

Oceanside Rail Trail Study



Agenda

- Introductions & Agenda (5 min)
- Project Update (5 min)
- Outreach & Engagement (15 min)
- Alignments and Alternatives (30 min)
- Next Steps (5 min)



A person wearing a helmet and sunglasses is riding a bicycle on a paved path. The path is bordered by a concrete curb and a sidewalk. In the background, there are residential buildings, a chain-link fence, and various signs, including one for a bike route. The entire image has a blue color overlay.

Project Update

Project Overview

Project Extents are from **Buccaneer Park to the existing trail on Carlsbad Blvd**. Includes:

- Improving the multi-use trail between Buccaneer Park/Morse St and Vista Way, constructed in 2003
- Adding a new multi-use trail from Vista Way to Carlsbad Blvd



Project Overview

- The goal of this project is for a roughly **1-mile long cohesive and connected section of the Coastal Rail Trail**
- Combined with the planned trail project from Morse St to Oceanside Ave over Loma Alta Creek, this trail will close the gap between the Oceanside Transit Center and Carlsbad



Existing Conditions

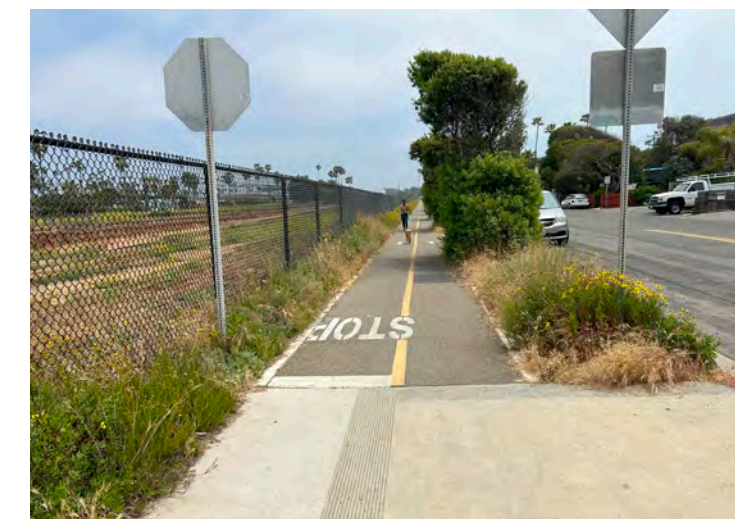
- Existing narrow and overgrown trail along Myers St and Broadway
- Existing narrow sidewalk crossings at Cassidy
- Existing gravel/parking area along Broadway



NORTH OF PROJECT AREA



MEYERS - N TERMINUS



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CASSIDY CROSSING



BROADWAY



BROADWAY



BROADWAY - PUBLIC ART



BROADWAY - PARKING AREA



COAST HWY - S TERMINUS

Project Timeline

- Scheduled to complete the Feasibility Study by the end of 2024
- Currently in Analysis phase of project and Listen & Learn phase of engagement



