



# The Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway (FORTAG)

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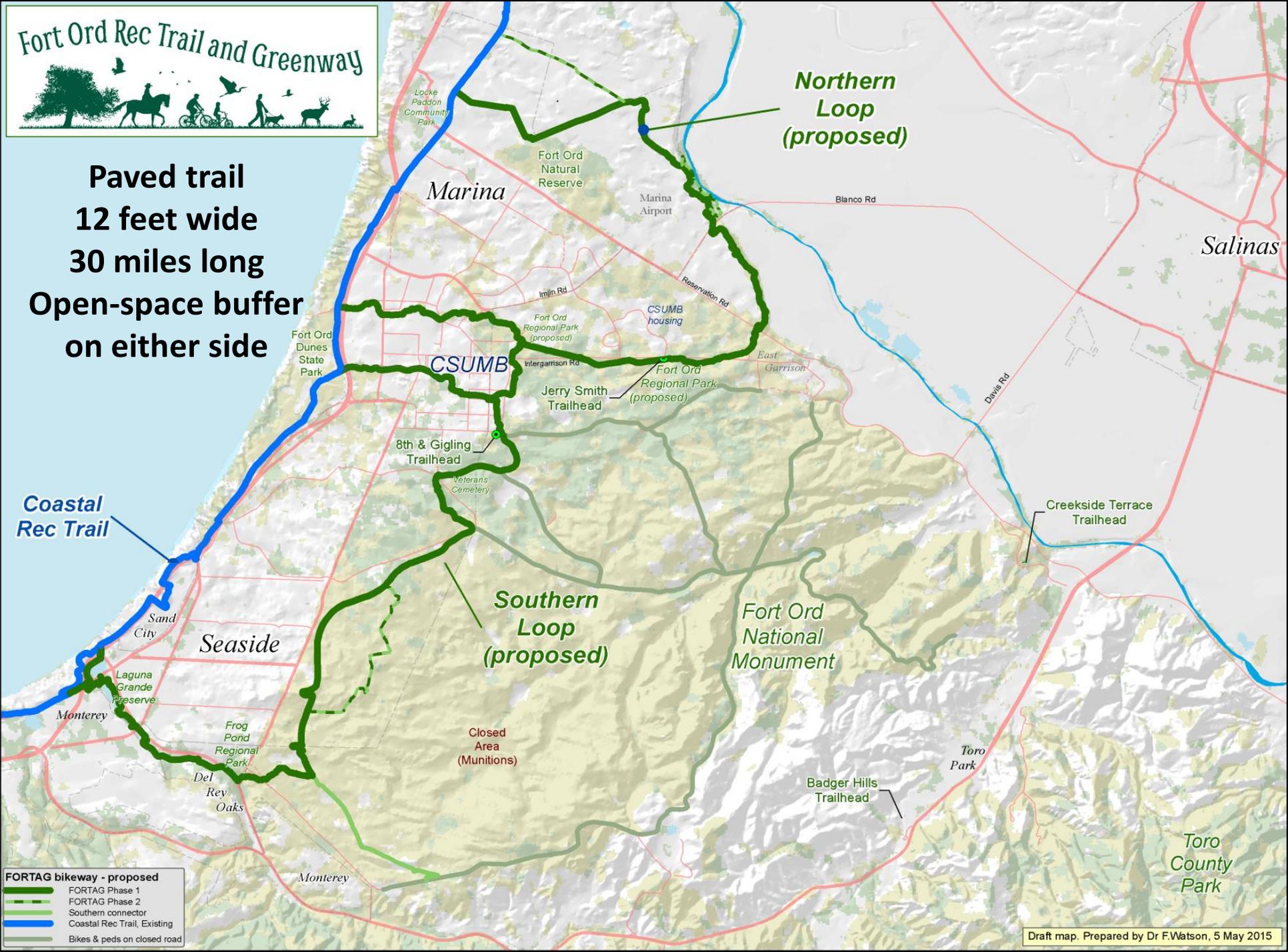
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**Paved trail  
12 feet wide  
30 miles long  
Open-space buffer  
on either side**

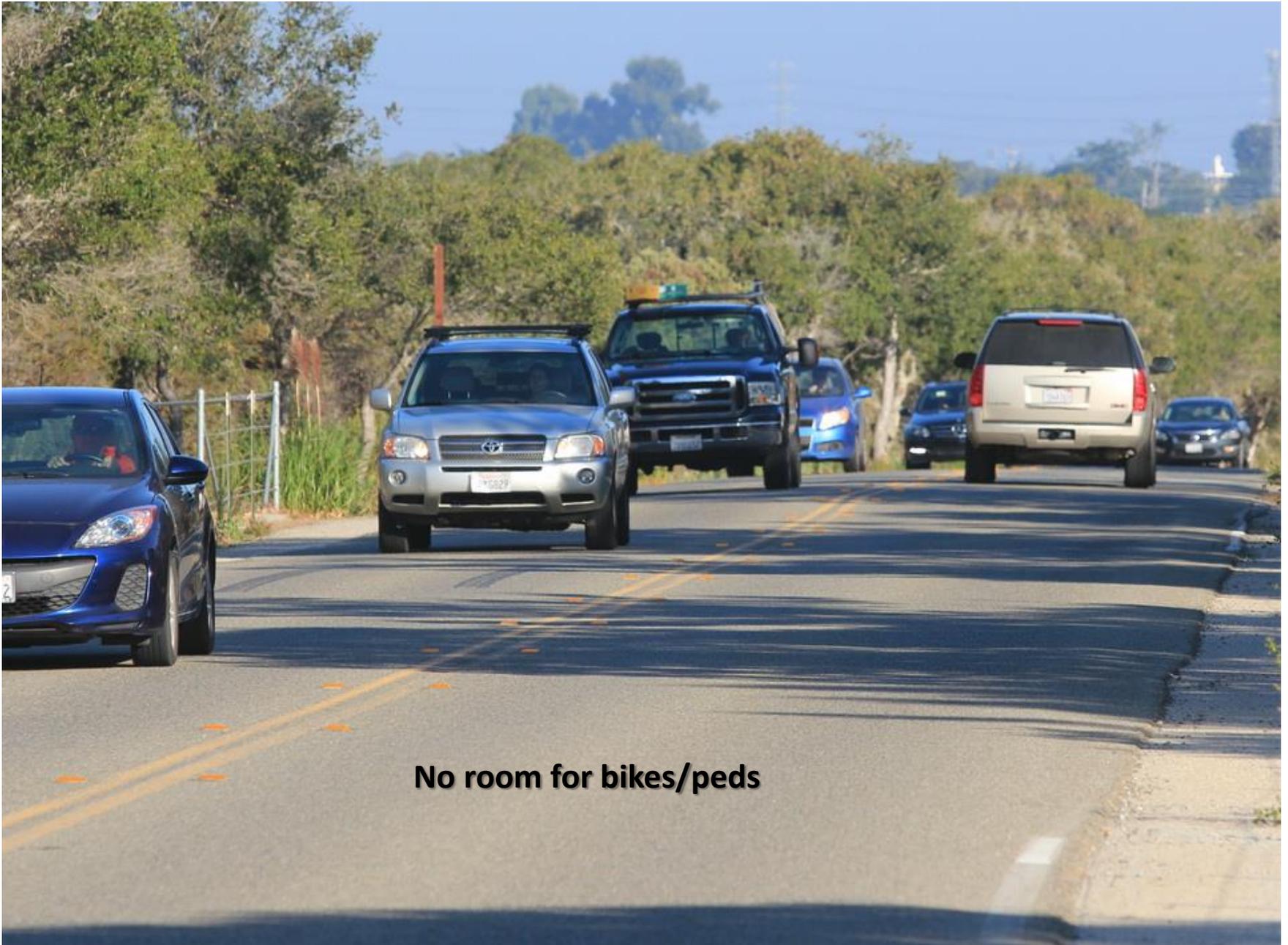


FORTAG bikeway - proposed	
	FORTAG Phase 1
	FORTAG Phase 2
	Southern connector
	Coastal Rec Trail, Existing
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Fort Ord is currently experiencing a wave of development. Long-blighted areas are finally being replaced with homes, retail, etc.



We've made progress on upgrading transportation on Fort Ord.  
But some things are still problematic.

