



Category: MBSST Trail & Corridor Measure D

*2016 Santa Cruz County Transportation Sales Tax
Fiscal Year 2024/25 Highlights*

FY24/25 Measure D Revenue and Expenditure Snapshot

Measure D Allocation	\$4,824,689
Interest earnings & adjustments	\$321,428
Carryover from Prior Years	\$6,611,991
Expenditures	\$4,253,000
Carryover Balance	\$7,505,108

Highlights of Measure D Investments FY24/25*

**See the Expenditure Report for full list of how Measure D was spent this year*

Segment 5

- Description: *Segment 5 (North Coast) of the Coastal Rail Trail (Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail or MBSST) final design and right-of-way (RTC & FHWA-led project)*
- Project Benefits: Off-street bike/pedestrian path between Wilder Ranch and Davenport providing coastal access
- FY24/25 Measure D spent: \$1,914,290
- Total Project Cost: \$57,740,000



Segment 10/11

- Description: *Segment 10/11 (17th Ave to State Park Dr) of the MBSST support for planning, environmental, design, right-of-way, and RTC oversight (**County-led project**)*
- Project Benefits: Off-street bike/pedestrian path connecting neighborhoods in Live

Oak, Capitola, and Seacliff

- FY24/25 Measure D spent: \$682,258
 - Total Project Cost: \$111,700,000
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Coastal Rail Trail oversight and coordination

- Description: *Overall trail planning, legal, stakeholder coordination, and development of future segments/grant applications*
 - Project Benefits: Prepare for future segments of coastal rail trail not already in development, and general overall coordination
 - FY24/25 Measure D spent: \$159,442
 - Total Project Cost: ongoing
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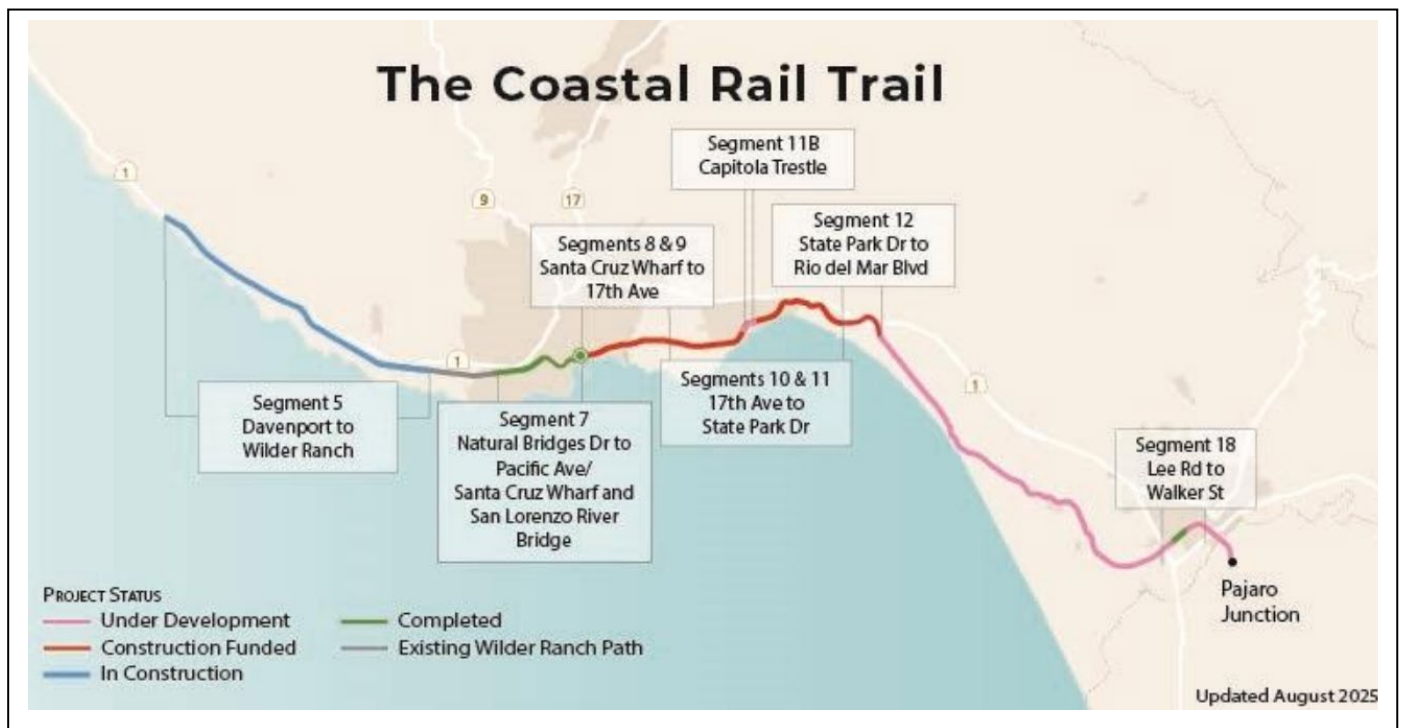
Corridor encroachments & maintenance

