



City of Santa Barbara Transportation & Circulation Committee *Staff Report*

DATE: November 16, 2017

TO: Transportation & Circulation Committee (TCC) Members

FROM: Sara Farrell, Mobility Coordinator

SUBJECT: Las Positas/Modoc Road Multiuse Pathway Addition to Bicycle Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee consider the adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15074 and recommend that City Council add the Class I Las Positas/Modoc Road Multiuse Pathway to the Bicycle Master Plan.

BACKGROUND

In July 2016, City Council adopted a Bicycle Master Plan (BMP). The separated Class I Las Positas/Modoc Road Multiuse Pathway was excluded from the BMP because environmental review for that project was being completed and was not ready for decision maker consideration at time of plan adoption. In February 2017, the Planning Commission approved the subject project and adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The City applied for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant for the design and construction of the project. The project received a grant of \$1.372M in ATP Cycle 1 funds for the planning, environmental, and design phases of the Project. An additional \$500,000 of ATP Augmentation funding was programmed for the Right of Way phase in October 2017. Construction funding has not yet been identified, but City staff has been actively pursuing grant opportunities to fund construction. The next grant opportunity is in Spring 2018, with ATP Cycle 4 applications being due in May 2018.

Adding the Class I bike facility to the BMP would make the City of Santa Barbara more competitive for grant applications and would provide a more comprehensive understanding of near and intermediate term bicycle facility projects in the BMP.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Las Positas/Modoc Road Multiuse Path Project involves design and construction of a 2.6 mile-long separated multiuse pathway for bicyclists and pedestrians in the City right-of-way along Modoc Road from Calle de Los Amigos to Las Positas Road and along Las Positas Road from Modoc Road to Cliff Drive. The Project would provide key connections among Santa Barbara's regional Crosstown and Coastal Bike Routes, the neighborhoods

adjacent to the path, Elings Park, Arroyo Burro Beach County Park, and the Douglas Family Preserve.

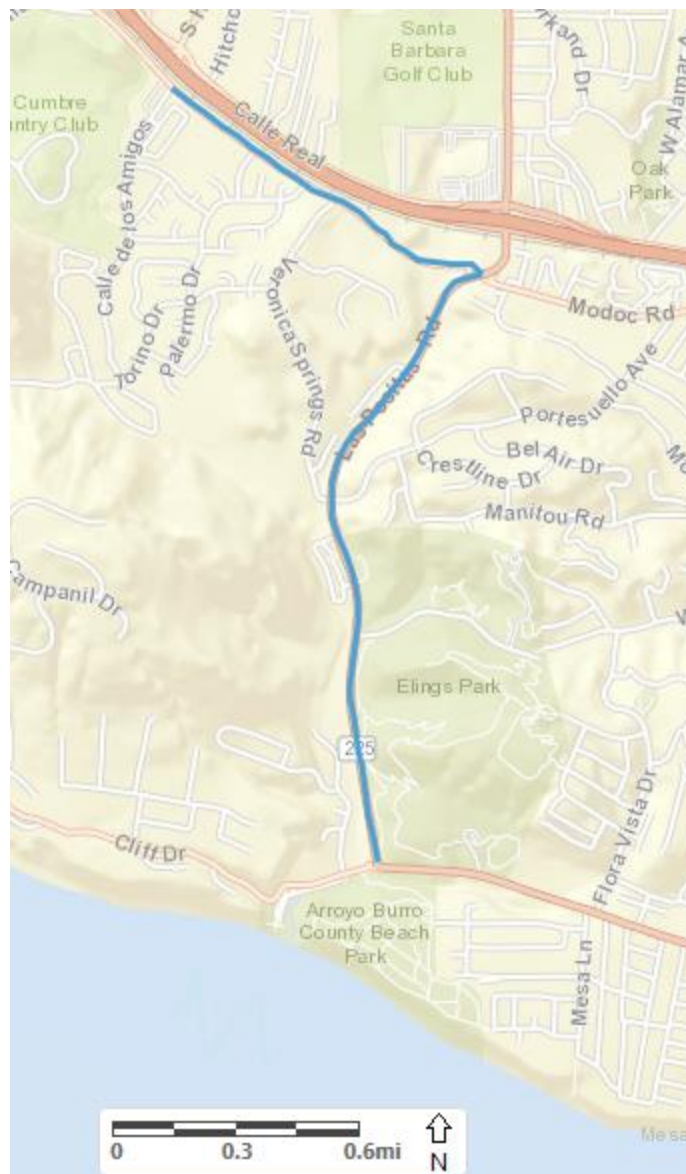


Figure 1: Las Positas/Modoc Road Multiuse Path

CONCLUSION

As part of the efforts to secure further funding for the construction of the project, it is important that the Las Positas/Modoc Multiuse Path be incorporated into the BMP. If approved, the revision to the BMP will include a description and location map of the project. By considering the Mitigated Negative Declaration and recommending that City Council add the Class I Las Positas/Modoc Multiuse Path to the BMP, the City would be better positioned to be granted the remaining funds necessary for construction.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Resolution No. 003-17](#) – City right of way along Las Positas and Modoc roads, adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration
2. [Final Mitigated Negative Declaration](#)