Fort Ord Regional Trails Planning

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Overview

- Reuse Plan trails planning context
- Trails planning in FORA jurisdictions and related entities
- Trail Economics
- Coordination/Recommendations
Reuse Plan Trail Principles*

- Provide **connections to non-motorized transportation alternatives** to all neighborhoods.

- Use **recreation and open space assets to make the former Fort Ord attractive** to potential users by interconnecting and increasing access.

- **Adequate ROW should be reserved** along planned transportation corridors.

- The Fort Ord trails system **shall be considered as an integral part of a larger regional trails network** and shall be linked to regional bike/pedestrian trails wherever possible.

*Reuse Plan V1 Context & Framework: Section 3.6 Conservation, Open Space, and Recreation Concept*
**Definitions: Hiker/Biker Trails**

- **Major Trails:** Regional function, connecting non-motorized & foot traffic to areas outside Fort Ord
  - 12’ minimum width
  - Asphalt or concrete
- **Minor Trails:** less critical role, distributing and collecting traffic to and from neighborhoods along lower volume routes
  - 10’ minimum width
  - Asphalt or concrete

- Intergarrison
- Fort Ord Dunes State Beach
- Salinas Valley/Seaside
- Monterey Road
- Main Garrison
- Crescent Avenue
- Reservation Road
Today's Working Definition of Trails:
Passage way or designated route for pedestrian, bicycle, equestrian, and/or other non-vehicular use. Includes paved, unpaved, urban, & rural routes. Requires entity maintenance & liability coverage.

- **Land Use Jurisdictions**
  - City of Marina
  - City of Seaside
  - Monterey County (FORHA)
  - City of Monterey
  - City of Del Rey Oaks/MC Regional Parks

- **Federal/State**
  - BLM
  - CSUMB
  - CA State Parks

- **Cross-Jurisdictional**
  - Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSSTN)
  - Fort Ord Recreational Trail and Greenway (FORTAG)
  - Peninsula Regional Planning
City of Marina Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan

- Circulation
- Recreation (Class 1)
- Approved by City Council, Feb 2, 2010
- Amends General Plan
- FORA Consistency (2010)
- Incorporates entitled Fort Ord projects
- Includes design guidelines

FORA LAND USE JURISDICTIONS
City of Seaside

- **Existing bikeways map in Seaside General Plan**
  - Update process underway
  - Circulation
  - Recreation
- **FORA Consistency (2004)**
- Identifies bike routes throughout city
- Links to CSUMB and Coastal Trail
Monterey County

- Fort Ord Recreational Habitat Area Master Plan
- Trails network & habitat management planning
- Bellinger-Foster-Steinmetz
- Map Link
City of Monterey

Monterey on the Move

- Multi-modal Transportation Plan
  - Circulation
  - Recreation
  - Adopted by City Council 3/19/13
- Bike / Pedestrian focus
City of Del Rey Oaks / MC Regional Parks

- Preliminary Frog Pond concept work in Del Rey Oaks
- No further action to date
- Future collaboration & planning with City
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

- 40 miles of "administrative" roads
  - Fire break
  - Vegetation management
- 46 miles of recreational trail
  - Multi-use
  - Segregated uses
- Current issues: signage, trail head quality, & maintenance

Link to maps
California State Parks

- Tentative trail routes on Fort Ord Dunes State Park
- Final routing subject to change
- Timeline: 2-5yrs
- Funding & permit dependent
CSU Monterey Bay – Master Plan

- **CSUMB Master Plan**
- Pedestrian / bicycle focus
- Preliminary trail concept under development
- Connecting students to:
  - Fort Ord Dunes State Park
  - East Campus Housing
  - National Monument
CSU Monterey Bay: **Trip Wise**

- Regional bikeways
- Routing through CSUMB, Marina & Seaside
- Update pending late-2014/ early-2015
Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC)

Chapter 2 | Existing Conditions

Figure 2-6: Existing Bicycle Network Monterey Bay Area

2011 Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan
Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network

- Collaborative effort to construct a trail spanning the Monterey Bay
- Began in 2000 at State Legislature
- **TAMC Master Plan completed in 2008**
- Major State & regional trail linkage
Preliminary Concept: Fort Ord Rec Trail & Greenway (FORTAG)

- Planning stages
- Phase 1: 9.6 Mile Northern Loop
  - Costal Trail-East Garrison-Marina
- Phase 2: Southern Arm
  - Coastal Trail - Seaside- DRO
- Contacts:
  - Fred Watson, CSUMB
  - Scott Waltz, CSUMB
  - Gail Morton, Marina
Peninsula Regional trail connections

- Beginning focus - Carmel & Peninsula
- Carmel north to the Salinas River
- Planning / tourism oriented
- Victoria Beach, Carmel-by-the-Sea / CSUMB Faculty & student led
Coordination Meetings:
- CSUMB
- City of Marina
- City of Seaside
- Administrative Committee
- Post-Reassessment Advisory Committee

Recommendations:
- Continue to serve as regional hub for trail planning
- Incorporate Trail Planning into RUDG Process