



The Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway (FORTAG)

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Presentation to
MPRPD Board of Directors

Slightly revised post-hoc to reflect what was emphasized during the presentation.

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Outline of presentation

- Why this presentation?
- Who are we?
- What is FORTAG?
- How is MPRPD involved?
 - The past
 - The present
 - The future
- FORTAG at Frog Pond
- Next steps
 - Resolution & modifications

Why this presentation

- MPRPD is a key FORTAG stakeholder, and a lot has happened since we last updated the Board
- We would like to firm-up the establishment and documentation of formal support
 - Specifically in relation to the Frog Pond properties

Who are we? And with whom are we?

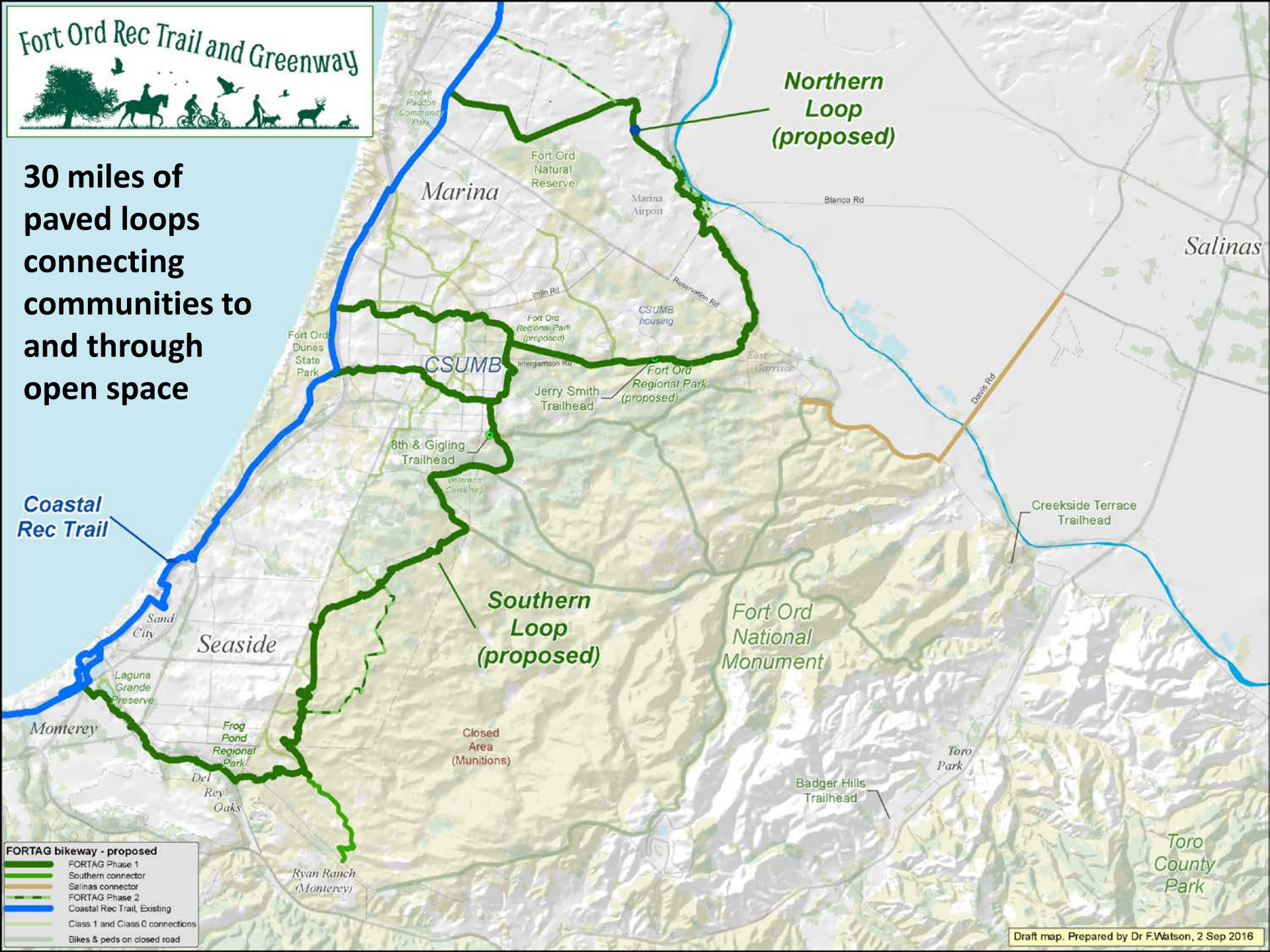
- At the podium today, we are two of the “FORTAG Proponents”
 - Fred Watson Ph.D.
 - Scott Waltz Ph.D.
- We conceived FORTAG, building from a germination involving others including: Margaret Davis, Gail Morton, and Bruce Delgado
- We also happen to be CSUMB Professors, and there’s some overlap between FORTAG and our day jobs
- The “we” of FORTAG also includes TAMC to an increasing extent:
 - We have worked closely with TAMC staff for a couple of years.
 - TAMC secured \$20M for FORTAG (out of \$40M needed), through Measure X, in 2016.
 - TAMC is poised to become the Lead Agency for environmental review of FORTAG (their Board has approved this, as have several city councils and a committee of the county Board of Supervisors)
- We are also actively meeting and working with over 70 organizations, through over 200 meetings to date, as well as 19 public presentations and 7 public tours. The FORTAG web site includes over 100 maps.