- Description: *Ongoing corridor maintenance, including vegetation, tree work, trash, encampments, graffiti, drainage, encroachments, and storm damage repairs, outside of what is required for railroad operations*
- Project Benefits: Maintain corridor for future trail implementation, general property management
- FY24/25 Measure D spent: \$961,326
- Total Project Cost: ongoing



Goat Maintenance on rail line.

MAP OF RAIL TRAIL PROGRESS



Leveraged Funds

Measure D funds have been used to leverage about \$160 million in state Active Transportation Program funds and Federal Lands Access Program funds, and helped to secure about \$5 million in grants from the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and the Coastal Conservancy. \$19.5 million in federal RAISE funds were secured in FY25 for the Segments 8-9, 10-11, and 12 projects. \$30 million in federal MEGA funds have also been secured for the combined Segment 12 + Highway 1 project in Aptos.

Planned Investments for Carryover Balances and Future Funds

RTC adopted its most recent 5-year program of projects (plan) following a public hearing at its November 2025 meeting. The 5-year plan identifies projects RTC plans to spend carryover balances and anticipated future Measure D funds on continuing projects:

- Segment 5 construction and maintenance
- Segment 8/9 final design, construction
- Segment 10/11 final design, right-of-way, and construction
- Segment 12 final design, right-of-way, and construction
- South County Segments MBSST project environmental and design
- Zero Emission Passenger Rail & Trail Project – trail component, preliminary design and environmental
- Ongoing corridor maintenance, encroachments, surveys, storm damage repairs

Additional information about this project is online at:

- The 5-year plan is online at: www.sccrtc.org/MeasureD
- <https://sccrtc.org/projects/trail/monterey-bay-sanctuary-scenic-trail/>
- <https://sccrtc.org/projects/rail/santa-cruz-branch-rail-line/>

Measure D Annual Report Cover Sheet - Fiscal Year 2024/25
RTC Category: MBSST Trail & Corridor

Measure D Financial Information	
FY Formula Allocations	\$4,824,689
Beginning Balance (unspent prior years Measure D Revenues/carryover and Interest)	\$6,611,991
Interest earned in FY (including interest earned on balances carried over from prior years)	\$321,428
Total Measure D Funding Available in FY	\$11,758,108
Total Measure D Funds Spent in FY	\$4,253,000
Total Measure D Balance (Rollover to <u>FY25/26</u>)	\$7,505,108
Measure D Compliance Documents – Check with “x” documents included	
1. Annual Report Cover Sheet <i>(this document)</i>	X
2. FY24/25 Audited Financials for Measure D funds <i>(see “Measure D Audit Guidance” for additional information)</i>	One for all RTC categories
3. Expenditure Report Spreadsheet: List of projects that Measure D formula funds (direct allocations) were spent on.	One for all RTC categories
a. Grouped projects supplemental information	N/A
4. Annual Report Highlights	Attached
5. Map	See Fact Sheets
6. Performance Measures Report Spreadsheet	N/A
7. 5-Year Program of Projects (5-Year Plan)	Attached
8. Ongoing Public Outreach for Projects Using Measure D Funds	
a. Description of Public Outreach Process: RTC regularly provided development and construction updates to the public. Several news articles were written about the projects. Fact sheets and other information on the project are available on the RTC and Caltrans websites. The RTC used a variety of channels to reach the public to inform them of and gather input on the different projects, social media, RTC website, enews, in-person and virtual public meetings and workshops, etc. Signage at construction sites and on public outreach materials also include information that the project was funded by Measure D.	
b. Sample(s) of public outreach on Measure D-funded projects conducted during the reporting year <i>(Attach samples or provide links to outreach. This is not the adoption of your 5-Year Plan)</i> https://www.sccrtc.org/panther-yellowbank-beach-parking-area-to-temporarily-close-for-north-coast-rail-trail-construction/ https://www.sccrtc.org/rtc-to-host-capitola-town-hall-on-rail-and-trail-projects/ https://www.sccrtc.org/coastal-rail-trail-ribbon-cutting-event-scheduled-for-may-21/	

