utilize county services for Health Services, Human Services, Corrections, Justice (DA and Public Defender), and road network.



# Proposed 2022-23 Budget Posted

- **Infrastructure:**

- Investments to open new South County Service Center by Summer 2023
- Watsonville Hospital Acquisition - August 2022
- Community Development and Infrastructure Department - hiring 3 additional planners



- **Justice:**

- Transitioning to fully staffed Public Defenders Office
- Establishing Pretrial Services Division with Probation Dept.



- **Corrections:**

- Staffing 4 new correctional officers
- Restarting the FIT program
- Reopening the Sobering Center



# Homelessness

- Rehousing Wave - 107 households served
- 4 Project Homekey applications submitted to create 156 units - Vets Village (20 units) has been funded
- \$2.37 million for encampment clean up
- New Housing for Health Board formed to execute strategic plan.



# Homelessness

- \$14 million from Senator Laird to City of Santa Cruz
  - Capital costs - \$7.3M:
    - Repair of hygiene bay at Coral St - \$1.9M
    - Purchase of Coral St Property for Navigation Center - \$3M
    - Pallet Shelters, Coral St - \$1M
  - Operational costs - \$7.2M:
    - Expanded shelter at Coral St - \$1.3M
    - 75 Safe Sleeping Sites at the Armory - \$2.4M
    - Safe parking programs - \$1.04M
    - Two transitional sanctioned camps with case management - \$213K
    - 8 new city staff - \$1.2M
    - Mental Health Response with Santa Cruz police - \$188K



# What Will Success Look Like?

(City Response Plan)

At the conclusion of year one of the plan, you can expect:

- More sheltering leads to fewer large encampments and enforcement of the CSSO
- Safe parking programs lead to fewer oversized vehicles overnight on City streets and enforcement of the OVO
- San Lorenzo Park will be operating as a park and free from encampments
- Safe environment for all supported by more community service officers downtown

And for future years, you can also expect:

- More people in permanent housing and fewer people on City streets
- More treatment and support services available for those struggling with mental illness and substance abuse disorder
- A greater sense of health and safety Citywide

