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[UPDATE] SOQUEL DRIVE BUFFERED BIKE LANE AND CONGESTION MITIGATION PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE MID-AUGUST 2023

August 11, 2023 – SANTA CRUZ, CA – The County of Santa Cruz, Department of Community Development & Infrastructure has announced that construction will begin for the Soquel Drive Buffered Bike Lane and Congestion Mitigation Project.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This project provides a suite of improvements along 5.6 miles of the busiest segment of Soquel Avenue and Soquel Drive from La Fonda Avenue to State Park Drive. The improvements address the community's concerns about congestion and the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians. The project will also improve bus travel time reliability to make taking the bus, walking, or riding a bike safe and viable alternatives to driving. Monterey Peninsula Engineering (MPE) is the contractor awarded this project.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Traffic control with lane closures will be installed at various locations along Soquel Drive, from State Park Drive to the Soquel Ave/La Fonda Ave intersection. These activities will require lane closures at various locations between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Construction operations will begin mid-August 2023 and continue through Winter 2024. The Department of Community Development & Infrastructure would like the motoring public to avoid this area if possible or be prepared for delays.

MORE INFORMATION

For further general information and periodic project updates:

- www.soqueldrivebufferedproject.com
- <https://cruz511.org/>

For construction-related concerns-Resident Engineer:

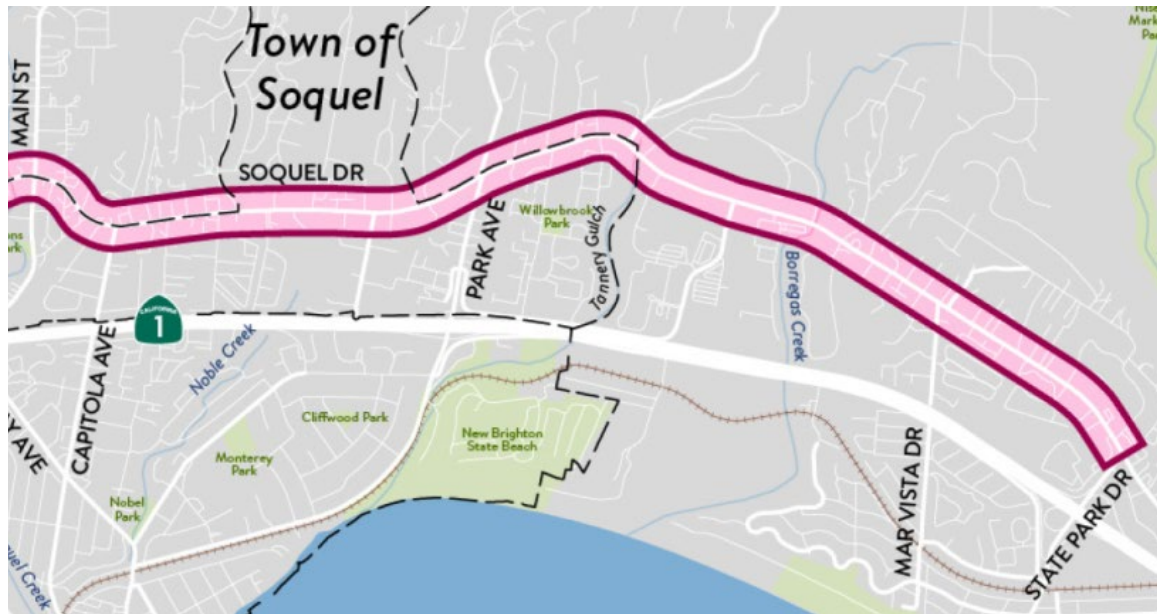
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Western Project Area



Eastern Project Area