

CITY OF HALF MOON BAY
NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that City of Half Moon Bay is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 15072) for the following project:

Project: Pacific Coast Bicycle Connectivity North Project

Project Location: The project is located along the east side of State Highway 1 (Pacific Coast Highway) in the northern portion of the City of Half Moon Bay. The project is an approximately 0.3-mile long extension of the Naomi Patridge bicycle pathway, to be located with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Highway 1 right-of-way. The proposed pathway extension is located from approximately Roosevelt Boulevard north to Mirada Road.

Project Description: The project is construction of an 8-foot wide multi-use trail, with 2-foot shoulders. The project includes clearing and grubbing, excavation of the structurally unsuitable material, and constructing the 0.3mile long trail. The project includes a 44 ft long prefabricated bridge over a creek, and 53 linear feet of raised boardwalks through low-lying riparian scrub and over small roadside drainage ditches. The creek is not named on the U.S.G.S. maps but is known locally as either Roosevelt Ditch or Naples Creek. The City's Local Coastal Land Use Plan (LCLUP) refers to it as Roosevelt Creek. The project also includes erosion control and revegetation after project construction. No project alternatives were evaluated.

Most of the project will be constructed within ruderal (weedy) herbaceous vegetation that is routinely maintained by Caltrans. The project will also occur in willow scrub near State Route 1 that is routinely trimmed by Caltrans. The project has been designed to avoid impacts to the creek and minimize impacts to the associated riparian vegetation. The plan includes a spanning bridge over Roosevelt Creek (abutments at top-of-bank) and two raised boardwalks in other low-lying areas. The trail construction will temporarily impact approximately 5,600 square feet of riparian scrub and permanently impact approximately 2,100 square feet of riparian scrub, an environmentally sensitive habitat area (ESHA). There will be no direct impact to the bed or bank of Roosevelt Creek or the areas of coastal freshwater marsh growing in adjacent roadside drainage ditches. Construction staging will be within the Caltrans right-of-way and in a nearby existing roadway pullout area. The work area encompasses approximately 1.2 acres. The trail project would be constructed by the City and their designated contractors. The trail improvements would be constructed using mechanized equipment, hand tools, power tools, and gas-powered tools. The construction staging area(s) would be located within the Caltrans ROW, east of State Highway 1. The staging areas would be utilized for material delivery and support. The proposed project is expected to be constructed over a 9-month period.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration includes a description of the existing environmental setting of the project and the environmental effects that may result from construction and operation of the project. The City of Half Moon Bay has incorporated standard project requirements into the project to avoid potential impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality and transportation and traffic.

Public Review Period:

The public review period for the respective proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration based on the Initial Study will begin on March 29, 2023 and end on April 28, 2023. You are encouraged to submit written comments regarding the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. You may do so by submitting written

comments to the Community Development Department prior to the end of the review period. Copies of the application and environmental documents associated with the project are available for review through the Community Development Department; telephone (650) 726-8265 and on the City's website: <https://www.half-moon-bay.ca.us/475/Biological-Reports-Environmental-Documen> Written comments may be submitted to the City of Half Moon Bay at the address below or may be submitted by email to dgarrison@hmbcity.com by 5:00 pm on April 28, 2023.

City of Half Moon Bay, Attn: Douglas Garrison
501 Main Street
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Public Hearing:

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and project will be considered by the City of Half Moon Bay Planning Commission in a May 2023 hybrid live in-person-remote Zoom meeting. The actual date has not been confirmed yet. Interested parties may request notification of the hearing date.