# Funding Overview and Gaps

## Framework Goals: Annual Dollars Needed vs. Available

More than 40 local, state, and federal grants/sources to coordinate and manage



# Housing Affordability Gap



**Average Santa Cruz Renter**  
needs 3.4 full-time jobs to  
afford...

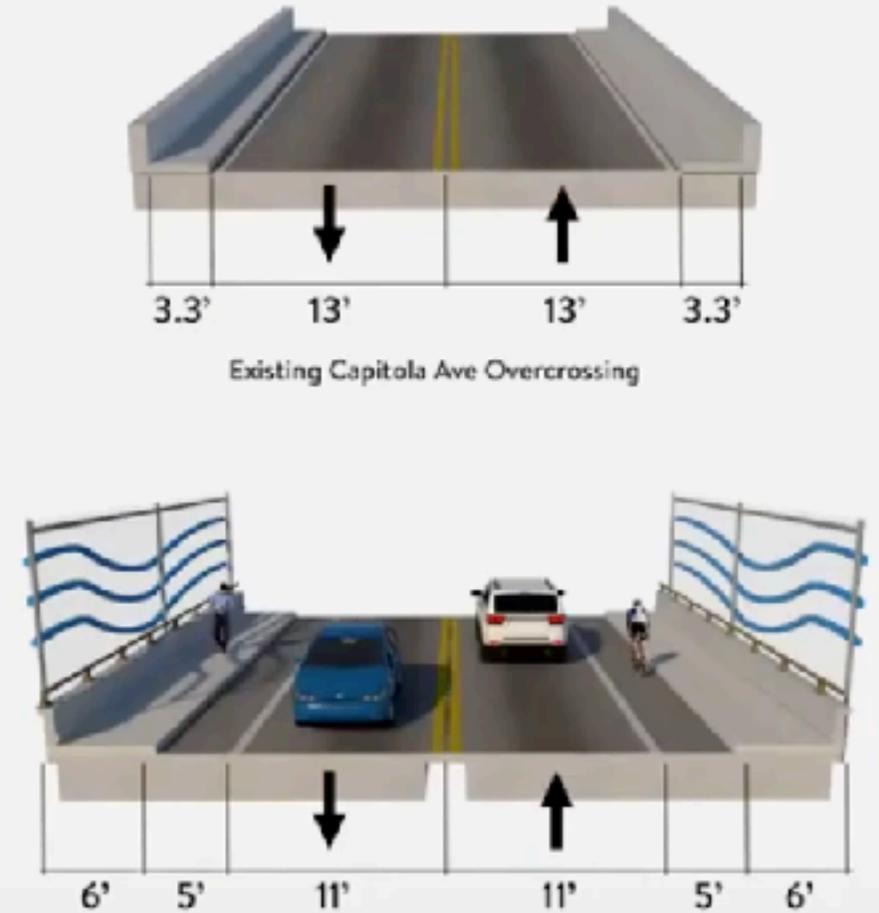
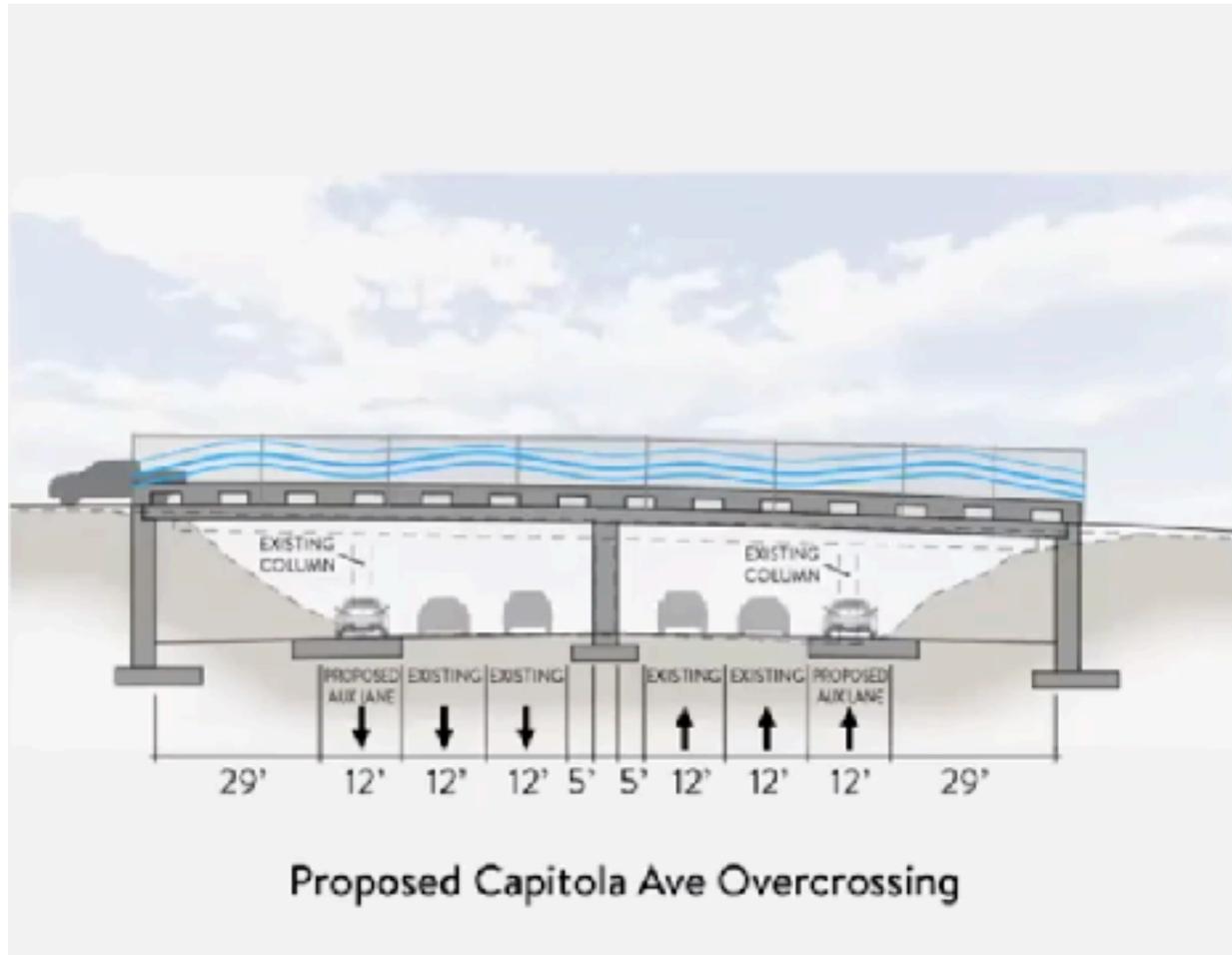


