

The Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway (FORTAG)

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Presentation to

TAMC Bike/Ped Committee

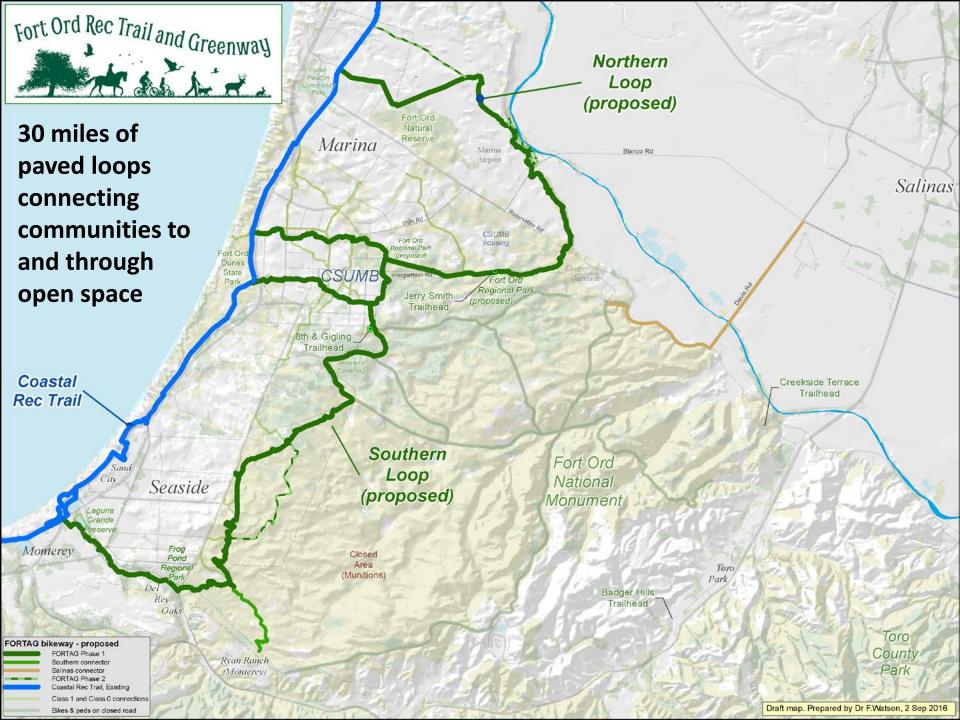
Fred Watson & Scott Waltz 4 April 2018

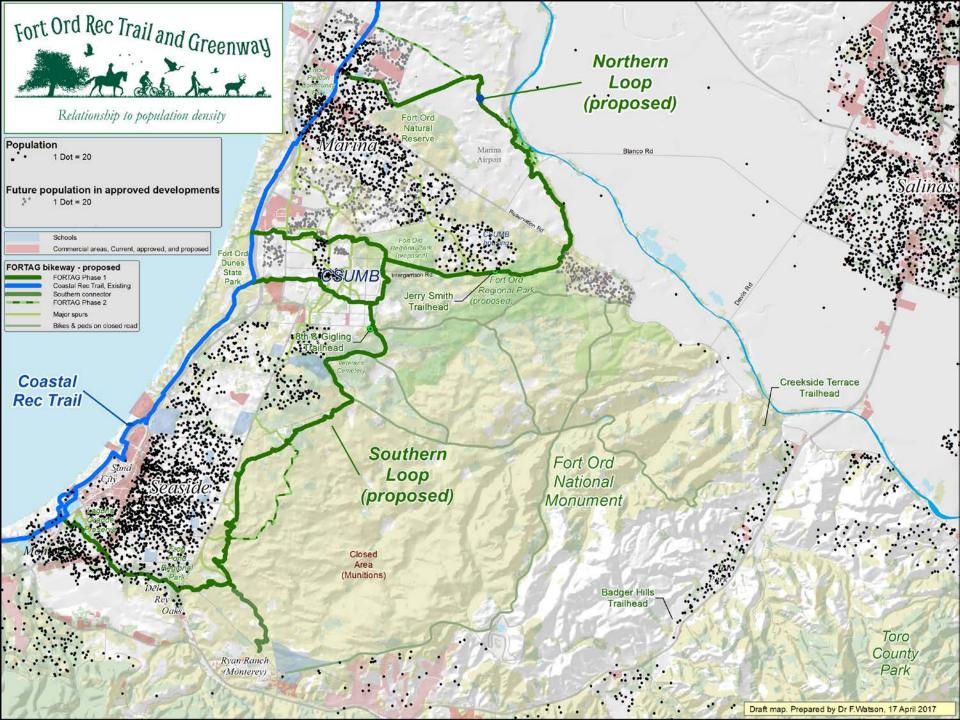
What is FORTAG?

