



# The Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway (FORTAG)

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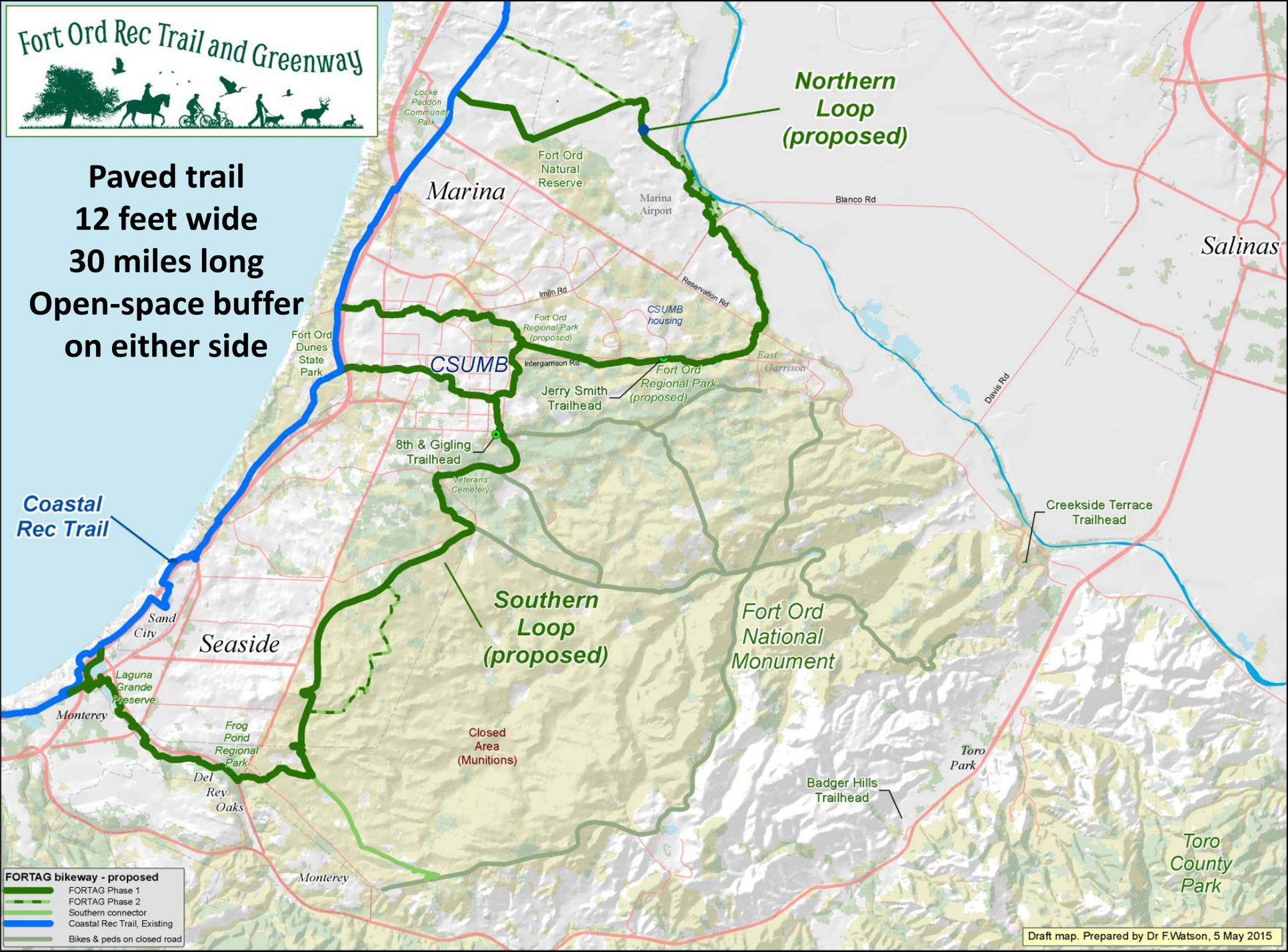
Presentation to Central Coast Veteran's Cemetery Foundation  
Board of Directors

Fred Watson, Scott Waltz

6 Nov 2015



**Paved trail  
12 feet wide  
30 miles long  
Open-space buffer  
on either side**



**FORTAG bikeway - proposed**

	FORTAG Phase 1
	FORTAG Phase 2
	Southern connector
	Coastal Rec Trail, Existing
	Bikes & peds on closed road