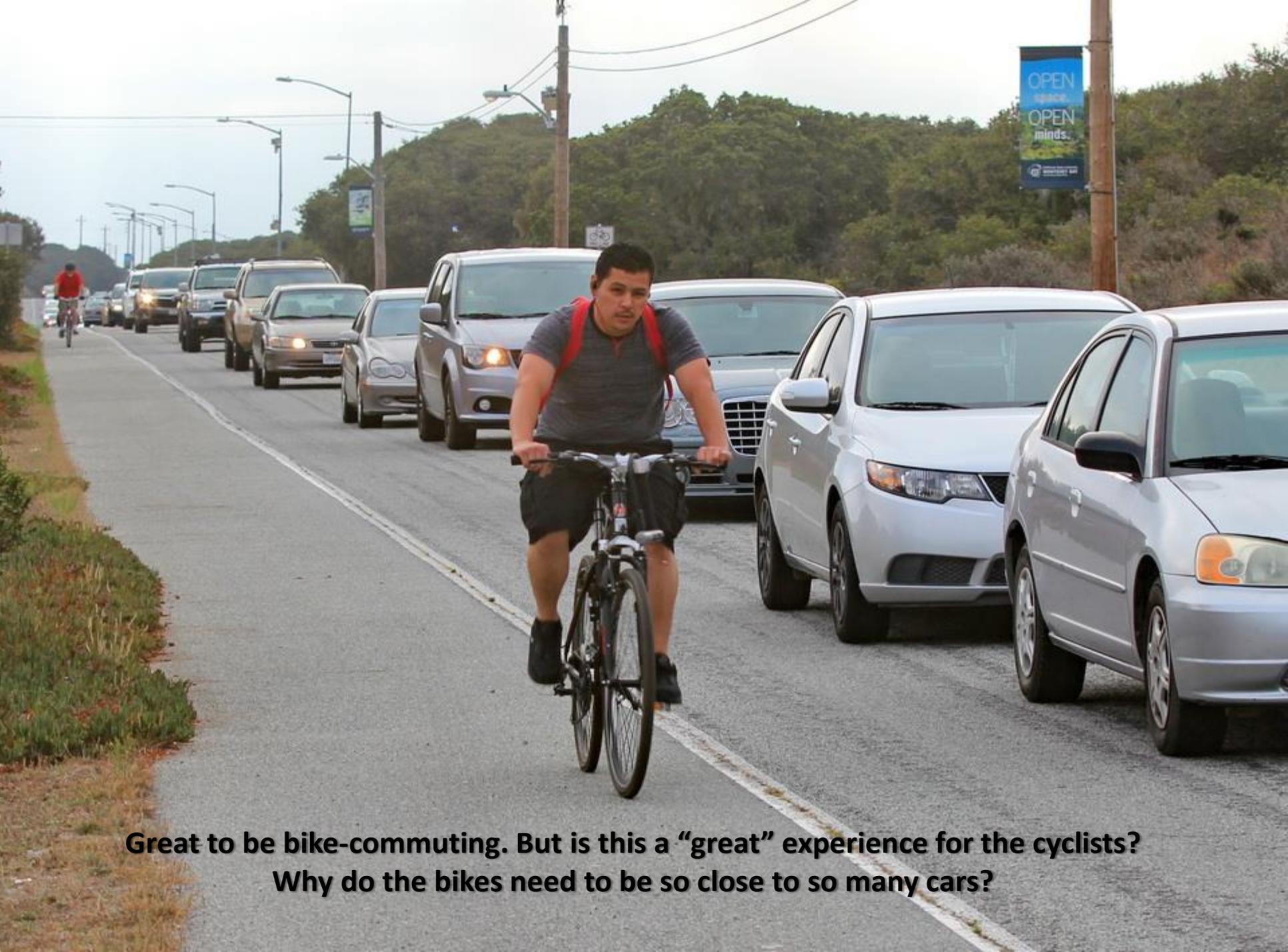


**No room for bikes/peds**



**Better – there’s a bike lane on the new section of Imjin Parkway - but still not ideal.  
Not pleasant. Not safe for novices.**

**Class 2 bikeways like this play an important role, as do Class 1 and Class 3 bikeways.  
But on Fort Ord, we have room for Class Zero bikeways:  
paved, but with an open-space buffer on either side.**



**Great to be bike-commuting. But is this a “great” experience for the cyclists?  
Why do the bikes need to be so close to so many cars?**

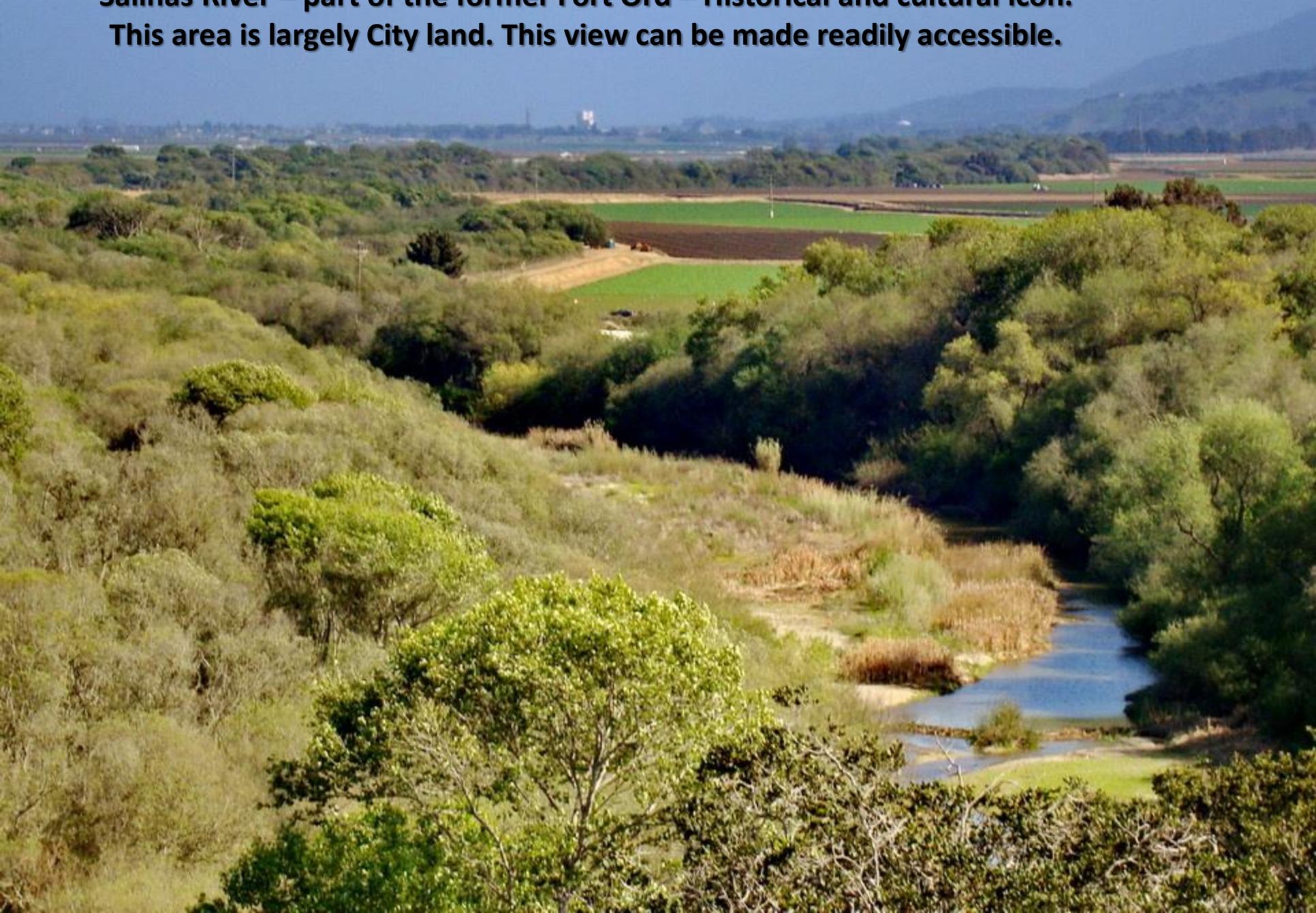


**Ditto. This time a walk-commuter. Not the most pleasant walk to work – despite the abundance of open-space on either side of the road.**