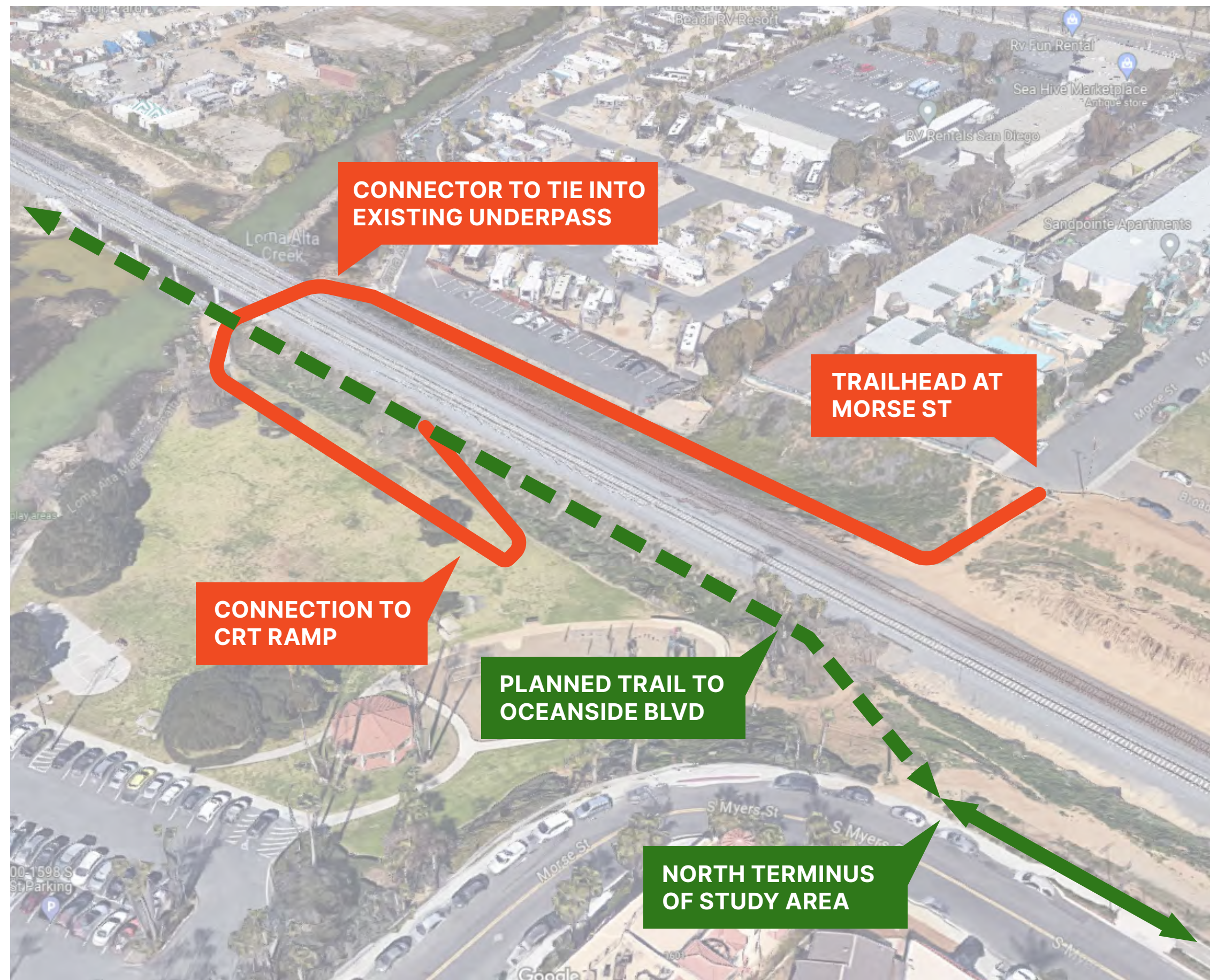
Major Milestones to Date

- 4 Pop-up Events
- Community Workshop #1
- Stakeholder meeting with NCTD
- Existing Conditions Memo
- Morse St Connector Addendum



Morse St Connector

- Study area expanded to study a connector trail from Morse St to connect to Buccaneer Park and the proposed Coastal Rail Trail



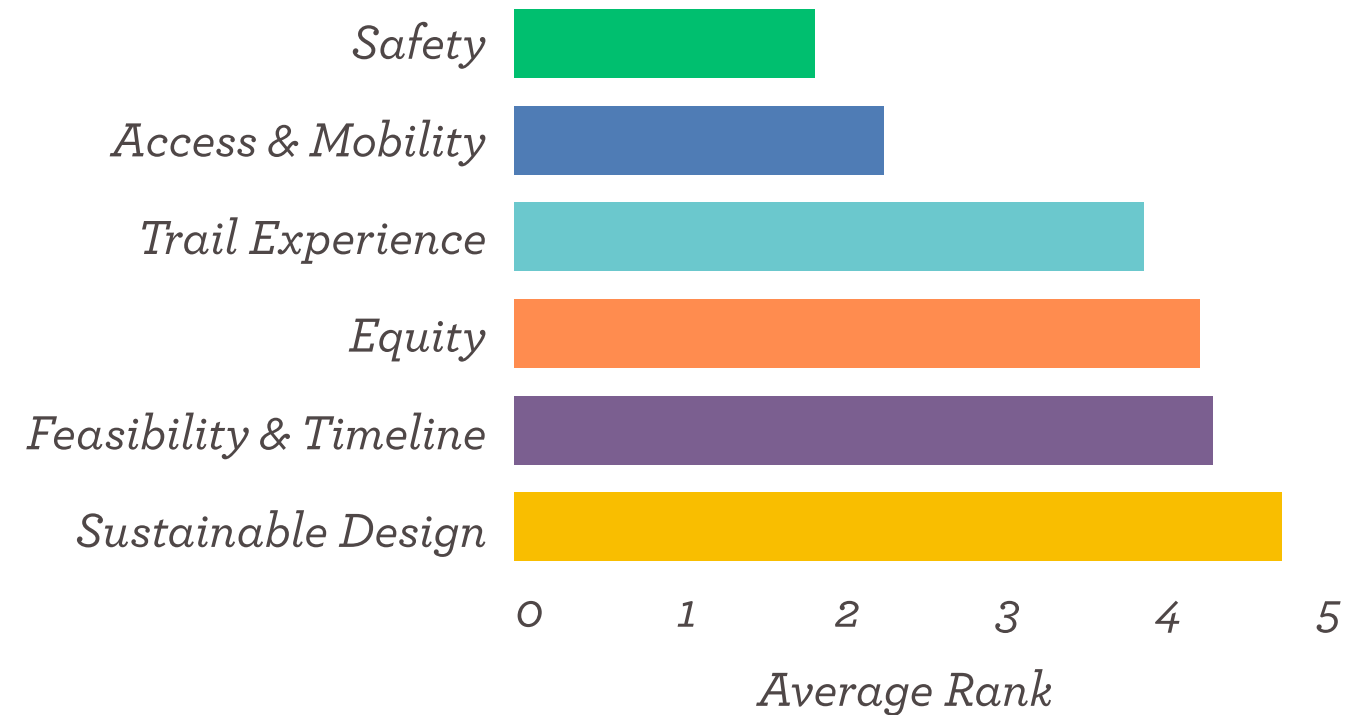
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Outreach & Engagement