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FORTAG Values

- 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)





What will FORTAG look like?

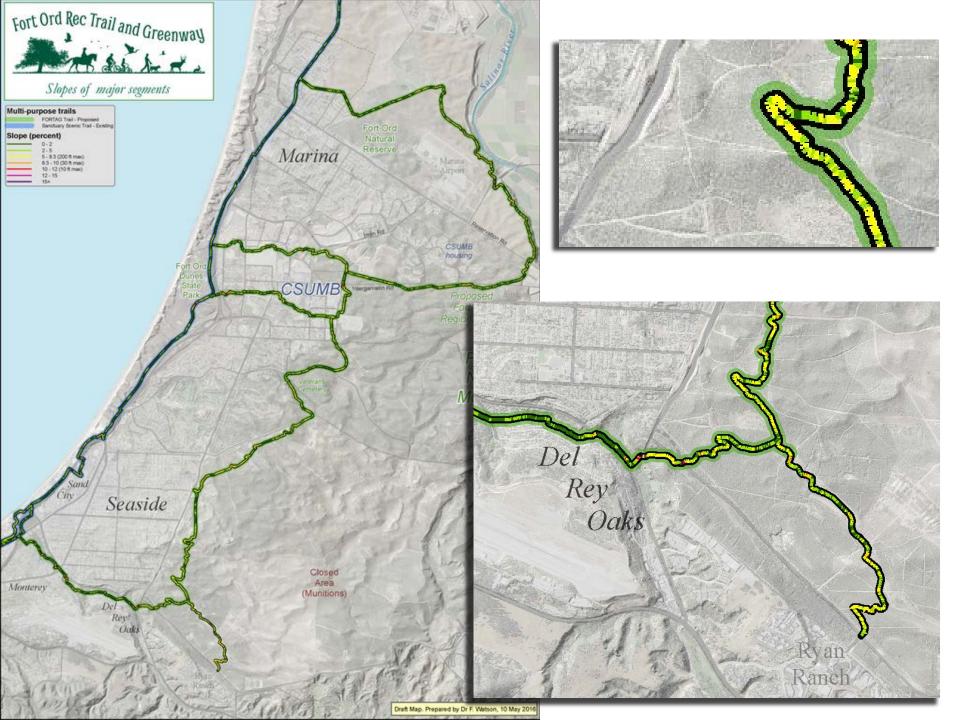
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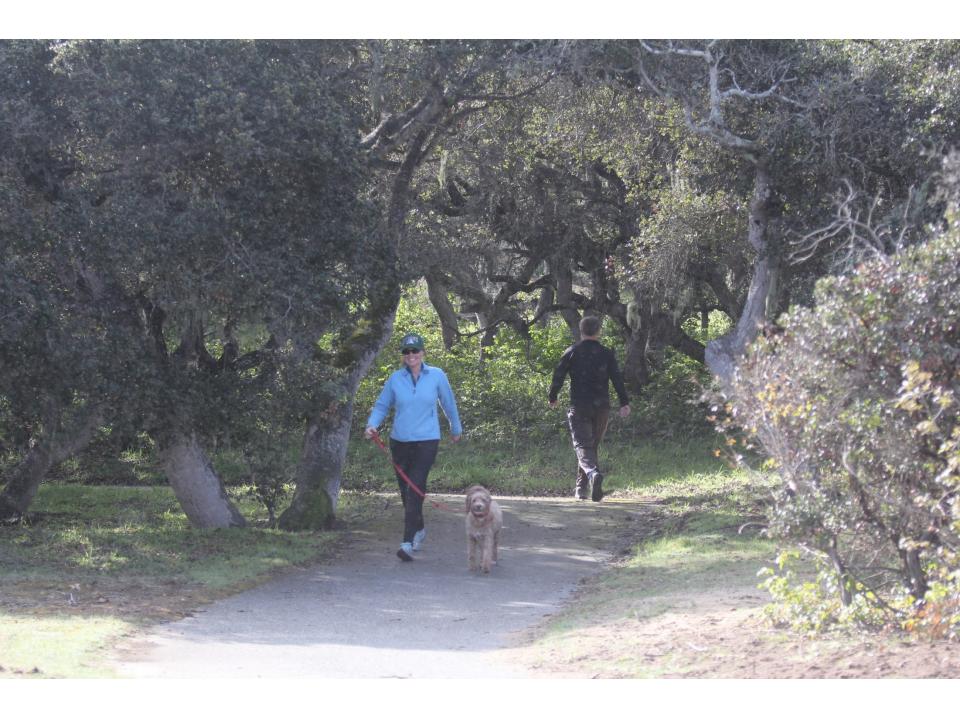


