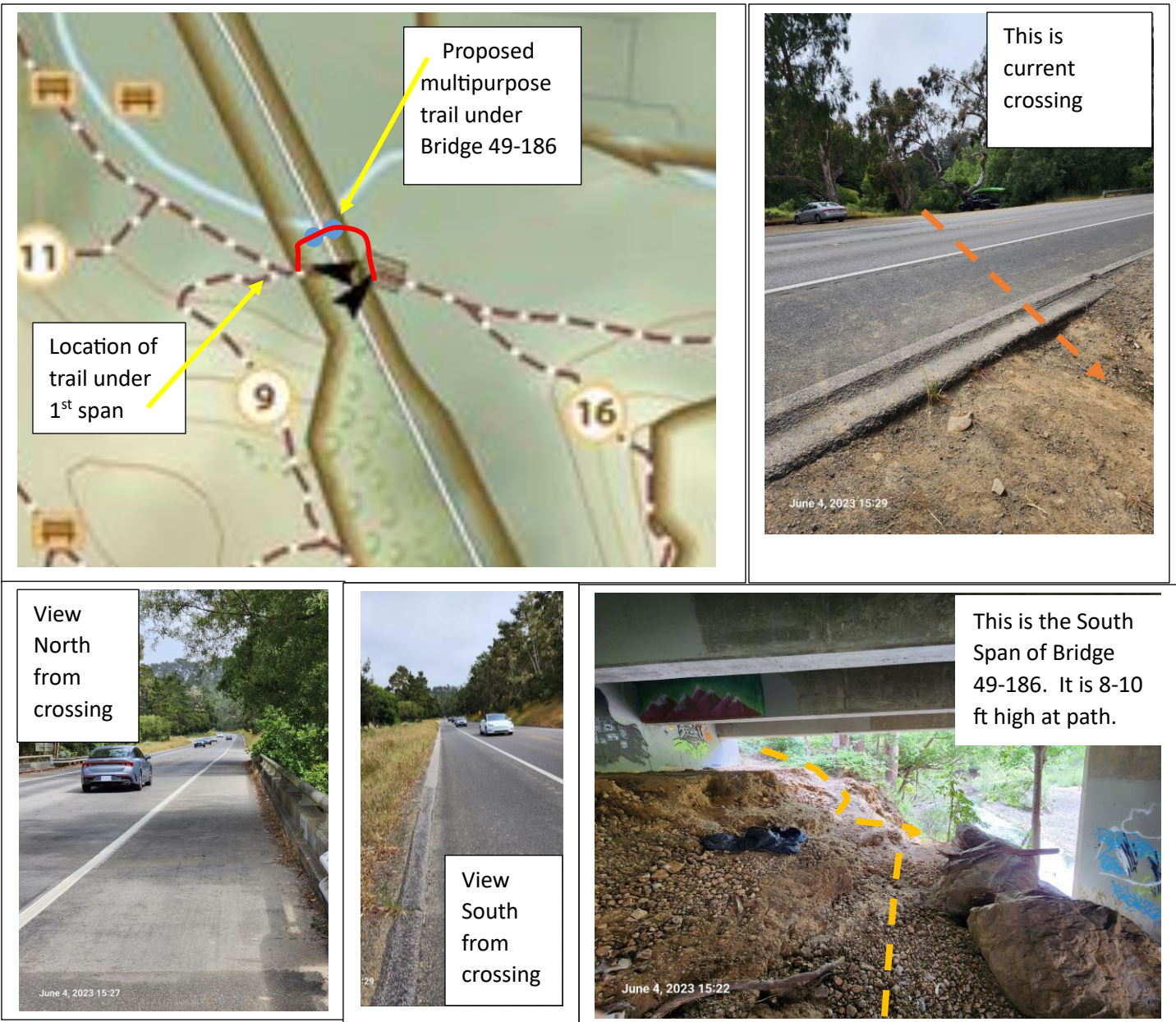


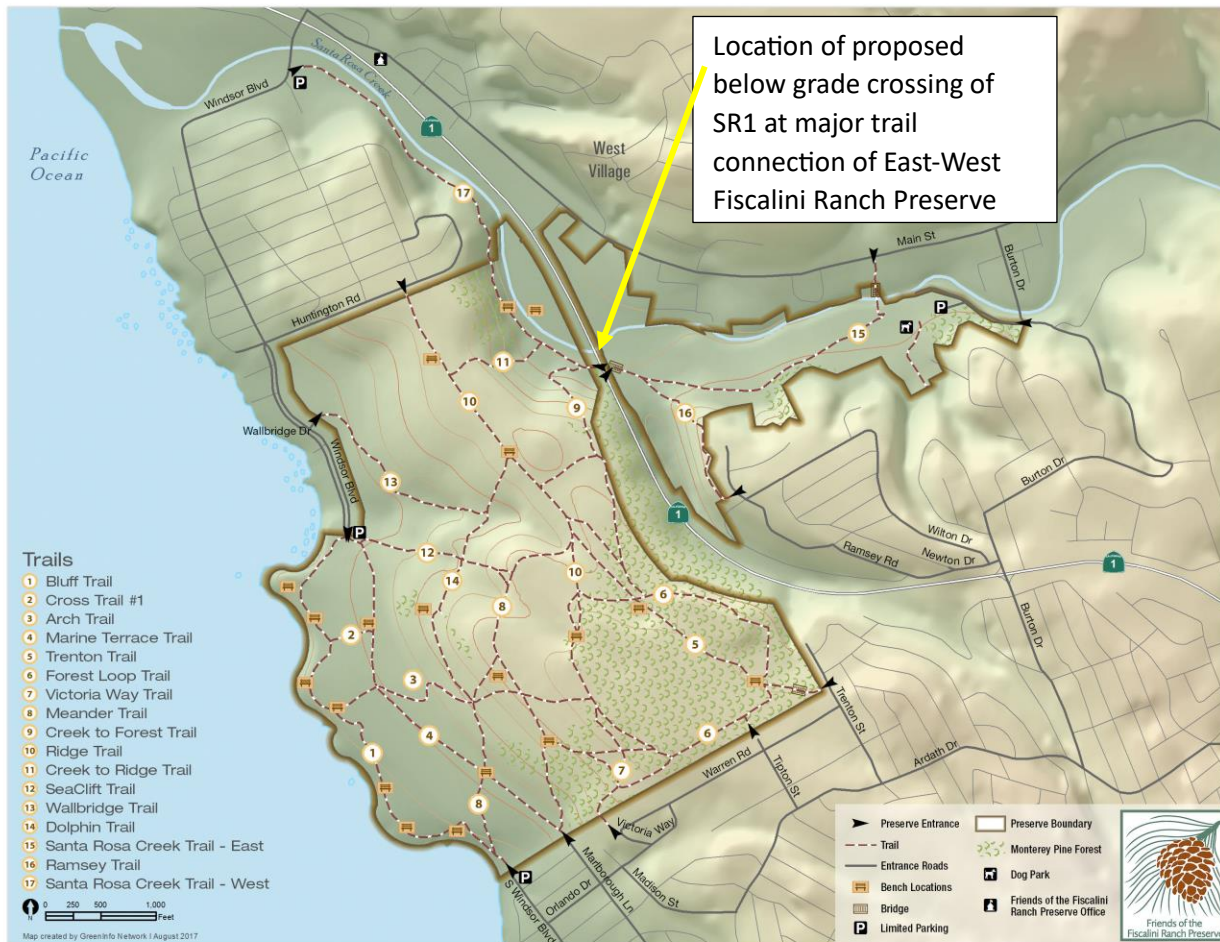
RE: Purpose and Need for Pedestrian/biking/Multipurpose Path Under SR1 through Santa Rosa Creek Bridge 49-186) at Cambria

PURPOSE: Currently the major trail from East Fiscalini Ranch to West Fiscalini Ranch crosses SR1 at an unmarked and non-lighted surface crossing about 100 feet south of the SR1 bridge (49-186) crossing the Santa Rosa Creek in the unincorporated area of Cambria, CA. This request is to cut an 8 ft multipurpose trail entry point on the existing trail through the vegetation at a sustained grade to a point for a suitable passage way under the south span of the existing Santa Rosa Creek Road and out to a suitable connection with the existing trail on the other side. The project is shown in the concept plan below.



NEED FOR PROPOSED ACTION: The unincorporated Community of Cambria has 4 crossing points with street crossing lights and another unlighted street crossing at Weymouth. This is the total of 4 lighted intersection handle the majority of street crossing with vehicle and pedestrians. But a major recreation pedestrian/bicycle crossing for the trails of West and East Fiscalini Ranch Preserve is just north of the Santa Rosa Creek Bridge (No. 49-186). This major feed of recreationalists is at ground level and across 2 lanes of traffic with the standards speed limit of 55 MPH. This is the major east/west crossing for all pedestrian and bicycle trail users. Many pedestrians also have dogs on leash on the way to the dog park.

