

## Federal Lands Access Program Proposed Project Summary

### *Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway: Monterey Bay to Fort Ord National Monument*

**Project Description:** The project proposal is to conduct environmental review, design and construction of approximately 4.35 miles segment of 12' paved trail from the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail in Marina to the Jerry Smith Access Corridor. The proposed segment alignment is within the public right-of-way in the City of Marina and the County of Monterey. The project includes compliance with ADA requirements, crosswalk improvements at streets crossings, trailhead signage and parking at the Jerry Smith Access Corridor, and trail amenities such as wayfinding signage and bike racks. The project will provide an active transportation connection between three federally-managed lands: the Fort Ord National Monument, the California Coastal Monuments and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

**Project Cost:** \$5.9 million; \$900,000 local match from the Transportation Development Act 2% program.

**Background:** The Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway is part of a larger effort to connect communities in former Fort Ord to each other and to education, employment, community and recreation centers. FORTAG is a proposed new paved regional active transportation route that will serve as a safe pedestrian and bicycle corridor connecting Seaside, Marina, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey and unincorporated community residents to California State University Monterey Bay, the Fort Ord National Monument and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail.

FORTAG is proposed as a 24.2-mile continuous 12-ft wide paved bicycle and pedestrian trail with an open-space buffer on both sides. FORTAG will connect to 7.5 miles of existing Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail, for a total 31.7 regional trail in the Monterey Peninsula that will connect with the existing and planned active transportation network, and will provide connections to unpaved trails in the Fort Ord National Monument. FORTAG is designed to accommodate people of all ages and abilities, and will have an open space buffer for the majority of the route.

FORTAG is a grassroots project that has achieved a number of milestones. FORTAG is included in the Measure X expenditure plan, with \$20 million allocated to the project. This local funding commitment demonstrates broad support for FORTAG from individual, community organizations and agencies. FORTAG is supported by environmental and active transportation groups such as the Monterey Off-road Cycling Association, Citizens for Sustainable Marina & Seaside, and the Sierra Club; commerce and tourism groups including the Monterey Chamber of Commerce Economic Vitality Committee and the Monterey County Visitor's Bureau; regional government agencies such as the Fort Ord Reuse Authority; recreation interests such as California State Parks, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District and the Audubon Society; and educational institutions such as California State University Monterey Bay and Monterey Peninsula Community College and many more.

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