

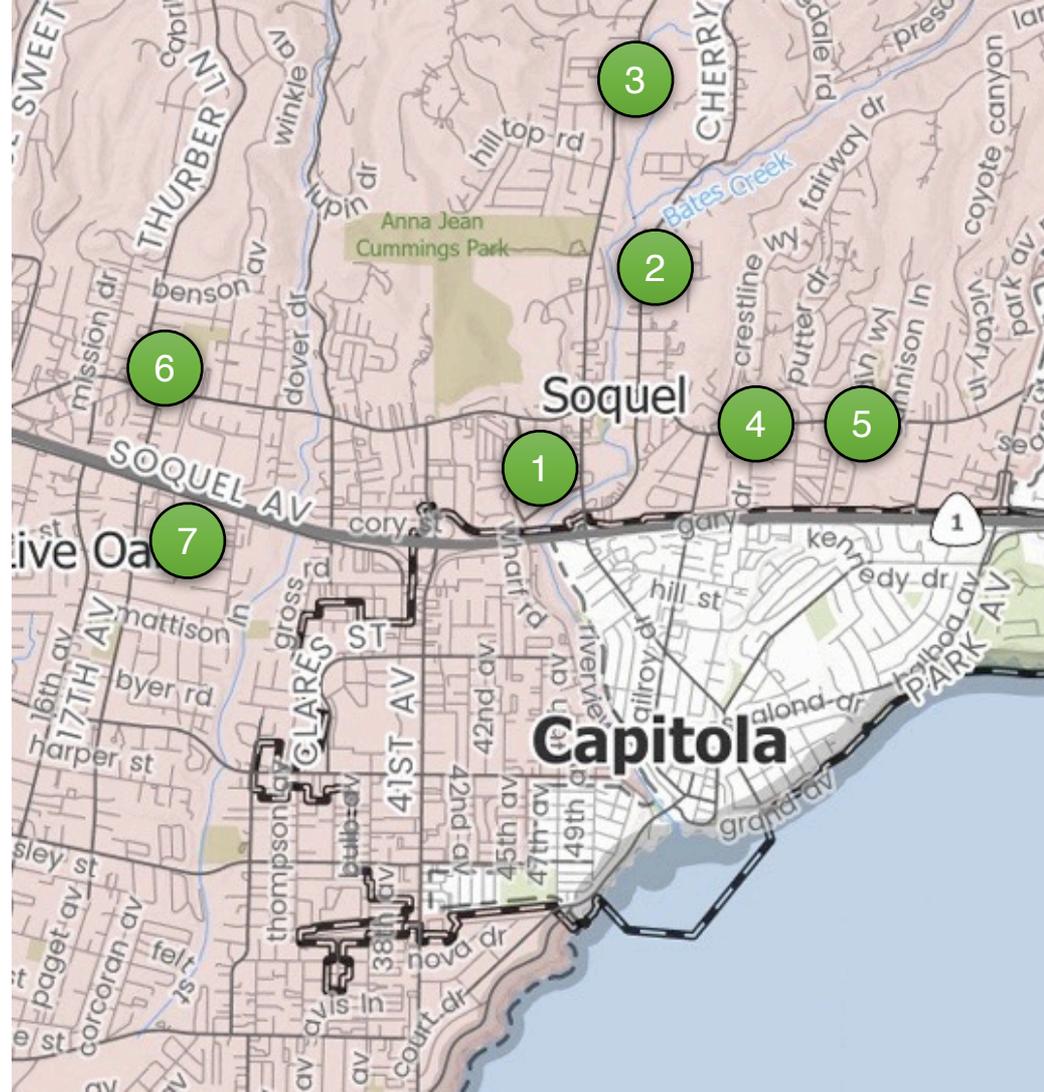
Soquel Town Hall

May 23rd, 2023



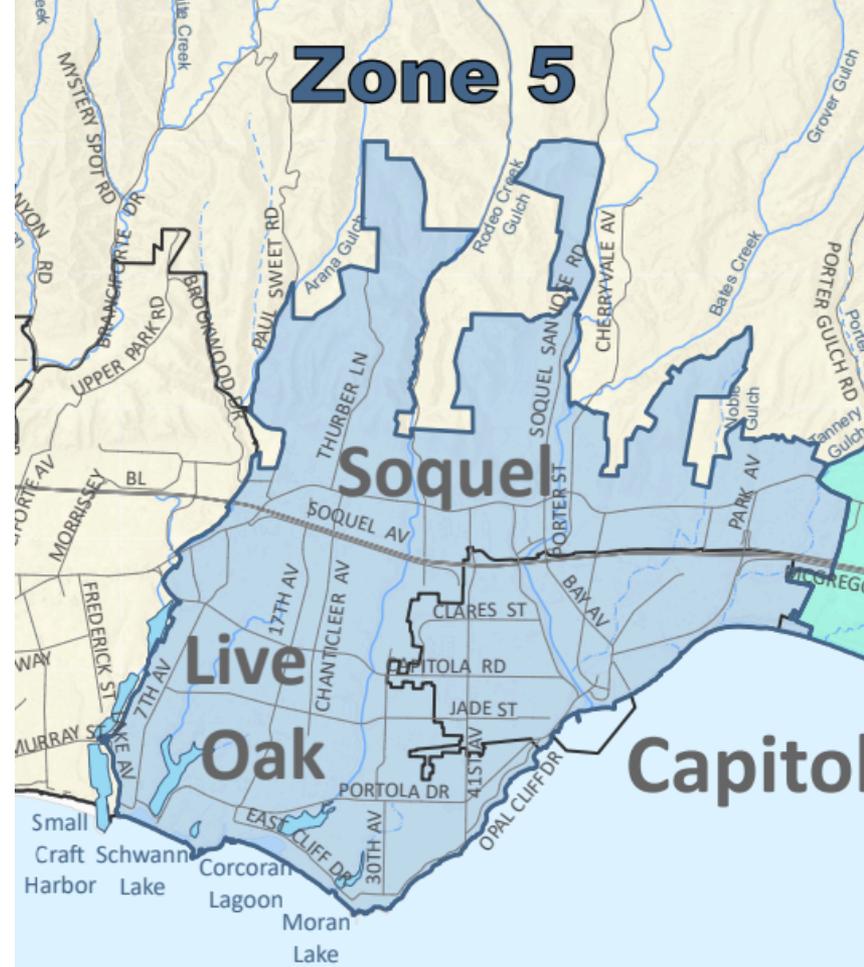
Agenda

1. Soquel Creek Flood Control
2. Main St Repairs
3. Soquel San Jose Rd Safety
4. Soquel Dr Project
5. CSA 9E
6. Housing Element
7. Kaiser Update
8. County Budget Hearings
9. Q&A



Soquel Creek Flood Control

- Storm water in the Soquel Creek area is managed by the Zone 5 Flood Control District.
- A Master Plan update will look at infrastructure options for the region. Public outreach will start this summer.
- Tree trimming in the creek will occur in the Sep/Oct timeframe.
- The Resource Conservation District is available to help with individual property consultations.