## Fort Ord National Monument – our backyard



**Salinas River – part of the former Fort Ord – Historical and cultural icon.  
This area is largely City land. This view can be made readily accessible.**



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



**The student experience should maximize opportunity to reach and use open space**



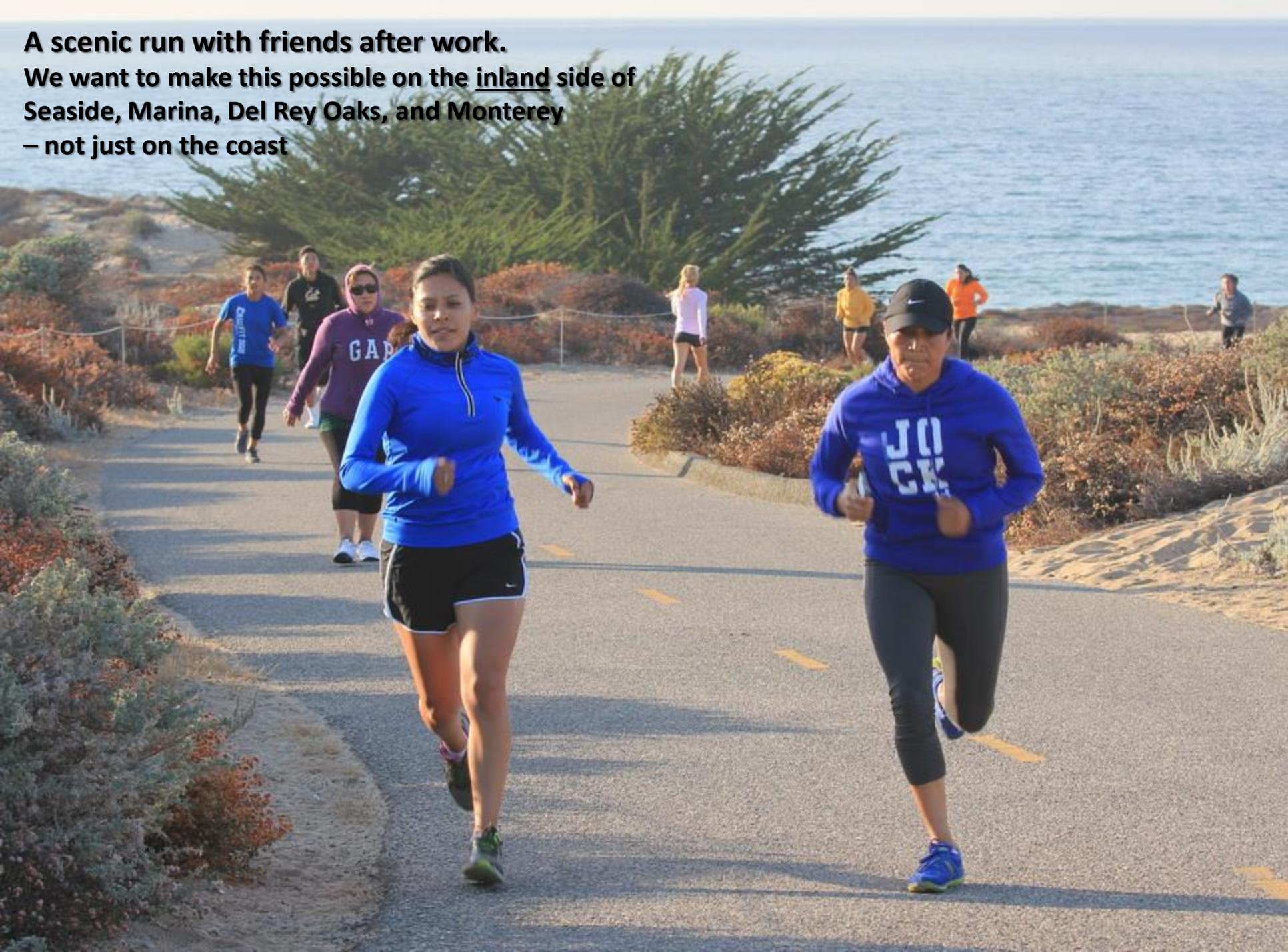
The existing Coastal Rec Trail\* is a wonderful example of what we can add to the palette of transportation and recreation options in the more inland parts of Fort Ord



**Commuting on a trail with room creates social opportunities**



**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**



**Paved trails separated from cars are much more accessible than “Class 1” trails, which can be very close to traffic, and often have many places where the trail crosses roads.**



**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



## Trails and cafes go well together



THE  
**WHARF**  
MARKETPLACE  
THE BOUNTY OF THE COAST

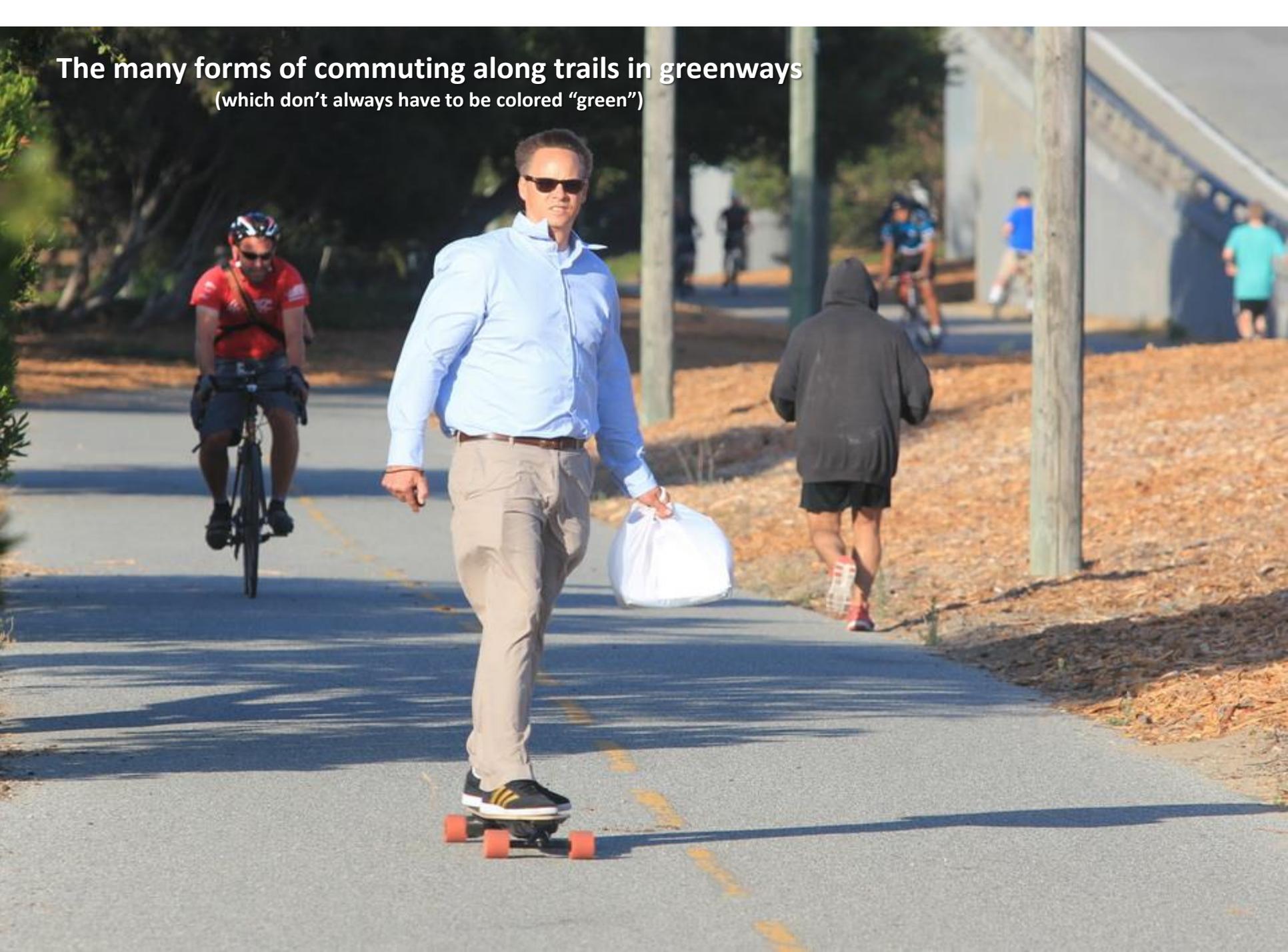
- Please park bikes in the provided racks
- Leashed pets are welcome in the outdoor patio area
- Tables are for customers
- This is a smoke free area