**The Sanctuary Scenic Trail – A great example of a concept we can extend with loops into Fort Ord**

**A wide range of users, every day and weekend, at all times of day**



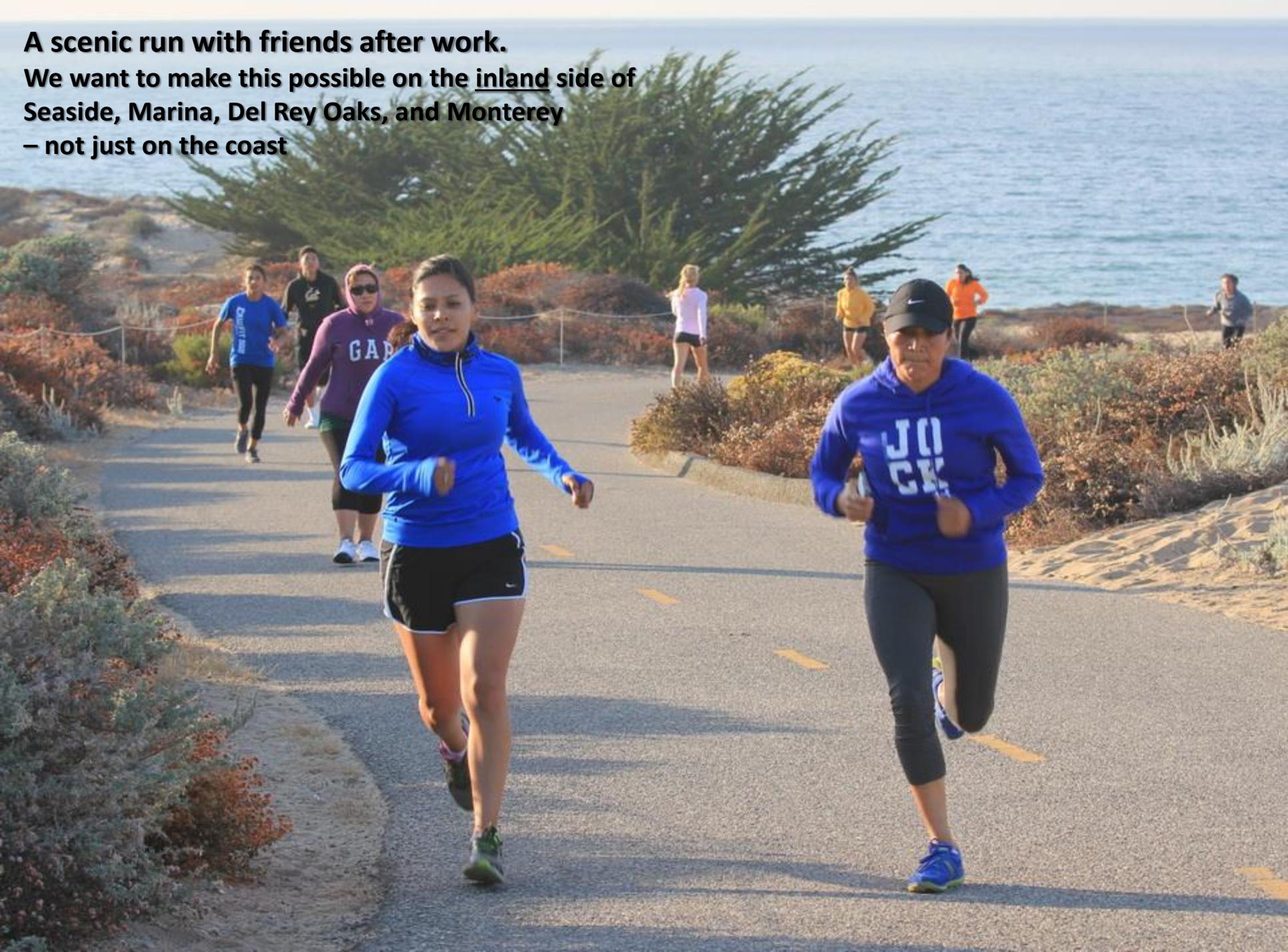
**Example of what a multi-use trail can be like when it combines with a dense developed landscape: the new Wharf Marketplace in Monterey**



**Coast Rec Trail user**



**A scenic run with friends after work.  
We want to make this possible on the inland side of  
Seaside, Marina, Del Rey Oaks, and Monterey  
– not just on the coast**



## Coast Rec Trail user



**This is an open county road.  
We need to create safer places to accomplish the same goals,  
and we have the room to do it.**



Recreational opportunity  
for disabled persons



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# Honor Our Fallen

10K / 5K RUN

A Run To Remember



Veteran-themed trail events

We have them on the Sanctuary Scenic Trail

We could have them on trails in or near the Veterans Cemetery



Friends of the Fort Ord Warhorse and the City of Marina present:

Sixth Annual

## Veterans Day Celebration

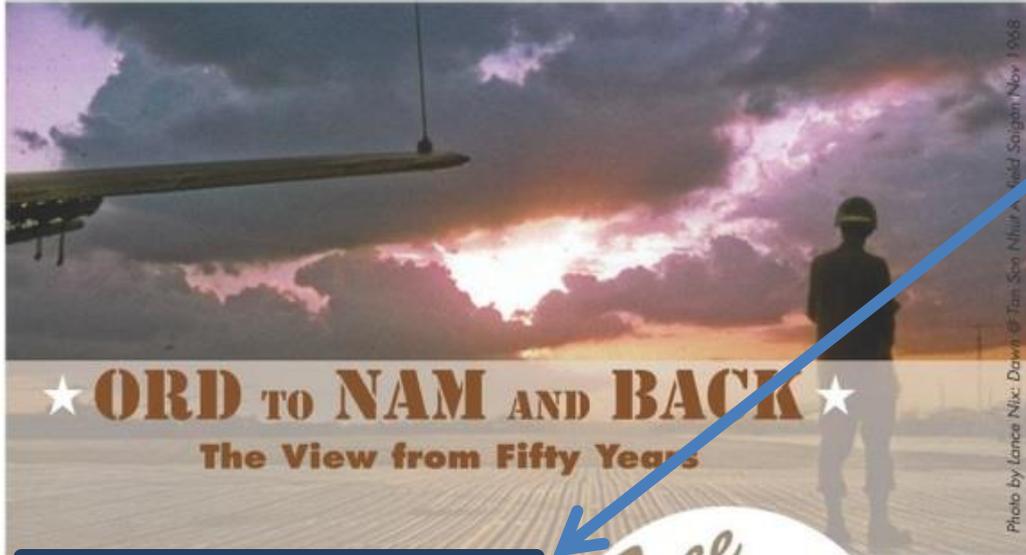


Photo by Lance Nix: Dawn @ Tan Son Nhut Field Saigon Nov 1968

8:00 Family bike ride through Fort Ord (11 miles)

9:30 Defense Language Institute Choir

10:00 Ceremony / Recognition of all veterans

10:15 Vietnam War perspective:  
Kevin Howe, Spec4 / LTC Tom Griffin, USA (ret.)

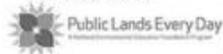
10:45 Remembrance Day / DLI Jazz Band /  
Australian light-horse cavalry

- Fort Ord to Vietnam, photos by Lance Nix
- History exhibits, vintage military vehicles
- Boy Scout airsoft and facepoint
- Kids and adults: send a card to a serviceman
- Coffee and donuts
- Veterans, please wear cap or uniform!

Friends of the Fort Ord Warhorse is an official partner  
of the USA Vietnam War Commemoration.



