AGENDA: October 13, 2025

TO: Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

FROM: Max Friedman, Transportation Planner

RE: County of Santa Cruz Soquel San Jose Road/ Porter Street Road

Resurfacing & Multimodal Improvements

RECOMMENDATION

RTC Staff recommends that the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) receive information and provide input on Soquel-San Jose Rd/ Porter St Resurfacing & Multimodal Improvements project and provide input on the draft design.

BACKGROUND

As a condition of receiving funding from the RTC, project sponsors are required to solicit input from the Bicycle Advisory Committee and/or Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&DTAC), as applicable, prior to finalizing the design.

The County of Santa Cruz is in the process of finalizing the design for the Soquel-San Jose Rd/ Porter St Resurfacing & Multimodal Improvements project and will present the draft designs to the committee at this meeting. The County plans to go out to bid on the project in Spring 2026.

DISCUSSION

The Soquel San Jose Road/Porter Street Resurfacing & Multimodal Improvements project will provide pavement maintenance along approximately 3.15 miles of Soquel San Jose Road and 0.18 miles of Porter Street, forming a continuous segment from Soquel Drive to Laurel Glen Road. Work includes isolated digouts and asphalt replacement where rutting has occurred, followed by resurfacing and restriping of the entire roadway. Improvements extend from existing roadway edge to roadway edge and include repaving and restriping existing bike lanes. Multimodal enhancements are also planned in Soquel Village, such as green bike lanes and pedestrian crossing upgrades. Additional details will be provided in the County staff presentation, and the draft plan is included as Attachment 1.

Since 2021, the RTC has approved \$2,955,000 in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds for this project. The balance of the project costs are funded by County funds. This project was initially delayed until after a sanitation project in the area was completed. The county of Santa Cruz may also request an additional \$335,000 balance be shifted to this project that was previously approved for roadway rehabilitation projects that connect Supervisorial District 1 (Soquel Village and surrounding areas) to Highway 17 (without using Highway 1).

Staff recommends that committee members provide input on the draft design to ensure it meets the needs of bicyclists.

SUMMARY

The County of Santa Cruz will present the draft design for the Soquel San Jose Road/Porter Street Resurfacing & Multimodal Improvements project, which includes pavement rehabilitation and multimodal upgrades along a continuous segment from Soquel Drive to Laurel Glen Road. The project, funded by \$2.96 million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds approved by the RTC, is anticipated to go out to bid in Spring 2026. RTC staff recommends that the Bicycle Advisory Committee receive information and provide input on the draft design to ensure it meets the needs of bicyclists.

Attachments:

1. Draft Design