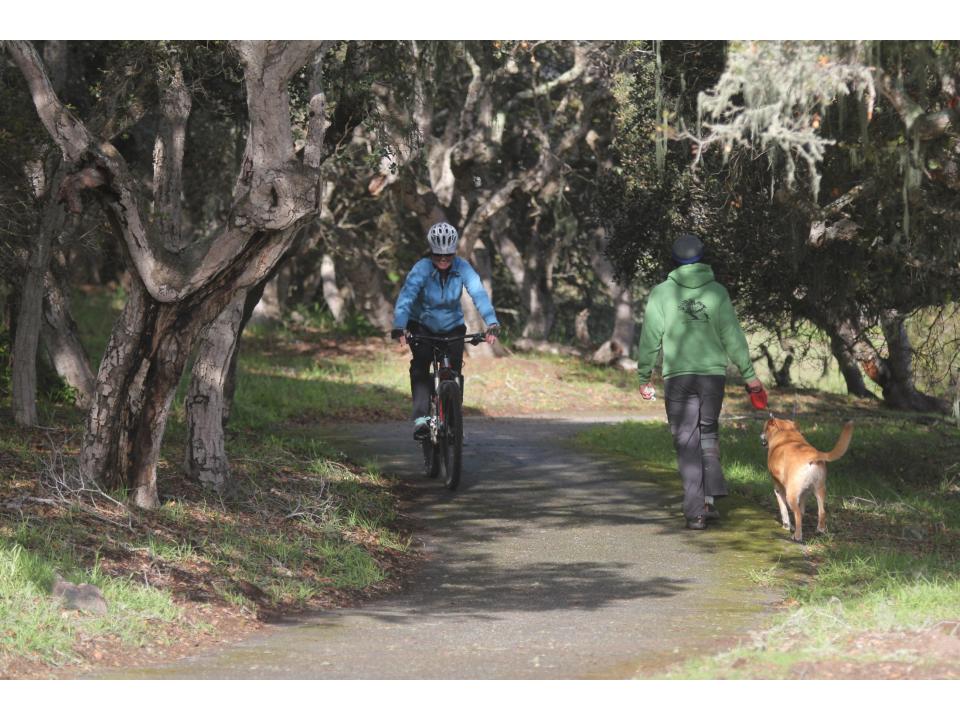














Who are we? And with whom are we?