**Two-Bedroom Apartment**  
at Fair Market Rent

“Out of Reach 2021” National Low Income Housing Coalition Data:  
Highest Rate in State of California



# Highway 1 Project - Aux Lanes & Bus on Shoulder



Proposed Capitola Ave Overcrossing

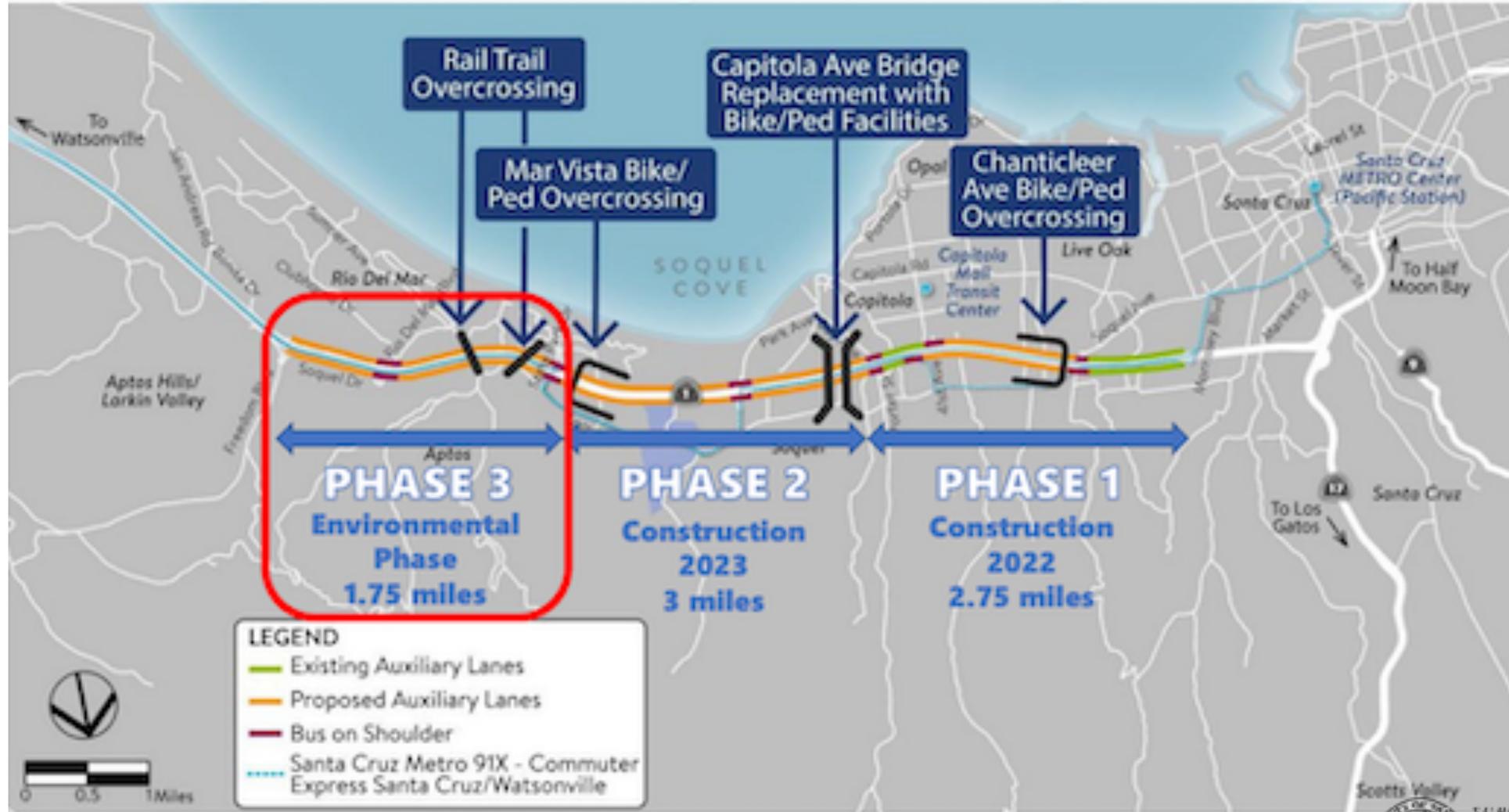


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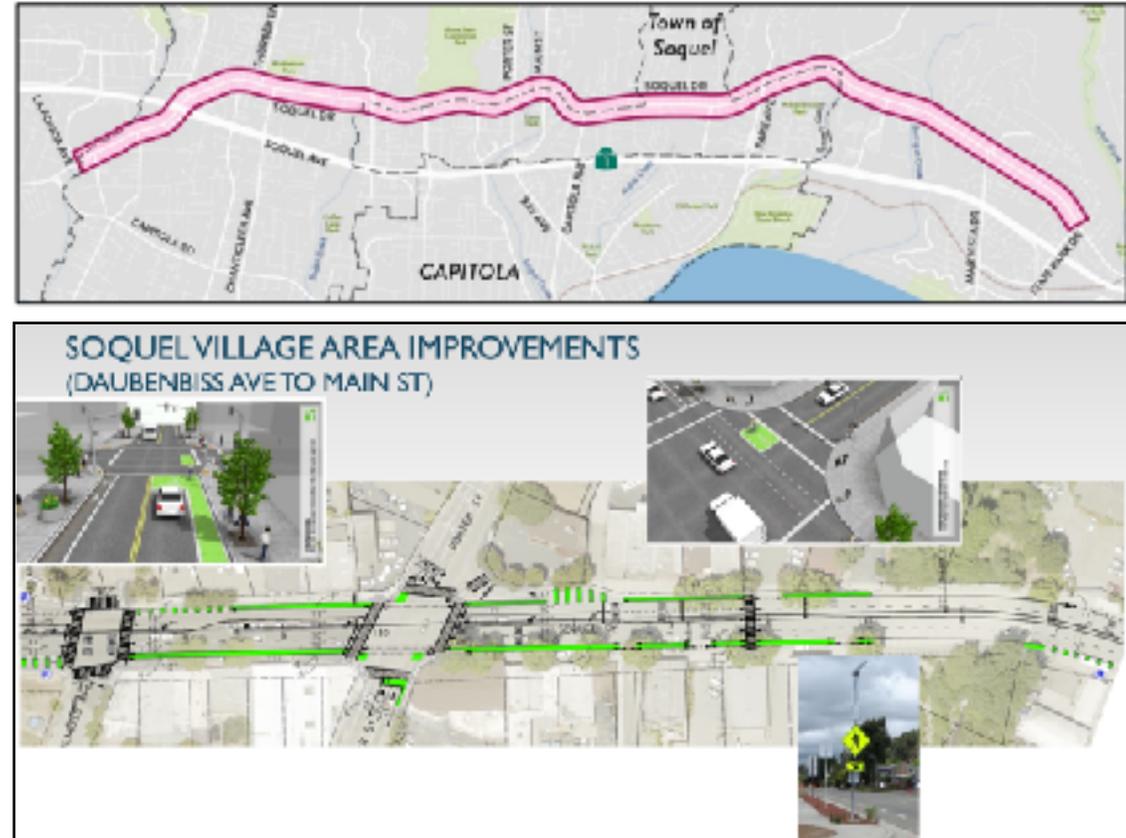
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# Soquel Dr Buffered Bike Lane & Congestion Mitigation Project

- 5.6 miles from La Fonda Ave to State Park Dr
- 5+ miles of pavement resurfacing
- Upgrades to 22 intersections with Adaptive Traffic Signals (ATS) and Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) for METRO
- Bikes: 10+ miles of continuous protected or buffered bike lanes
- Pedestrians: 0.6 miles of sidewalk gap closures, 11 enhanced pedestrian crossings with Rapid Flashing Beacons, 94 ADA ramp upgrades
- Start Construction - Summer 2022





# MURRAY ST. BRIDGE RETROFIT

- **PS&E Complete**
- **Permits**
- **ROW Certification**
- **Est. Start/Finish:  
Sep 2022-Mar 2025**

**\$23.5M**

**Funded by:  
HBP, Prop 1B**

# Measures on the Ballot (June 2022)

## Measure B, Transient Occupancy Tax (Hotel Tax)

- If approved it would authorize an increase in the tax rate of overnight lodging in Santa Cruz County, thereby increasing the total sales tax rate at hotels, motels, and inns from 11% to 12%, and to 14% at vacation rentals. Would raise over 2 million annually providing monies for unfunded projects, storm damage response, and homeless services programs.