Soquel Village FEMA FLOODWAY

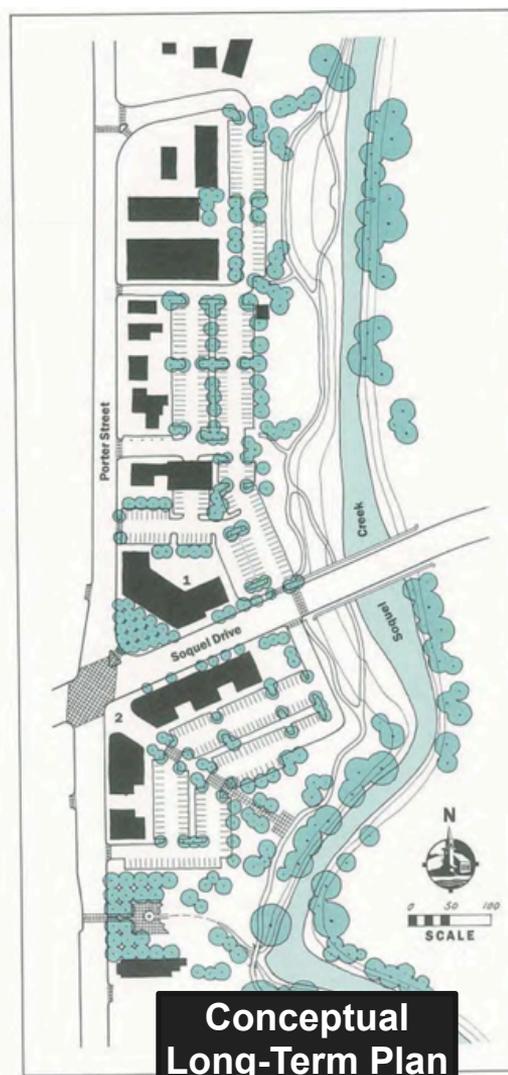


Conceptual Long-Term Plan

- 1990 plan calls for systematically removing buildings from the flood plain and expanding the River Park and parking facilities adjacent to the creek.

**Summary of Reductions
in Net Surface of Structures in
the Soquel Village Floodway**

<i>Quadrant</i>	NORTH EAST	SOUTH EAST	TOTAL
Existing Net	8,900	6,600	15,000
Phase 1	5%	27%	15%
Phase 2	65%	72%	68%
Phase 3	73%	79%	76%
Phase 4	71%	70%	72%



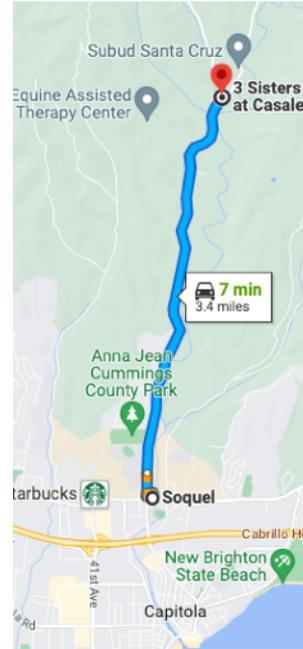
Main St Repairs

- Permanent bridge for Main St at Bates Cr in design. Goal to go to construction this year.
- Countywide stats:
 - 180 damaged road sites
 - 28 repaired
 - 45 under construction
- Budget impacts
 - \$80M of damage, approx. 20% or \$16M will be paid for with county funds.
 - Budgeted 22-23: \$1.1M
 - 23-24: \$2.9M, \$300K interest on FEMA money



