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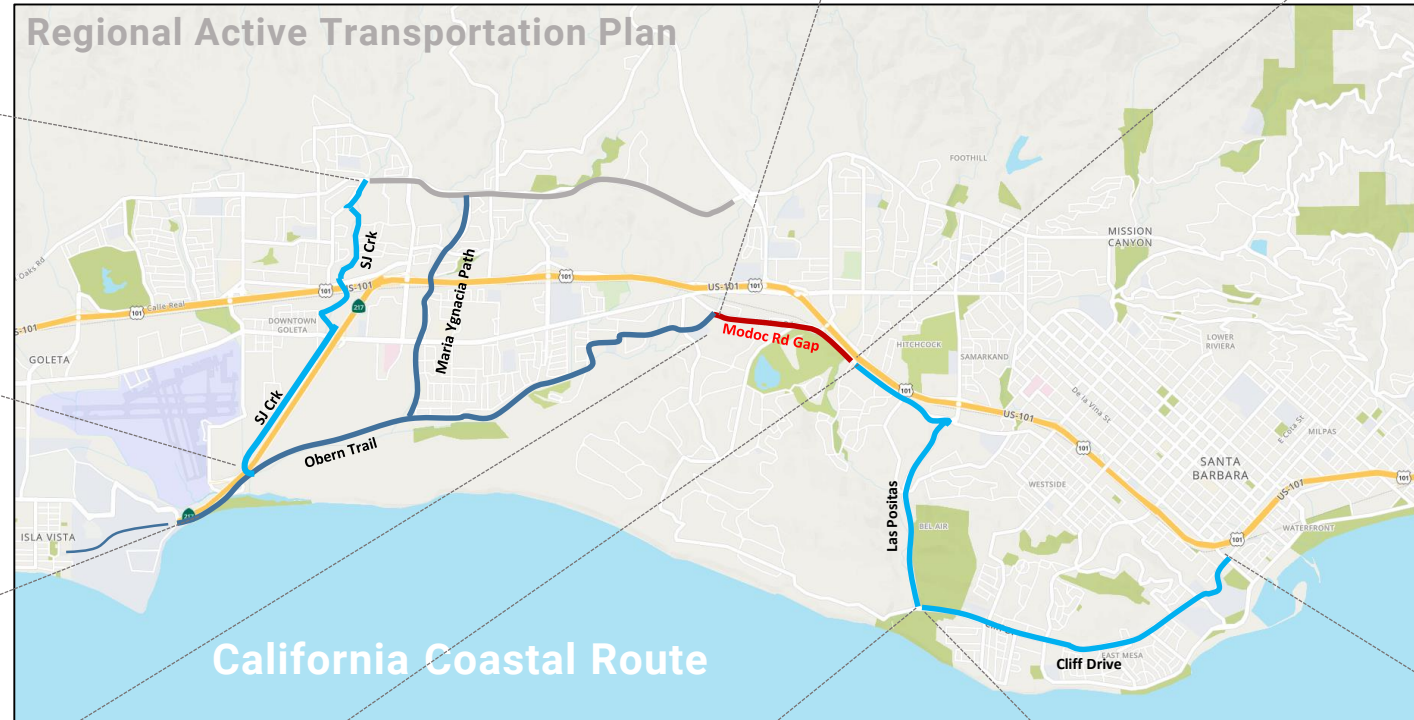
Context:
A partnership to create a regional network

Modoc Multiuse Path
County of Santa Barbara
$8M
2022/2023

San Jose Creek Bike Path
City of Goleta
$18M
2023

Regional Active Transportation Plan

California Coastal Route

Obern Trail
County of SB
$1M+ in rehabilitation
Completed

Modoc Las Positas
City of Santa Barbara
$18M
Completed

Cliff Drive to Downtown
City of Santa Barbara
$27M

THE MODOC MULTIUSE PATH PROJECT
Phase 1: City Limits to Via Senda (2022)
Phase 2: Via Senda to Obern Trail (2023)