*Thank you!*

**Coastal Rec Trail – a wide range of users, every day and weekend, at all times of day**



**The many forms of commuting along trails in greenways**  
(which don't always have to be colored "green")



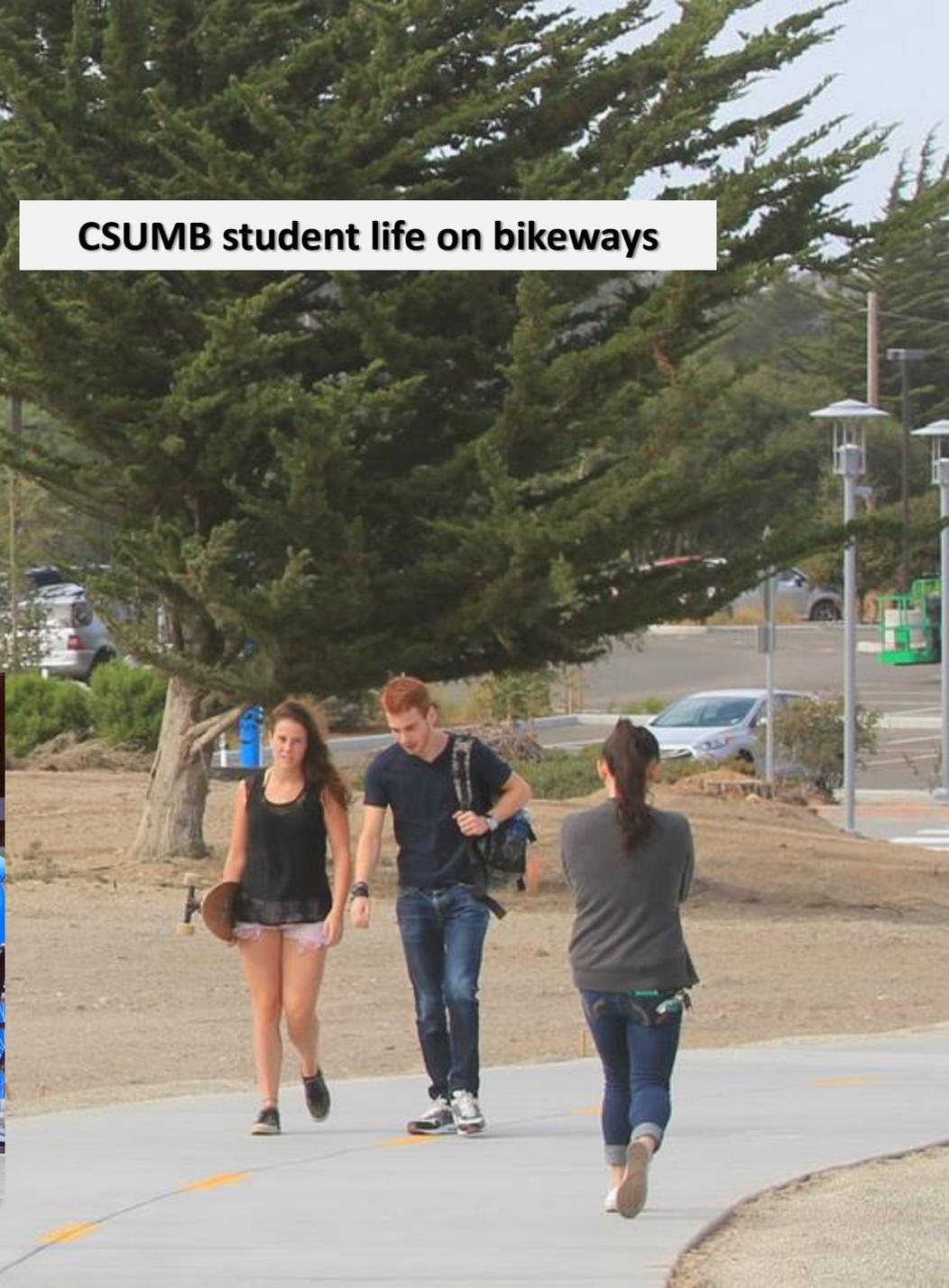


**CSUMB students use bikes  
to get around campus,  
and to explore the  
Fort Ord National Monument**

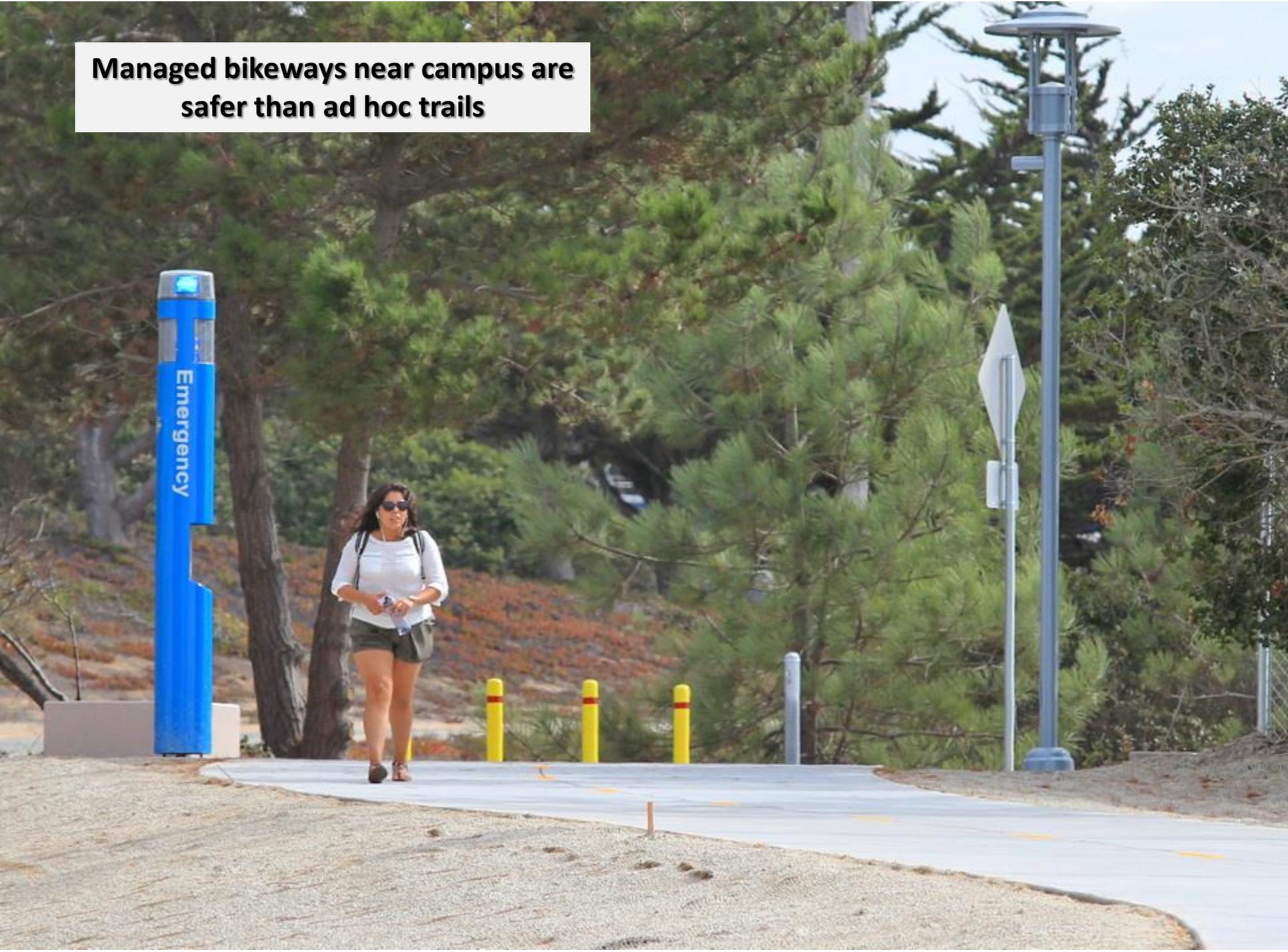
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**Managed bikeways near campus are safer than ad hoc trails**



