



Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024



# Proposed Multiuse Trail System within the TAMC Railway Corridor in Sand City

# Existing Conditions

- Extends approximately 1.5-miles through Sand City
- Contains existing rail infrastructure
- Consists primarily of open space
- Several sections that are leased to various businesses



# Potential Use of the TAMC Railway Corridor as a Multiuse Trail

## Key components of the multiuse trail system

- Focus on improved regional transportation
- Minimize conflict with existing leased property
- Will not remove or obstruct existing rail infrastructure or impede the future implementation of rail transit



# Existing Trail System

## Monterey Recreation Trail System

- Commuter trail ends at Roberts Lake
- Riders are diverted an additional an approximately 2-miles in order to reconnect to the main trail system

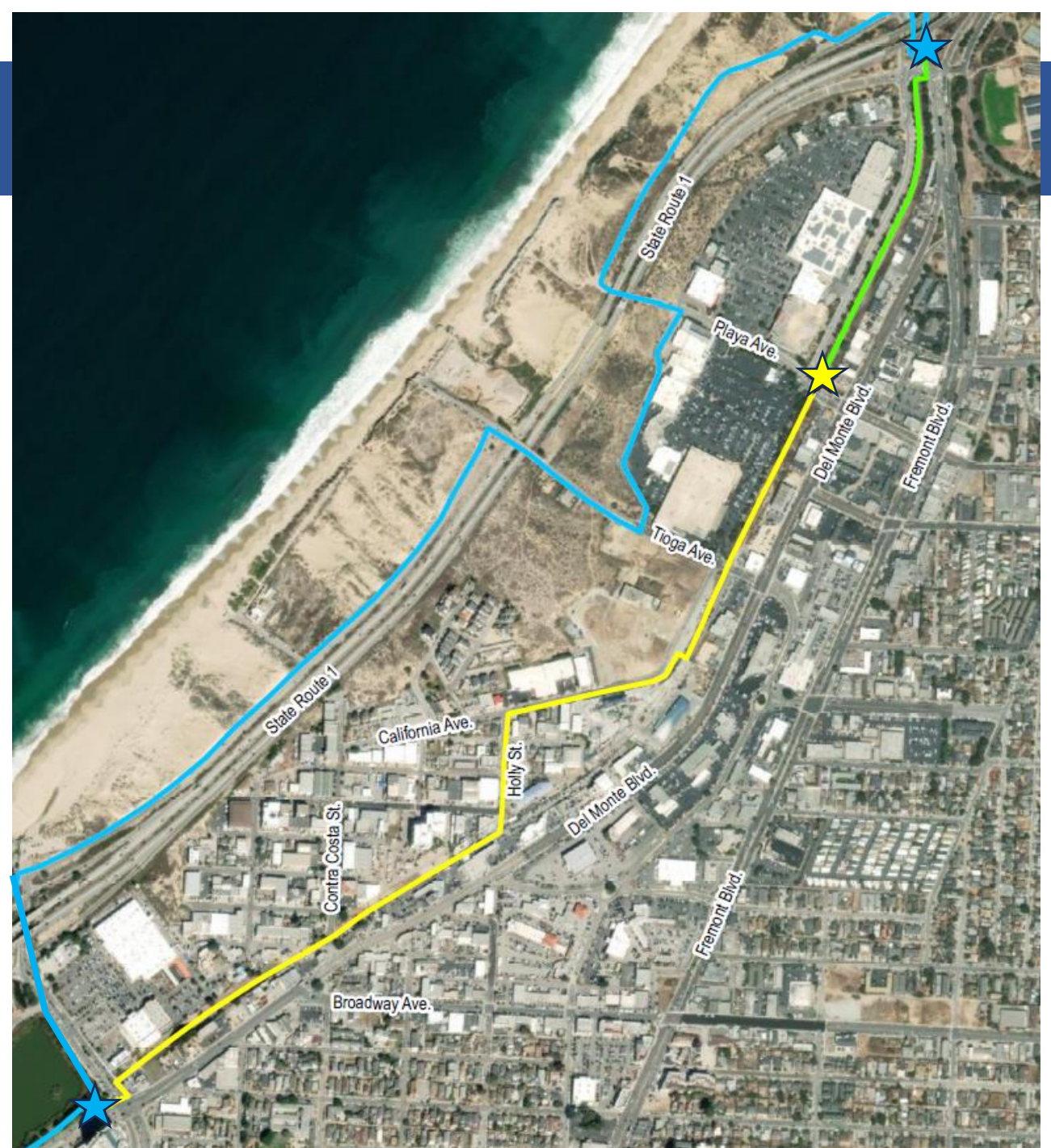
----- EXISTING TRAIL SYSTEM

----- MST SURF! FUTURE BIKE LANE

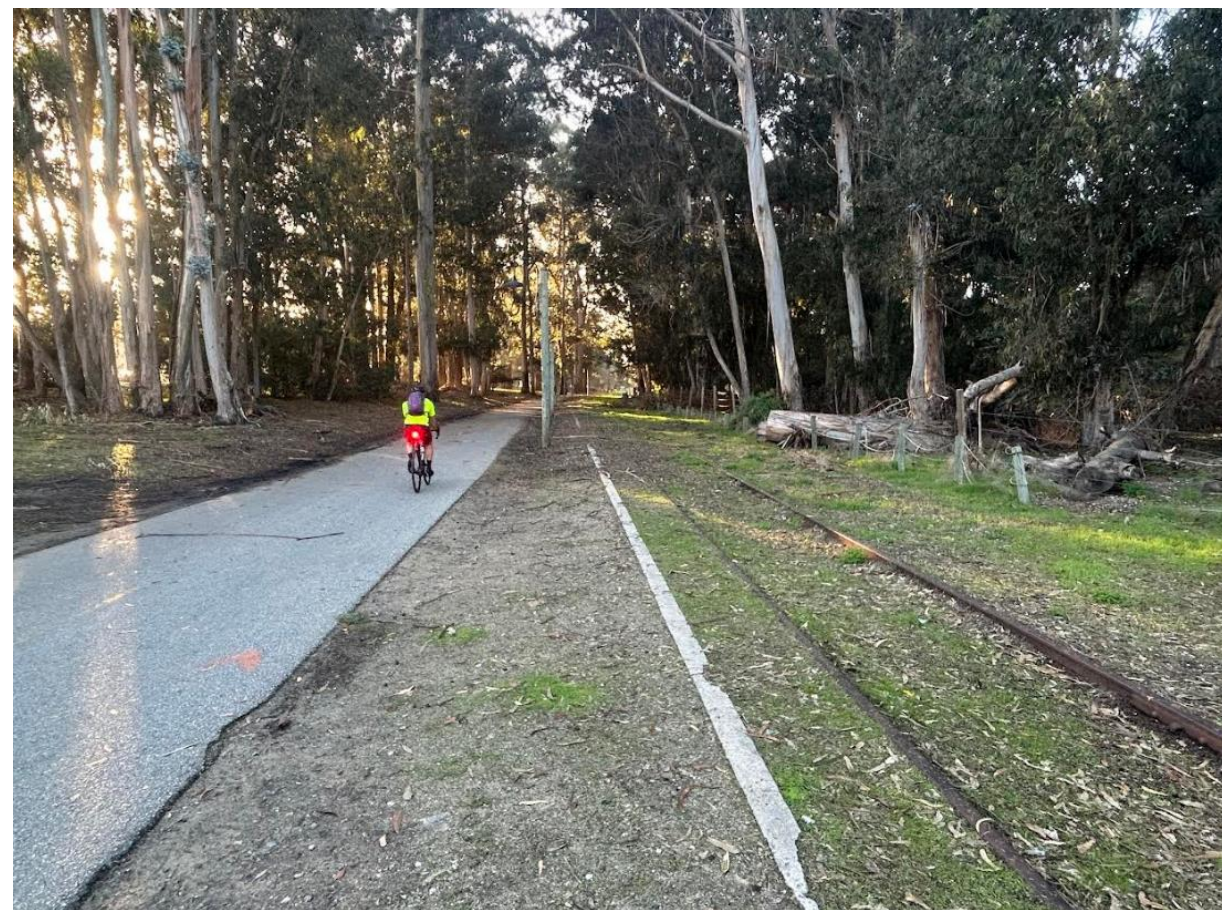
----- PROPOSED MULTIUSE TRAIL

★ FUTURE MST SURF! STATION

★ CONECTION TO EXISTING TRAIL SYSTEM

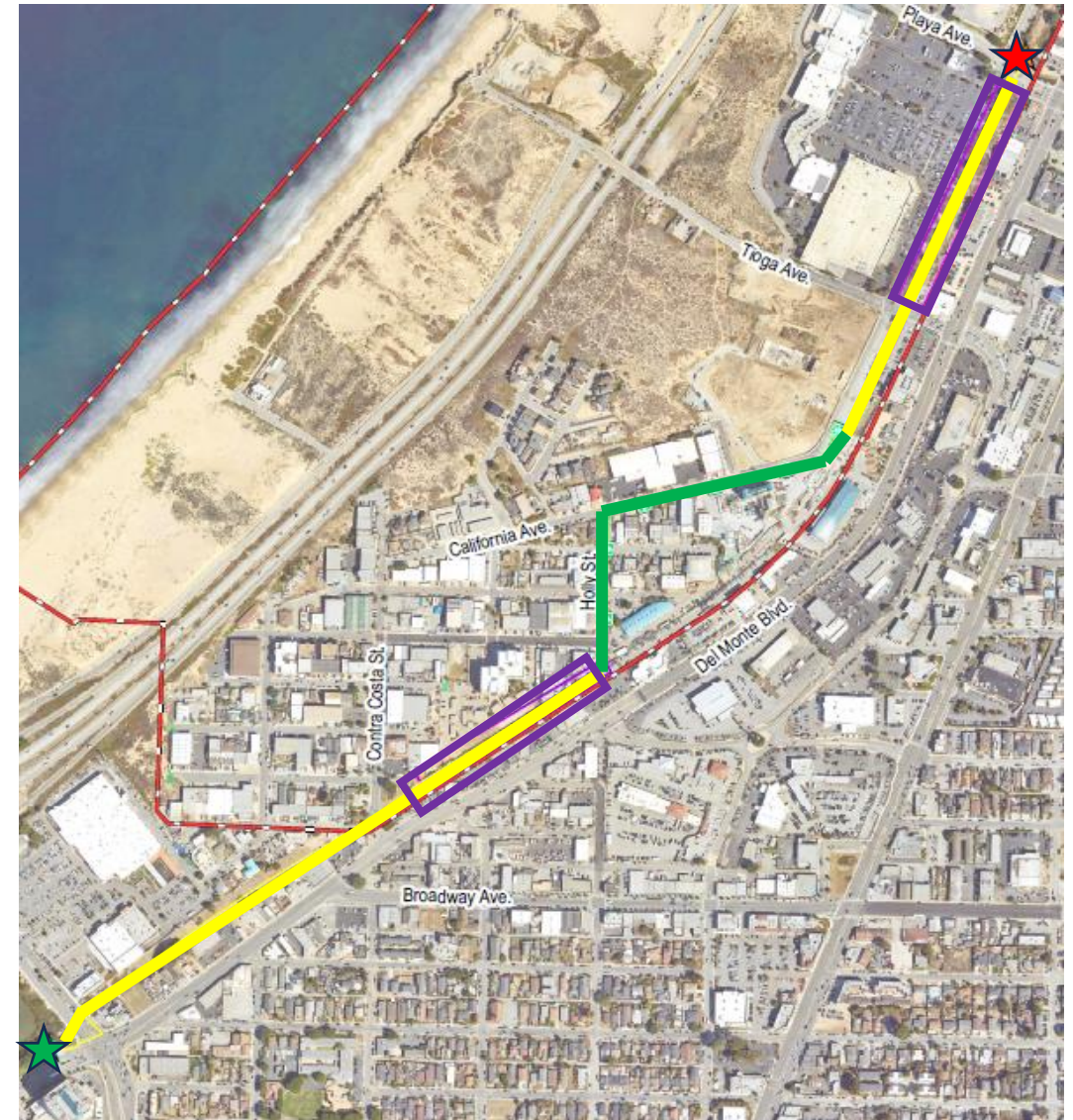


# Existing Trail System Adjacent to Existing Rail Infrastructure



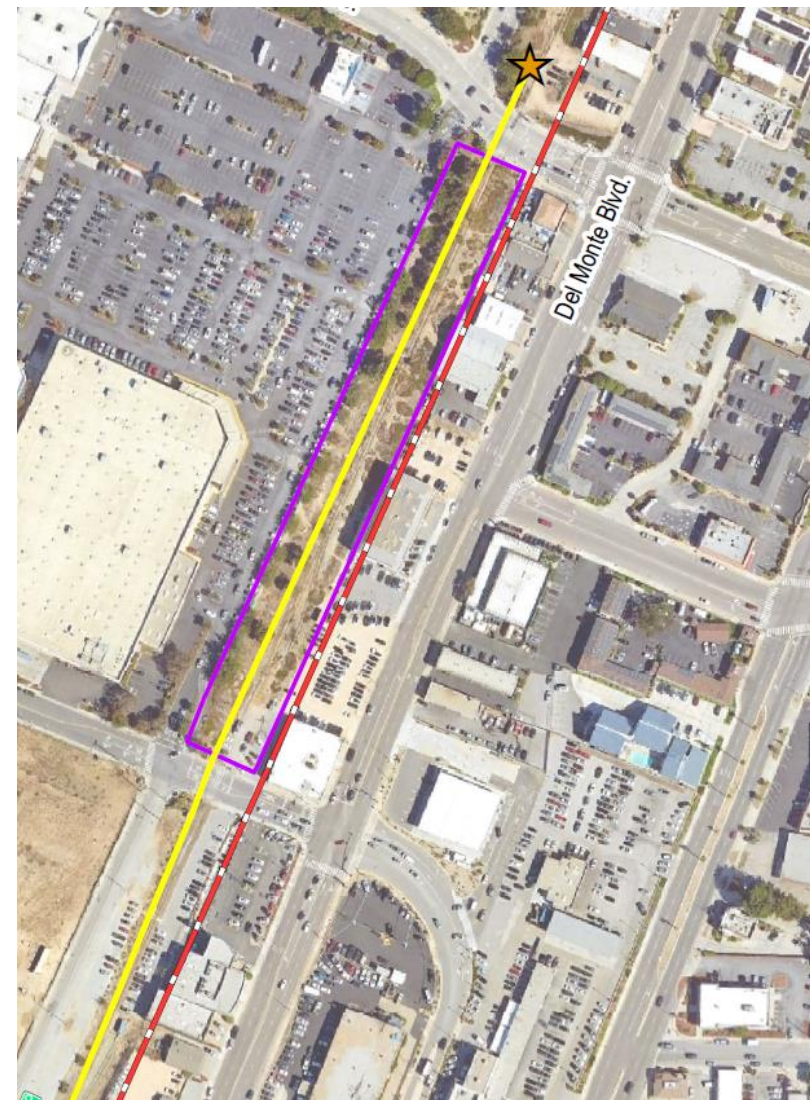
# Proposed Multiuse Trail System

- Approximately one-mile new trail system consisting of an approximately 12-20 foot wide path to accommodate both pedestrian and bike traffic
- Creates a connection in the existing Monterey Bay Coastal Trail to the future MST SURF! Bus Rapid Transit station
- Provides opportunities for active transportation, as well as access to transit, resulting in vehicle emission reductions.