State ATP Funding: $5.4M

Via Senda

Obern Trail

Modoc Path Segment 2 2023
0.75 Miles

Modoc Path Segment 1 Summer 2022
0.3 Miles

City Limits

Modoc Rd

City of SB Path (Completed)

TIMELINE

2007-2020
Modoc Path included in regional and local planning documents

2018
County awarded a grant to construct the path

2022
Phase 1: City of SB to Via Senda in construction

Summer 2022
Phase 2 Environmental documents under way

Fall/Winter 2022
Phase 2 Detailed Design

Fall 2023
Phase 2 Construction

Status

- Preliminary Engineering ✓
- Environmental Document ✓ → approval required before funding available for the next phase
- Detailed Design and Right of Way
- Construction

Preliminary Engineering

→ Evaluation of Alternatives
→ Preferred Alignment

Environmental Document – Mitigated Negative Declaration

→ Analyzes *maximum* project impacts
→ Determines *minimum* mitigation requirements
→ Circulated for public comment
→ First Draft: released 5/14/22
→ Modified based on community feedback
→ Revised Draft: released 9/13/22

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Department of Public Works, Transportation

Draft Revised Mitigated Negative Declaration
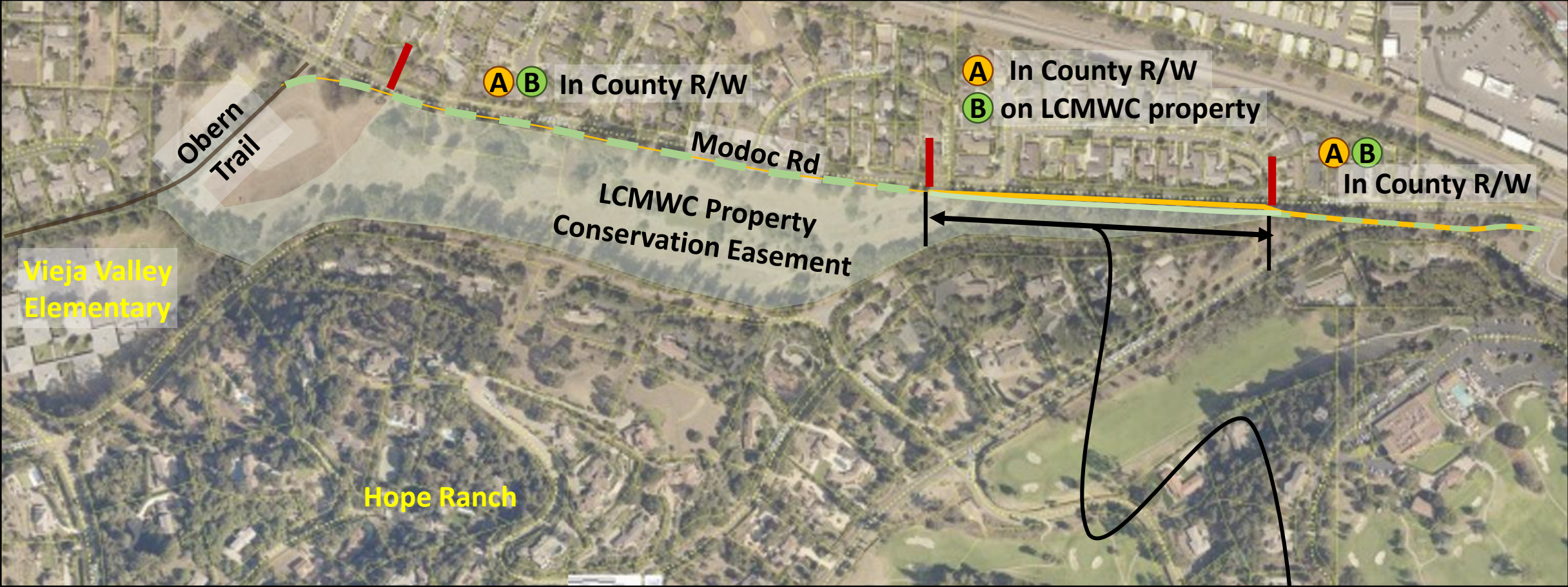
Modoc Road Multi-Use Path
22NGD-00000-00003
State Clearinghouse # 2022090230
September 8, 2022