c. Website with Measure D information (per Article III.A.7.)	Web address: https://sccrtc.org/funding-planning/measured/
d. News Article: (Attach a copy of or weblink to at least one news article or press release about Measure D-funded projects in the past fiscal year. News release should inform public that project is funded by Measure D. Per Article III.A.8.) • https://www.santacruzsentinel.com/2025/05/21/photos-ceremony-marks-opening-of-coastal-rail-trail-segment-in-santa-cruz/ • https://lookout.co/carmageddon-chanticleer-overcrossing-close-to-completion-rail-trail-ribbon-cutting-draws-hundreds/story • https://lookout.co/carmageddon-rtc-hosting-two-upcoming-rail-trail-related-info-sessions • https://santacruzlocal.org/2025/02/14/watsonville-rail-trail-options/ • https://santacruzlocal.org/2024/11/22/new-rail-trail-map/	
e. Signage: (Photos of Measure D logo on signs at construction sites and on public education materials/websites.) Signage at Segment 5 construction sites:  	
f. Evidence that the 5-year program of projects adopted at the start of FY24/25, and subsequent decisions programming & budgeting Measure D funds, were approved through a public process. (List webpages/links and dates of decisions or attach staff report, resolutions, public hearing notice, committee meetings, etc) i. Public hearings at RTC meetings: • 11/7/24: FY24/25-28/29 5-year plans ○ News Release: https://www.sccrtc.org/measuredinput/	See web pages

ii. Advisory Committee Review of draft plans: October 2024		
• Bicycle Committee • Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) • Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)		
• Date of 5-Year Plan Public Hearing soliciting input on 5-Year Plan <i>(per Article III.A.4.)</i>	Date: 11/7/24	
• Date annual 5-year Plan approved by Governing Board	Date: 11/7/24	
g. Photos: <i>(Attach before/after and construction photos if available of projects/work done in the reporting year.)</i>	See Highlights Doc	
h. Fact Sheets on larger projects	Attached (for Seg 12, see Highways category; for Seg 13-20, see Rail)	
9. Maintenance of Effort		N/A
10.Planned Use of Fund Balances & Potential Liabilities		
a. Fund Balances, Carryover Projects, and Description of planned, longer-term and future uses of Measure D revenues, if known.		
• North Coast Segment 5, Wilder Ranch-Davenport: In coordination with the RTC, Federal Highway Administration Central Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA-CFLHD) continued development of the 7.5-mile coastal rail trail from Davenport to Wilder Ranch State Park. In FY2024/25, FHWA continued with construction work. • Segment 7, Phase 2, Santa Cruz Construction: The City of Santa Cruz finished construction of Phase 2, from Bay Street/California Avenue to the Santa Cruz Wharf in FY2024/25. • Segments 8 & 9, Santa Cruz-Live Oak: In FY2024/25, the City of Santa Cruz continued with final design. • Segments 10 & 11, Live Oak to Seacliff/Aptos: In FY2024/25, the County of Santa Cruz continued with final design. • Segment 12, Aptos/Rio del Mar: The RTC continued right of way work and began final design of Segment 12 of the Coastal Rail Trail between State Park Drive and Rio Del Mar Blvd. as part of the Highway 1 Freedom-State Park Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder project, which is being implemented in partnership with Caltrans. This section of trail includes bicycle/pedestrian bridges over Highway 1 and Soquel Drive. • Segments 13-20, Watsonville: The City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, and RTC analyzed design options for future sections of trail, including the remainder of Segment 18, as part of the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail project. This project did not use Measure D – MBSST funds in FY2024/25.		
b. Future Liabilities: <i>(Describe possible liabilities, including information on how future costs for projects not yet completed are anticipated to be funded.)</i>		
• The MBSST Network is being implemented and constructed as funding becomes available. As noted in the 2023 Strategic Implementation Plan,		

Measure D funds are being focused on pre-construction activities and to serve as match to make projects more competitive for grants.

- RTC and partners were awarded additional state and federal grants to fund Coastal Rail Trail projects along segments 8-12. RTC continues to seek grants for Segments 13-20.
- While environmental review and conceptual designs for the Zero Emission Passenger Rail & Trail Project have been initiated using Measure D, potential future transit service and construction would be funded by other sources, as described in the Business Plan, developed in 2021, for the locally-preferred electric rail alternative.

