

Moss Beach

MIDCOAST MULTI-MODAL TRAIL: CARLOS STREET GAP CLOSURE PROJECT

SAN MATEO COUNTY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
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Proposed Project for SMCTA Cycle 8

- Multi-Modal Trail segment in Moss Beach
 - Carlos Street from State Route 1 to Etheldore Street
 - Class 1 Bicycle and Pedestrian Path (2,400 linear feet)
 - Roadway widening to meet Fire standards
 - Additional features – marked crosswalks, curb ramps, signage, drainage
- Cycle 8 Request
 - Environmental Phase
 - Plans, Specifications and Estimates Phase

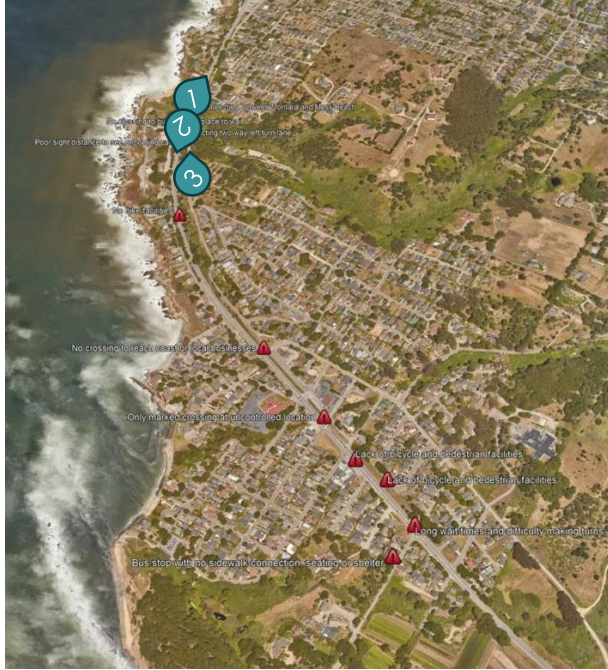
Location

- Unincorporated Moss Beach
 - Coastal community, south of Pacifica and north of Half Moon Bay
- Destinations
 - Point Montara Lighthouse, Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, coastal trail, beaches
 - Central Moss Beach with businesses, local park, post office, Sheriff station
- 3,200 residents + visitors
 - Forthcoming housing in the area on Carlos St and Cypress Avenue





Transportation Challenges



Midcoast Multi-modal Trail

- 6-mile bicycle and pedestrian commuter trail
- Montara south to Miramar, where it will connect with the Naomi Patridge Trail in Half Moon Bay
- Access to neighboring communities, town centers, schools, and recreational destinations without having to travel on the highway