TAC Meeting #1 - What we heard

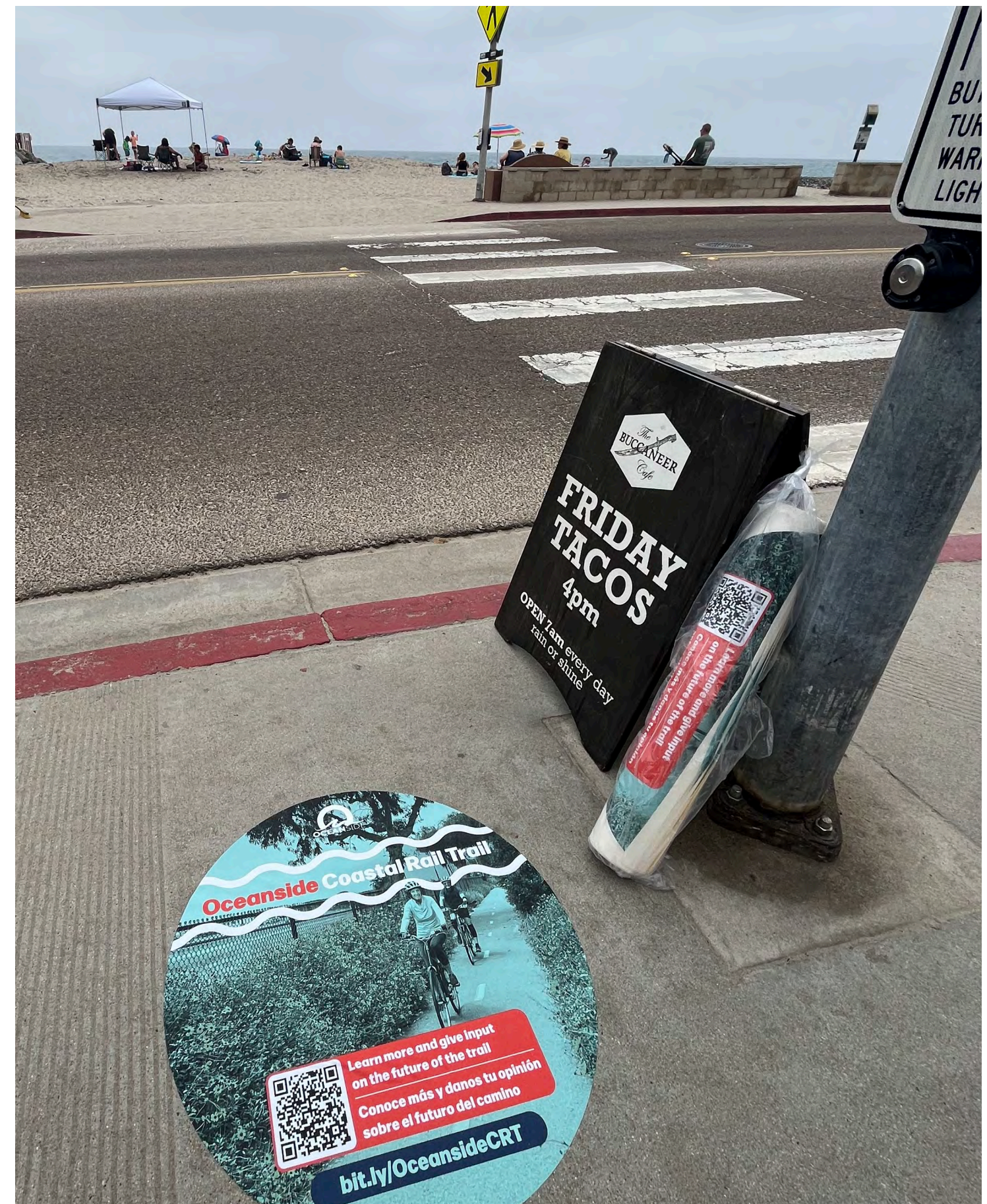
- Request to explore access and connectivity at Morse St
- Preference for alignment options that do not require crossing rail at-grade
- Most important goals were Safety, Access & mobility, and Trail experience

What are your top priorities for the proposed multi-use trail?



Outreach Methods

- Pop-Up Events
SUNSET MARKET
MANCE BUCHANAN PARK
BUCCANEER BEACH
- Stakeholder Workshops
AUGUST 2023
SPRING 2024
- Sidewalk Decals
23 DECALS PLACED AROUND OCEANSIDE IN JULY 2023
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings
JULY 2023 TO GAIN FEEDBACK ON EXISTING PROJECT AREA
SCOPE ONGOING AS THE PROJECT PROGRESSES



Sunset Market

WHEN: June 15th, 2023 (5pm – 9pm)

WHO: 100 people engaged

- Parents want safer facilities for their children to use
- Many people who do not currently bike or walk regularly would like to
- Folks who visit Oceanside from other towns consider safe biking and walking infrastructure to be a valuable resource
- Shade, lighting, and native landscape were the most popular requests for amenities



Mance Buchanan Park

WHEN: July 1st, 2023 (10am – 2pm)

WHO: 50 people engaged

- Cycling groups enjoy using the protected bike facilities between the park and downtown
- There is a desire for better East – West connections in addition to the North – South expansion
- Protected bike facilities are attractive to visitors from out of town
- Public restrooms are a valuable resource, as are opportunities for charging mobile devices
- Fix-it stations are useful but are often missing tools
- Drinking fountains, native landscape, and wayfinding/map kiosks were the most popular requests for amenities



Buccaneer Beach

WHEN: August 19th, 2023 (10am – 2pm)

WHO: 40 people engaged

- There is a strong desire among residents for a direct connection to the rail trail from Morse Street
- Vista Way near the I-5 is dangerous because of speeding drivers
- Eaton St. & S. Coast Highway (near Angelo's Burgers) is a dangerous intersection for cyclists and pedestrians because of a lack of safe infrastructure
- Native landscape, lighting, and shade were the most popular requests for amenities



Stakeholder Workshop

WHEN: August 7th, 2023 (6PM – 7PM)

WHO: 100 people engaged

- Oceanside residents are passionate about the rail trail and were excited for an opportunity to provide feedback
- There is a strong desire for Oceanside streets to have safer facilities for walking and biking
- Engaging young folks in this setting is difficult
- ADA accessibility is crucial
- Trails are popular with dog owners, so amenities like doggie bag stations and trash cans are important
- Native landscape, shade, and seating were the most popular requests for amenities



Outreach Totals


290 people engaged through direct outreach.

Amenity voting totals:

- Native landscape - 64 votes
- Lighting - 47 votes
- Shade - 42 votes
- Benches - 19 votes
- Wayfinding/Educational Signage – 17 votes
- Art - 15 votes
- Bike fix-it Station - 10 votes

Online Survey

- Survey in English and Spanish
- **343 responses to date**
- Survey to remain open through Spring 2024
- bit.ly/OceansideCRT

* 3. Why would you use the new trail? (Pick all that apply) 

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| <input type="checkbox"/> For health or exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> To get my child to school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For fun or leisure | <input type="checkbox"/> To get to transit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To get to a park or the beach | <input type="checkbox"/> To run errands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To get to my work or school | <input type="checkbox"/> I would not use the new trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |



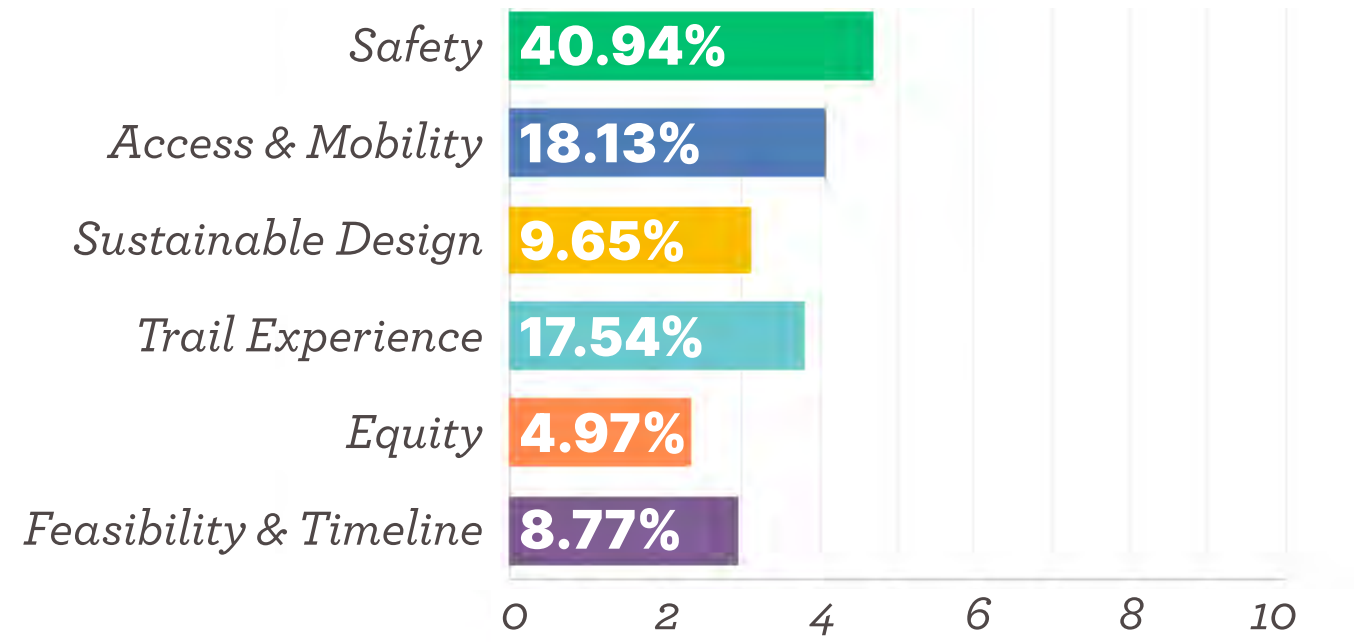
How would you use the multi-use trail with? 

- In a small group (3 to 5 people)
- In a large group, such as an organized walking or cycling group (6+)

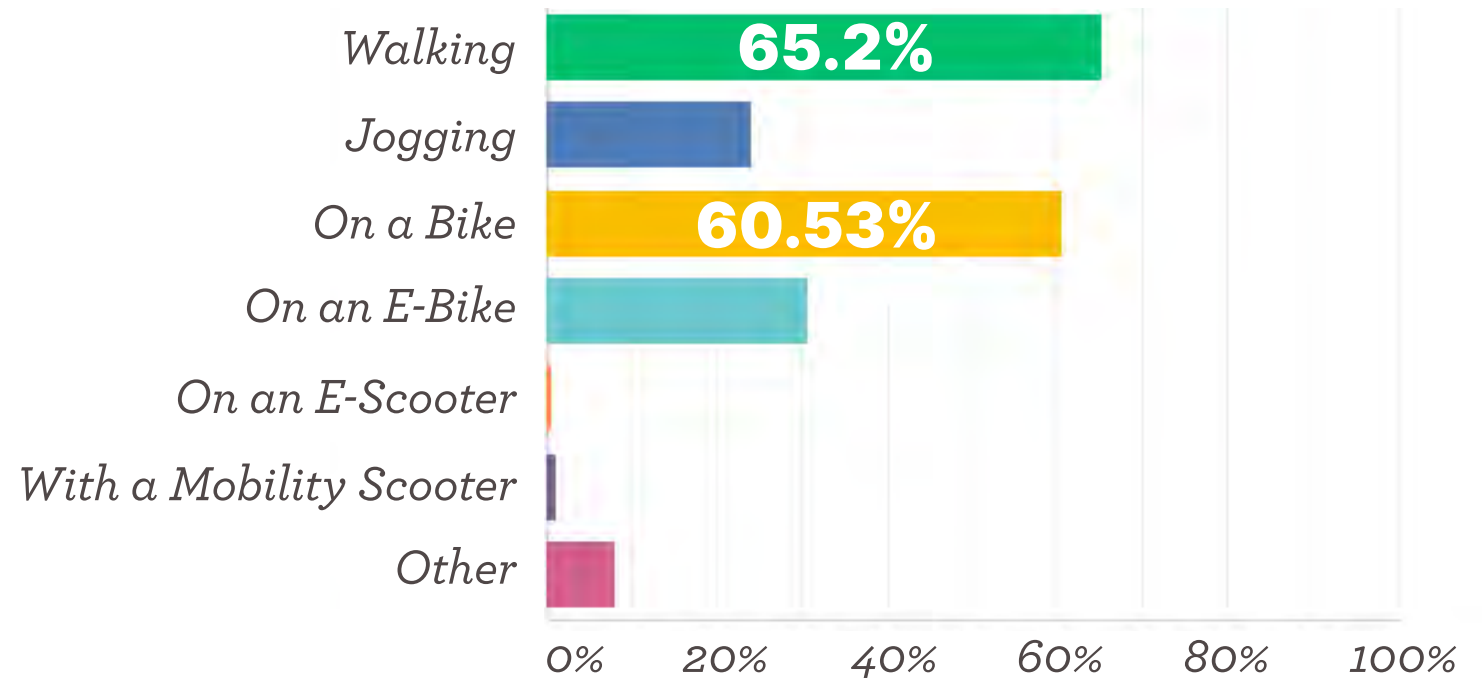
Online Survey

- About **65%** of survey respondents live in the **92054** zip code surrounding the study area
- Nearly 41% of respondents voted Safety as their top priority goal for the CRT
- The majority of respondents use trails to either walk or bike, with a third of people using e-bikes