- 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

TAMC:

- TAMC is leading the formal implementation of FORTAG design and environmental review
- "The Proponents" 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 recently allocated an additional \$1M of state funds to FORTAG
- TAMC has a \$1M RFP out now for FORTAG Preliminary Engineering Design & Environmental Review
- We are also actively meeting and working with over 70 organizations, through over 250 meetings to date, as well as 20 public presentations and 7 public tours. The FORTAG web site includes over 100 maps.





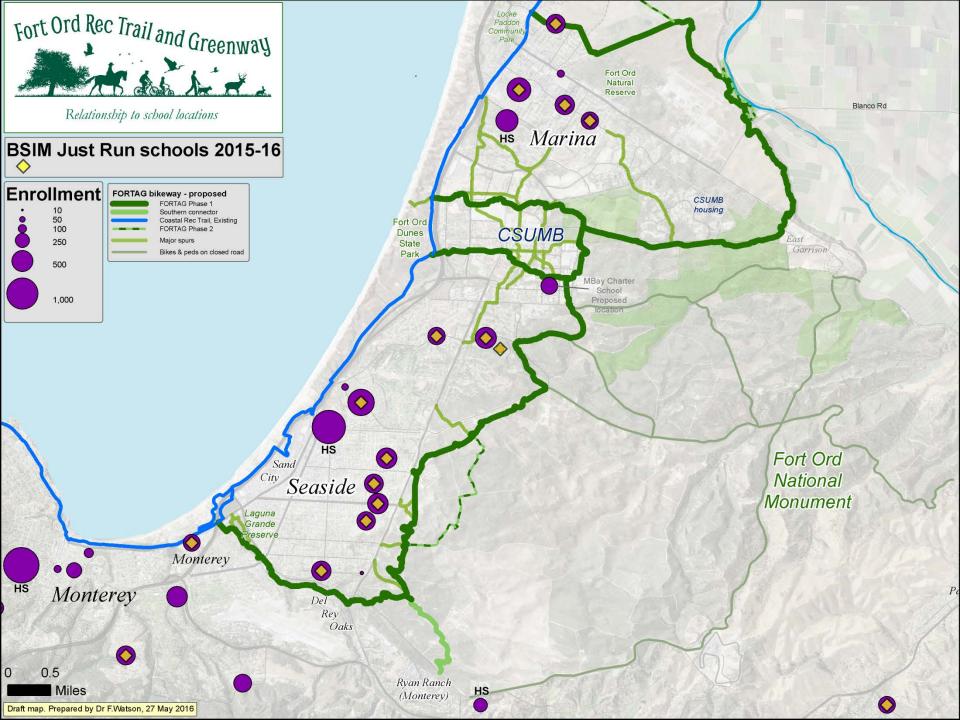








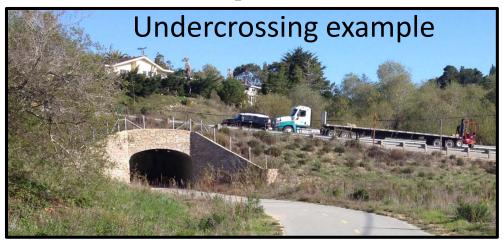
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2nd Avenue Undercrossing