**TOYOTA**  
National Sponsor



Free commemorative lapel pins  
from the DoD to any  
Vietnam era veteran who attends

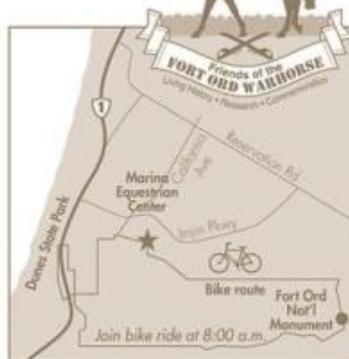
*Free*  
**Public WELCOME!**

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## Saturday, Nov 7

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Marina Equestrian Center Park  
5th Avenue at 9th Street, Marina  
(from Injin Pkwy, turn S on California)



## Veteran-themed events (including a bike ride through Fort Ord)



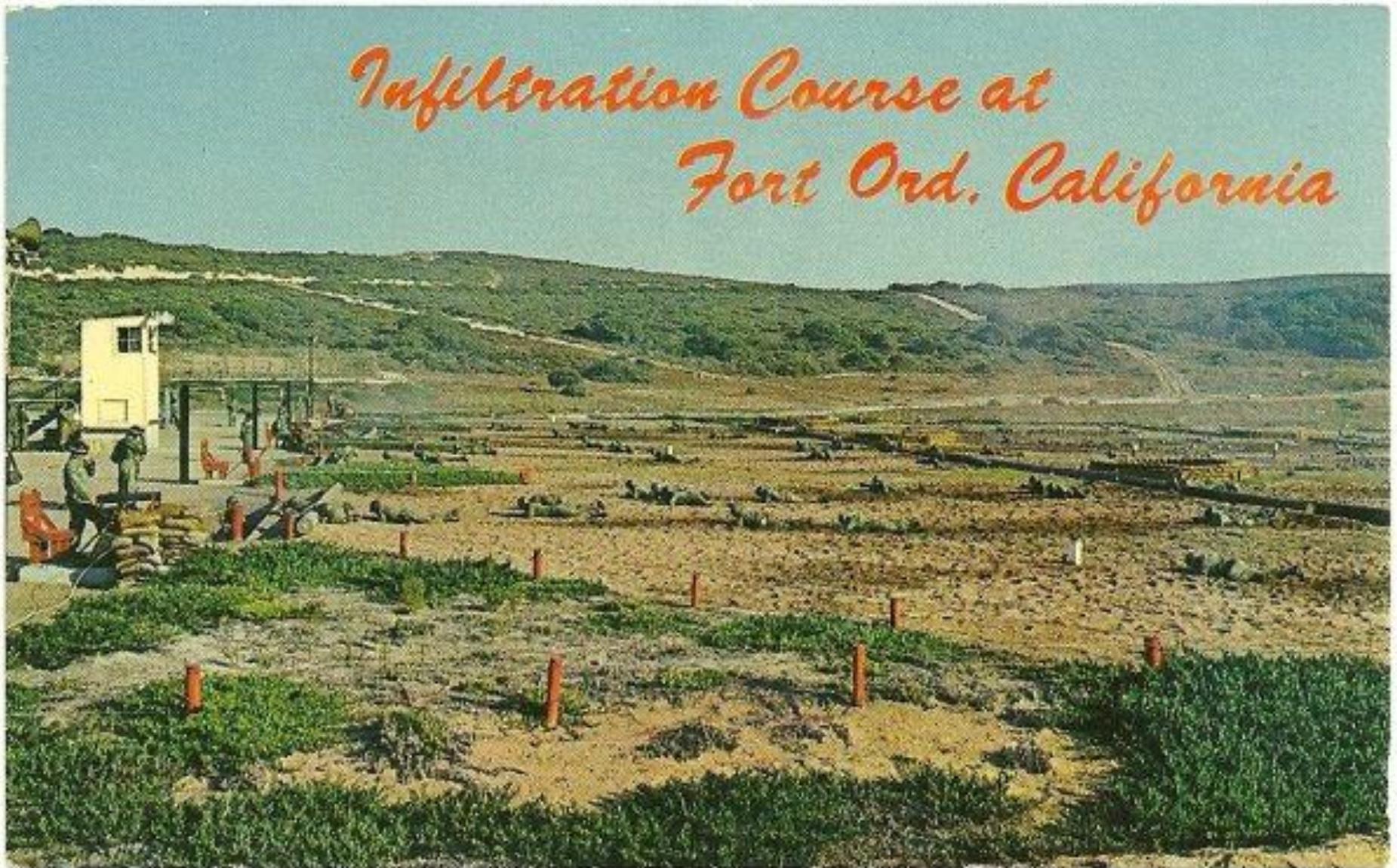
**Fort Ord has many hidden gems within easy reach of residential areas**

**This one is just a few minutes from the Windy Hill side of Marina – once FORTAG is built**



**A multi-use trail through Fort Ord creates interpretive opportunities to connect people to the history of the former base**

*Infiltration Course at  
Fort Ord, California*



# FORTAG – Relationship to veterans memorial sites



# FORTAG work to date

- FORTAG meetings held: **122**
- Organizations met with: **53**
- Organizational representatives met with: **118**
- FORTAG presentations given to larger groups: **10**
- Maps posted online: **69**
- Other documents online: **~20**