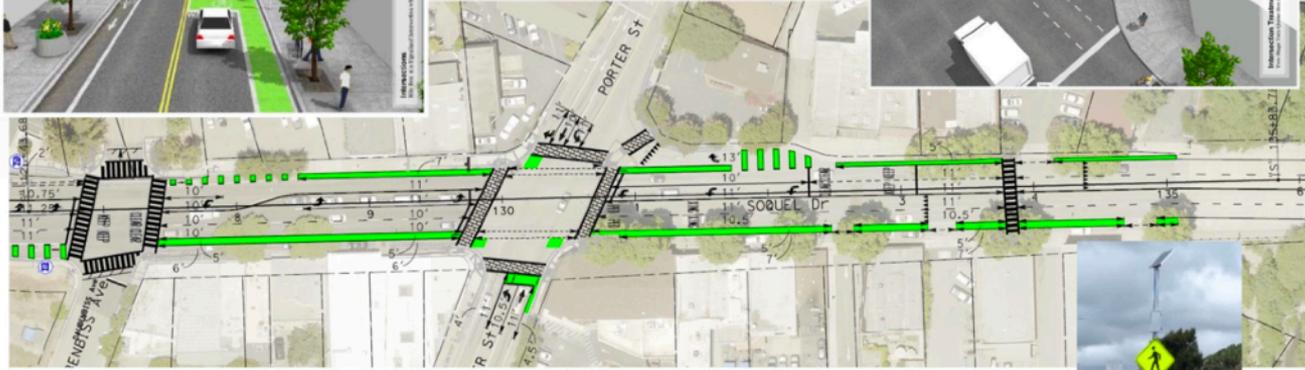
Soquel San Jose Rd Safety

- Repaving from Soquel Dr to Laurel Glen fully funded and will be completed by summer 2024
- Safety options around Mt. School:
 - increased enforcement
 - trimming vegetation
 - checking speed feedback signs
 - Additional signage options - turn chevrons, additional school sign in the public right of way, doubling prismatic markers in the middle of the road



Soquel Dr Congestion Buffered Bike Lane & Mitigation Project

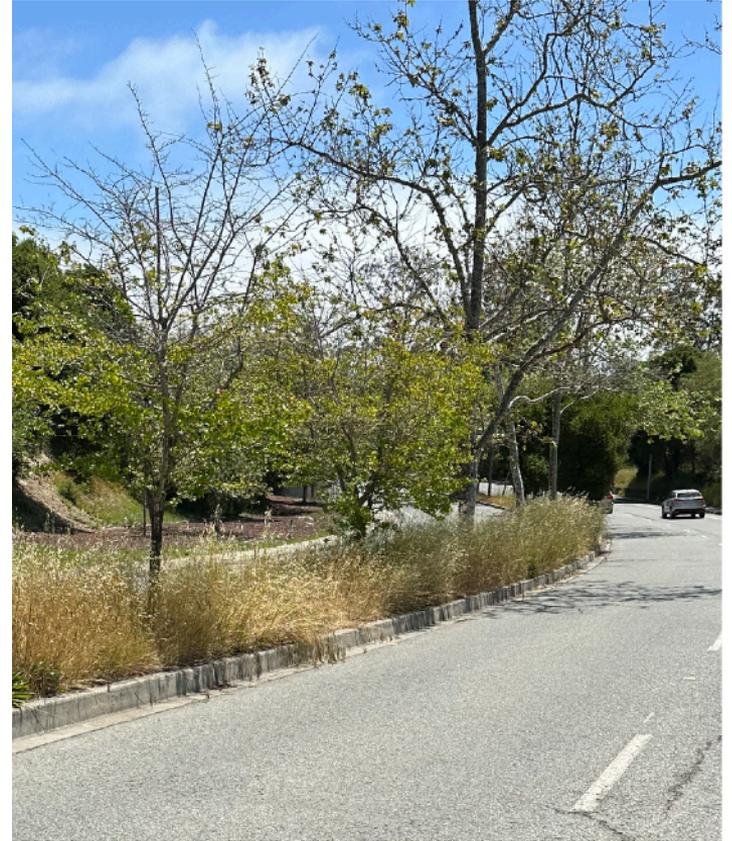
SOQUEL VILLAGE AREA IMPROVEMENTS (DAUBENBISS AVE TO MAIN ST)



- 22 smart lights
- 5 miles of buffered/protected bike lanes
- 10 mid-block crossings with rapid flashing beacons and 96 crosswalk upgrades
- *Expected ground breaking this summer*