What is FORTAG?

“The Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) is proposed as a 30-mile regional network of paved recreational trails and greenways connecting communities to open space.”



30 miles of paved loops connecting communities to and through open space



- FORTAG bikeway - proposed**
- FORTAG Phase 1
 - Southern connector
 - Salinas connector
 - FORTAG Phase 2
 - Coastal Rec Trail, Existing
 - Class 1 and Class C connections
 - Bikes & peds on closed road

Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway



Relationship to population density

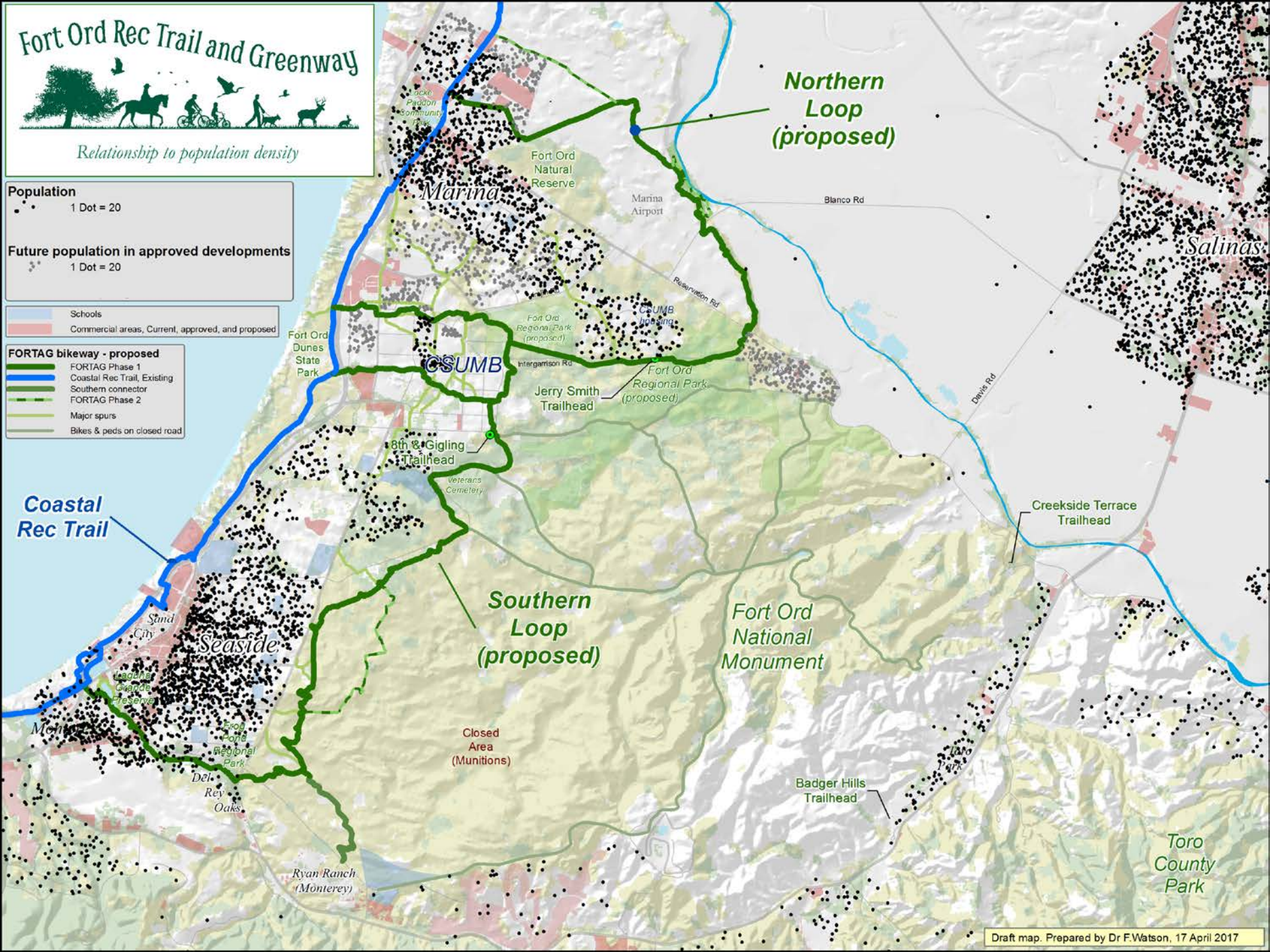
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Schools
 Commercial areas, Current, approved, and proposed