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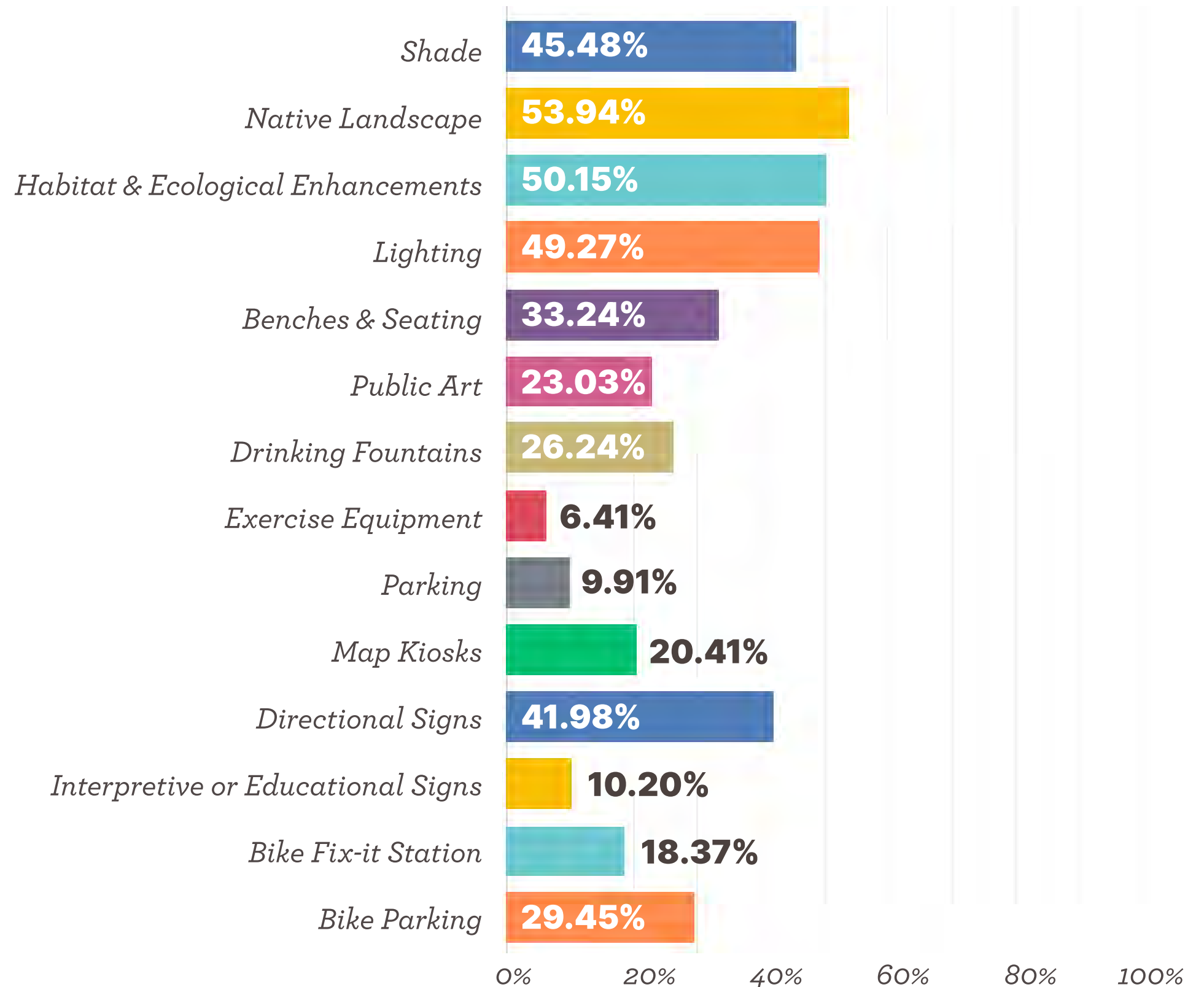


How do you typically use trails?



Online Survey

- The top five most desired trail features/amenities include **Native Landscape, Habitat and Ecological Enhancements, Lighting, Shade, and Directional Signs**