Alignments

A: entirely in road right of way
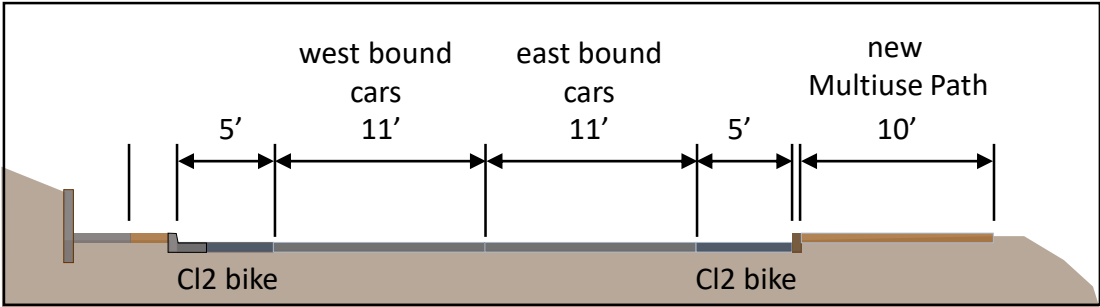B: middle segment on La Cumbre Water Company (LCMWC) property
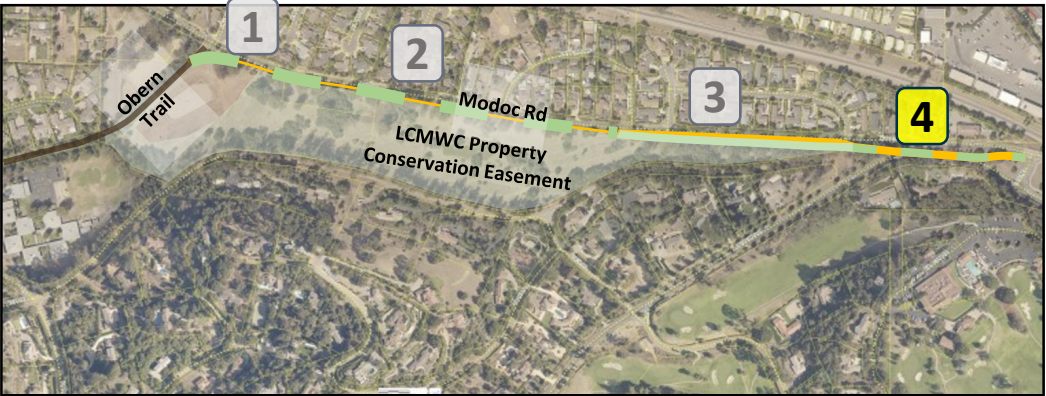
Alignments