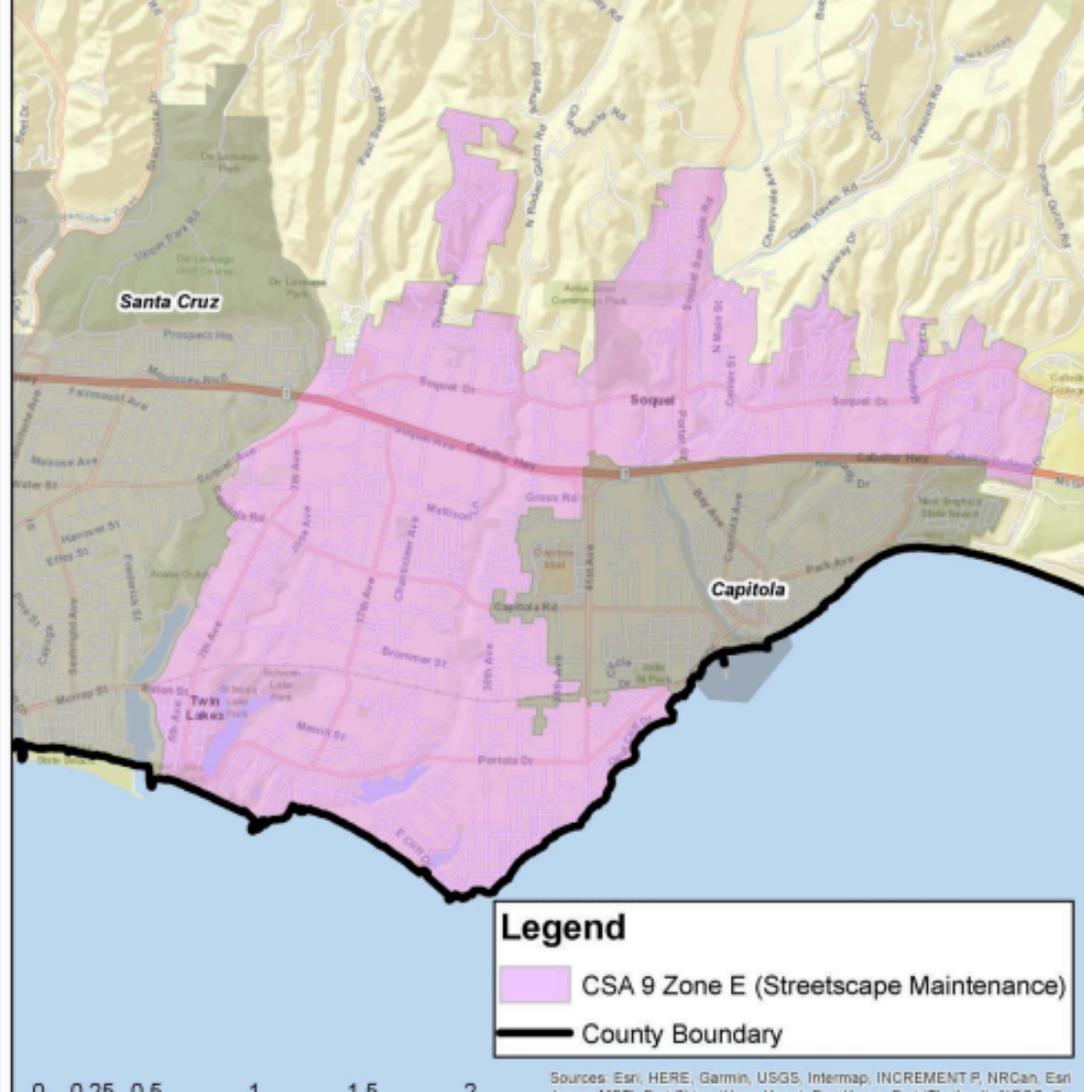
County Service Area 9E (CSA 9E)

- What is a CSA?
- About CSA 9E
- Assessment Fees 1997-2023
- Proposed New Assessment Fees
- New Services
- Steps in the Election Process



About CSA 9E

- Formed in 1991 to provide streetscape maintenance services in the former Live Oak/Soquel Redevelopment Project Area.
- Includes 1,600 street trees
- Funded by an assessment fee paid by residents.



What is a CSA?