FORTAG bikeway - proposed

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- Southern connector
- FORTAG Phase 2
- Major spurs
- Bikes & peds on closed road



How is MPRPD involved

1. Areas of collaboration

- Geographic areas
 - Frog Pond Wetland Preserve
& neighboring Fort Ord property
 - Laguna Grande Community Park
 - Proposed “Fort Ord Regional Park”
 - Roberts Lake
 - Aeolian Dunes Preserve
- Thematic areas
 - Operational role in certain respects?
(Maintenance, Interpretation, ...)
 - Lead agency role in certain respects?
Previously explored; tabled for now; TAMC stepping up in a big way.

How is MPRPD involved

2. Historic timeline

- MPRPD staff met with FORTAG proponents on:
 - 17 Apr 2014, 13 Jun 2014, 5 Sep 2014, 18 Nov 2014, 18 Sep 2015, 7 Oct 2015, 5 Mar 2017, 15 Mar 2017, 26 Sep 2017
- MPRPD Board received presentation from FORTAG proponents on 7 Jul 2014
- MPRPD Board members toured FORTAG segments and/or met with FORTAG proponents on:
 - 5 Sep 2014, 12 Sep 2014, 3 Oct 2014, 14 Apr 2015, 16 Apr 2015
- MPRPD included FORTAG collaboration in 5-Year Strategic Plan adopted Dec 2015
- MPRPD support for FORTAG has been expressed through staff letters and staff podium appearances e.g. in relation to TAMC funding initiatives

How is MPRPD involved

3. The present

- Frog Pond Wetland Preserve
 - Neighboring organizations are active
 - DRO and their developers
 - Monument RV Resort
 - FORA
 - South Boundary Road
 - Seaside County Sanitation District or Marina Coast Water District
 - Possible sewer
 - City of Monterey
 - Development area off South Boundary Rd

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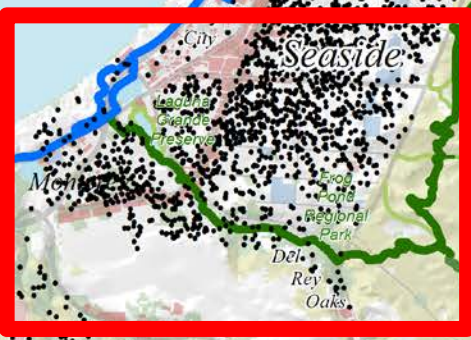
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Coastal Rec Trail