Required Attachments:

- ☐ Measure D Audited Financial Statement
- ☐ Expenditure Report (spreadsheet)
 - ☐ Details for grouped projects, if applicable and not provided above (e.g. location/limits, summary of work done, schedule)
- ☐ Measure D Annual Report Highlights
- ☐ Map(s) of Measure D-funded projects
- ☐ Measure D 5-Year Program of Projects
- ☐ Evidence of public outreach/process for Measure D expenditures (e.g. notices, news releases, board resolutions/staff reports, etc. Links to documents okay.)
 - ☐ News Article or News Release about projects funded by Measure D
 - ☐ Signage photos
- ☐ Photos of project locations (before/after)
- ☐ Fact Sheets for major projects

https://rtcsc.sharepoint.com/sites/programming/Shared Documents/MeasureD/Fiscal/ExpenditureReports/FY2025ExpenditureReports/RTC/3C_Cover Sheet-MBSST.docx

MEASURE D EXPENDITURE REPORT*

*See 5-year Program of Projects (5-Year Plan) for a full list future planned use of funds

Reporting Year **FY24/25**

Recipient Agency/Investment Category **SCCRTC-Active Transportation/MBSST Rail Trail**

#	Project Name	Project Description/Location				FY24/25 Measure D Expenditures	Measure D TOTAL SPENT through reporting year	Estimated Future Year(s) Measure D Expenditures	Leveraged Funds, if any		Total Project Cost
		Project Description (may include additional project components, ex. complete streets, traffic calming, crossing improvements, drainage upgrades, etc.)	Location/Limits (if grouped project, list each location/limit)	Work Done in FY	Construction or Implementation schedule				Leveraged Fund Amounts (grants & other funds where Meas. D used as match)	Leveraged Fund Source(s) Name(s)	
1	North Coast Segment 5	EIR & design consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW; RTC project mgmt, oversight, outreach and technical assistance	Wilder Ranch to Davenport	Continuation of construction; design work for ped bridge	Trail construction completion late 2026	\$1,914,289.83	\$8,744,258.47	\$5,169,367.00	\$47.75M	FLAP, Land Trust, RSTPX, Coastal Conservancy	\$57.74M
2	Segment 7: Natural Bridges to Bay/California (Phase I), Bay/California to Wharf (Phase II) - City of Santa Cruz (SC) lead	Allocation to City of Santa Cruz for Segment 7 trail construction	Phase I: Santa Cruz Rail Corridor: Natural Bridges to Bay/California, city of Santa Cruz	Phase 2 continued construction	Completed	\$435,089.00	\$3,165,836.23	\$519,253.00	\$9.18M	Active Transportation Program (ATP)	Ph 1: \$9M Ph 2: \$11M
3	Segment 7: Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	Natural Bridges Dr to Wharf, City of Santa Cruz	Ongoing coordination and assistance. Including legal, signage, EHS.		\$27,407.85	\$354,169.99		na	na	na
5	Segment 8/9: Pacific Ave to 17th Ave	Allocation to City of Santa Cruz for planning, environmental review, design, and right of way. City led project.	Pacific Ave to 17th Ave	Intermediate/final design	Start construction 2027	\$0.00		\$4,880,646.00	\$43.9M	ATP, Land Trust, RAISE	\$58.3M
6	Segment 8/9: Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	Pacific Ave to 17th Ave	Ongoing coordination and assistance	Duration of project delivery	\$37,540.83	\$241,954.80	\$151,000.00	na	na	na
7	Trail maintenance and operations in Santa Cruz	Ongoing maintenance. Includes restriping, sweeping, vegetation management, mitigations, and periodic repaving.	Sections of trail in city of Santa Cruz	Maintenance	ongoing	\$12,929.62	\$50,069.15	Approx. \$50k/year	na	city funds	ongoing
8	Segment 10-11: Segment 10 (17th-47th/Jade St. park), Seg 11 (Monterey to St. Park Dr)	Allocation to County DPW for planning, environmental review, design, and right of way. County led project.	17th Ave - 47th Ave, Monterey Ave to State Park Drive	Final design	Start construction 2027	\$545,151.00	\$3,894,266.89	\$13,461,856.00	\$76.0M	ATP, RAISE	\$111.7M
9	Segment 10-11: Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project mgmt, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	17th Ave - 47th Ave, Monterey Ave to State Park Drive	Ongoing coordination and assistance	Duration of project delivery	\$137,107.10	\$447,487.35	\$225,683.00	na	na	na
10	Capitola Trail: City Hall to Monterey Ave Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	Adjacent to Rail Line - City Hall to Monterey Ave	Review of final design		\$702.00	\$2,376.45		na	na	na
11	Segment 12: State Park Drive to Rio Del Mar Boulevard	Design, right-of-way, and matching funds for construction grants. Assumes work associated with bridges over Highway 1 to be implemented with the Hwy 1 Freedom-State Park project and paid out of Measure D-Highway.	State Park Dr to Rio Del Mar Bl	Right of way, final design	Start construction summer 2027	\$9,459.00	\$3,204,460.55		Part of Hwy 1 Freedom-State Park project	Part of Hwy 1 Freedom-State Park project	Part of Hwy 1 Freedom-State Park project
13	Segment 18: Maintenance	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW). Ongoing maintenance of built section.	Lee Road to Walker, Watsonville	Maintenance	ongoing	\$12,553.69	\$129,386.73		na	na	na
14	Ongoing oversight, coordination, and assistance, including on development of future trail sections	Includes RTC staff and consultants work related to overall trail planning, surveys, soil investigations, Environmental Health (EHS), legal, stakeholder coordination, response to public comments, and development of future projects/grant applications	Rail line - entire length	Ongoing coordination and assistance	ongoing	\$159,442.37	\$1,652,490.45	\$170k-240k/year	na	na	na
15	Corridor encroachments & maintenance	Ongoing corridor maintenance, including vegetation, tree removal, trash, encampments, graffiti, drainage, encroachments, storm damage repairs outside of what is required for railroad operations. Includes RTC staff time and contracts.	Rail line - entire length	See Project Description	ongoing	\$961,325.87	\$4,881,989.15	\$1.2M-\$2M/year	na	na	na
						\$4,252,998.16					