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Existing Obern Trail

begin new path

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Alignments

Alignments

Obern Trail

Vieja Valley Elementary

Hope Ranch

Modoc Rd

LCMWC Property
Conservation Easement

(A) In County R/W
(B) on LCMWC property

1   2   3   4

Alternative A - Entirely in County Right of Way

Alternative B (preferred) − Segment on Modoc Preserve

Alignments

Obern Trail
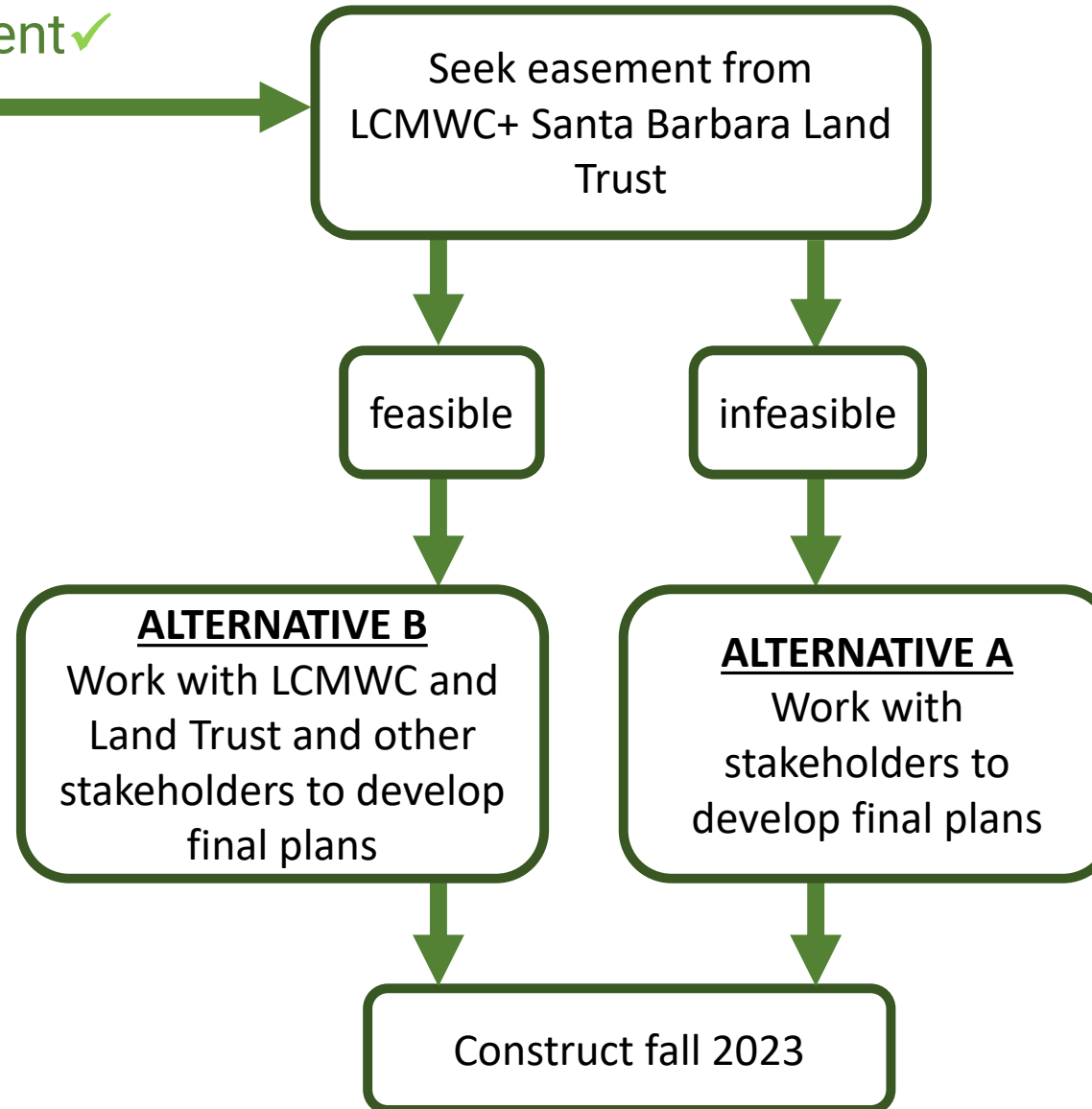
Modoc Rd

LCMWC Property
Conservation Easement

1 2 3 4

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Next Steps

- Preliminary Engineering ✓
- Environmental Document ✓
- **Detailed Design**
- Construction

LCMWC + Santa Barbara Land Trust would determine within their organizations if they approve