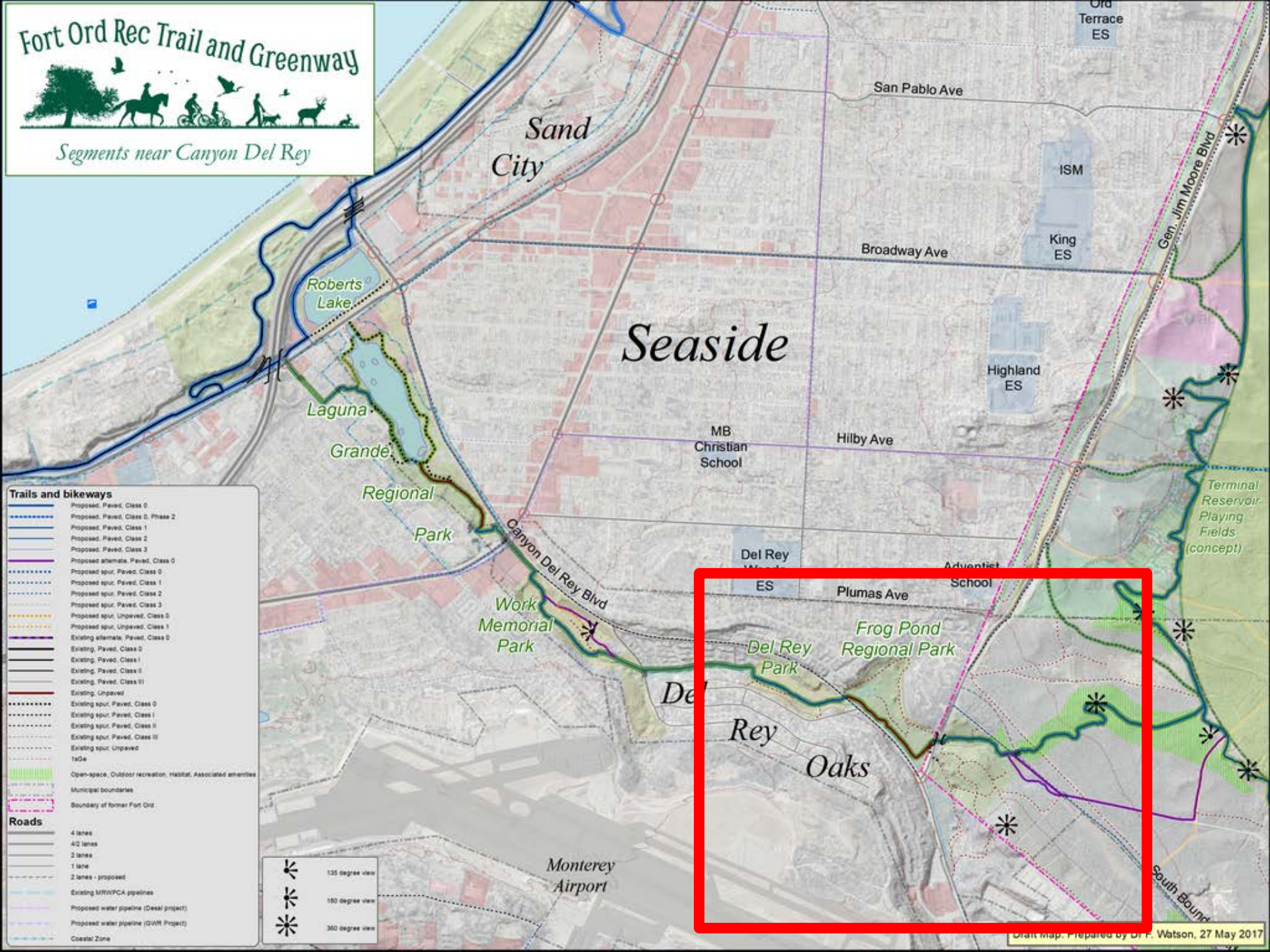


Northern Loop (proposed)

Southern Loop (proposed)

Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway

Segments near Canyon Del Rey



Trails and bikeways

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- Existing spur, Paved, Class III
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- toGo
- Open-space, Outdoor recreation, Habitat, Associated amenities
- Municipal boundaries
- Boundary of former Fort Ord

Roads

- 4 lanes
- 4/2 lanes
- 3 lanes
- 1 lane
- 2 lanes - proposed
- Existing MHWPCA pipelines
- Proposed water pipeline (Desal project)
- Proposed water pipeline (QWR Project)
- Coastal Zone

