NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project
November 7, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the proposed Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project.

Project Applicant: Transportation Agency for Monterey County

Project Location: Northwestern Monterey County, traversing sections of the following cities: Monterey, Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, and Marina; as well as unincorporated Monterey County and California State University, Monterey Bay.

Project Description: The FORTAG project would involve the phased construction of a multi-use trail in northwestern Monterey County, generally encircling the cities of Seaside and Marina and the California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) campus. The proposed FORTAG alignment includes approximately 28 miles of new paved trail, primarily on the inland side of State Route 1 (SR 1). The Trail would accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists of all abilities. Within portions of some segments, the proposed alignment would include an adjacent four- to eight-foot side path separated from the main path to accommodate equestrian use. Dogs would be allowed on-leash throughout the system. The estimated number of Trail users would be between 1,000 and 3,000 daily, with the highest usage occurring on the CSUMB campus and near the existing Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail. Most of the Trail would be a 12-foot-wide paved path, with a two-foot-wide unpaved shoulder on both sides, for a total width of 16 feet. The FORTAG corridor is organized into seven segments: Northern Marina, Northern Loop, CSUMB Loop North, CSUMB Loop South, National Monument Loop, Canyon Del Rey/SR 218, and Ryan Ranch.

Significant Effects: The project would result in significant but mitigatable impacts for the following CEQA resource topics: aesthetics, agricultural and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, land use and planning, noise, public safety and services, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire. The EIR did not identify any significant and unavoidable project impacts. Portions of the project corridor include sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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Document Availability: The Draft EIR can be viewed on the TAMC website at https://www.tamcmonterey.org/measure-x/programs-projects/fort-ord-
public review of the Draft EIR will be available for a 57-day public review period from November 7, 2019 until January 3, 2020. TAMC must receive all written comments regarding the adequacy of the EIR, addressed to Rich Deal, Principal Engineer at the address provided above or rich@tamcmonterey.org, within this time period.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A PUBLIC MEETING TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EIR. ATTENDEES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE CONSULTANTS PREPARING THE DRAFT EIR.

Two public meetings to receive public comments on the Draft EIR will be held on:

Thursday, December 12, 2019, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Oldemeyer Center – Blackhorse Room, 986 Hilby Avenue, Seaside

and

Thursday, December 12, 2019, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Marina Branch Library, 190 Seaside Circle, Marina