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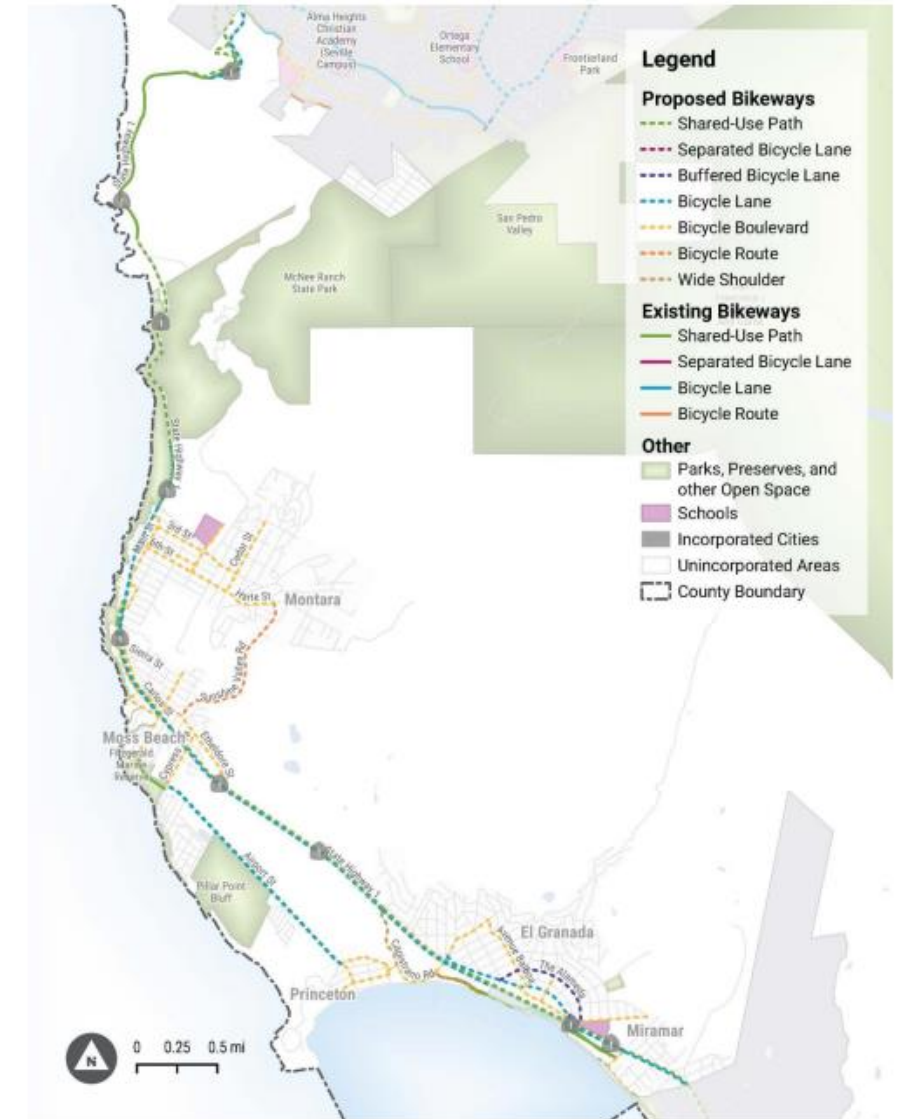


Figure 15: Proposed Bicycle Network – El Granada, Miramar, Montara, Moss Beach, Princeton