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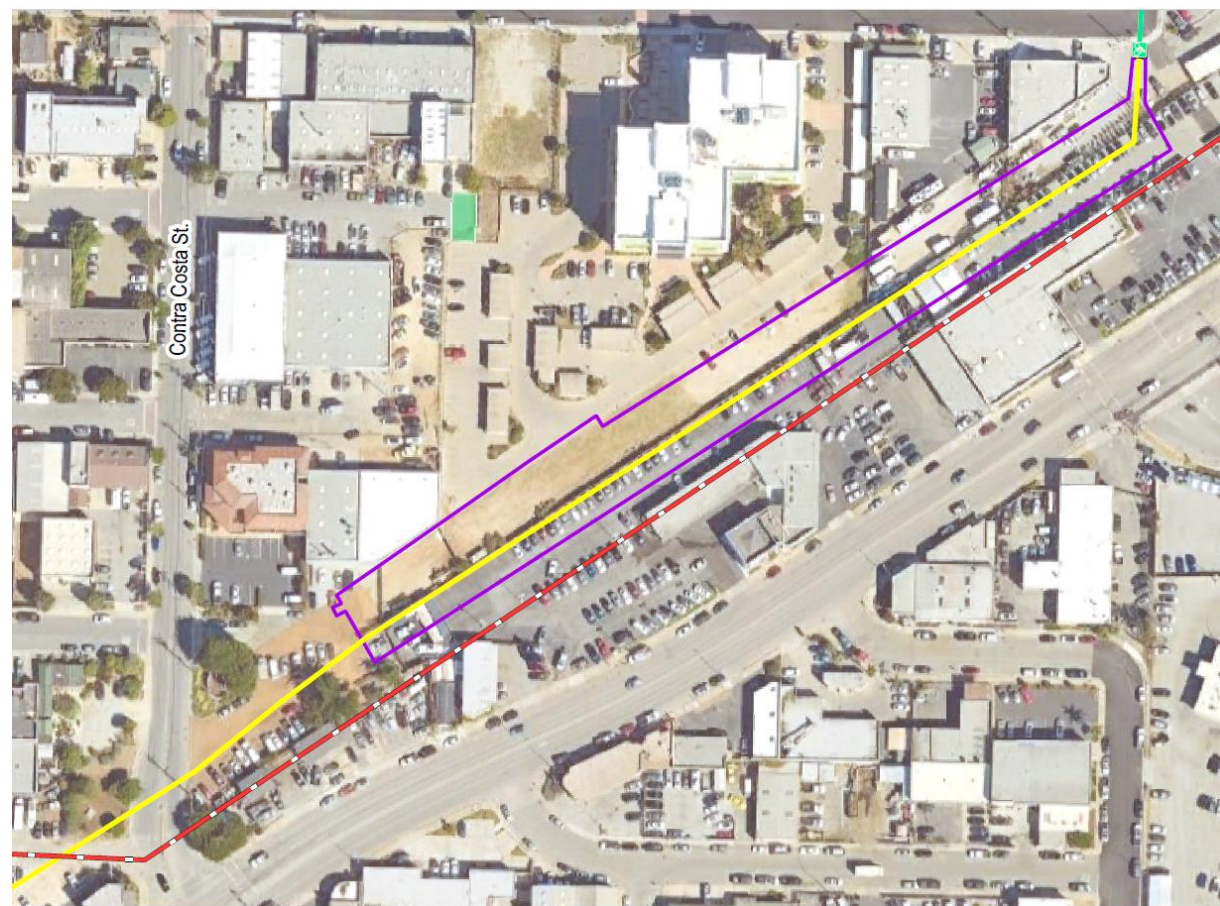
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# Improved Bike Lane Striping

- Bike lane improvements would extend approximately 0.3-miles along California Avenue to Holly Street and along Holly Street to Ortiz Avenue
- Enhanced bike lane striping on California and Holly Street



# Benefits of Multi-Use Trails

## Health Benefits

- Provide desirable space for physical activity, which can prevent or decrease some types of chronic illnesses and provide mental health benefits

## Environmental Benefits

- Reduction in VMT and in total vehicle trips ultimately reduces vehicular congestion and eliminates tons of greenhouse gases (GHG) and other air contaminants.



# Benefits of Multi-Use Trails

## Regional Transportation Benefits

- Connect people to jobs, schools, parks, grocery stores, medical facilities, and other transportation routes.