## Measure C, Single-Use Cup Tax

- Initially approved in 2019 the surcharge was meant to further waste reduction efforts and extend the life of the Buena Vista Landfill.
- If approved, this measure would authorize the County of Santa Cruz to collect \$0.125 as a general-purpose tax out of a \$0.25 single-use cup charge. Providing the County with an estimated \$700K annual for; water quality, public health & education, other general services.

## Measure D, Greenway Initiative

- If approved, this measure would change the County's General Plan to include the creation of a multipurpose trail within the Santa Cruz Branch Line Rail Corridor.



# Measure D Overview



# Measure D: EIR for Both Trail Options is Underway



16 ft wide



9-12 ft wide

*Reference: Arana Gulch Trail is 8ft*

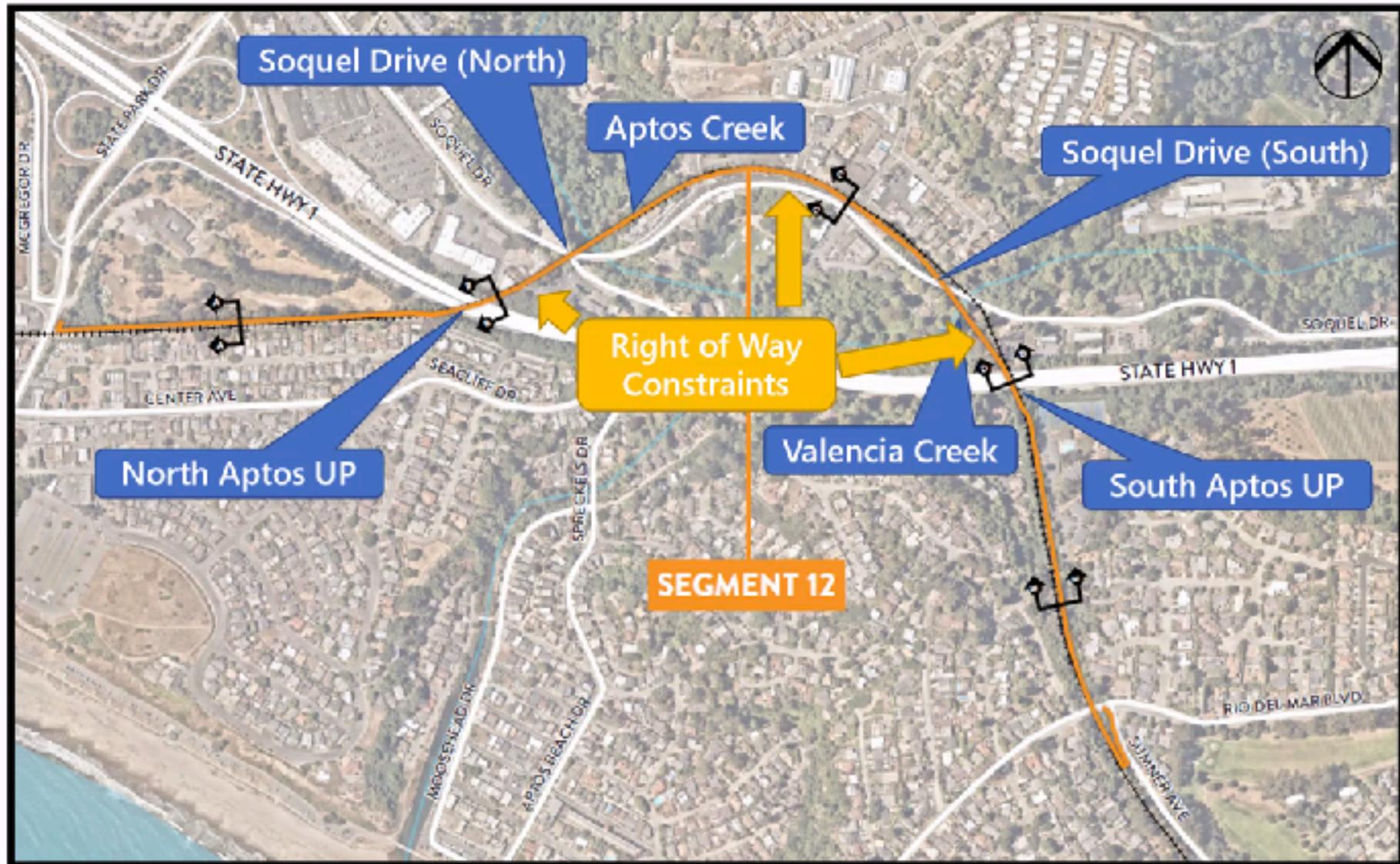


# Cost Estimates: Segments 8 - 12

Scenario	Description of Work	Trail Segments & Cost (\$ millions)			Total Cost
		8 & 9	10 & 11	12	
1	Optional Interim Trail Phase (on existing rail alignment)	\$19.4	\$36.3	\$24.6	\$80.3
2	Ultimate Trail (Adjacent to Rail) without Interim Option	\$43.6	\$84.5	\$47.9	\$176.0

Notes: The Interim Trail cost estimate includes funding to rehabilitate and repurpose the Capitola Trestle. The Ultimate Trail cost does not include the replacement of the Capitola Trestle needed for passenger rail + trail.

# Coastal Rail Trail – Segment 12



# Aptos Rail Bridges Over Highway 1



## Hwy 1 Bridges - Engineering Approach



Ultimate Trail Configuration – Shift Trail Bridge Over and Build RR Bridge



# Total Estimated Highway 1 Cost – EIR Under Development

Scenario	Description of Work	Total Cost (\$ million)
1	Highway 1 Work without new Rail Bridges over Highway 1 (Interim Trail)	\$101.4
2	Highway Project with new Rail Bridges over Highway 1 (Ultimate Trial)	\$125.9



# Measure D Capacity

## Scenario 1: Interim Trail (on railroad alignment) - \$ million

Measure D Category	Programming	Borrowing	Future Capacity
Active Transportation	\$76.3	\$0.0	\$100.6
Highway Corridors	\$91.1	\$6.8	\$165.7
Totals	\$167.4	\$6.8	\$266.3

## Scenario 2: Ultimate Trail (next to railroad alignment) - \$ millions

Measure D Category	Programming	Borrowing	Future Capacity
Active Transportation	\$97.4	\$17.0	\$67.2
Highway Corridors	\$124.5	\$60.9	\$95.4
Totals	\$221.9	\$77.9	\$162.5