History

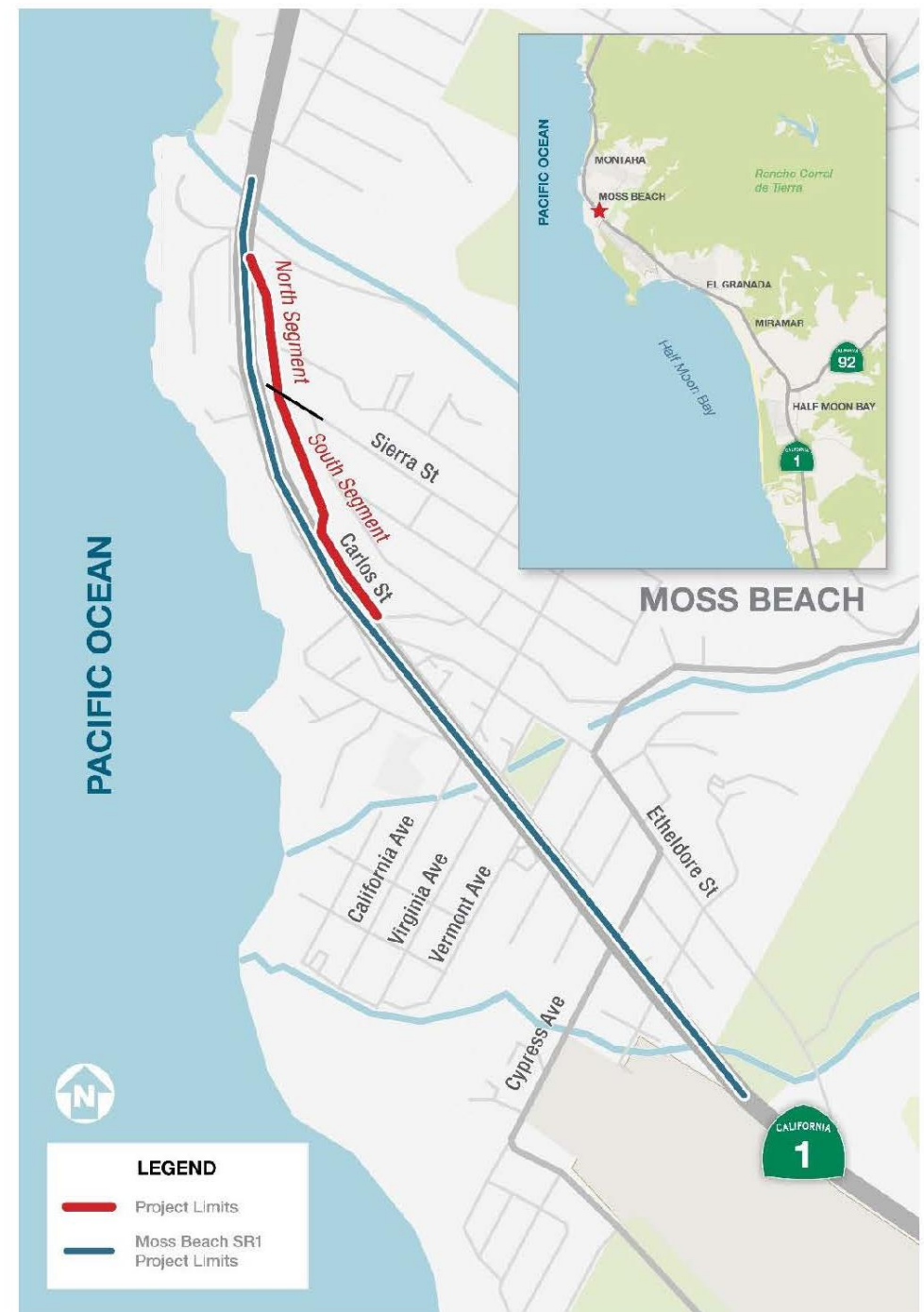
Year	Plan
1978	Montara Moss Beach El Granada Community Plan “Construct a bicycle path along the Coast Highway...”
2004	Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan “Route 1 pedestrian/bike trail from Montara through Half Moon Bay”
2009 – 2012	Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Studies , “Parallel Trail”
2012	Local Coastal Program “Policy 2.50 Improvements for Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails” (last update 2021)
2017	Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Plan “Project SM-1-C05 Class 1 Path”
2019	Ohlone Portola Heritage Trail Feasibility Study “Project 23 – use preferred alignment of Midcoast Multimodal Trail”
2021	C/CAG San Mateo County Comprehensive County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan “Project 53.01”
2021	Unincorporated San Mateo County Active Transportation Plan “Coastside Moss Beach State Hwy 1 Class 1 Path”
2022	Connect the Coastside “Project Pe2 – Multimodal Parallel Trail,” early implementation action
2023	MTC Regional Active Transportation Plan “Project CA081 ”

Miramar Trail Segment (2014 to 2022)