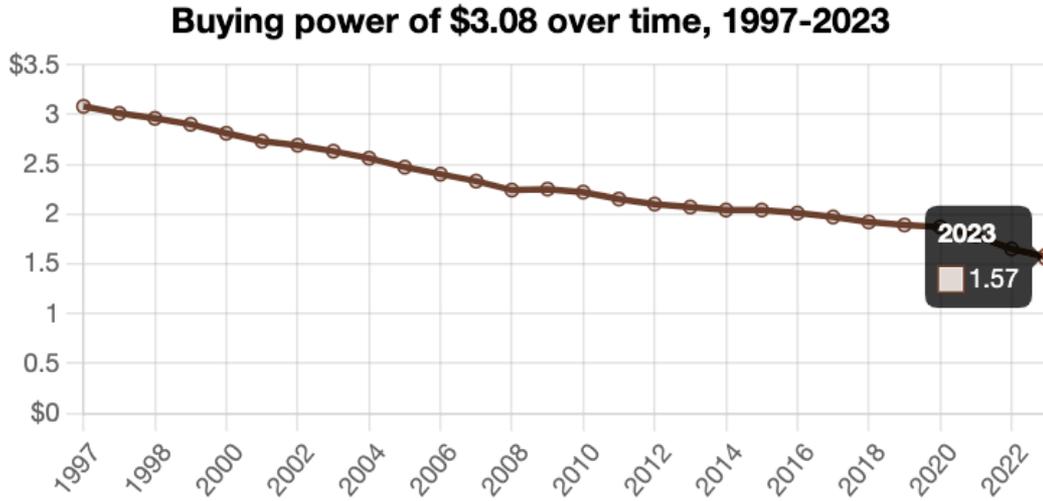
County Service Areas (CSAs) can be formed by residents who wish to pay for extra services that are not provided by their local government.

- There are 36 private road CSAS
- Sanitation CSAs
- CSA 48 - County Fire for rural, unincorporated areas
- CSA 3 - Road median maintenance, beach access maintenance, patrol and litter control services for Aptos Seascap



Buying Power

A cumulative price increase of **88.06%**. A dollar now only buys **53%** of what it could back then.



Assessment Fees 1997-2023

Parcel	Number of Parcels	Total Assessments	FY 2022-23 Amount
Single-Family	6,217	\$19,145	\$3.08
Multi-Family	3,634	\$17,161	\$1.85
Commercial	690	\$2,711	\$3.08
Lot/Vacant	144	\$2.43	\$1.54
TOTAL	10,685	\$39,260	

Proposed New Assessment

Parcel	Number of Parcels	Total Assessments	Proposed Amount
Single-Family	6,217	\$62,159	\$10
Multi-Family	3,634	\$46,381	\$5
Commercial	690	\$8,802	\$10.00
Lot/Vacant	144	\$8	\$5.00
TOTAL	10,685	\$117,350	

Steps in the Election Process

1. Prepare the Engineer's Report, ballots and residential mailing list: est. cost \$40,000.
2. Board of Supervisors approves the Engineer's Report and initiates election.
3. Ballots are mailed.
4. Public Hearing
5. Returned ballots are counted, Board of Supervisors Certifies the vote.
6. Implement new assessments the following fiscal year.



County Housing Element 2023

Table 1: 5 th Cycle RHNA Progress			
Income Level	5 th Cycle RHNA	Units Permitted	Percent
<i>Very Low</i>	317	187	59%
<i>Low</i>	207	192	93%
<i>Moderate</i>	240	296	123%
<i>Above Moderate</i>	550	367	67%
Total	1,314	1,042	79%



- 5th Cycle progress 1,042 units built of 1,314 planned (79%)
- 6th Cycle RHNA Goal 4,634 units (3.5x)
- **Why?** In the last 10 years wages have increased 40%, the price of housing 117%
- 74% of 5th cycle housing built by the private sector

County Housing Element – Next Steps

- Citizen Panel Meeting Apr 12th – May 11th
- May 15th – Public Meeting, Aptos Village Park
- May 31st – Public Meeting, Virtual
- June 28th – Public Meeting, Watsonville Civic Plaza
- Balancing Act tool available **now!**
- HE Administrative Draft will be public 30 days before submission
- Receive Updates, Submit Comments: <https://www.sccoplanning.com/PlanningHome/Housing/2023HousingElement.aspx>



Kaiser Update

- Kaiser is not pursuing permits for a Live Oak facility.
- Kaiser focusing on expanding its existing clinics.
- Site on Soquel Ave remains zoned for 100 units of housing.
- Retained by current property owner.