MEASURE D EXPENDITURE REPORT

#	Project Name	Consistency with 5-year plan		Stats - if applicable				Other
		Project in approved 5-year plan?	If not in 5-year plan or different amount or scope, why different?	New Bike Lane Miles	New Ped Path or Sidewalk Miles	Miles of pavement rehab/repair (pothole, seals, etc)	If Complete Streets not incorporated into project, why not?	Other Notes or Information (optional)
1	North Coast Segment 5	Yes	na	7.1	7.1	na	na	
2	Segment 7: Natural Bridges to Bay/California (Phase I), Bay/California to Wharf (Phase II) - City of Santa Cruz (SC) lead	Yes	na	2	2	na	na	City of Santa Cruz is project lead. With RTC project funding
3	Segment 7: Oversight and technical assistance	Yes	na	na	na	na	na	City of Santa Cruz is project lead
5	Segment 8/9: Pacific Ave to 17th Ave	Yes	na	2.2	2.2	na	na	City of Santa Cruz is project lead. With RTC project funding
6	Segment 8/9: Oversight and technical assistance	Yes	na	na	na	na	na	City of Santa Cruz is project lead
7	Trail maintenance and operations in Santa Cruz	Yes	na					City of Santa Cruz is project lead
8	Segment 10-11: Segment 10 (17th-47th/Jade St. park), Seg 11 (Monterey to St. Park Dr)	Yes	na	4.5	4.5	na	na	County of Santa Cruz is project lead. With RTC project funding
9	Segment 10-11: Oversight and technical assistance	Yes	na	na	na	na	na	County of Santa Cruz is project lead
10	Capitola Trail: City Hall to Monterey Ave Oversight and technical assistance	Yes	na	0.25	0.25	na	na	City of Capitola is project lead
11	Segment 12: State Park Drive to Rio Del Mar Boulevard	Yes	na	1.25	1.25	na	na	
13	Segment 18: Maintenance	Yes	na	na	na	na	na	City of Watsonville is project lead
14	Ongoing oversight, coordination, and assistance, including on development of future trail sections	Yes	na	na	na	na	na	
15	Corridor encroachments & maintenance	Yes	na	na	na	na	na	Costs associated with encroachments for specific Segments shown in those lines on this report.
				26.62	26.62	0.00		

Measure D: 5-Year Program of Projects (FY24/25-28/29)

Active Transportation/MBSST-Coastal Rail Trail (17% of Measure D Revenues)

ADOPTED: Fall 2024

Previously updated 6/6/19, 12/5/19, 5/7/20, 6/29/20, 9/3/20, 5/6/21, 6/3/21, 8/5/21, 10/7/21, 5/5/22, 11/3/22, 1/12/23, 2/2/23, 3/3/22, 5/4/23, 11/2/23.

