

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
**Notice of Intent to
Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration**

The City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department is preparing to issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration of environmental impact for the following proposed project:

Project: Rail Trail Segment 7 (Phase I)

Project Location: The Project site is located along an existing rail line within the City of Santa Cruz limits, from Natural Bridges Drive on the west to the intersection of California Street and Bay Street on the east.

Applicant: City of Santa Cruz

Applicant Address: City of Santa Cruz, Public Works Department, 809 Center Street, Room 201, Santa Cruz, California 95060

Project Description: The Project is a 1.36-mile paved bicycle/pedestrian trail along an existing rail line within the City from Natural Bridges Drive on the west, near Moore Creek, to the intersection of California Street and Bay Street on the east, near La Barranca Park. The Project alignment would create a paved pedestrian and bicycle path that would run parallel to the existing rail. A second phase of the trail is planned as part of a later project. Trails within the Project alignment would be approximately 12-16 feet wide. The edge of the alignment would range from 8.5 feet (in constrained areas) to a maximum of 45 feet from the rail centerline. The Project is the central portion of Segment 7, one of 20 segments within the proposed 32-mile Coastal Rail Trail alignment and the broader Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST Network). This is the first phase of development of Segment 7, and is described as Phase I.

Significant Effects on the Environment: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Noise, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Utilities/Service Systems, Mandatory Findings of Significance.

The City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that the project, with mitigation measures as conditions of project approval, will not have a significant effect on the environment.

A copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration document may be reviewed on (1) the City's Planning and Community Development Department web page at <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-departments/planning-and-community-development-2/environmental-documents> or (2) may be reviewed or obtained at:

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Comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration should be in writing to Nathan Nguyen at the address listed above or emailed to nnguyen@cityofsantacruz.com from August 14 through September 14, 2017. The City of Santa Cruz Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration following the comment period at its tentatively scheduled meeting on October 5, 2017 at a time to be determined.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Nathan Nguyen at (831) 420-5188.