# FORTAG achievements to date

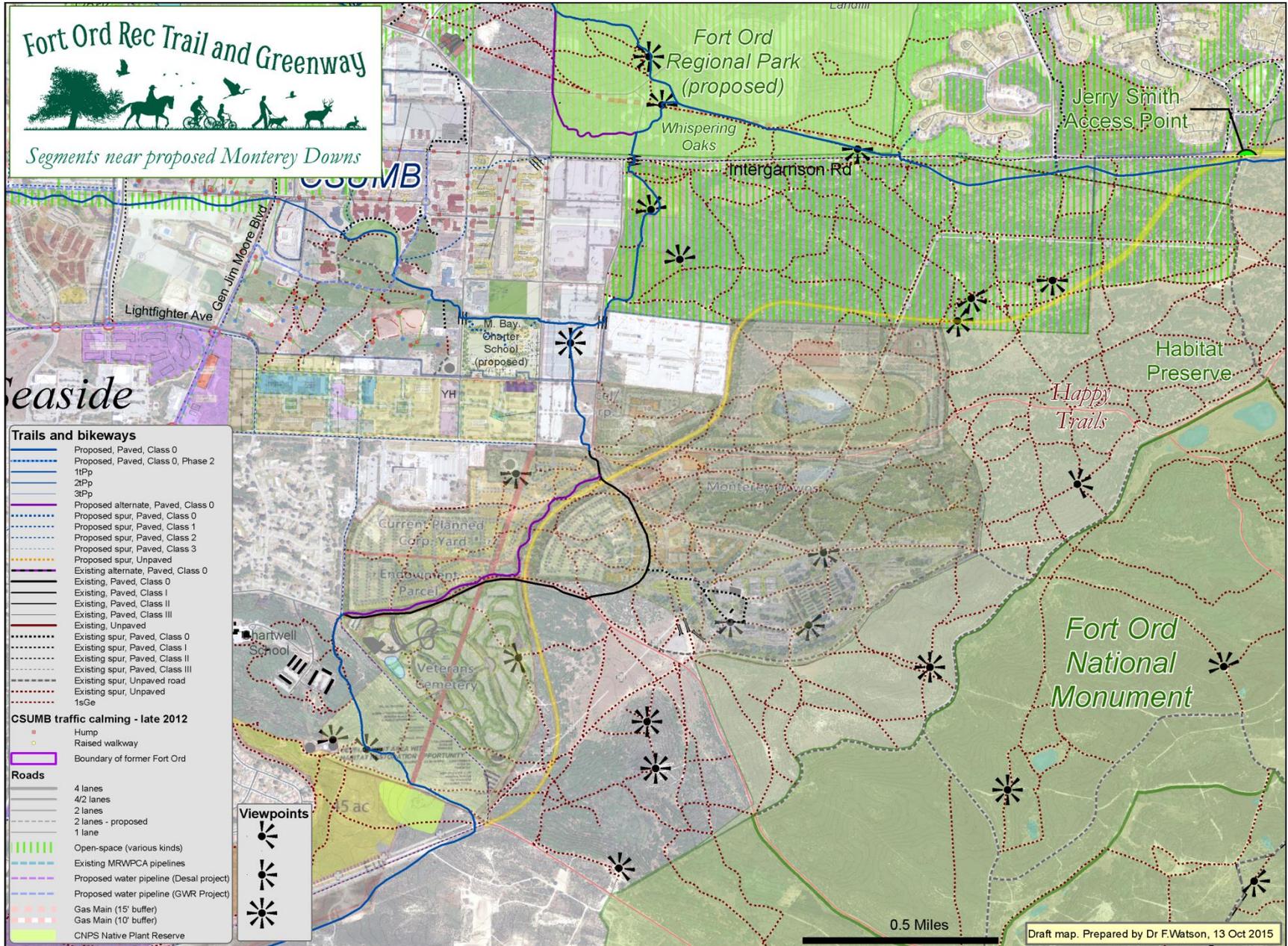
- **Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)**
  - Nov 2015: FORTAG on list of projects being considered by TAMC for funding through transportation tax measure for Nov 2016 ballot
  - Aug 2015: TAMC Board unanimously adopted motion directing “staff to assist in finding funding sources for the project, provide more information on a possible TAMC role, and present funding and phasing ideas. directing staff to work toward FORTAG.”
- **Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA)**
  - May 2015: FORTAG used as starting point for FORA Trails Blueprint
  - Mar 2015: FORTAG included in FORA’s draft Habitat Conservation Plan
  - Jan 2015: FORTAG highlighted in introduction to Fort Ord Trails Symposium
- **Monterey County**
  - Mar 2015: FORTAG included in County’s draft trails plan for the FORHA area
- **City of Marina**
  - Nov 2014: Council unanimously adopted motion (after FORTAG presentation) to support and progress with concept of a 13-mile loop around Marina (i.e. the FORTAG northern loop)
  - Jan 2014: Council unanimously adopted motion to investigate feasibility of a trail & greenway from 8<sup>th</sup> St to Intergarrison Rd (a key FORTAG segment)
- **California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB)**
  - Sep 2015: FORTAG included in draft CSUMB Master Plan illustrative maps

# Veterans Cemetery master plan





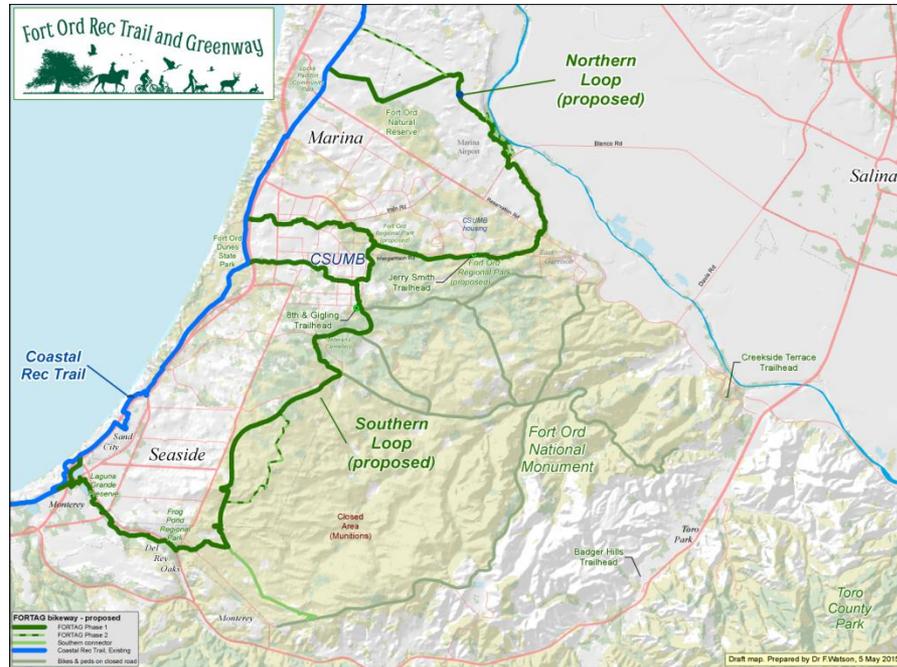
# FORTAG – Segments near Veterans Cemetery & proposed Monterey Downs



# Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway



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# Questions?

# FORTAG Vision

The Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) is proposed as a continuous 12-ft wide paved bikeway with an open-space buffer on both sides incorporating habitat, parks, playing fields, developed outdoor recreation sites, associated amenities, unpaved trails, and agriculture. The open-space buffer should extend at least 150-ft on each side of the trail for the majority of its length. The northern loop of FORTAG encircles Marina, following a 13 mile route that includes 3 miles of the existing “Coastal Rec Trail”. The southern loop of FORTAG encircles Seaside and bisects Del Rey Oaks, following a 15 mile route that includes 4 miles of the existing coastal trail system. The Trail includes spurs connecting with existing bike/pedestrian infrastructure and plans. Several sections of the paved trail will be accompanied by nearby unpaved trails running loosely parallel to the main paved trail. Many of these unpaved trails already exist.