	Rail Trail Project/Program	Description	Schedule	FY23/24 Est. Actuals	Prior Years Spent*	Planned ¹					Total Measure D through FY28/29	Future	Proposed Updates
						FY24/25	FY25/26	FY26/27	FY27/28	FY28/29			
1	North Coast Segment 5	Trail development and construction, including EIR & design consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW; RTC project mgmt, oversight, outreach and technical assistance; \$125k for Davenport Crosswalk and \$1.4 million for Yellowbank Crossing	Under construction	\$3,441,005	\$6,806,397	<u>\$939,745</u>	\$731,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,517,142	\$0	Carry over \$935k unspent from FY24. Revised since committee meetings.
2	North Coast Segment 5: trail maintenance and operations	Ongoing maintenance of sections of trail once constructed. Includes restriping, sweeping, vegetation management, mitigations, and periodic repaving.	Start after trail open in FY26/27.	\$0	\$0	\$0	<u>\$37,000</u>	\$224,294	\$232,144	<u>\$301,000</u>	\$794,438	est \$270k/yr+ escalation	Ongoing work, increase by \$190k to cover fifth year.
3	Segment 7: Natural Bridges to Bay/California (Phase 1), Bay/California to Wharf (Ph2), City of Santa Cruz (SC) lead	Allocation to City of Santa Cruz for Segment 7 rail trail	Phase I: 2020; Phase II: 2022-2024	\$1,630,747	\$2,730,747	<u>\$519,253</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,250,000	\$0	Carry over unspent funds from FY24.
4	Seg 8: San Lorenzo River trestle widening, City of Santa Cruz	Allocation to City of SC for widening of existing walkway on the existing railroad bridge over San Lorenzo River near Boardwalk	Completed June 2019	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	
5	Seg 8/9: SC Wharf to 17th Ave., City of SC lead (partnership with County)	Allocation to City of SC: \$2M set aside to serve as match for construction grants; \$370k for additional analysis of interim trail. Joint project with County.	Est. 2026 start construction	\$219,354	\$219,354	<u>\$1,200,000</u>	<u>\$950,646</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,370,000	\$0	Carry over unspent funds from FY24 and partially spread into FY26.
6	RTC Oversight and technical assistance: Segments 7-9	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	Through project completion	\$68,528	\$520,513	<u>\$99,484</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	\$0	\$739,997	\$0	Carry over unspent funds from FY24. Spread later to FY28. Total increase of \$99k for additional coordination
7	Trail maintenance and operations in Santa Cruz	Ongoing maintenance. Includes restriping, sweeping, vegetation management, mitigations, and periodic repaving.	ongoing	\$11,871	\$37,139	<u>\$25,000</u>	\$49,000	\$51,000	\$53,000	<u>\$54,000</u>	\$269,139	TBD	Minor increase of \$7k
9	Segment 10-11: Segment 10 (17th-47th/Jade St. park), Seg 11 (Monterey to St. Park Dr)	Allocation to County DPW for planning, environmental review, design, and right of way and construction. County led project.	PA/ED started 2020	\$1,461,668	\$3,588,060	<u>\$1,424,716</u>	\$2,229,000	\$10,137,908	\$0	\$0	\$17,379,684	\$0	Carry over unspent funds from FY24.
10	Segment 10-11 Oversight and technical assistance	RTC project mgmt, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	Duration of project delivery	\$235,900	\$382,342	<u>\$116,773</u>	\$40,000	\$40,000	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	\$659,115	\$0	Carry over unspent funds from FY24. Total increase of \$14k for ongoing coordination.
11	Capitola Trestle Railroad Bridge Interim Trail analysis	Analysis of feasibility for building a trail on the bridge through Capitola Village and over Soquel Creek.	Completed FY21/22		\$29,256						\$29,256	\$0	
12	Capitola Trail: City Hall to Monterey Ave	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	Construction FY 24/25	\$356	\$2,761	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,761	\$0	