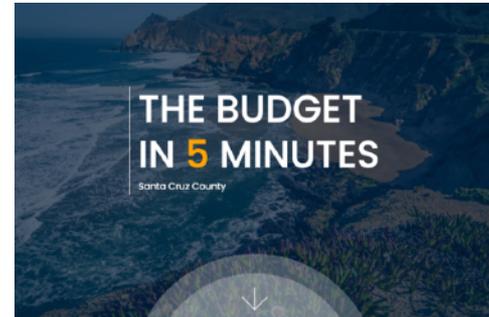
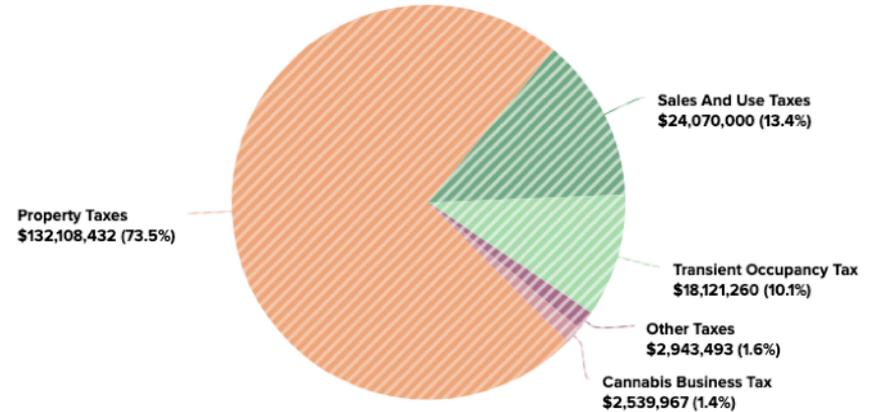


County Budget Snapshot

- \$1.1 billion budget but only \$180 million in General Purpose Revenues. For example:
 - Health and Human Services \$434 million budget - \$38 million in County contributions
 - Land Use and Community Development \$298 million - \$32 million in County contributions
- Notable investments include saving Watsonville Hospital, Childrens' Crisis Center, South County Government Center, Highway 1, Rail Trail
- \$12 million in salary and benefit increases
- Anticipate collecting \$14.5 million of \$67 million in outstanding (FEMA) reimbursements.
- Reserves are stretched

Broken down by
Taxes ▼ General Fund

Visualization



Questions?