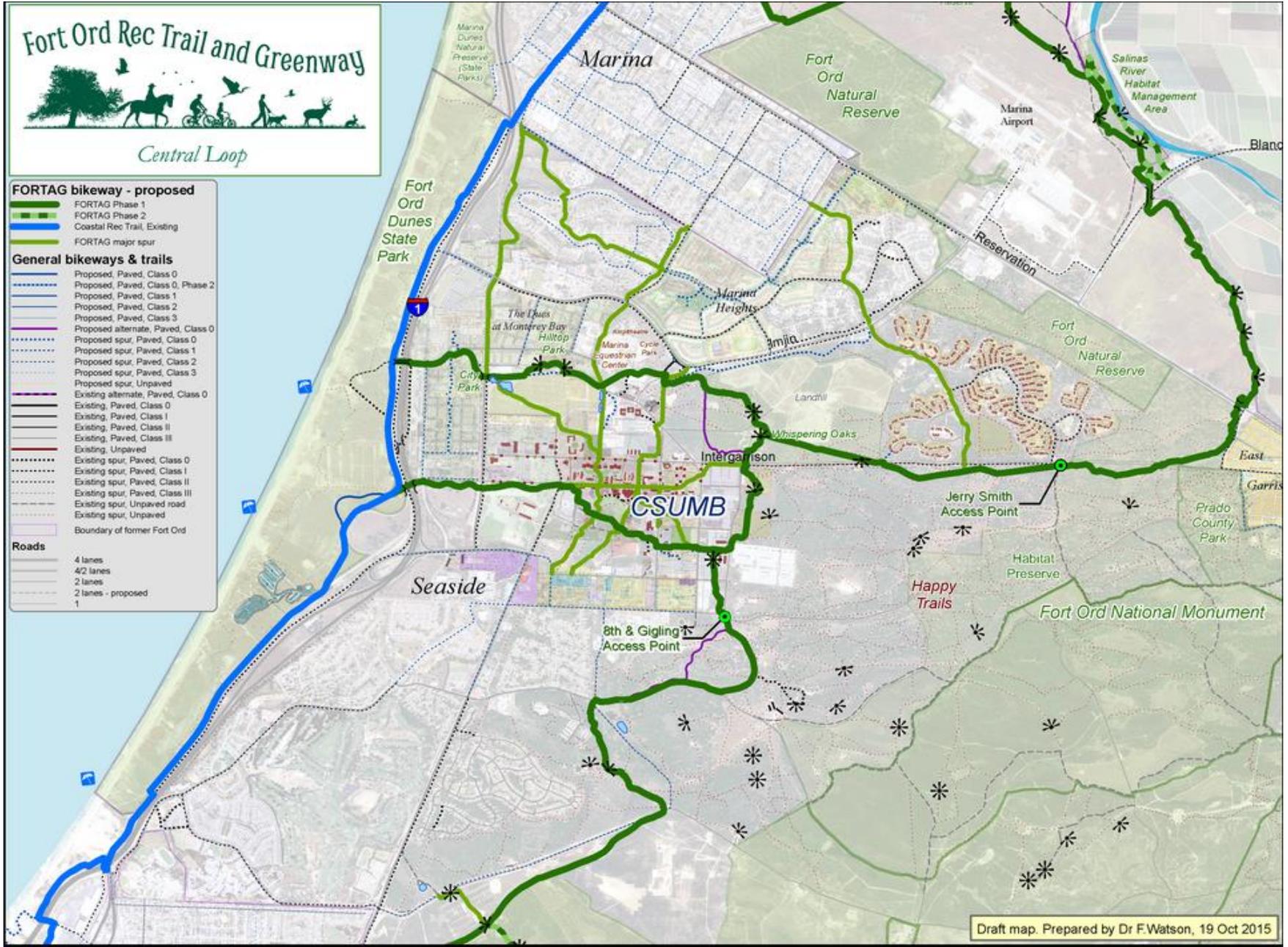
FORTAG’s intended purposes include: connecting people to open-space from their homes, workplaces, and hospitality bases; connecting together core habitat areas; facilitating social interaction between Fort Ord, Monterey Peninsula, and the Salinas Valley; and acting as an artery from which to launch numerous other recreational activities. The paved trail is intended to be a pleasant and visually obvious route that invites safe use by families with young children on bikes, and that can be jointly used by walkers, joggers, children in strollers, wheelchairs (in key segments), commuter cyclists, and recreational cyclists (including those with narrow tires). Substantial portions of the greenway are intended to support unpaved paths used by hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, and naturalists. FORTAG will involve approximately three underpasses and one overpass for pedestrians and bikes.

# Values

- FORTAG should:
  - Connect people to open space
  - Be a pleasant experience
  - Be useable by anyone
  - Have room for everyone
  - Be complementary to the built environment
  - Have loops, of different sizes
  - Be 100% connected all the way around each loop
  - Have no 'red flags' from land owners and/or jurisdictions
  - Function as a habitat corridor for dispersal of native plants and movement of wildlife  
(with the exception of certain constrained segments where this is impractical)

