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PUBLIC INVITED TO MEETING ON RAIL TRAIL DRAFT EIR

Members of the public are invited to attend a meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Segments 10/11 of the Coastal Rail Trail. The meeting will be held Thursday, November 16, with participation available in-person or remotely.

The meeting will be held at the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Room 525, Santa Cruz from 5-7:30 p.m. Remote participation is also available via Zoom, with attendees required to preregister for the meeting at <https://tinyurl.com/Segments1011>. Registration takes approximately one minute, and participants may register up until the end of the meeting.

Segments 10/11 include a 4.5-mile paved multi-use, ADA-accessible trail from 17th Avenue in the west to State Park Drive in the east, generally extending along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. It will provide recreational, active transportation, environmental and cultural education opportunities for a wide variety of users, with connections to 10 schools, 18 parks, 13 public beaches, two community centers, and multiple residential neighborhoods and commercial areas. More information is available at www.santacruzcountyca.gov/RailTrail.

Participants will hear a project overview and have an opportunity to ask questions. This will be followed by a description of the environmental review process and summary of the DEIR. At the end of the meeting, members of the public will be invited to submit comments on the DEIR, with verbal comments limited to two minutes.

Attendees and members of the public may submit additional comments at any time through December 15 by submitting their comment to Rob Tidmore at 979 17th Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 or via email to RailTrail@santacruzcountyca.gov. Meeting participation is NOT required to submit comments.

Copies of the DEIR are available for review Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. (except on holidays,) at the County of Santa Cruz Planning Department's General Information Desk, 701 Ocean St., 4th Floor, Santa Cruz, at the Santa Cruz County Parks Department, 979 17th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Santa Cruz, or at the Capitola and Live Oak Branch Libraries, and online at the project website 24/7.