Seek easement from LCMWC+ Santa Barbara Land Trust

feasible → **ALTERNATIVE B** Work with LCMWC and Land Trust and other stakeholders to develop final plans

infeasible → **ALTERNATIVE A** Work with stakeholders to develop final plans

Construct fall 2023

Stakeholder Collaboration

Design Considerations

Users

- ADA Complaint
- Pedestrians
- Bicycles – all levels of experience
- Motorized vehicles prohibited
- Equestrians (if Alt B)*
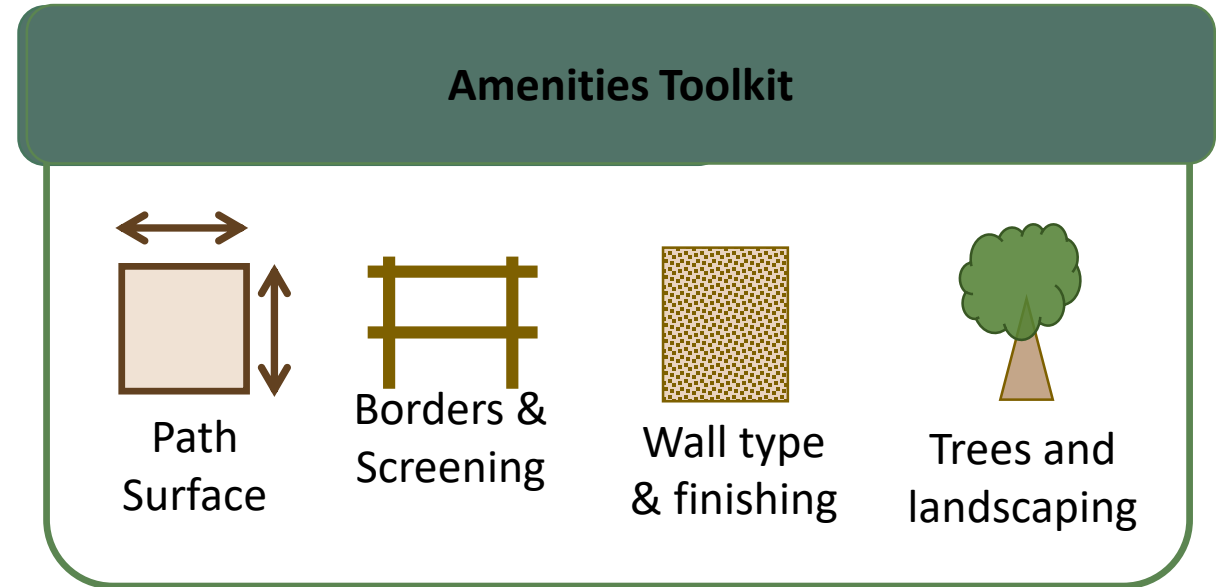- maintain existing trail network (Alt B)*

Materials

- low retaining walls and curbs
- borders/screening/buffers (Alt B)*
- railing and barriers (Alt A+B)*
- path surface (permeable asphalt or concrete)

Planting

- work with preserve/LCMWC/Land Trust/community to enhance restoration efforts (Alt B)*
- work with stakeholders and community (Alt A)

Additional Safety Enhancements

- crossings from neighborhood points
- traffic calming
- speed studies

Amenities Toolkit

Path Surface

Borders & Screening

Wall type & finishing

Trees and landscaping

*Alternative B would allow for enhancements to the Conservation Easement area consistent with their goals for the preserve

Recommendations

a) Certify that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (22NGD-00000-00003) and make the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings required to adopt the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (22NGD-00000-00003);

b) Adopt the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (22NGD-00000-00003) and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Plan included in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (22NGD-00000-00003);

c) Approve the Project and authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids to construct Phase II of the Modoc Multi-use Trail; Project No. 862416; Second Supervisorial District; and

d) Authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed with right-of-way acquisition negotiations, including in fee, right-of-way easements or licenses, and/or temporary construction easements, as required for the construction of the Modoc Road Bike Path.

e) Approve a Budget Revision Request No. 0008603. Increase appropriations of $500,000 in General County Programs General Fund for Other Financing Uses funded by release of Committed Cannabis fund balance. Establish appropriations of $500,000 in Public Works Roads Capital Infrastructure Fund for Services and Supplies funded by an operating transfer from the General Fund in the amount of $500,000.

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