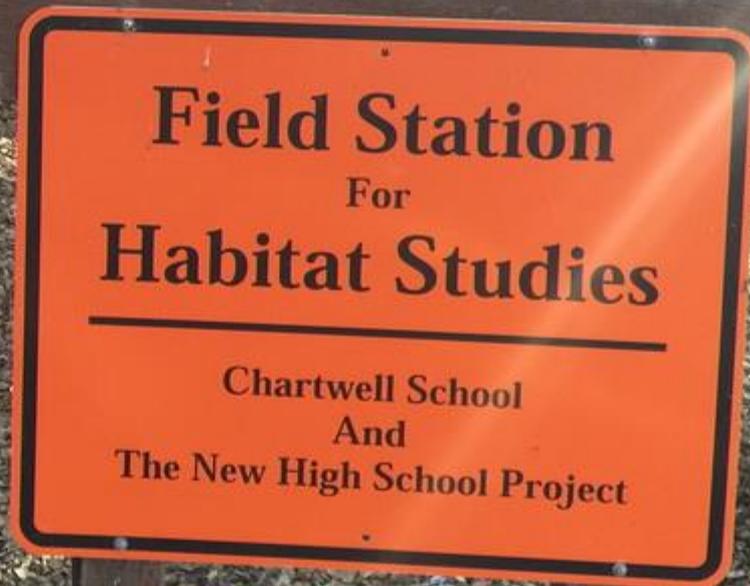
## **“Happy Trails”**

**Right next door to campus,  
but not yet facilitated by trails from campus**



# On-campus trails and habitat learning engagement

Just next door at the Chartwell School



# 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)

# Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway



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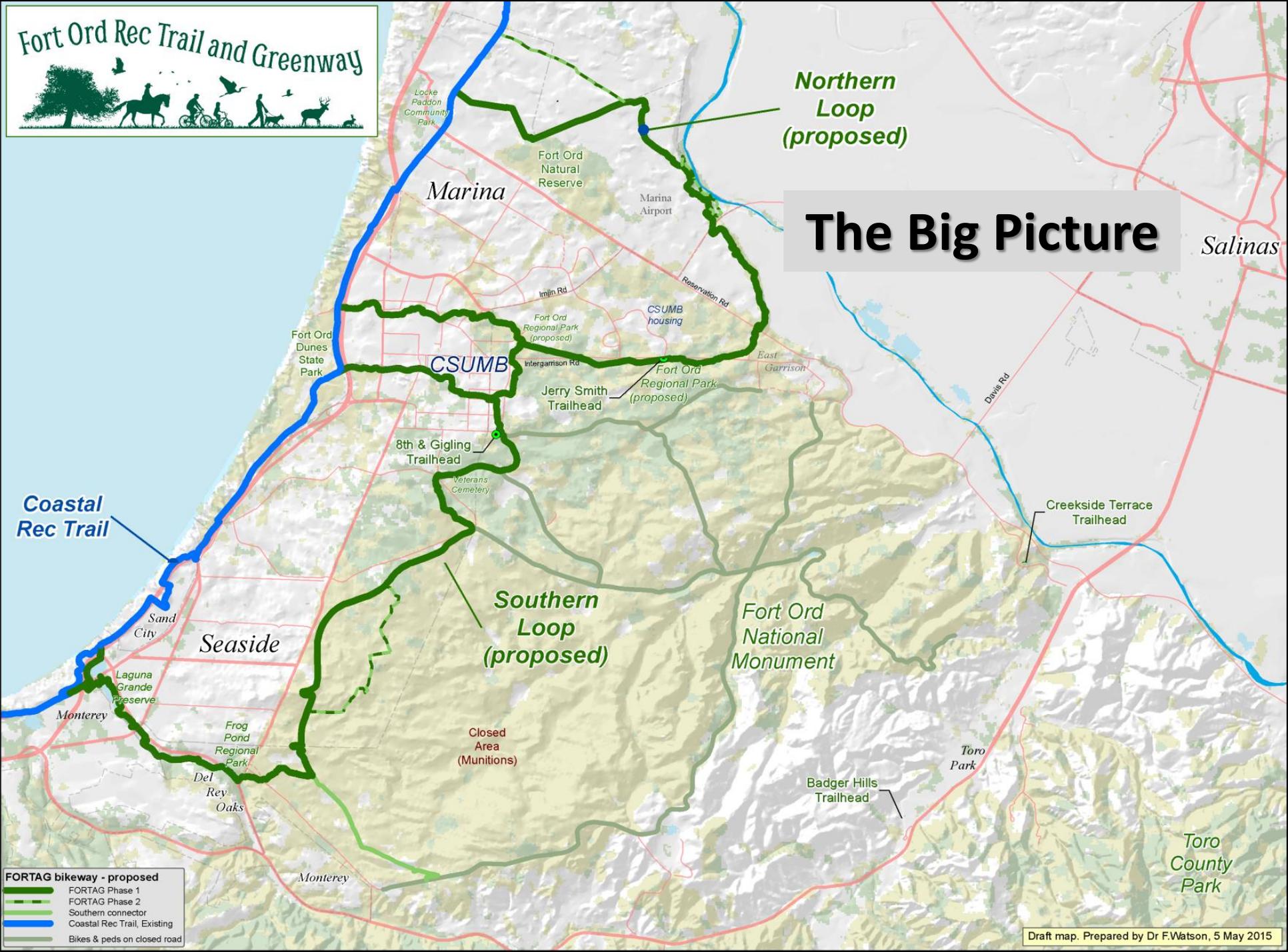
## The Big Picture

