

THE COASTAL RAIL TRAIL

IMAGINE IT –

AN EASY (NO HILLS),
SAFE (NO CARS),
BEAUTIFUL (OCEAN VIEWS)
WAY TO WALK AND BIKE
AROUND THE COUNTY.

DAVENPORT

SANTA CRUZ

LIVE OAK

CAPITOLA



APTOS

WATSONVILLE

**YOU'VE IMAGINED THE COASTAL RAIL TRAIL.
YOU CAN HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

WHAT IS IT?

The Coastal Rail Trail is a 32-mile paved bike and pedestrian path along the rail line that will span the length of the county from Davenport to Watsonville. Think of it as a road without cars, with enough room for people biking and walking in both directions. It will serve as the spine of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network, which will add another 18 miles of trails – to get you to even more places!

WHY BUILD IT?

The Coastal Rail Trail will provide a safe, easy way for people of all ages to get around our county. The trail runs within one mile of 44 schools, 92 parks and half of our county's population. It will be used by locals and visitors alike – and reduce automobile use, congestion and air pollution, and provide another way to get to parks, schools, and businesses.

WHO WILL BUILD IT?

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is the owner and lead agency for the Coastal Rail Trail project. The cities of Watsonville and Santa Cruz are constructing the first segments and RTC is seeking a federal grant to build the trail from Wilder Ranch to Coast Dairies.

WHEN WILL IT BE BUILT?

The first two segments, in Watsonville and Santa Cruz, have been funded and are being designed now. They are scheduled to be completed by 2017. Future segments will be completed as funding is available. Our goal is to have most of the trail built by 2025.

HOW'S IT GOING TO BE PAID FOR?

By a variety of means: private donations, state and federal grants, and perhaps a local tax measure. The total project is estimated to cost \$127 million – roughly what is already spent every year on transportation projects in Santa Cruz County.

WHAT IS THE LAND TRUST'S ROLE?

The Land Trust is taking the lead in raising private funds to match government grants. In 2014 we committed \$3.25 million as matching funds – more than 95% of the private funds pledged to the project. The latest grant request submitted by RTC is to build six miles of the trail from Wilder Ranch to Coast Dairies, as shown on this map. We will know by June if this federal grant is awarded. If it is, this will mean that a quarter of the 32-mile rail trail will have already been funded.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- ✓ Tell your elected representatives you support construction of the Coastal Rail Trail.
- ✓ Donate funds to match government grants to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County.

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