

Midcoast Highway 1 Trail (aka Parallel Trail)

A continuous, predominantly separated trail for bicyclists and pedestrians from Half Moon Bay to Montara, which would provide a safe and convenient travel alternative for Midcoast residents of all ages and abilities, on the east side of the highway where most of the population lives.

Southern segment – Coronado to Mirada/Alto Trail Alignment Priorities

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Highway 1 corridor -- Coronado to Magellan
GIS View with Parcel & Contour Lines



Highway 1 corridor – Magellan to Mirada Rd.

Priorities, in order of importance:

Keep the trail:

1. on the east side of Highway 1
2. within the highway right-of-way to avoid unnecessary detours.
3. on the outer edge of the right-of-way wherever feasible, swinging closer to the roadway only where necessary, which will provide a more appealing trail experience and convenient access to the schools along this segment.



Project Scope of Work proposes to analyze at least 3 alternatives:

1. Within the eastern ROW. Consider low bike/ped causeway through Magellan willows, or if necessary, route the trail next to the highway along this ~400 ft section, with guardrail divider between trail and highway shoulder.
2. Eastern ROW, with detour of Magellan willows, via Medio/5th/Mirada East service road. The trail route needs to be simple, direct, safe and inviting. The detour adds significant distance and steep elevation change and leads directly away from the intended travel direction through a quiet residential cul-de-sac neighborhood.
3. West of highway, requiring two highway crossings, via Mirada Rd, Alameda Rd & ROW, Mirada West Coastal Trail to Coronado. Our purpose is defeated if our north/south trail requires multiple east/west highway crossings that will add to highway congestion, and make the trail less appealing and less safe.



Magellan drainage and willow area is ~400 feet at arrow. Alt route 2, via eastern neighborhood streets and service road, adds 3x that distance mid segment.



Willows grow rapidly and require periodic pruning to maintain access, a practice observed throughout the Midcoast, even along the Mirada Surf East service road mentioned in Alternative 2 as a detour to avoid the willows.