Sandmat Ridge A natural open space corridor through a developed landscape





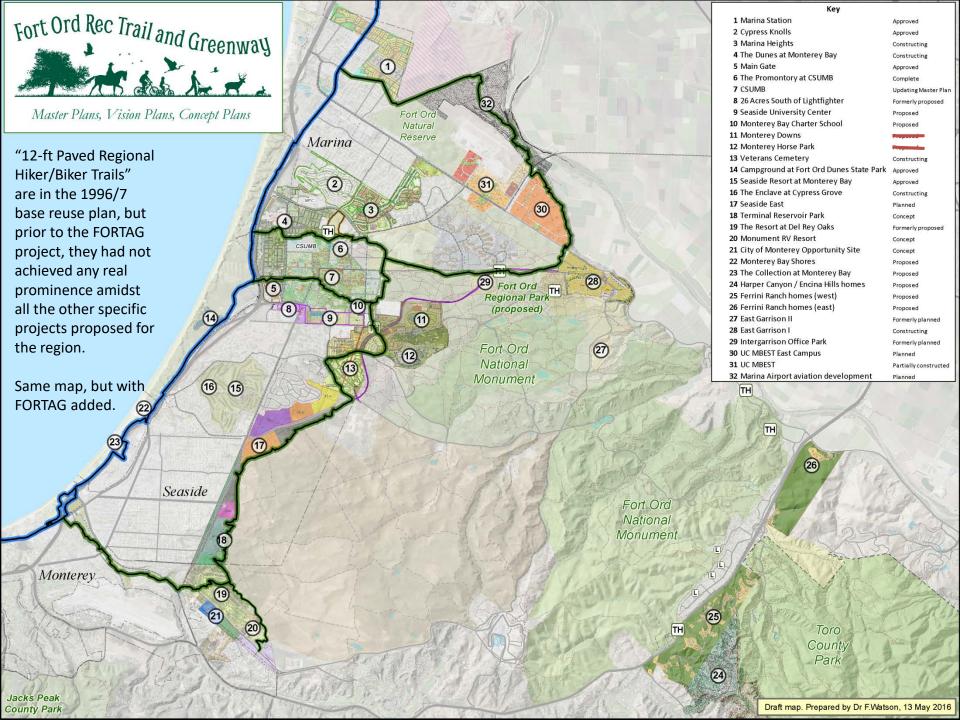


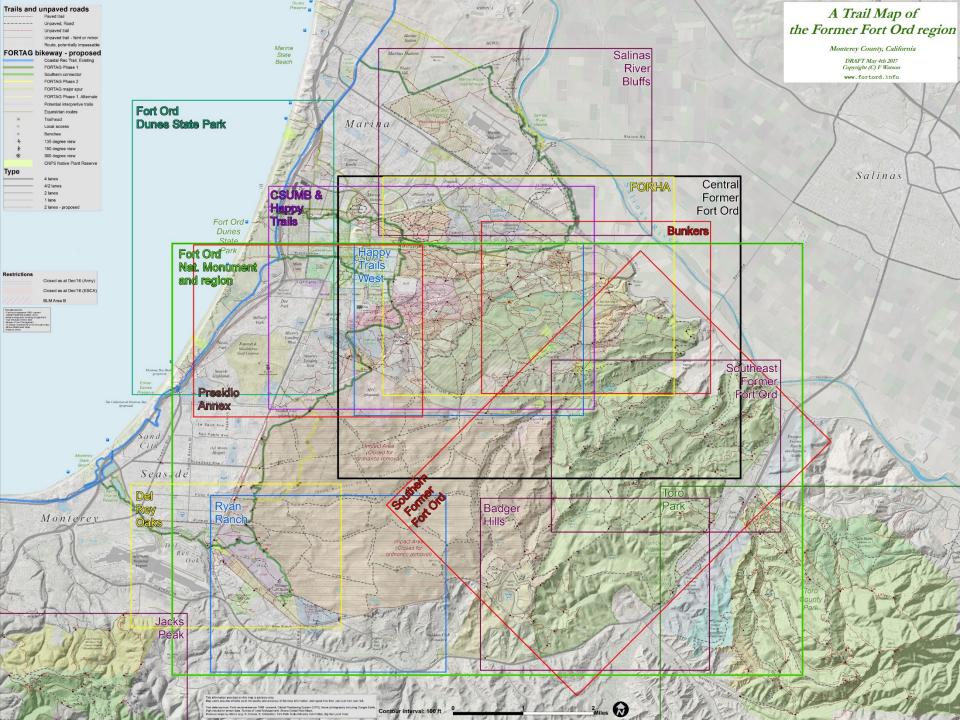




Fort Ord National Monument

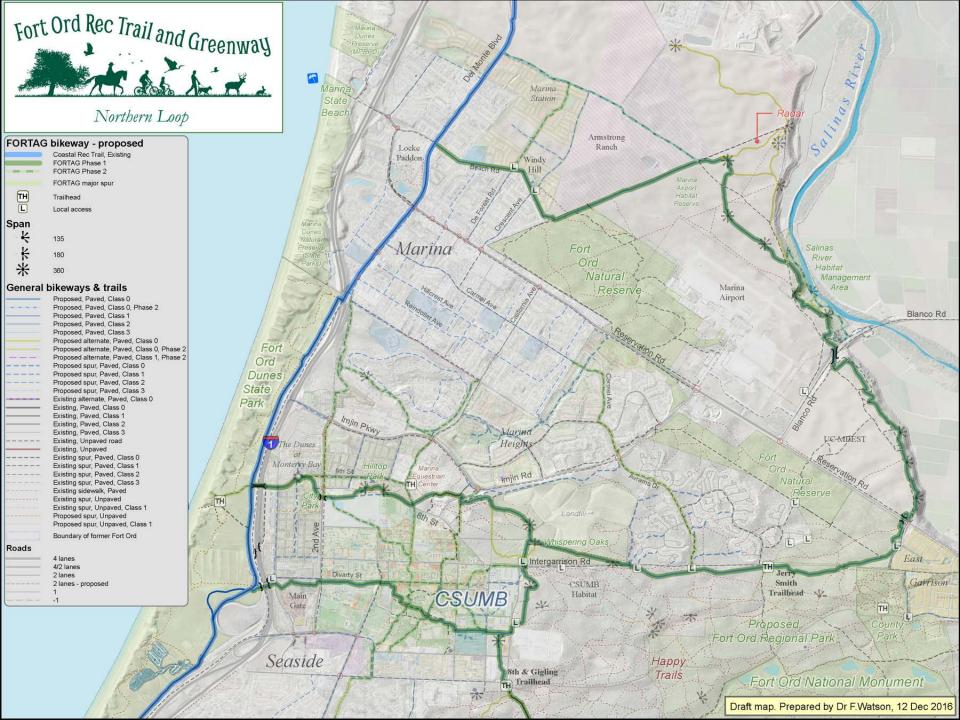


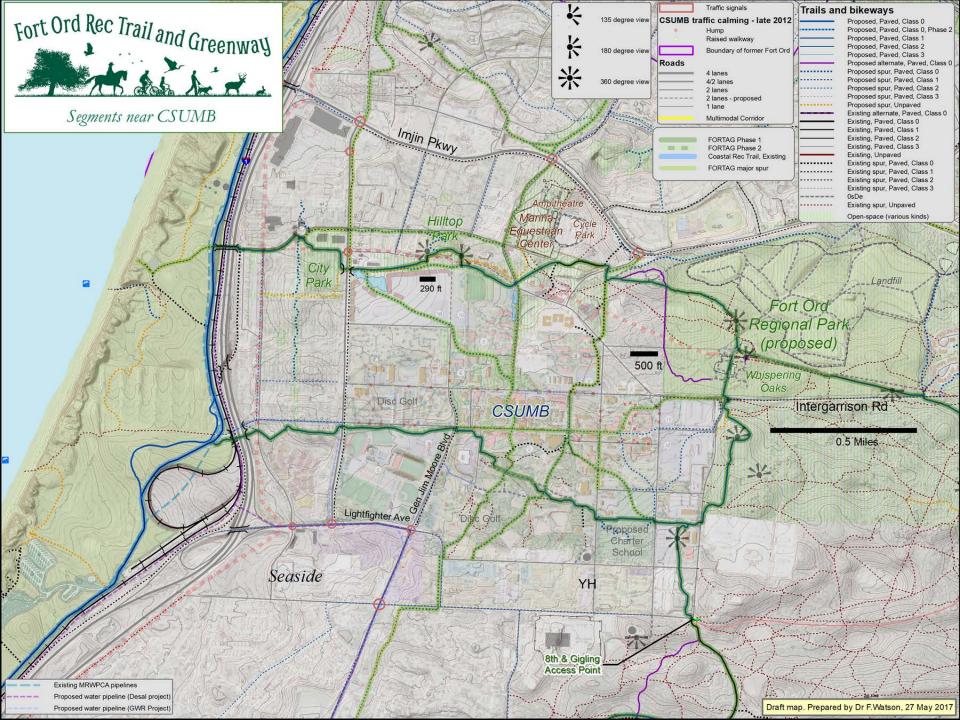




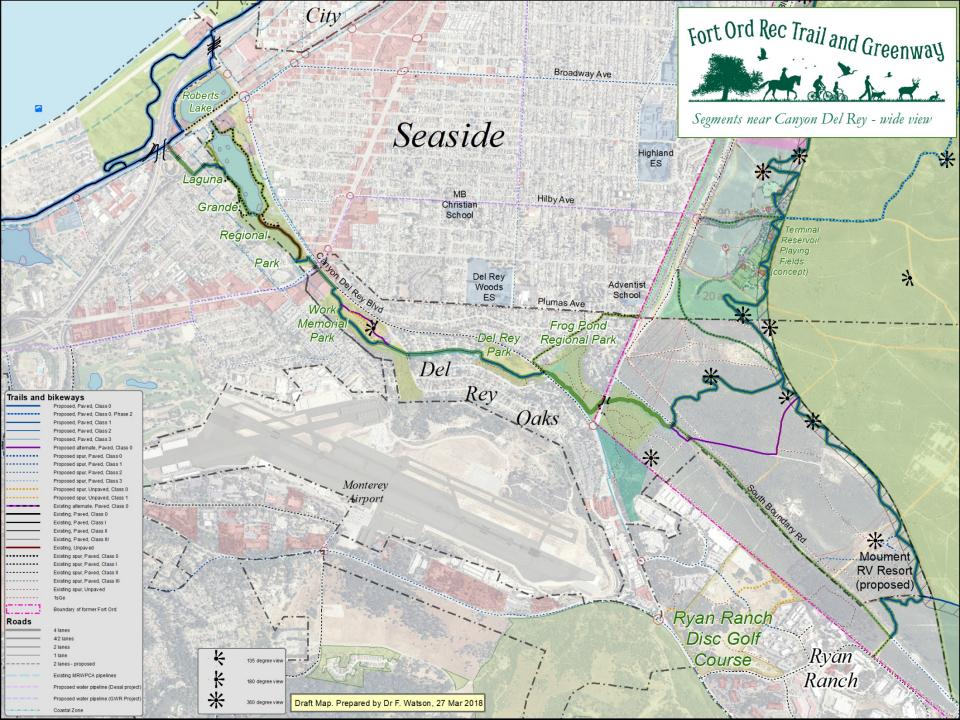
Next steps

- Environmental review CEQA/NEPA
- Incorporation into jurisdictional General Plans and related documents
 - FORA Habitat Conservation Plan FORTAG included in draft
 - County of Monterey FORHA plan FORTAG included in draft
 - FORA "Drafts Trail Concept" Approved; mirrors FORTAG
 - MPRPD 5-yr Strategic Plan Collaboration with FORTAG included
 - CSUMB GP update FORTAG included in draft
 - TAMC Transportation Safety and Investment Plan FORTAG included, and funded for \$20M + \$1M from State
 - City of Seaside GP update FORTAG included in draft
 - City of Marina:
 General support Council adopted motion in support of FORTAG
 CIP Includes \$50K master planning for FORTAG
 GP amendments Discussed
 - City of Del Rey Oaks Presentation to council received well. Several meetings, tours with staff & elected.
 - City of Monterey Positive discussions with staff & electeds
 - AMBAG Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040 Included in draft
- Easements
- Continuous communication with stakeholders











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