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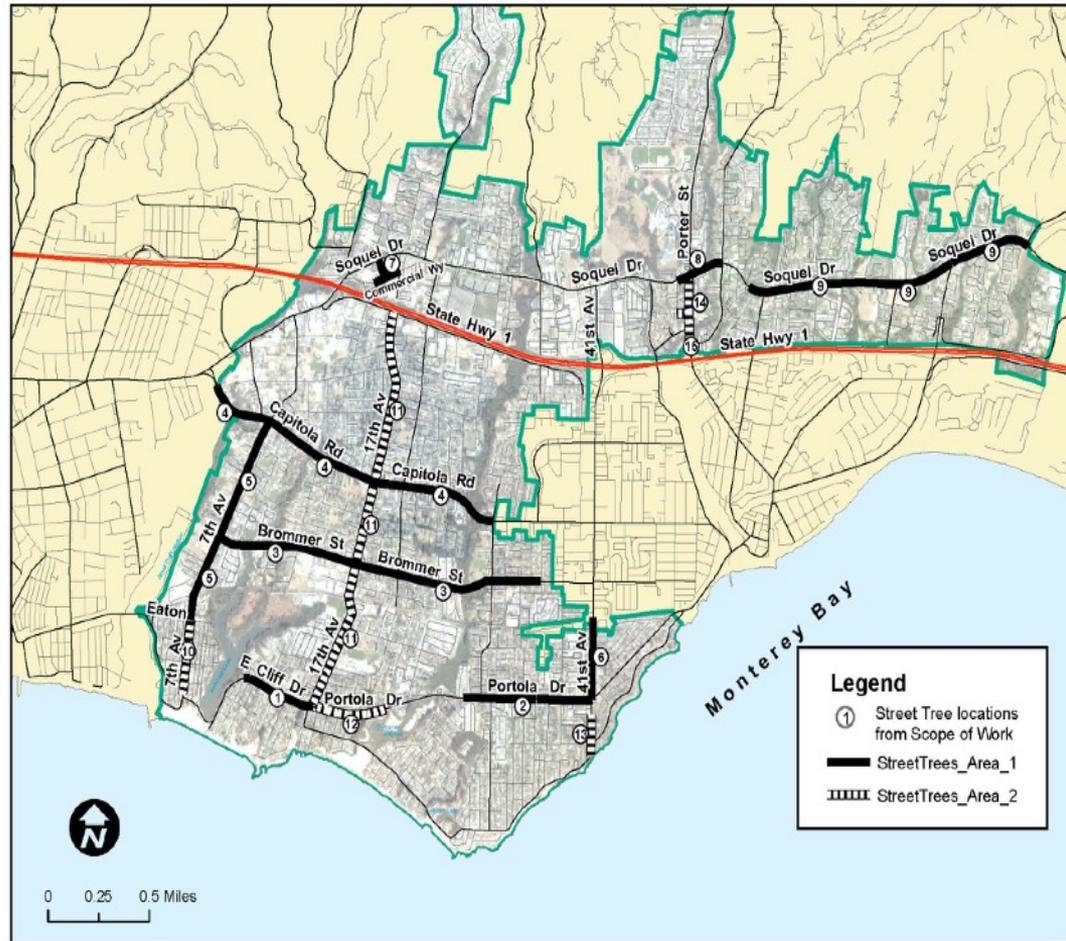
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Thank You!

Aux Slides

CSA 9E New Service

- AREA 1:** Maintenance Service every other month:
- AREA 2:** Maintenance Service every quarter:
- ON CALL SERVICES:** through the CSA9E bounders' for emergency work within the roadway:
- *Landscaping** - Area 1, Area 2, and On Call Services. Service frequency will be dependent on assessment funding. In Area 1, twice a month to monthly. In Area 2, monthly to quarterly services.
- **Sidewalks Repair** - Many of the sidewalks within the 9E boundary require repair.
- ***Tree Maintenance**- Trimming on a 2-to-5-year rotating schedule.



HWY 1 Ground Breaking



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Figure 1 - Phase 1 Project includes auxiliary lanes and a bus on shoulder facility in both directions of Highway 1 (41st Avenue to Soquel Drive), retaining walls, soundwalls, and a new bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing at Chanticleer Avenue

- Phase 1 - *Started!*
- Phase 2 - Summer/Fall
- Phase 3 - \$30 million federal “mega grant” secured, EIR in progress, will hear about SBI grant by June.

East Cliff Construction



- Entire project (sewer collector and paving) currently scheduled for completion by mid-December. Paving and striping could be delayed until Spring 2024 by rain.

Rail Trail Update

- RTC will vote on Segments 8 & 9 EIR on Thursday, May 4th
- Segment 9 (San Lorenzo - 17th Ave) trail next to rail road tracks would require the removal of approximately 400 trees. Compare to 70 removed recently on Highway 1.
- Permits required by Coastal Commission, State Water Resources Control Board and State Fish and Wildlife.
- TIRCP state grant announcements expected by June.
- Segment 12 (Aptos Village) virtual open house May 2nd, Public Hearing May 4th.
- Segment 10 & 11 Draft EIR October
- Construction expected no sooner than Fall '24