	Rail Trail Project/Program	Description	Schedule	FY23/24 Est. Actuals	Prior Years Spent*	FY24/25	FY25/26	FY26/27	FY27/28	FY28/29	Total Measure D through FY28/29	Future	Proposed Updates
13	Segment 12: State Park Drive to Rio Del Mar Boulevard	Design, right-of-way, and matching funds for construction grants. Assumes work associated with bridges over Highway 1 to be implemented with the Hwy 1 Freedom-State Park project and paid out of Measure D-Highway.	Start construction FY25/26; dependent on grant funding	\$2,000,268	\$3,200,000	<u>\$1,032,800</u>	<u>\$2,964,000</u>	<u>\$1,410,100</u>	\$1,466,000	<u>\$1,466,000</u>	\$11,538,900	<u>\$1,249,500</u>	Carry over \$275k unspent FY24 funds. Spread funds from FY26-FY28 later one to two years.
14	Segment 18 Phase 1: Ohlone to slough trail, City of Watsonville lead	Allocation to City of Watsonville for trail construction.	Completed 2021	\$0	\$150,000						\$150,000	\$0	
15	Segment 18 Phase 2: Lee Road to Ohlone, slough trail to Walker St	RTC pursuing as part of Zero Emission Passenger Rail & Trail Project. Delivery may advance prior to rest of project.	Environmental and preliminary design underway			<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	\$0	\$2,800,000	\$0	\$4,800,000	TBD	Increase of \$2m for environmental and design.
16	Watsonville Trail segments oversight and technical assistance	RTC project management, oversight, outreach and technical assistance (consultants, legal, Environmental Health Services & ROW)	Duration of project delivery	\$368	\$113,073	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	\$0	\$273,073	TBD	Increase of \$126k. <i>Revised since committee meetings.</i>
17	Trail maintenance and operations in Watsonville	Ongoing maintenance. Includes restriping, sweeping, vegetation management, mitigations, and periodic repaving.	ongoing	\$1,586	\$1,586	\$3,500	\$3,600	\$3,700	\$3,800	<u>\$11,000</u>	\$27,186	TBD	
18	Zero Emission Rail Transit & Trail	Project concept report, preliminary engineering and environmental analysis of remaining sections of trail as part of the Electric Rail & Trail project. Includes consultant services, project management and public outreach; match for grants.	Concept report due Spring 2025	\$0	\$0	<u>\$350,000</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	TBD	Carry over unspent funds from FY24.
19	Santa Cruz County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy - Grant match	Match to Wildlife Conservation Board grant for early mitigation planning for transportation projects.	2019-2022	\$0	\$17,622	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,622	\$0	
20	Ongoing oversight, coordination, and assistance, including on development of future trail sections	RTC staff and consultants work related to overall trail planning, soil investigations, Environmental Health (EHS), legal, stakeholder coordination, response to public comments, and development of future projects and grant applications.	ongoing	\$127,452	\$1,369,219	<u>\$133,629</u>	<u>\$140,115</u>	<u>\$147,121</u>	<u>\$154,477</u>	\$0	\$1,944,560	Varies	Decrease of \$402k.
21	Corridor encroachments & maintenance	Ongoing corridor maintenance, including vegetation, tree work, trash, graffiti, drainage, encroachments, boundary surveys, storm damage repairs outside of what is required for railroad operations. Includes RTC staff time and contracts.	ongoing	\$979,296	\$4,101,193	<u>\$2,349,158</u>	<u>\$2,115,218</u>	<u>\$1,278,071</u>	<u>\$1,294,589</u>	<u>\$1,335,549</u>	\$12,473,779	Estimated \$1.4M/yr + escalation	\$753k unspent in FY24 carried over to FY25, for major drainage work throughout corridor. FY26 increase by \$531k for deferred major North Coast drainage and vegetation work. Increased costs in FY27 and FY28 based on estimates. Ongoing work, add funds for fifth year. Total increase of \$1.9m. <i>Revised since committee meetings.</i>
Estimated 5-Year Measure D Expenditures				\$10,178,401	\$23,769,262	\$9,235,058	\$10,339,578	\$13,412,194	\$6,124,010	\$3,207,549	\$66,087,652		

1- Programmed funds may be shifted between years based on actual expenditures/use rates when sufficient cash capacity exists.

*FY23/24 and future amounts will be adjusted based on audited financials

Assumes financing will be required to cover expenditures starting in FY25/26.



Coastal Rail Trail

Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network

Project Description

The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) is a Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) proposed 50-mile bicycle and pedestrian trail project. The spine of the trail network will be the 32-mile Coastal Rail Trail from Davenport to Watsonville, to be built within or adjacent to the RTC-owned rail right-of-way. The remaining miles will be connecting paths, sidewalks, bike lanes, other roadway improvements or unpaved coastal spur trails.