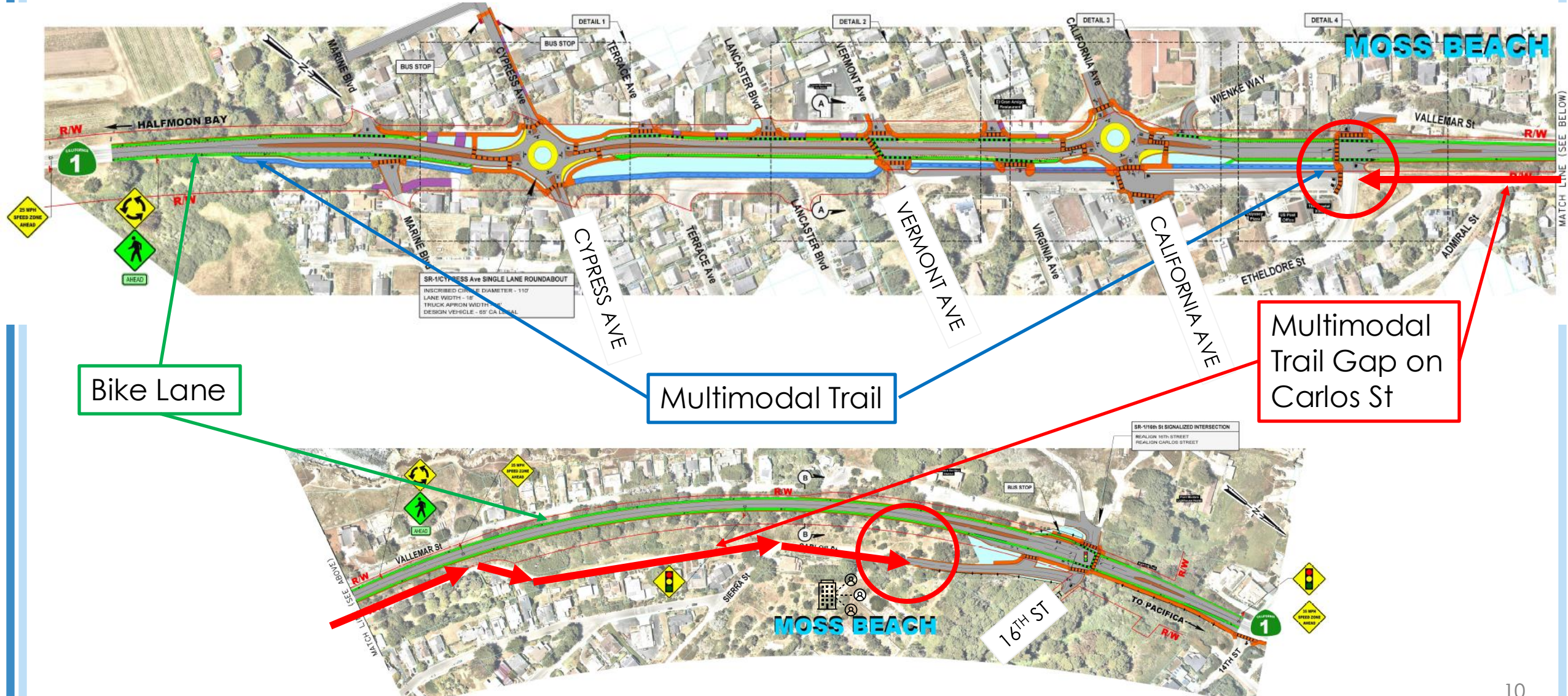


Moss Beach - Carlos Street Segment

- Trail alignment in County right of way
- Access for future residents of Cypress Point Affordable Housing Community (71 units, farmworker and live/work units)
- Completes gap in Moss Beach Project where Trail is outside of Caltrans right of way
- Advancing Carlos St segment concept now may help align project schedules



Moss Beach SR 1 Project (2021, ongoing)



This project is made possible by local transportation sales tax dollars provided by the San Mateo County Transportation Authority

Carlos St Project Feasibility Study (2025)