Salinas

**Coastal Rec Trail**

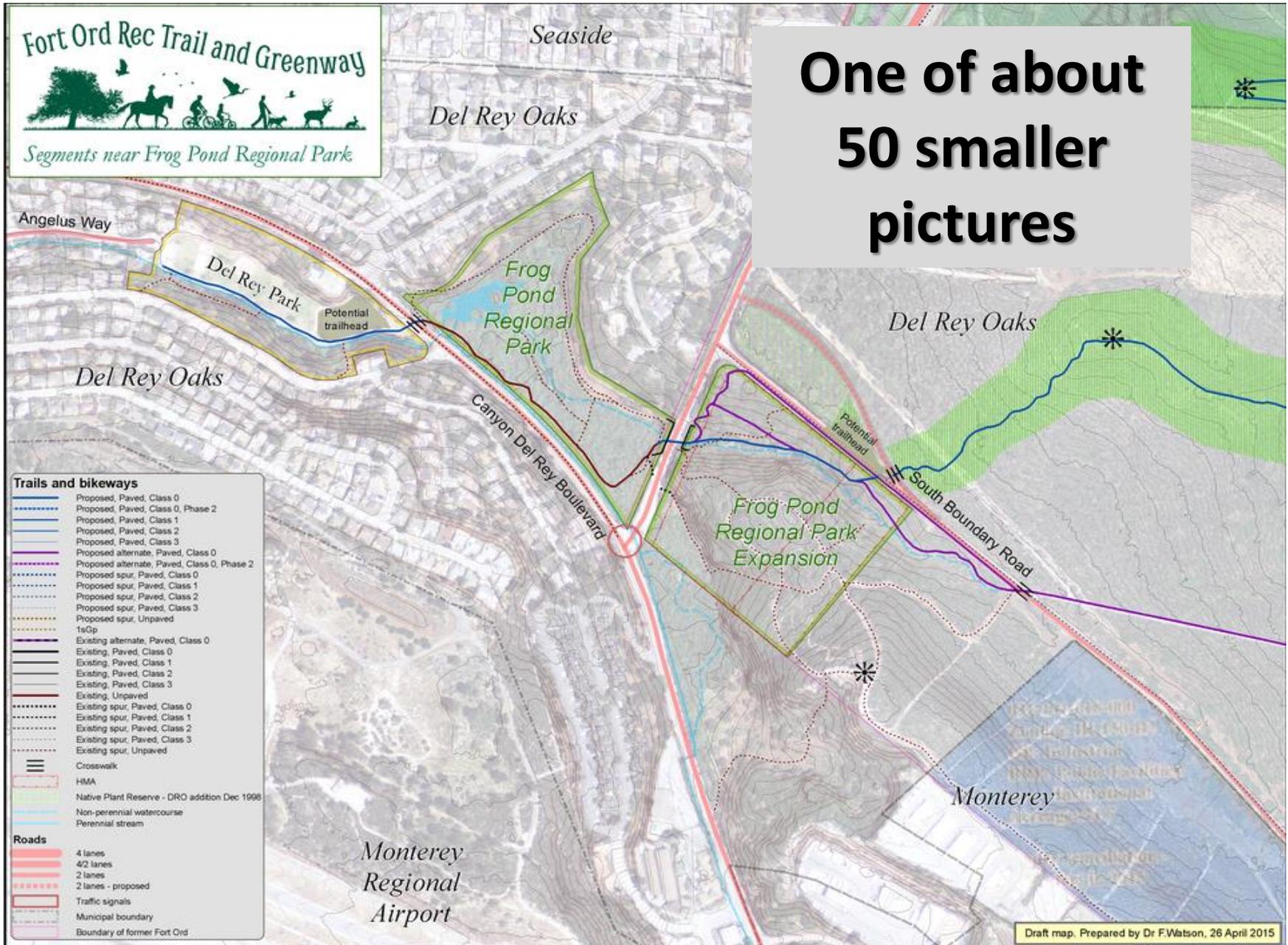
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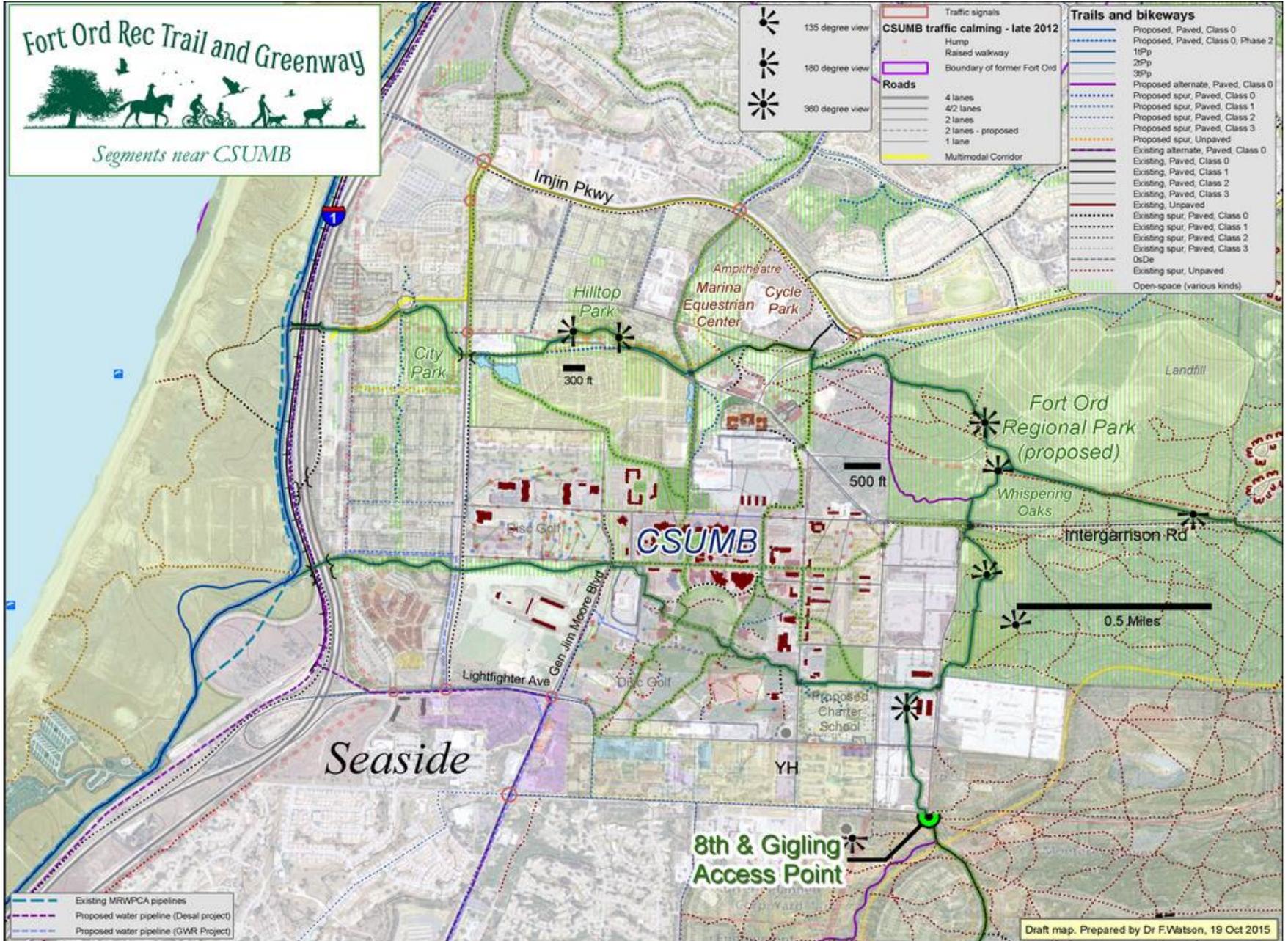
## Map illustrates detailed approach to planning near crucial nodes