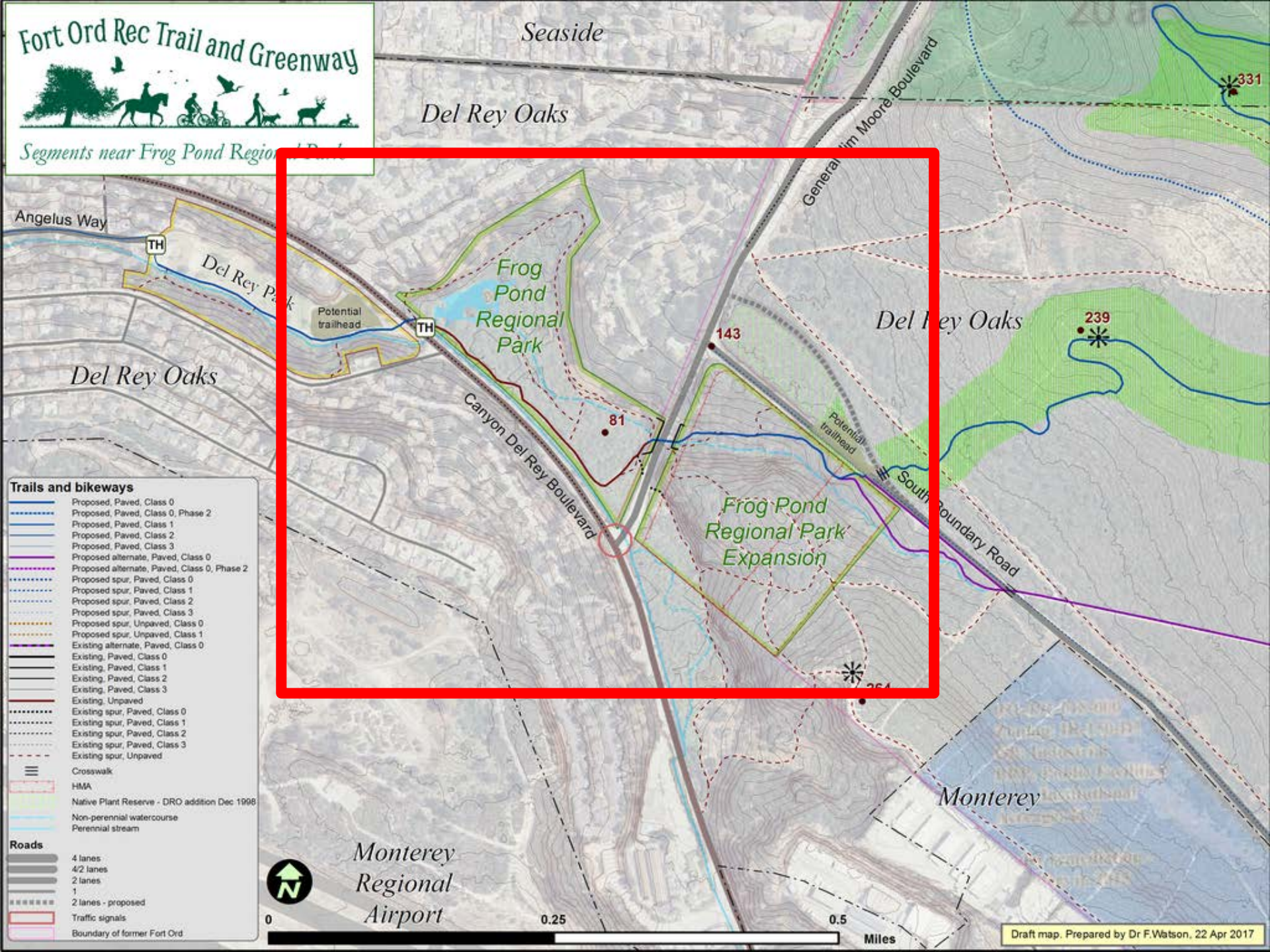
135 degree view

180 degree view

360 degree view

Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway

Segments near Frog Pond Regional Park

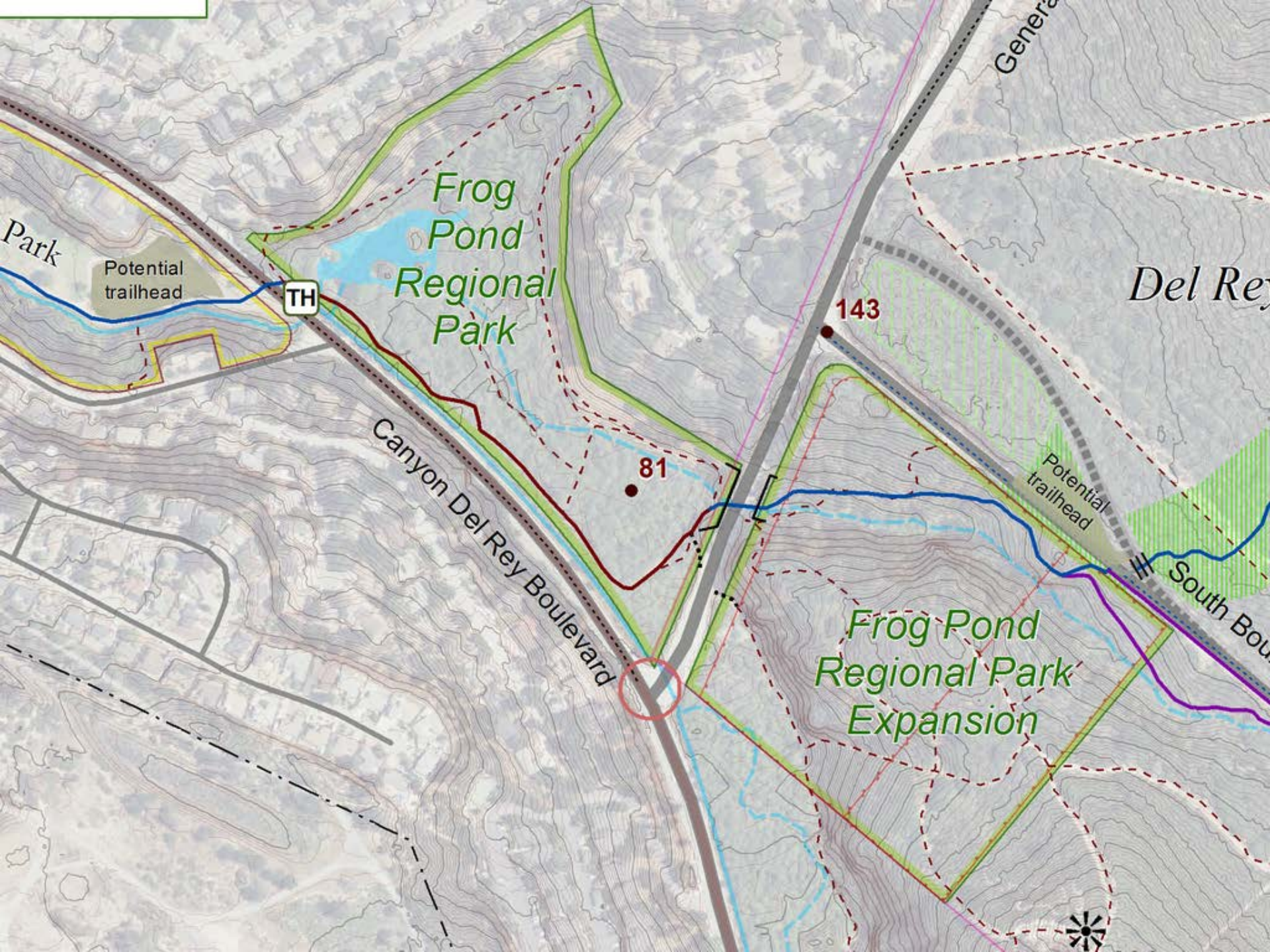


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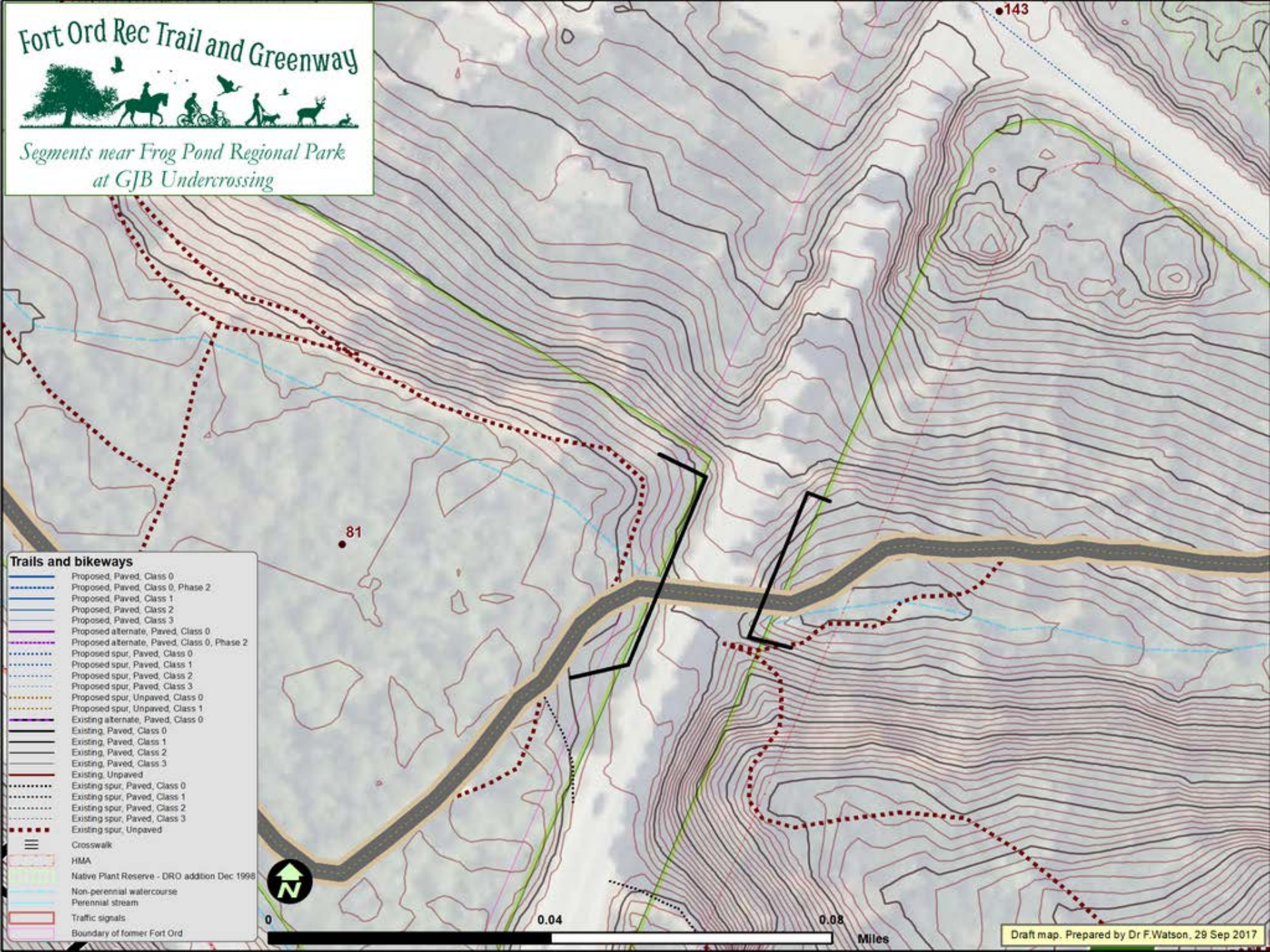