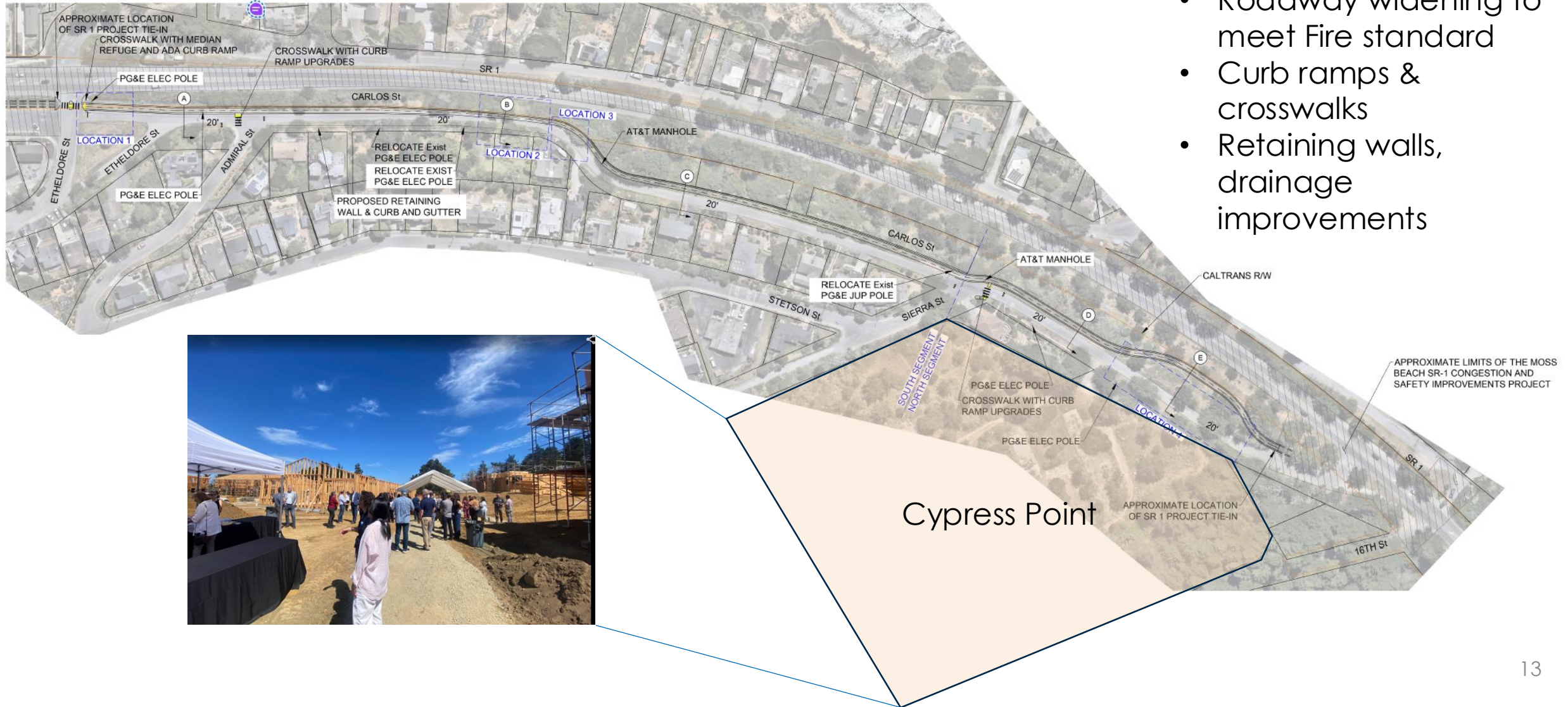
- Technical Assistance from Metropolitan Transportation Commission via OBAG 3 funds
- Identified challenges to support scoping of next phases
 - Topography
 - Proximity to Caltrans right of way
 - Private resident yard encroachments into County right of way
 - Utilities
 - Environmental
 - Fire access and roadway width
 - Drainage
 - Sight distance
- Potential build alternatives
 - Asphalt 5' pedestrian path and Class 3 shared bikeway, no roadway widening
 - 8-10' Class 1 path with roadway widening

[Link to Study: smcgov.org/media/158507/download?inline=](https://smcgov.org/media/158507/download?inline=)