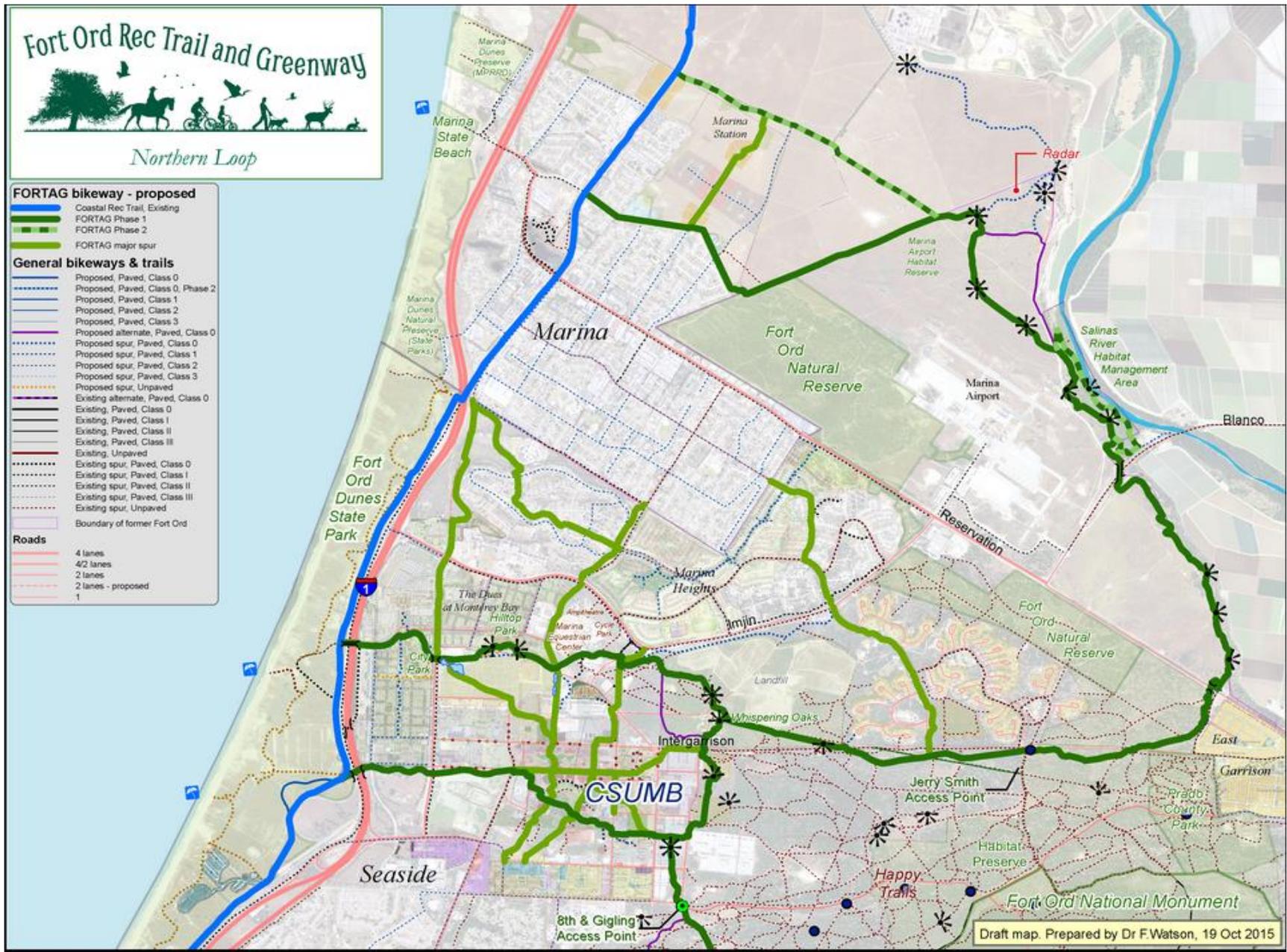
# FORTAG – Central loop around CSUMB

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



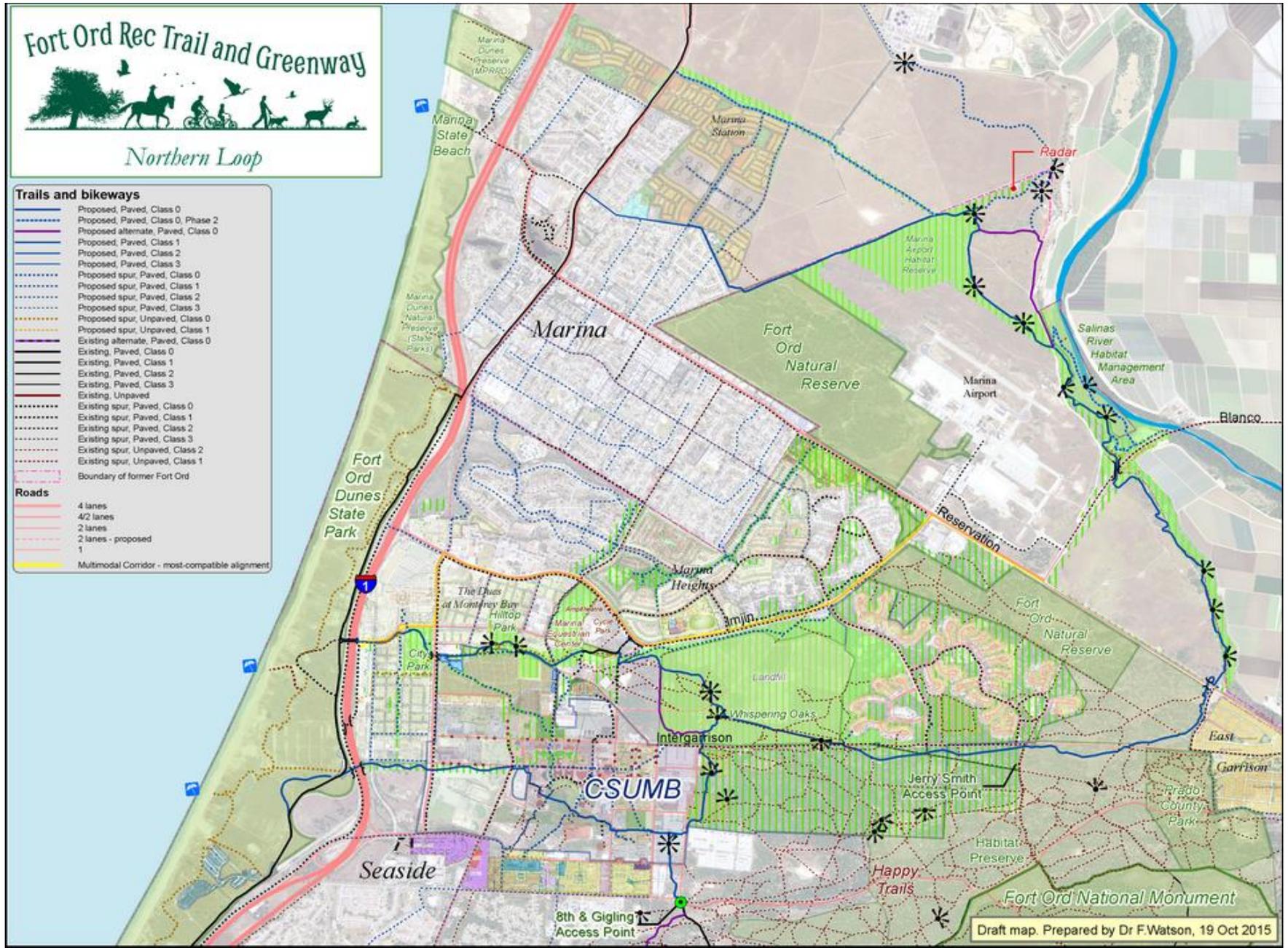
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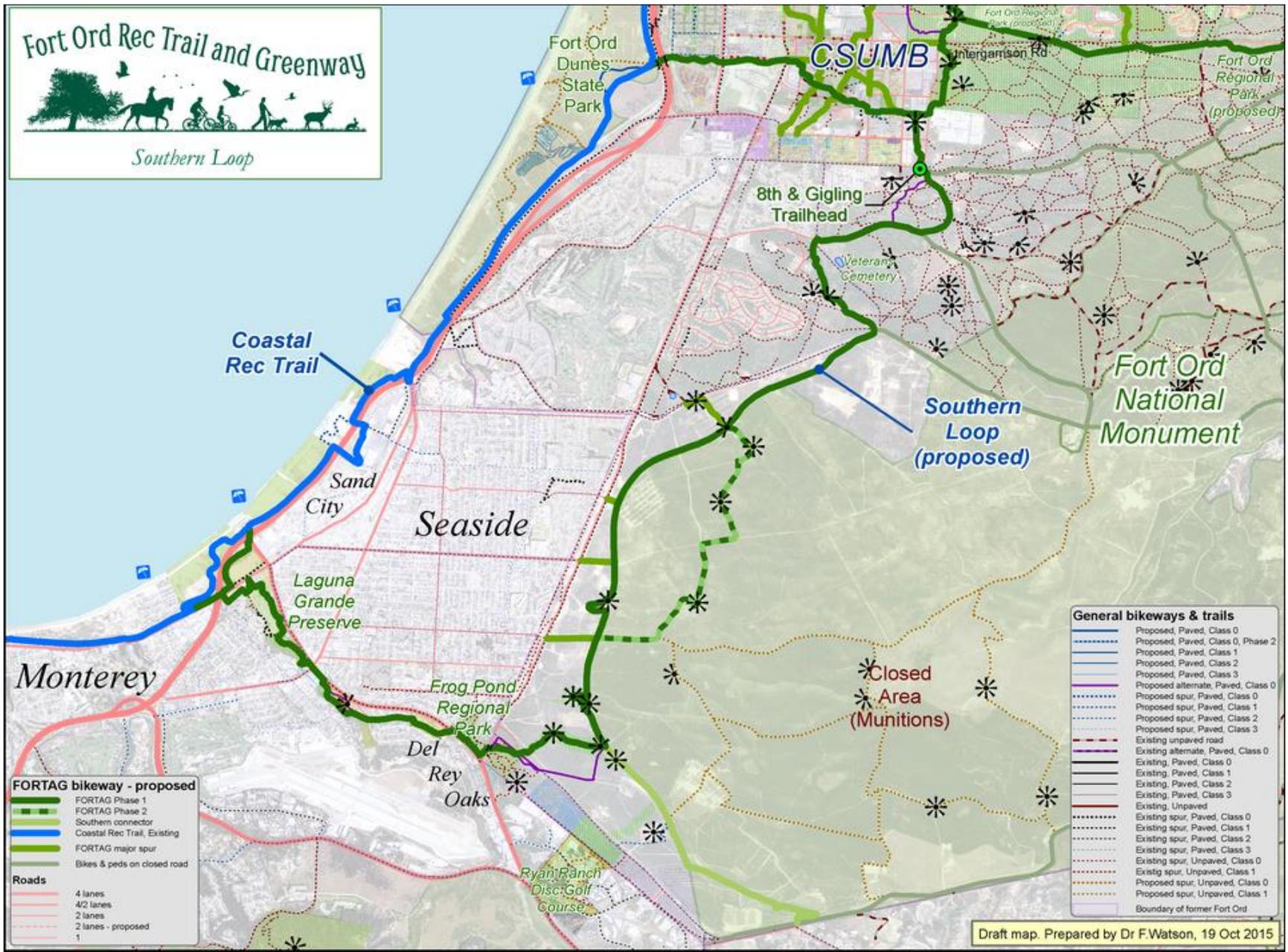
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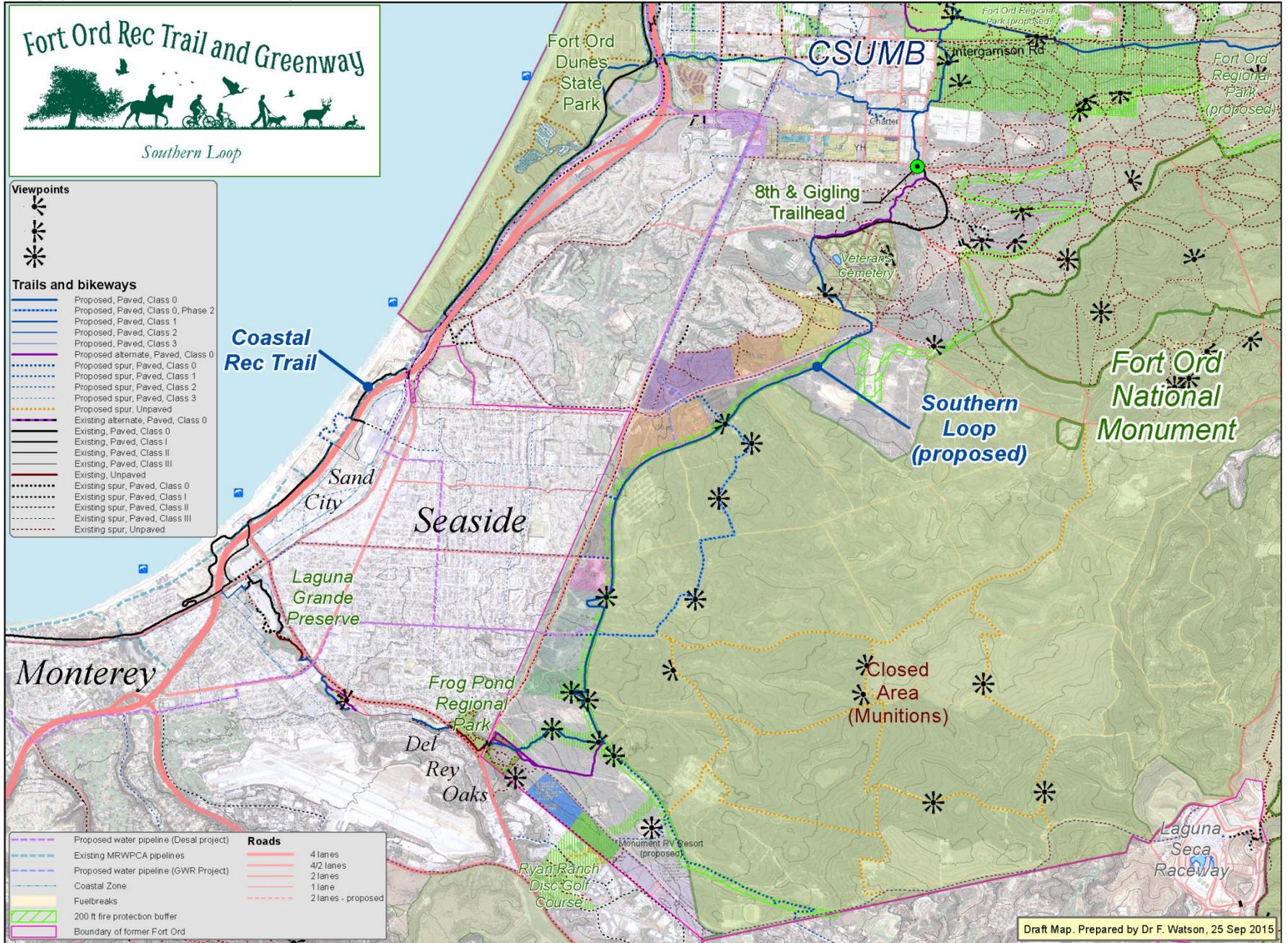
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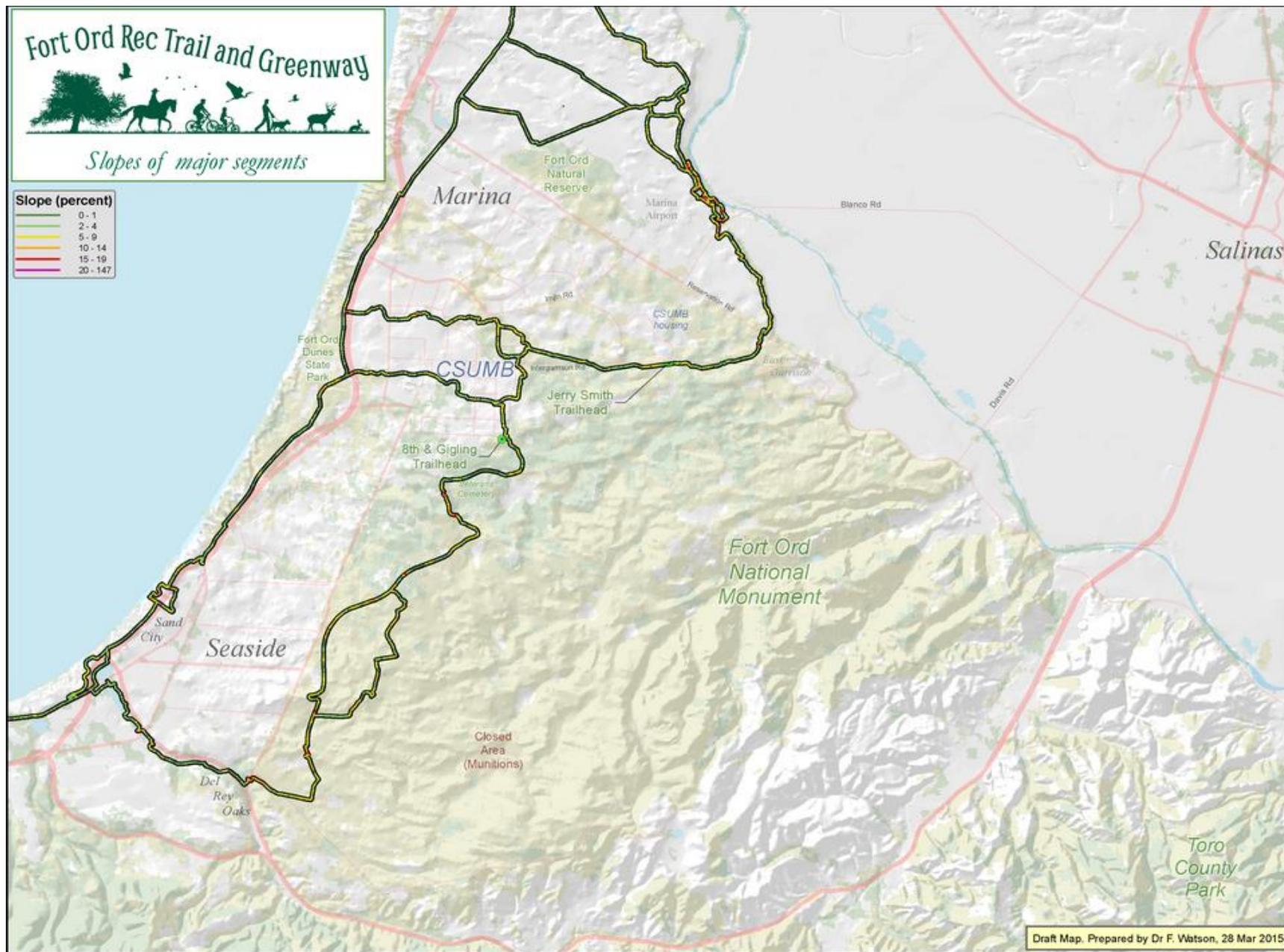
# FORTAG – Southern loop around Seaside & Del Rey Oaks

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# 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)





By the way, if you happen to be shown in one of these photos and either: (1) want a copy of the photo, or (2) want the photo to be removed from our outreach materials, then just let us know. [fred@fortag.org](mailto:fred@fortag.org)

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# Questions?