The Coastal Rail Trail promises to be a highly valuable asset to the Santa Cruz County community for transportation, recreation, education, health, eco-tourism, coastal access, economic vitality, and other visitor-serving purposes. It will connect to neighborhoods, schools, parks, transit hubs, commercial and other activity centers. Approximately 18 miles of projects are currently under development or constructed, and 16.5 miles are fully funded. Project delivery includes completing design, engineering and environmental permitting, as well as receiving public input.

Approximately \$135M to date has been secured from state/federal grants and private donations. Additionally, Measure D, the voter-approved transportation sales tax, will allocate approximately \$175M for the trail over 30 years.

Following extensive public outreach, the RTC prepared and adopted an award-winning Master Plan. All local jurisdictions through which the trail will traverse have also adopted the Master Plan as a guide for implementation. The RTC and its partner agencies continue to develop and construct the Coastal Rail Trail.



Project Highlights

- ▶ Half the county population, 92 parks and 44 schools are located within 1 mile of the rail line.
- ▶ Approximately 18 miles of trail are either under development or constructed. Construction of the first project began in 2019.
- ▶ To date, approximately \$135M has been secured from state/federal grants and private donations, and \$52M in Measure D Regional-Active Transportation and Measure D- Neighborhood funds.
- ▶ Measure D will allocate approximately \$175M for the trail over 30 years.
- ▶ 13 miles of projects are advancing from the planning to project development phase as part of the Zero Emission Passenger Rail & Trail project



PROJECT FACT SHEET

Updated October 2025

Coastal Rail Trail Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network



Status of Funded Rail Trail Projects

North Coast: Davenport to Wilder Ranch (Segment 5)

- Project Description:** 7.5 miles along the north coast of Santa Cruz County adjacent to Wilder Ranch and Cotoni Dairies State Parks Trail. Phase I-Wilder Ranch to Panther/Yellowbank Beach. Phase II-Panther/Yellowbank Beach to Davenport including new parking lots in Davenport and at Panther/Yellowbank Beach, improved access to parking lot at Bonny Doon Beach, and a pedestrian crossing in Davenport; Phase III-construction of a pedestrian overpass over Hwy 1 connecting the Coastal Rail Trail on the coastal side to Cotoni Coast Dairies National Monument on the inland side of Hwy 1.
- Project Status:** Preconstruction activities for Phases I & II were completed in 2023. Construction began in 2024. Phase III completed environmental review in 2024. Design is estimated to be completed in 2025, and it is expected to begin construction in 2027.

City of Santa Cruz: Natural Bridges Drive to Pacific Avenue/Santa Cruz Wharf (Segment 7)

- Project Description:** 2.1 miles of the Coastal Rail Trail through neighborhoods on the Westside of the City of Santa Cruz and providing access to businesses and activity centers.
- Project Status:** Phase I (Natural Bridges Drive to California Avenue) was completed in December 2020. Phase II (California Avenue to Pacific Avenue at the Wharf) was completed in May 2025.

City of Santa Cruz/County of Santa Cruz: Boardwalk to 17th Avenue (Segments 8 & 9)

- Project Description:** 2.2 miles of Coastal Rail Trail.
- Project Status:** Phase I (widening of the San Lorenzo River Walkway at the Boardwalk) was completed in May 2019. Phase II preliminary design and engineering were completed in 2023. Final design is scheduled for completion in 2025 and the project is scheduled to go to construction in 2026.

County of Santa Cruz/City of Capitola: 17th Avenue to State Park Drive (Segments 10 & 11)

- Project Description:** 4.7 miles of Coastal Rail Trail.
- Project Status:** Environmental was completed in spring 2025. Final design is scheduled to be completed in 2026 and the project is scheduled to go to construction in 2027.

County of Santa Cruz: State Park Drive to Rio Del Mar Boulevard (Segment 12)

- Project Description:** 1.25 miles of Coastal Rail Trail. This section is being advanced as part of the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder project from State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard.
- Project Status:** Environmental was completed in 2024. The RTC was successful in securing 2024 SB1 Solutions to Congested Corridors and Local Partnership Program competitive funds, which fully funds construction of this project. The project is expected to go to construction as soon as 2026.

City of Watsonville: Lee Road to Walker Street (Segment 18)

- Project Description:** 1.2 miles of Coastal Rail Trail.
- Project Status:** Phase I (Ohlone Parkway to the Watsonville Slough Trail Network trailhead) was completed in summer 2021. Phase II & III of Segment 18 are combined with development of the RTC's Electric Passenger Rail Transit Project.