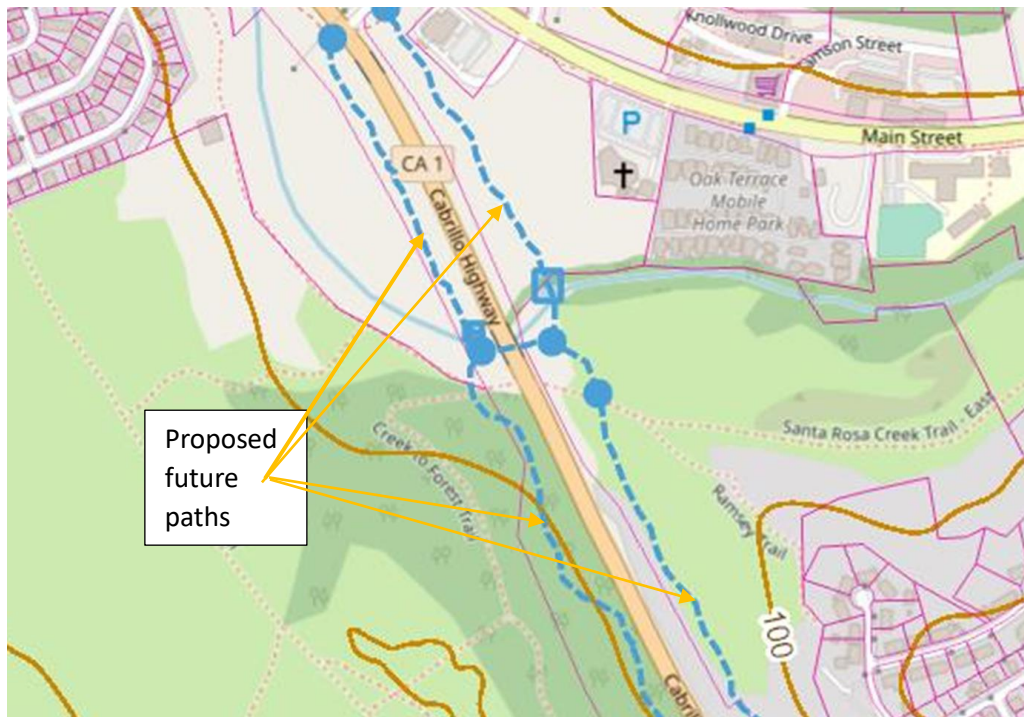
Counters have not recorded numbers of crossings but a continuous busy steady stream is observed. Also, as traffic increases on busy holidays and commute hours, there is a tendency to run across the road to avoid long waits for traffic beaks.



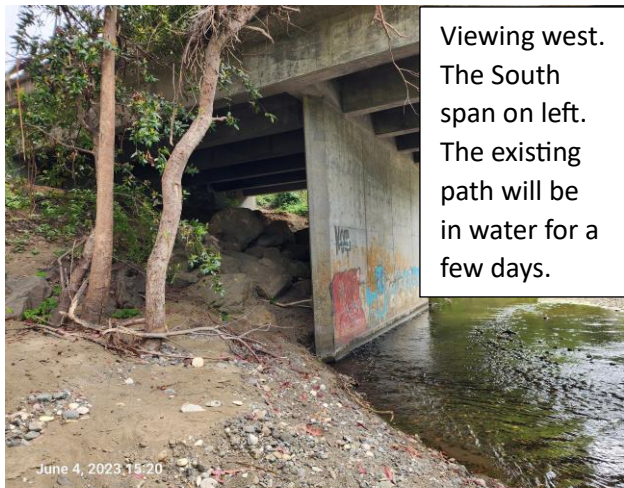
There are other alternatives to the Proposed Action of below grade crossing under the bridge.

1. Marked surface crossing with warning signs.
2. Marked surface crossing with signal lights triggered by pedestrian buttons.
3. Over grade multipurpose aerial pedestrian bridge.
4. New higher vehicular bridge with tunnel and wider path ways underneath.

All alternatives have different costs and benefits/disadvantages which have not been explored. However, costs are an important consideration as well as best practices public safety concerns.



Other multipurpose trails should be considered at this time also to evaluate alternatives. The proposed California Trail needs an all-weather crossing through Cambria as well as connections to the West Village area. Also, utilization of an existing sewer easement by a new trail is shown on the trail plan



Viewing west. The South span on left. The existing path will be in water for a few days.

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West side of trail under bridge.

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Viewing west

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Multipurpose trail entering SR 1.

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