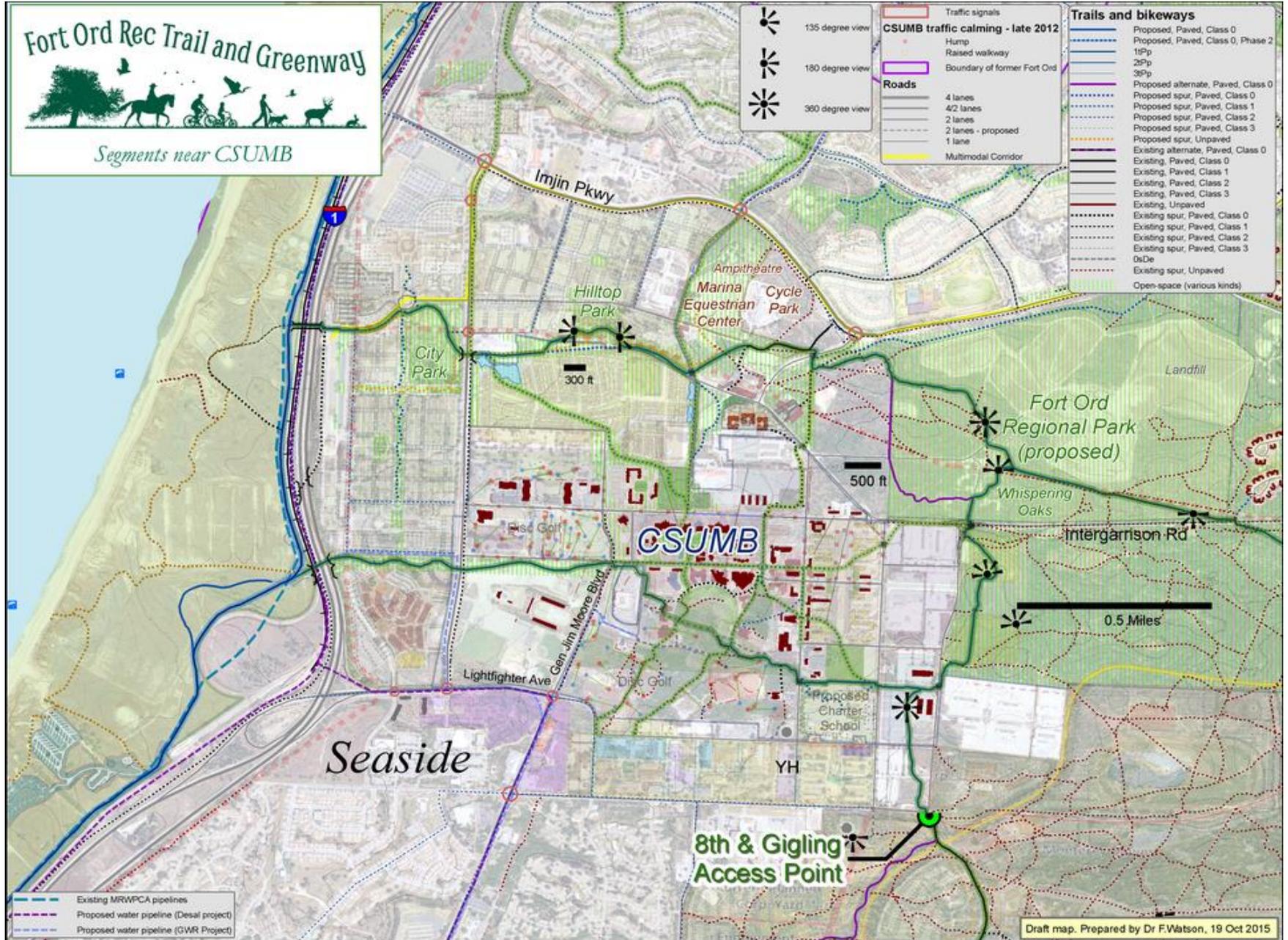
# FORTAG – Major trail connections around CSUMB

Map illustrates how FORTAG is intended to be easily reachable from all communities