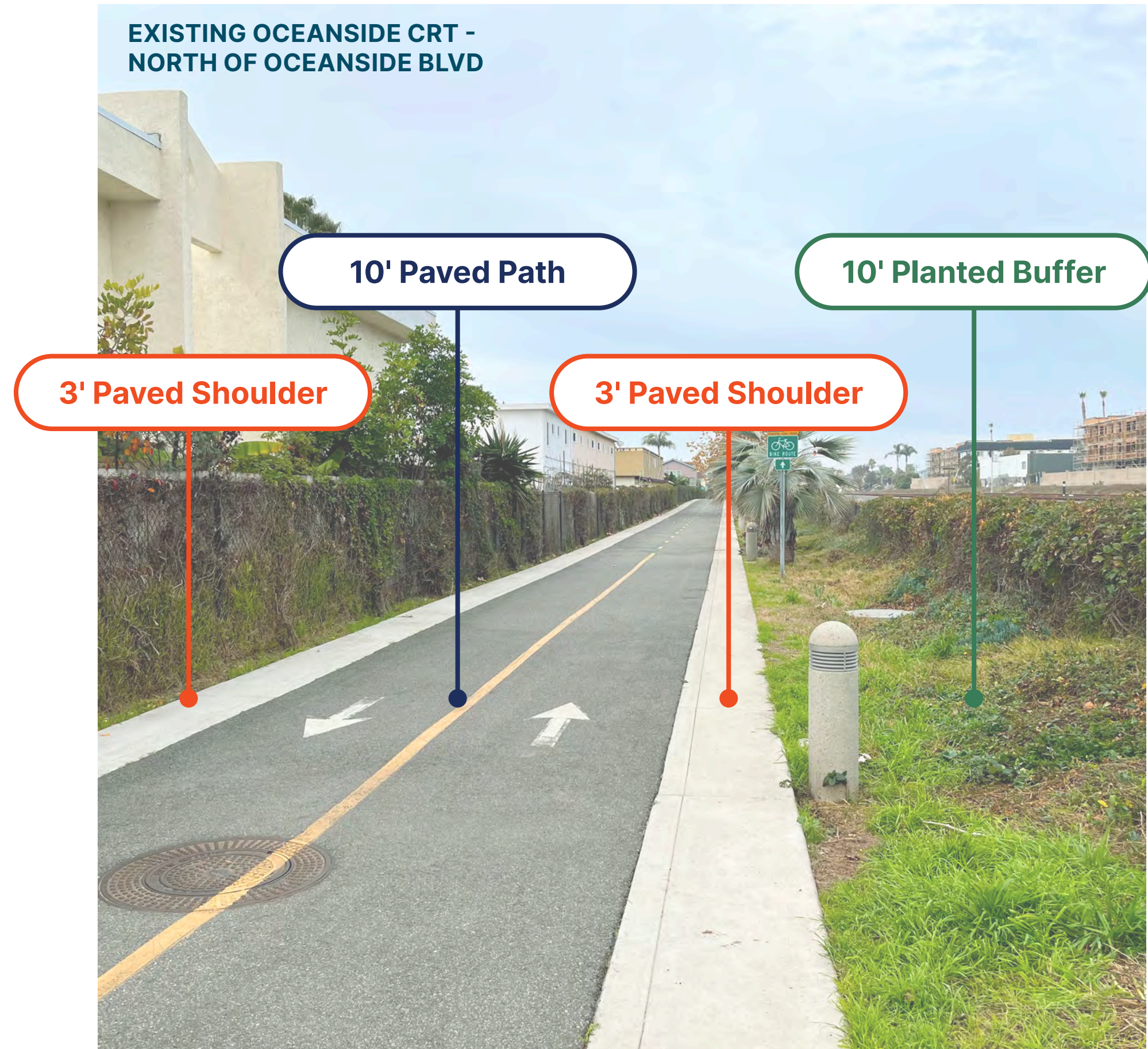
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Alignment & Alternatives

Design Goals

- Design standard to align with existing trail north of Oceanside Blvd: **10ft trail with 3ft shoulders**
- Goal for the trail to include landscape buffers with shade trees
- Opportunity for easements with NCTD ROW where existing city-owned ROW is constrained

EXISTING OCEANSIDE CRT -
NORTH OF OCEANSIDE BLVD

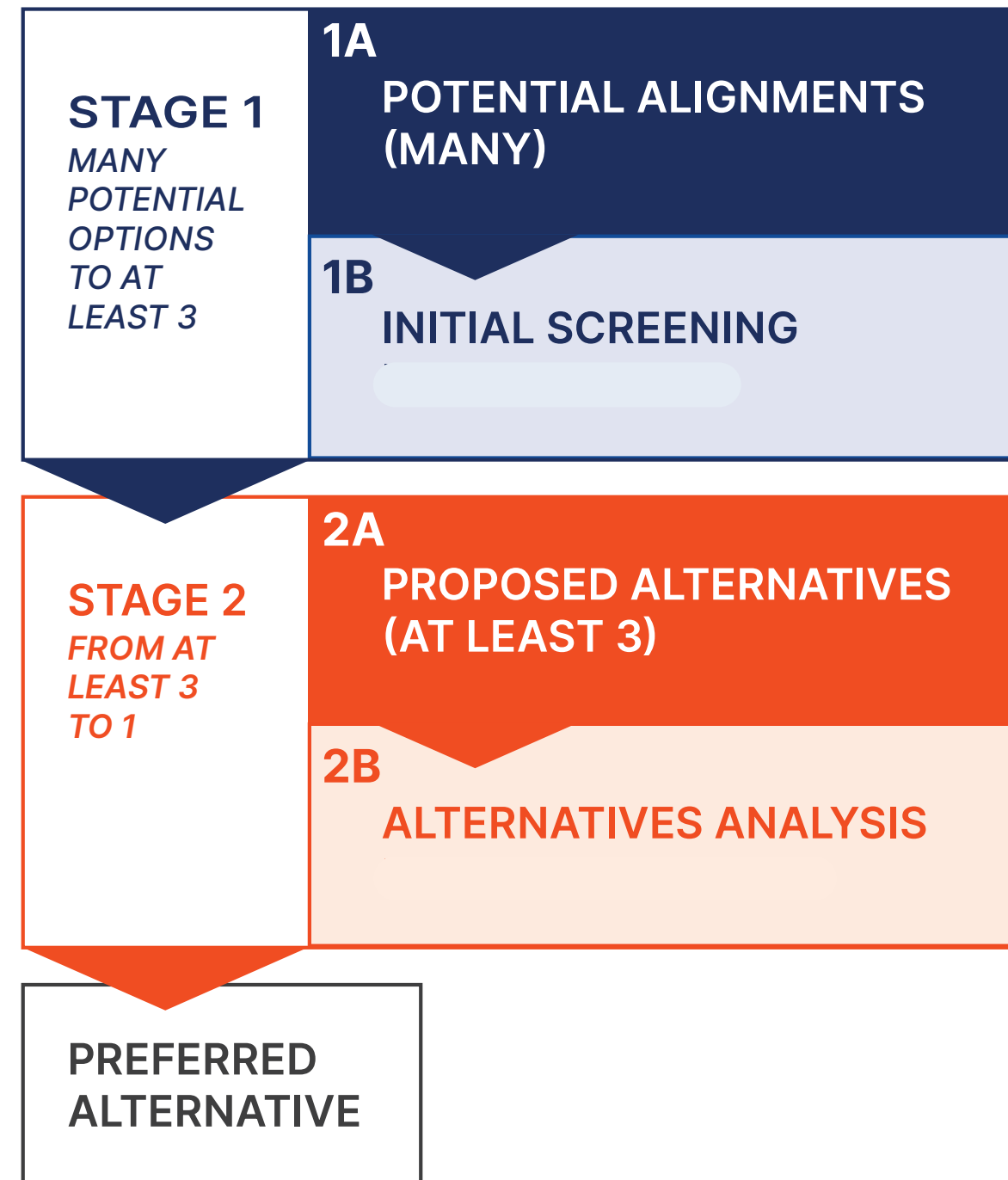


Alignment Alternatives Process

Objective is to identify the preferred mainline Coastal Rail Trail alignment alternative. Two stage process:

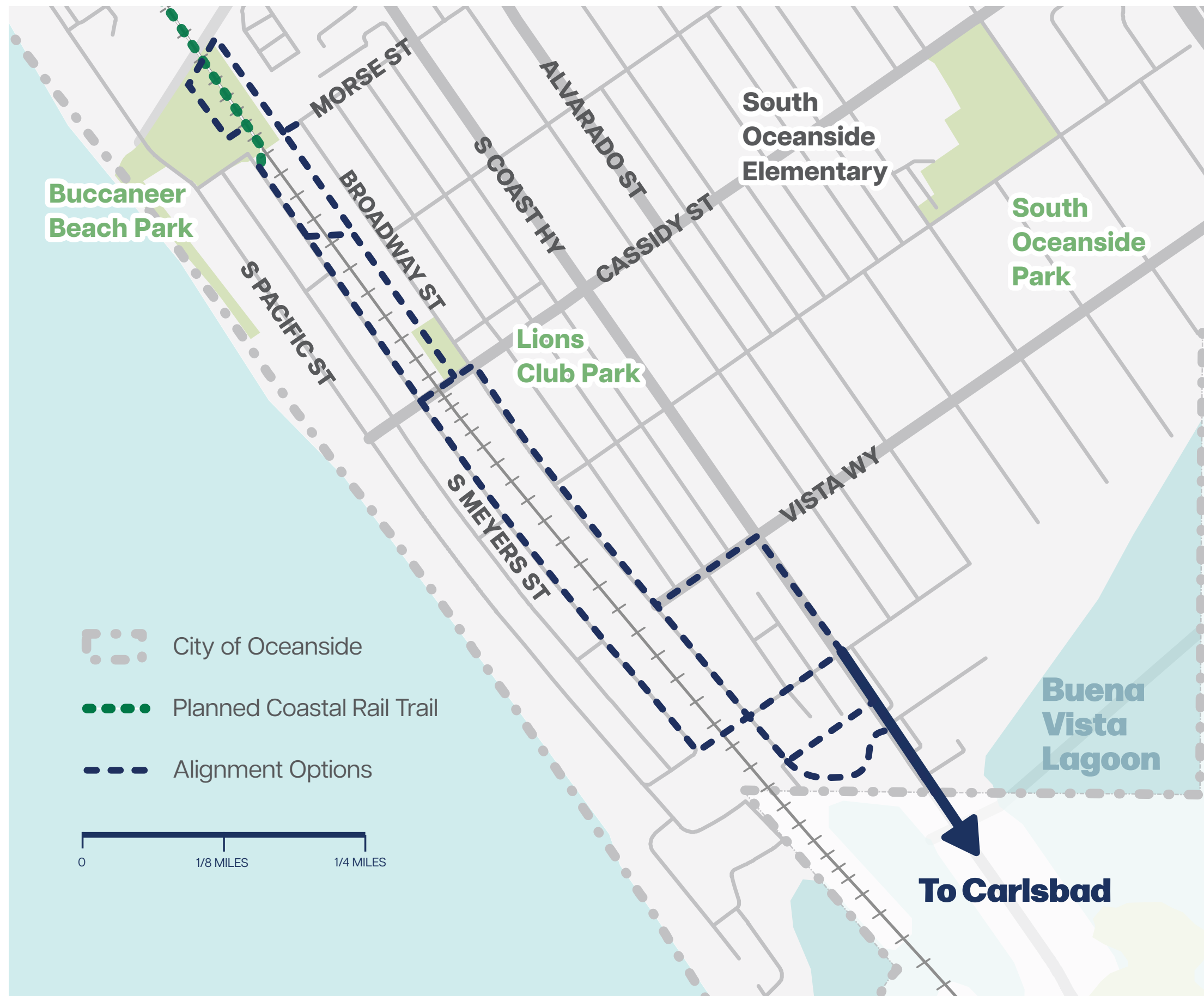
- Stage 1: Explore all potential alignments and identify alternatives that do not pass initial screening criteria
- Stage 2: Refine proposed alternatives and conduct a detailed alternatives analysis to select the preferred alternative

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Stage 1A: Alignment Options

- Explore all alignment options and identify major opportunities & constraints



Stage 1B: Initial Screening

Screen out alignment options that are:

