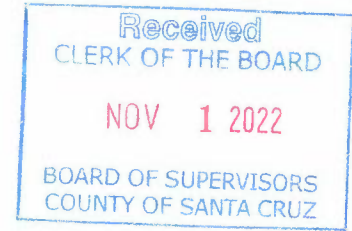


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**CITY OF SANTA CRUZ**

**Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 and 9 Project  
NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD**

**Project Title:** Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 and 9 Project

**Project Location/Address:** The Project alignment extends from the Beach Street/Pacific Avenue roundabout within the City limits on the west to the eastern side of 17th Avenue in the unincorporated Live Oak area of the County on the east.

**Project Description:** The City of Santa Cruz, as Lead Agency, in coordination with the County of Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 and 9 Project.

The Project is a 2.2-mile bicycle and pedestrian system proposed to extend along the Santa Cruz Branch Line rail corridor from the Beach Street/Pacific Avenue roundabout on the west to the eastern side of 17th Avenue on the east, excluding the recently constructed San Lorenzo River Trestle Bridge Improvements, see project map below. Segment 8 (0.6 mile) is composed of improvements to the existing on-street bicycle system (cycle track) and pedestrian sidewalk. Segment 9 (1.6 miles) is composed of a new multi-use bicycle and pedestrian trail. For Segment 9, the EIR evaluates the *Proposed Project: Trail Next to Rail (Ultimate Trail Configuration)*, as well as an *Optional First Phase: Trail on the Rail line (Interim Trail)* whereby the railroad tracks would be removed and the trail would be located on the rail bed, at an equal level of detail.

The goals of this project are to increase the numbers of people biking and walking, improve safety and mobility of non-motorized users, and provide high-quality connections to schools, parks, and community facilities.

When constructed, this project will be part of the planned 32-mile Coastal Rail Trail that traverses the entire coastline of Santa Cruz County. A part of the Segment 8 project, the San Lorenzo River Trestle Trail widening, was accelerated ahead of the rest of the segment and was completed in May 2019.

For more information about the project, please visit the project webpage via link <https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/coastalrailtrail>.

**Potential Environmental Impacts:** The DEIR provides an evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and recommends mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level where possible. As known at the time of this notice, anticipated significant and unavoidable impacts potentially not mitigable to a level below significance include effects to aesthetic quality (scenery), monarch butterfly habitat, and movement and migration of wildlife resulting from tree removal. Additional environmental effects anticipated include impacts to sensitive habitat (including that of Santa Cruz tarplant, and sensitive bird, bat, fish and wildlife species); cultural resources, including to the historic Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (SCBRL)