# Railbanking

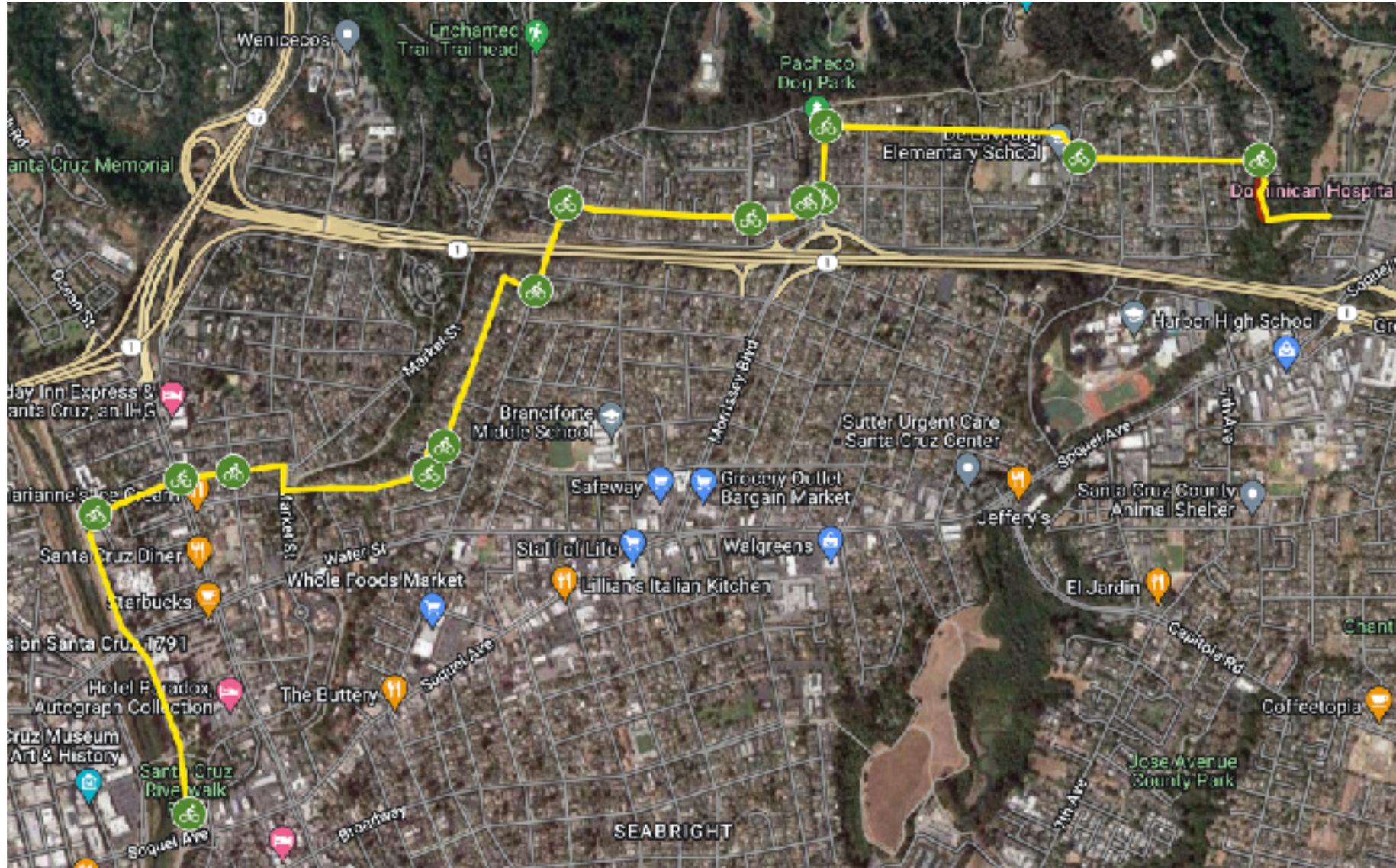
## from Lee Road in Watsonville to Davenport

- No freight rail service north of Lee Road in Watsonville
- Defers the costly freight repairs, until such time that the line is re-activated
- Temporally removes the obligation to provide freight rail service
- Preserves the integrity of the Right-of-Way for future potential freight rail re-activation and rail transit
- Does not require that tracks be removed
- Shields RTC from potential costly lawsuits when building a trail on land not owned in fee (easements)
- Facilitates the construction of either the Interim or Ultimate Trail
- Facilitates the implementation and operation of future rail transit

# Measure D, Railbanking - FAQs

- Would passage of the Greenway Initiative prevent this commission from studying or pursuing funds for passenger rail if needed? (Commissioner Koenig)
  - **“No” - (RTC Legal Counsel, Steve Mattas)**
- Does railbanking protect the corridor for a future passenger train?
  - **“Yes”**
- Does railbanking have to be “withdrawn” to build a passenger train system?
  - **“No”**

# Low Stress Bike Routes / Bike Boulevards



# Fire Prevention



- **Fire Safe Council Funded.** \$50K in 2021 initial allocation. \$175K grant awarded to organize fuel reduction and Firewise Community efforts thanks to OR3, RCD and Fire Safe Council of SCC. \$1.5M in grants outstanding.
- 26 County wide Firewise neighborhoods. 14 formed last year. 15 new ones in progress. First recognized group: **Prospect Heights.**
- \$2.7M invested directly by communities - 48,924 hours.
- \$100,000 grant from California Coastal Conservancy (2021-2022)
- **August 19th-20th - Fourth Annual Yard Clean-up planned for Prospect Heights**



A photograph of a diverse group of people in a meeting or conference. Many individuals have their hands raised, indicating an interactive session. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the audience's participation.

**Questions?**

**Ask Me Anything...**



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***Thank You!***