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COUNTY BOARD APPROVES ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors this month approved the County's Active Transportation Plan, concluding a planning process that started in early 2020. The final plan can be viewed at <https://ecoact.org/poweredbyme/>, with printed copies available at public libraries in Boulder Creek, Felton, Live Oak and La Selva Beach.

The Active Transportation Plan updates the 2011 Bicycle Plan and is the first comprehensive plan for future pedestrian facilities in unincorporated Santa Cruz County. The plan incorporates community feedback and makes recommendations for infrastructure projects and programs that support walking and bicycling, as well as identifying possible funding sources and implementation priorities. The Active Transportation Plan supports a healthy community, improved affordable transportation options for low-income and vulnerable residents, and helps the county achieve statewide goals to address climate change by reducing vehicle miles traveled.

The plan will be used to prioritize bicycle and pedestrian projects and to apply for grant funding for project construction. The County has already successfully applied for \$5 million in Clean California grant funding for a multi-use path on Green Valley Road, which was identified as a priority during the Active Transportation planning process.

The Active Transportation Plan is for unincorporated Santa Cruz County and does not include the cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville. The plan focuses on communities with higher densities of residents and destinations, including Davenport, Boulder Creek, Ben Lomond, Felton, Live Oak, Soquel, Aptos, Rio Del Mar, La Selva Beach, Corralitos, and Amesti.

The Active Transportation Plan is a partnership between the County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department, County Public Health, Ecology Action, and Bike Santa Cruz County. The project is funded through a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant as well as local matching funds.