City of Santa Cruz

Notice of Completion and Availability of Draft EIR

A draft EIR for the following project has been completed.

Project Title: Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 and 9

<u>Project Location</u>: 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 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. 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.

Public Review Period (45 days): September 23, 2022, through November 4, 2022

<u>Lead Agency</u>: City of Santa Cruz

Department/Division: Public Works Department

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<u>Public Review Period</u>: Comments on the Draft EIR should be submitted in writing to Nathan Nguyen at the address above by 5:00 PM on November 4, 2022. Comments may also be emailed to nnguyen@cityofsantacruz.com.

<u>Public Meeting</u>: A public meeting will be held on October 19, 2022, 5:00-7:30 PM, at need location to provide a project overview and accept written or verbal comments on the Draft EIR.

Address Where Copy of Draft EIR is Available:

A copy of the Draft EIR may be reviewed at the Public Works Department at the address above, the Downtown Library (224 Church Street), or online at: www.cityofsantacruz.com.