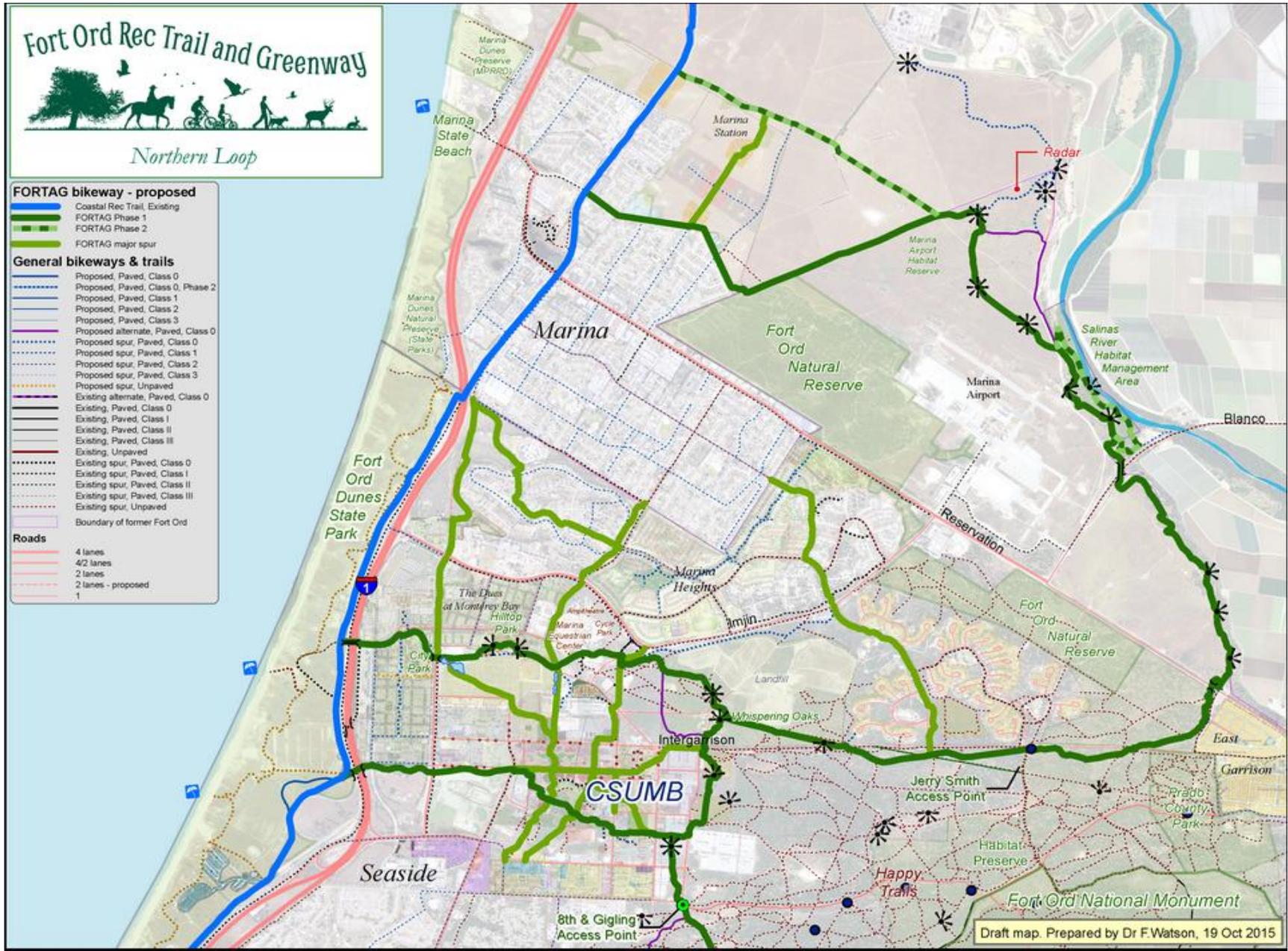
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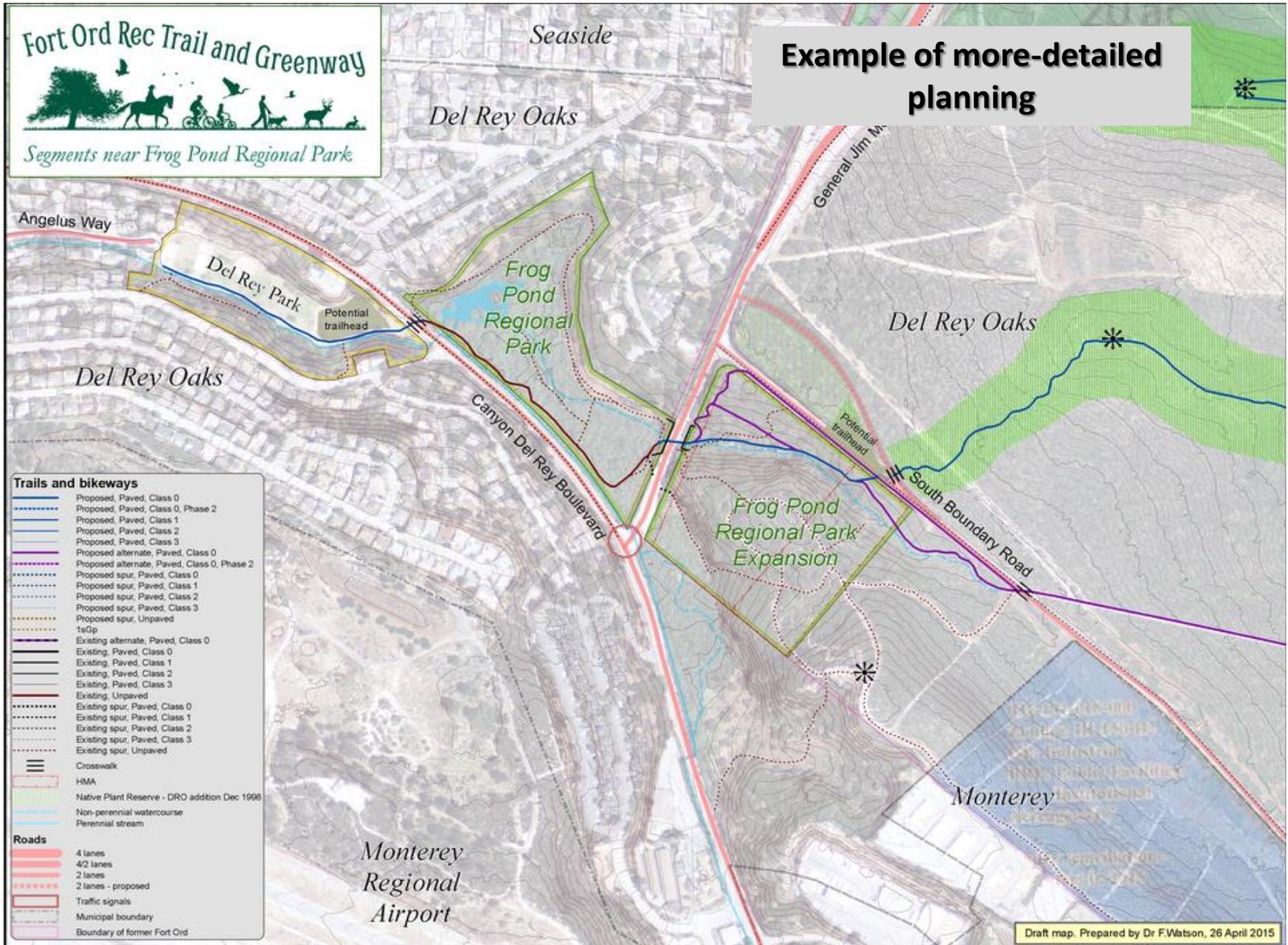
# FORTAG – Major trail connections around Marina

