

## SBCAG STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Interim California Coastal Trail Alignment Study

**MEETING DATE:** November 19, 2020

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4M

**STAFF CONTACT:** Brian Bresolin

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and file Interim California Coastal Alignment Trail Study

**DISCUSSION:**

The California Coastal Trail is a 1,200-mile-long trail running on or near the California coast between Mexico and Oregon approved by California voters in 1972. Only 60 percent of the trail statewide is considered complete and it is nonexistent in Northern Santa Barbara County. The California Coastal Trail is a state-mandated trail system pursuant to the passage of SB 908 in 2001. AB 1396 in 2007 added Section 65080.1 to the Government Code, which mandates that provision for the Coastal Trail be provided in each RTP for those MPO's located along the coast.

The purpose of this study is to identify an interim alignment of the Trail in Northern Santa Barbara County and to explore existing conditions, constraints and potential improvements necessary to create a viable interim solution to a true coastal route. The focus is on publicly accessible routes, and not across private property, such as Hollister Ranch, Dangermond Preserve, or Vandenberg AFB. Identification of a formal interim alignment will allow a focus of resources and inform future infrastructure projects to improve the alignment.

The study was managed by SBCAG staff and performed by the Santa Barbara County Trails Council as SBCAG's consultant. The advisory committee includes representation from local jurisdictions, Santa Barbara County Parks and Public Works, the Coastal Conservancy, Caltrans, and others. Attachments A and B highlight the public process and the identification of a viable interim alternative. Attachment C provides a link to the draft report.

**COMMITTEE REVIEW:**

Public workshops and advisory committee meetings were held in May 2019 in Lompoc and in January 2020 in Buellton. The draft report was presented to the North County Subregional Committee as well as TTAC at its November meeting at which the committee recommended the study be received and filed by the SBCAG Board.

*The above recommended actions are not a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality (CEQA) Act under CEQA Guidelines section 15378.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Coastal Trail Story Map: <https://arcg.is/0v5PTS>
- B. Proposed Interim Coastal Trail: <http://bit.ly/ct-preferred>
- C. Report: <https://bit.ly/ct-preferred-final>