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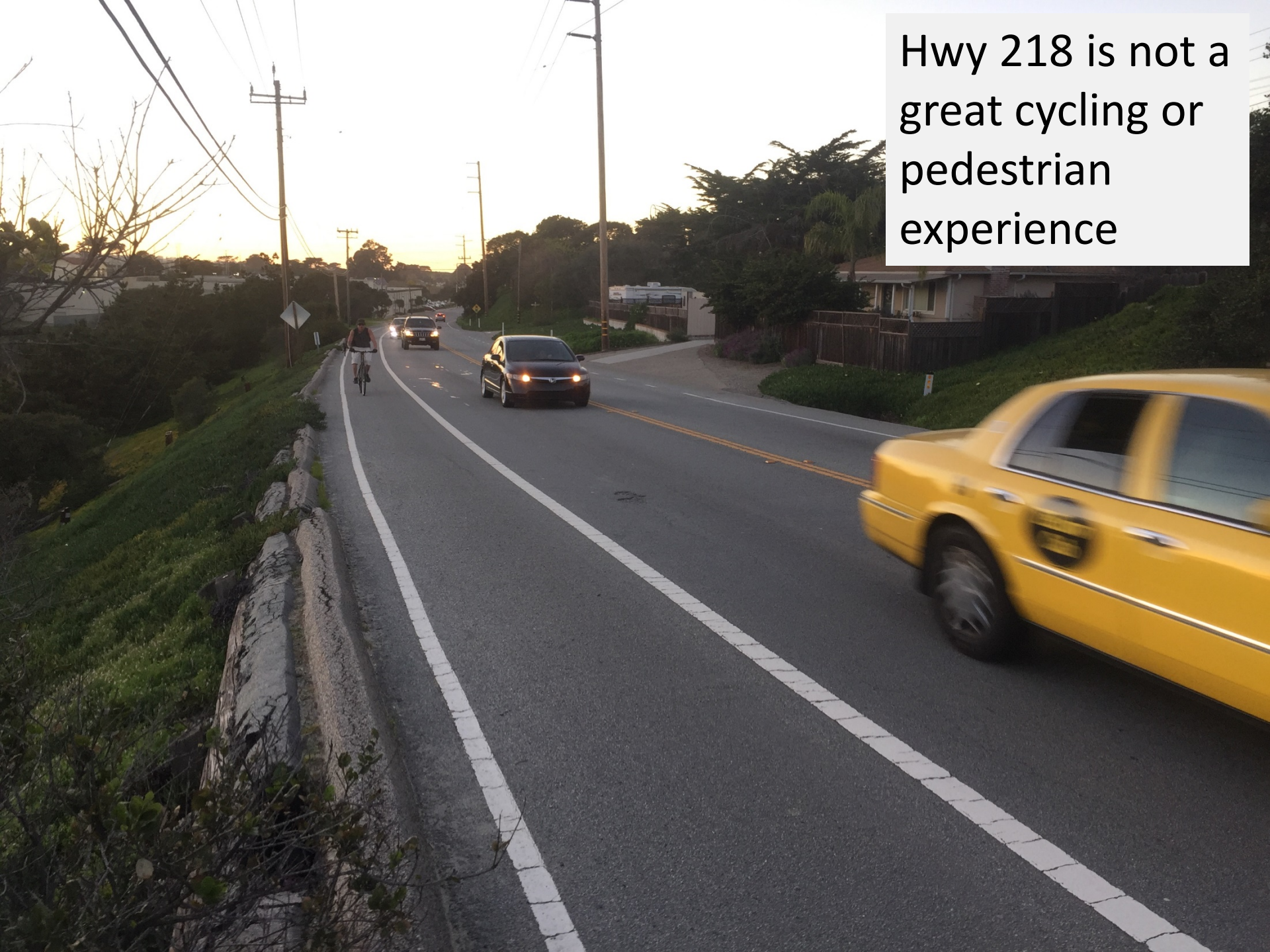


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at GJB Undercrossing




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A wide, light-colored dirt trail winds through a dense thicket of green vegetation. The path is dappled with sunlight and shadows from the surrounding trees and bushes. The vegetation includes various types of shrubs and trees, with some showing signs of autumn color. The trail appears to be well-trodden and leads into the distance.

