

# THE FAST TRACK TO GREEN TRANSPORTATION.

Envision yourself whizzing past traffic in a quiet light rail car while reading the newspaper and watching the waves crash on the beach. This will be the future of transit on the Monterey Peninsula with the planned light rail that will provide transit service using the existing Monterey Branch Line alignment, which was purchased by the Transportation Agency in 2003 for \$9.3 million.

The 16-mile corridor extends between Monterey and Castroville on the publicly owned tracks adjacent to Highway 1.

The first phase of the project will run between Monterey and north Marina with key stations in Monterey, Seaside, Sand City, Marina/CSUMB, and connecting bus service to Pacific Grove and Carmel to the south and Salinas to the east. Later phases will extend service to the planned commuter rail station in Castroville and increase the frequency of trains.

This project is currently in the environmental review process.

### Project Benefits

- Improves access between Peninsula Cities
- Connects to trains to San Francisco and San Jose
- Better for the environment
- Reduces oil consumption
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- Provides alternative to traffic congestion
- Promotes economic development around stations
- Less expensive than widening highways
- Facilitates access to jobs, health care, shopping
- Reduces commuter stress

## WHERE WE CAN TAKE YOU:



PACIFIC GROVE

MONTEREY

NAVAL POSTGRADUATE

SEASIDE

SAND CITY

SAND CITY

DOWNTOWN SEASIDE

MARINA

MARINA CIVIC CENTER

EIGHTH ST.

DOWNTOWN MARINA

BEACH RD.

MARINA GREEN DR.

CASTROVILLE

BLACKIE RD.

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# LIGHT RAIL CHARACTERISTICS

**Safe.** Each light rail intersection will have crossing arms that briefly lower before the train enters the intersection, to prevent vehicles and people from entering onto the tracks when a train is passing, then immediately rise after the train has passed. In many areas along the corridor there will be safety fencing placed parallel to tracks in order to prevent pedestrians from crossing the tracks.

**Quiet.** Light rail vehicles aren't your typical diesel heavy rail train. They are quiet and when crossing intersections, the train will ding a few times, alerting vehicles and pedestrians that it is nearby.

**Bicycle-Friendly.** This project is a "rails with trails" project: the popular recreational trail will be preserved. Bicycle racks will be at most station stops, or riders can board the light rail to their favorite location on the trail. Bicycles can roll right onto the light rail vehicle, each of which can accommodate six hanging bicycles.