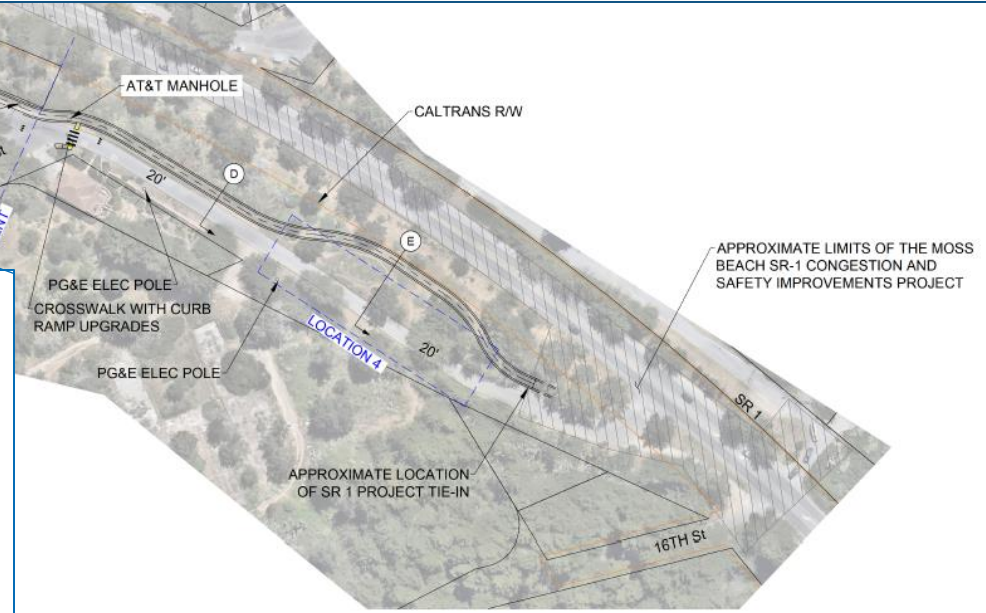
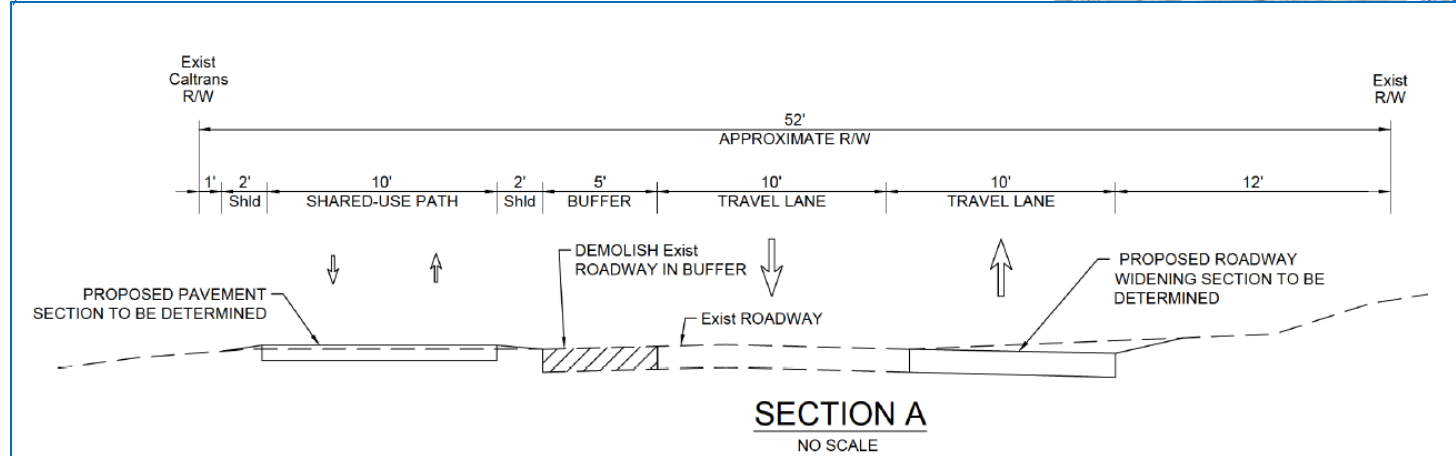
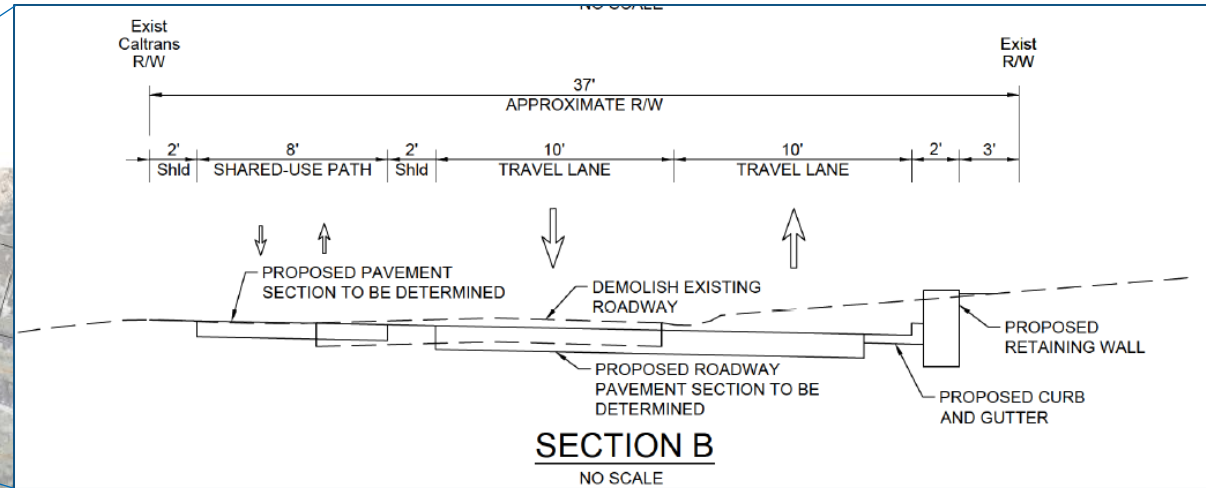
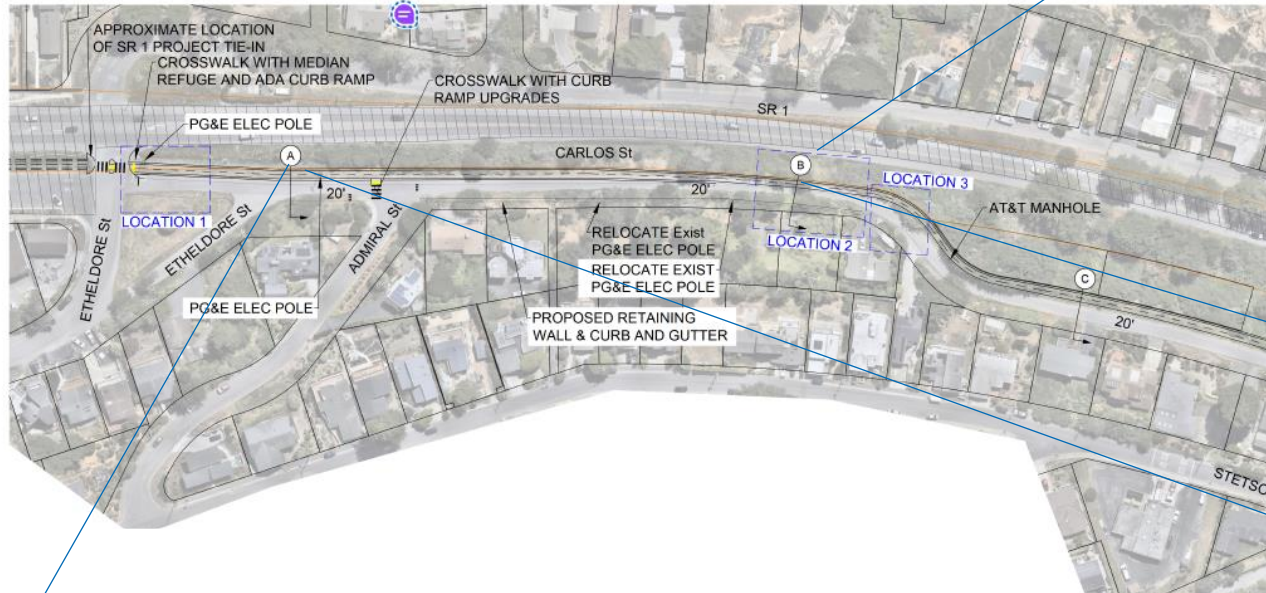


Class 1 Path + Roadway Widening

- Class 1 Path – 8-10' wide w/ shoulders
- Roadway widening to meet Fire standard
- Curb ramps & crosswalks
- Retaining walls, drainage improvements



Class 1 Path + Roadway Widening



Requested SMC BPAC Action

- Provide a letter of support for County's application to the SMCTA Cycle 8 Bicycle and Pedestrian Call for Projects for the Midcoast Multi-Modal Trail – Carlos Street Gap Closure Project

Thank you!

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To learn more about this project, please visit:

<https://www.smcgov.org/planning/midcoast-multimodal-trail-project>

To learn more about the Moss Beach Project, please visit:

www.smcgov.org/planning/Moss-Beach-SR-1