### *California State University, Monterey Bay*

- ~ 0.9 miles

### *Naval Postgraduate School*

- ~ 0.1 miles

### *Monterey Peninsula College*

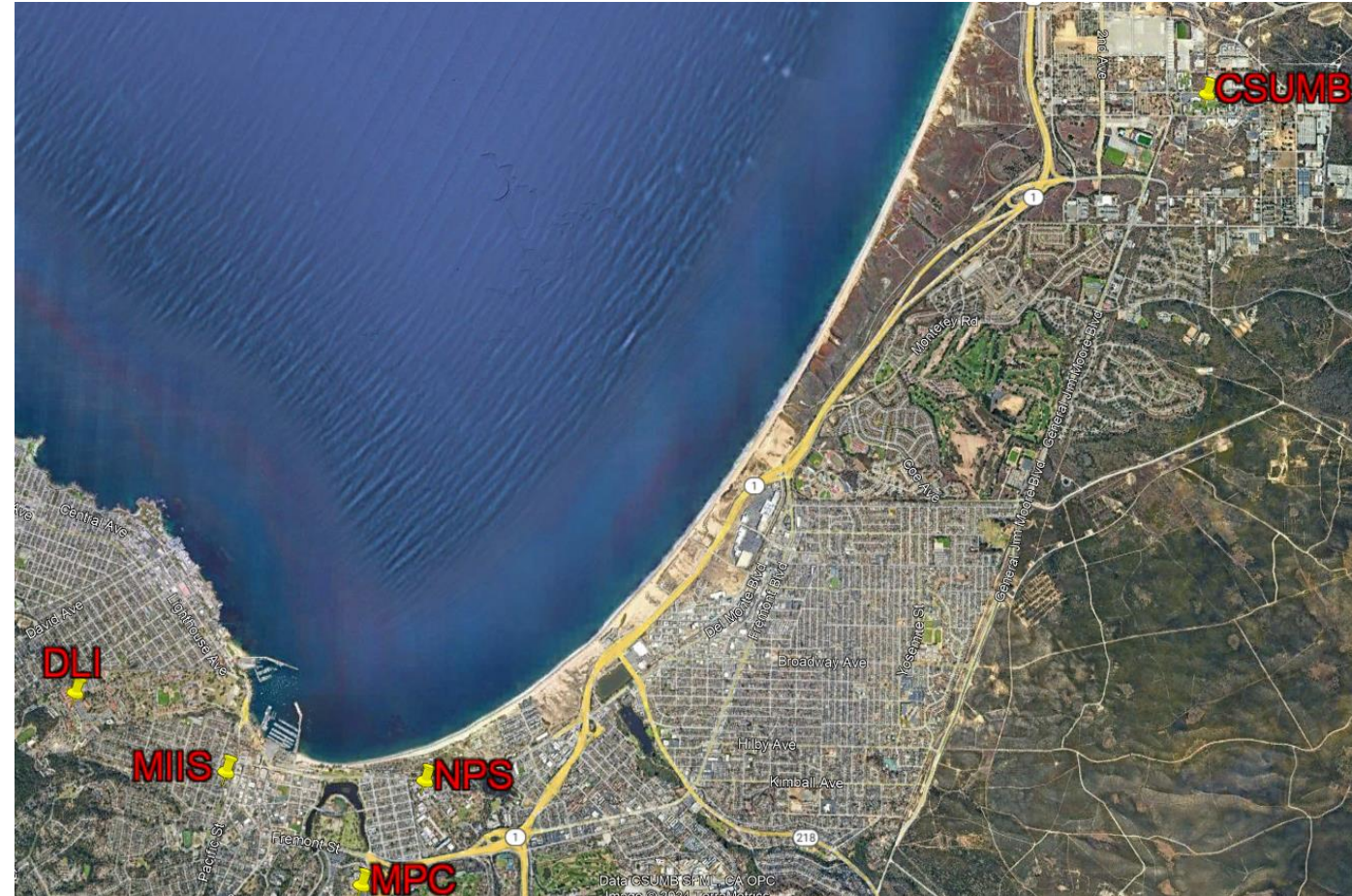
- ~ 0.6 miles

### *Middlebury Institute for International Studies*

- ~ 0.3 miles

### *Defense Language Institute*

- ~ 0.9



## Project Funding and Next Steps

- In August, 2023, the City submitted an application for the Monterey Bay Air Resources Control Districts Clean Air Management Program
- The City was awarded \$160,000 to support the initial steps of the proposed multiuse trail system and bike lane improvements
- Funding will support the necessary planning and design, including project oversight, environmental review, engineering, and conceptual design, required for the future implementation of the project



*Monterey Bay Air  
Resources District*