Frog Pond has a lovely compacted DG trail through cottonwoods & willows



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Here's where we could push an underpass straight under GJMB connecting the two halves of Frog Pond Preserve together (actually, the best spot is a bit off to the right of this photo)



The “other side” of Frog Pond Preserve.
A great experience, if we facilitate it.



A bit beyond the “other side” of Frog Pond Preserve.
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A bit further beyond the “other side” of Frog Pond Preserve.
Many great experiences out here to be connected together.



Right up against the boundary of Fort Ord National Monument.
A short bike/ped trip from so many places near DRO, if we make it happen.

How is MPRPD involved

3. The future

- Frog Pond Wetland Preserve
 - We are asking the board to formally support the concept of:
 1. FORTAG crossing beneath General Jim Moore Boulevard
 2. FORTAG running through the Frog Pond properties on either side of GJMB as generally indicated in the maps attached to tonight's agenda
 - We also request that the board directs staff to commence work on a General Development Plan for Frog Pond

Working toward a goal through mutual incremental support



Past FORTAG actions that are pillars upon which to build future actions

- Secured \$20M in funding – TAMC, Dec 2016
- Included in MPRPD 5-Year Strategic Plan – MPRPD, Dec 2015
- Approved in “Draft Trails Concept” – FORA, Mar 2016
- Included in draft Habitat Conservation Plan for Fort Ord – FORA, Mar 2015
- Included in draft County trails plan (FORHA) – County staff, Mar 2015
- Included in draft CSUMB Master Plan Update – CSUMB, Feb 2017
- Included in draft Seaside General Plan Update materials – Seaside consultants, Mar 2017
- Included in Capital Improvement Plan – City of Marina, Apr 2016
- Approved motion of support – City of Marina, Nov 2014

Suggested next steps

- Resolution in support of FORTAG included in tonight's agenda & attachments
 - Some post-agenda modifications suggested
- Direction regarding General Development Plan for Frog Pond properties

The Resolution, as approved by the Board at the meeting, but without some slight verbal modifications that will be document in the meeting minutes.

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #2017-10

October 11, 2017

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FORT ORD RECREATION TRAIL AND GREENWAY

Whereas, the Fort Ord Recreation Trail and Greenway ("FORTAG") is conceived as a 30-mile regional network of paved recreational trails and greenways connecting communities to open space; and

Whereas, FORTAG includes a multi-purpose path for bikes, pedestrians, and equestrians, where feasible, surrounded by open space on both sides to facilitate, where achievable, wildlife, native habitat, and aesthetic landscape; and

Whereas, FORTAG proposes including a 3-mile section through Canyon Del Rey between the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail and the Fort Ord National Monument ("FONM") traversing Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District ("MPRPD") properties at Laguna Grande Regional Park ("LGRP") and Frog Pond Wetland Preserve ("Frog Pond"); and

Whereas, bike, pedestrian, and wildlife connectivity from Canyon Del Rey through Frog Pond to FONM is desirable but impeded by the present configuration of Jim Moore Blvd and South Boundary Road; and

Whereas, Fort Ord Reuse Authority ("FORA") approved a "Draft Trails Concept" outlining the conceptual alignment of FORTAG within the former Fort Ord boundary; and

Whereas, FORTAG collaboration is included in the MPRPD 5-year strategic plan; and

Whereas, Voters approved Measure X in November 2016 that included \$20M in FORTAG funding and a map of the proposed FORTAG alignment; and

Whereas, TAMC Board of Directors approved on 27 September 2017 that TAMC act as the lead agency for FORTAG; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED MPRPD Board of Directors hereby:

1. Supports FORTAG and its currently proposed alignment (Exhibit A) into and through Laguna Grande Regional Park and Frog Pond Wetland Preserve as a multi-purpose trail, including an undercrossing of Jim Moore Boulevard that will be sized to accommodate bike, pedestrian, and wildlife; and
2. Supports TAMC as Lead Agency in implementing and negotiating environmental review, final design, location, and approvals for FORTAG; and
3. Directs staff to update the Frog Pond General Development Plan in a timely manner to integrate the aforesaid FORTAG alignment within MPRPD property for Board approval and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED the 11th day of October 2017. We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 2017-10 was duly adopted by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District by the following vote:

AYES: Directors
NOES:
ABSENT:

Kelly Sorenson, President
Board of Directors

Shane Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Directors

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(2) want the photo to be removed from our outreach materials,
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