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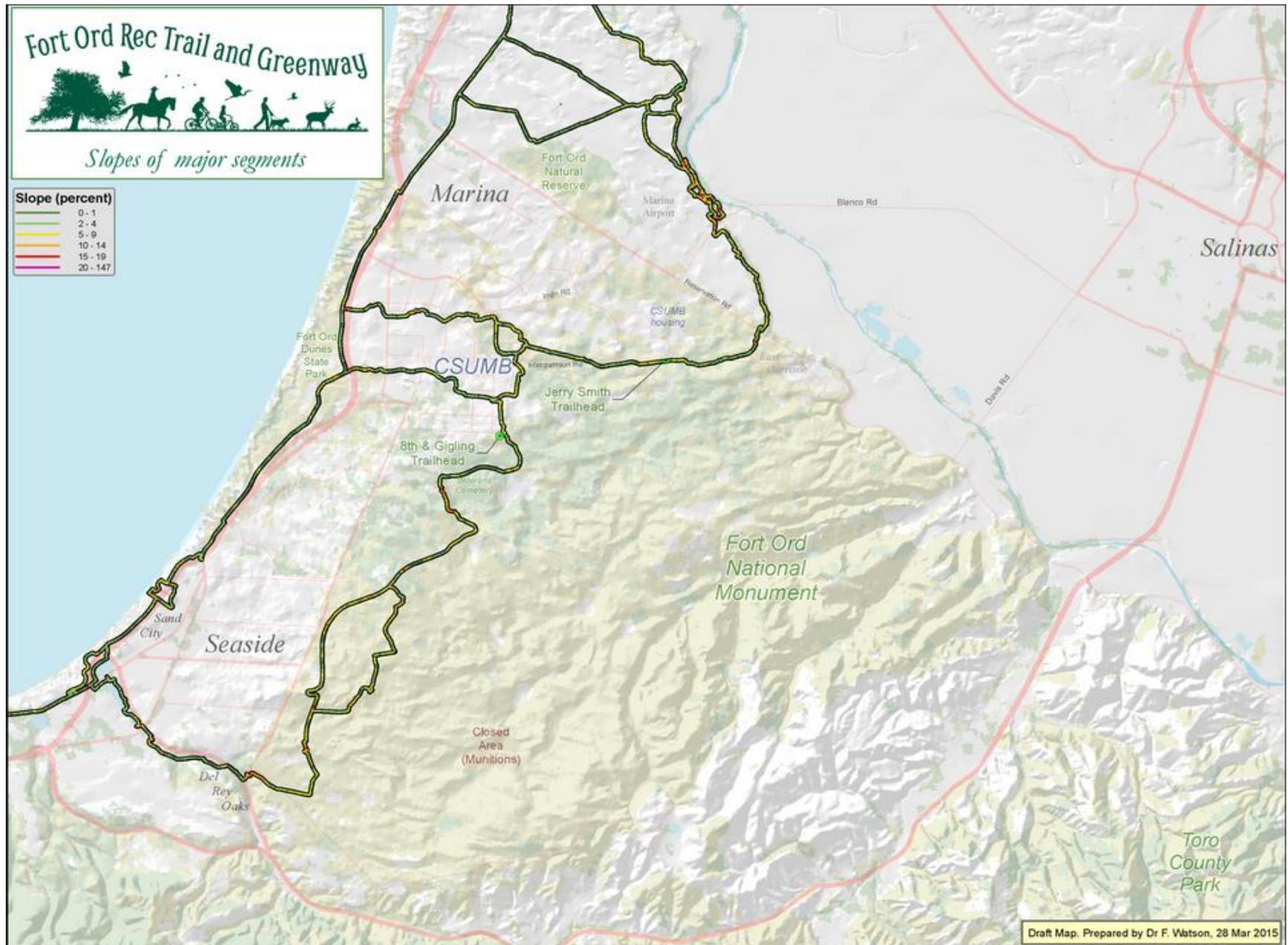
# FORTAG – Detail near Frog Pond Regional Park

## Map illustrates detailed approach to planning near crucial nodes



# FORTAG – Slopes / gradients of major segments

Map illustrates approach to facilitating accessibility

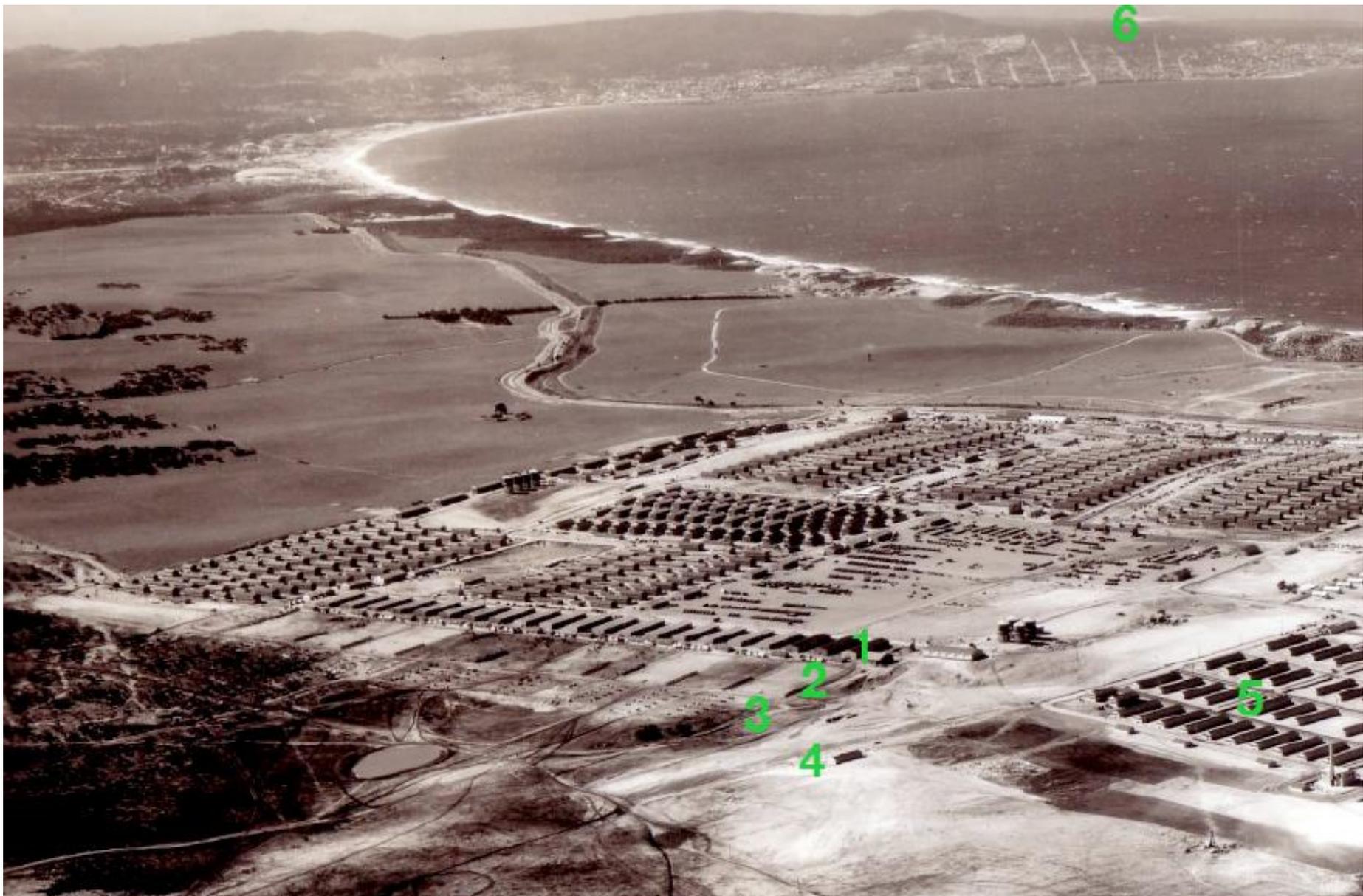


# 3D rendering of some FORTAG sections

Illustrates how we're looking at FORTAG from every conceivable angle

(Also illustrates where we're discussing the future main connection between FORTAG and East Garrison)





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