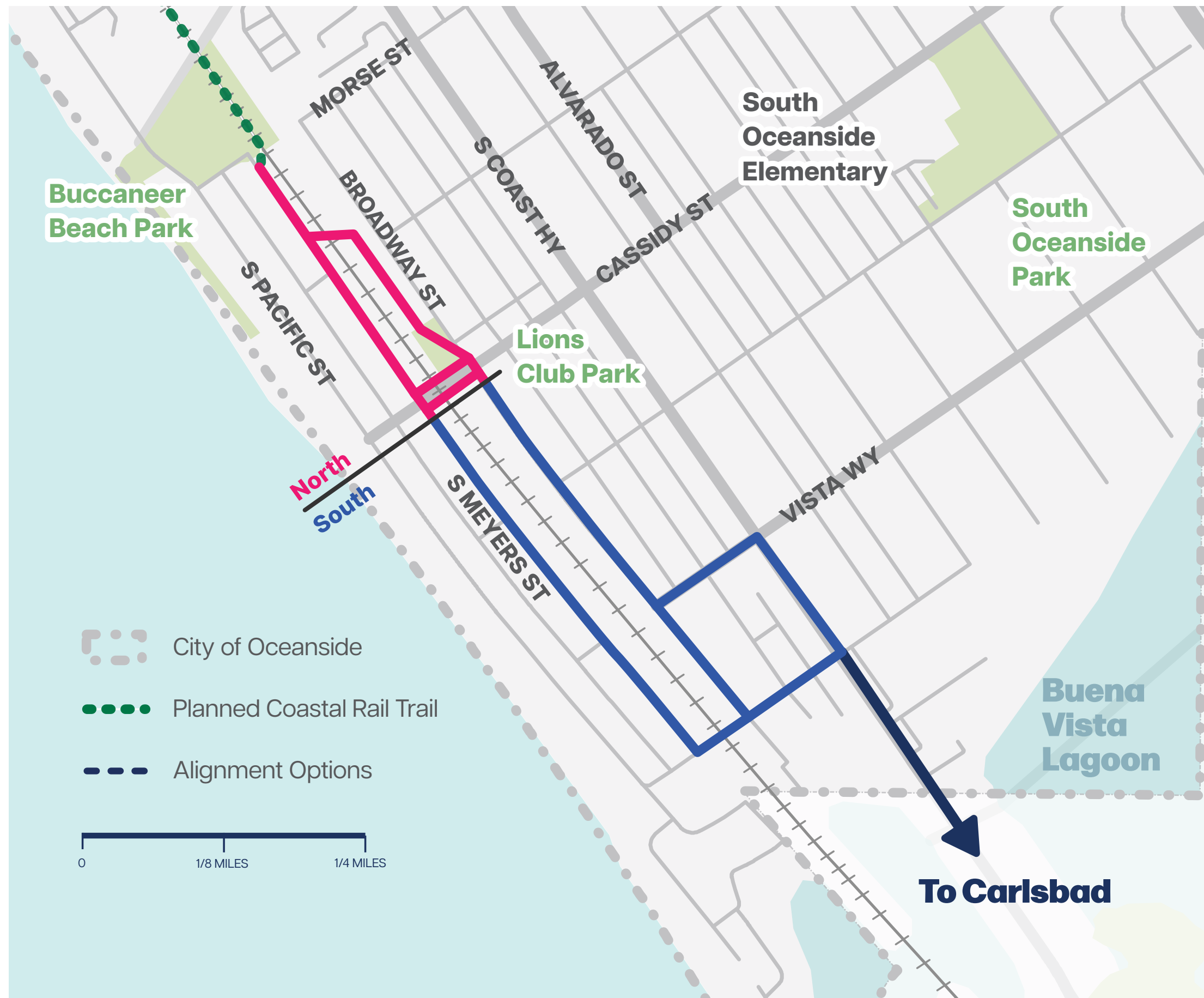
- Are not located within public ROW: **Alignments in Audubon Property ROW**
- Do not meet the design standard for the Coastal Rail Trail of a direct and continuous trail experience: **Morse St Connector**



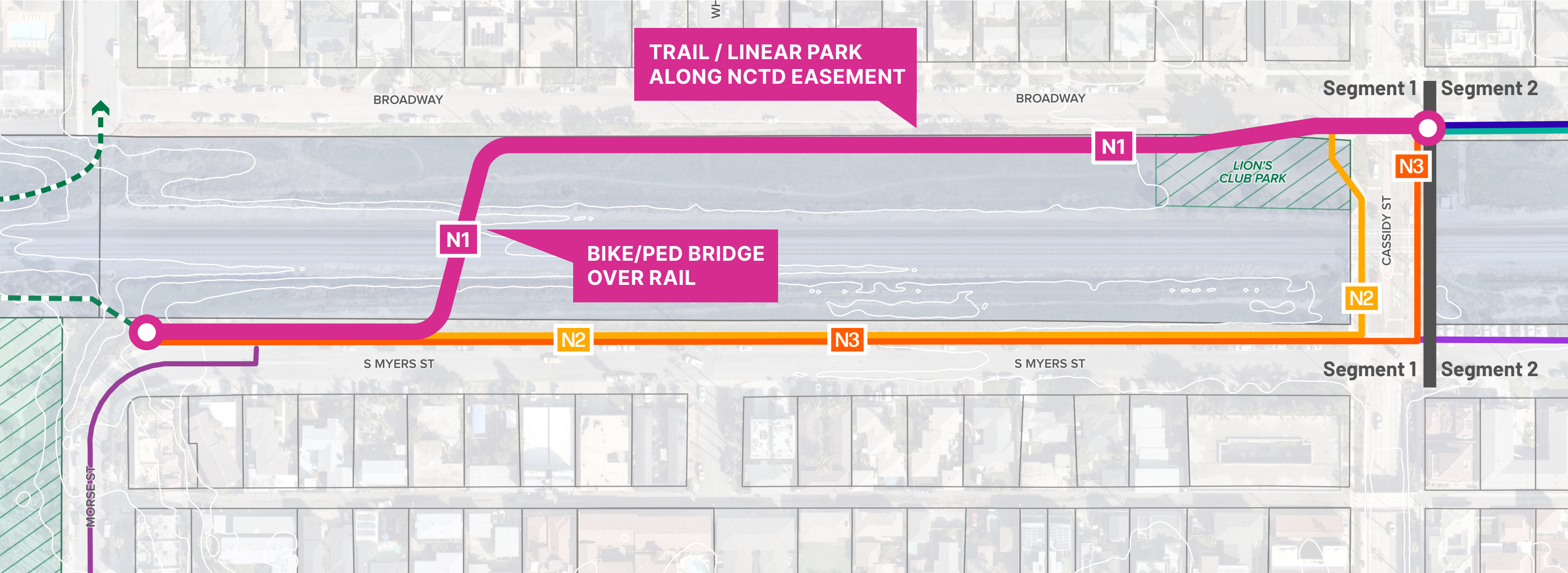
Stage 2A: Alternatives

Corridor alternatives are simplified into **North** and **South** reaches, with 3 alternatives in each:

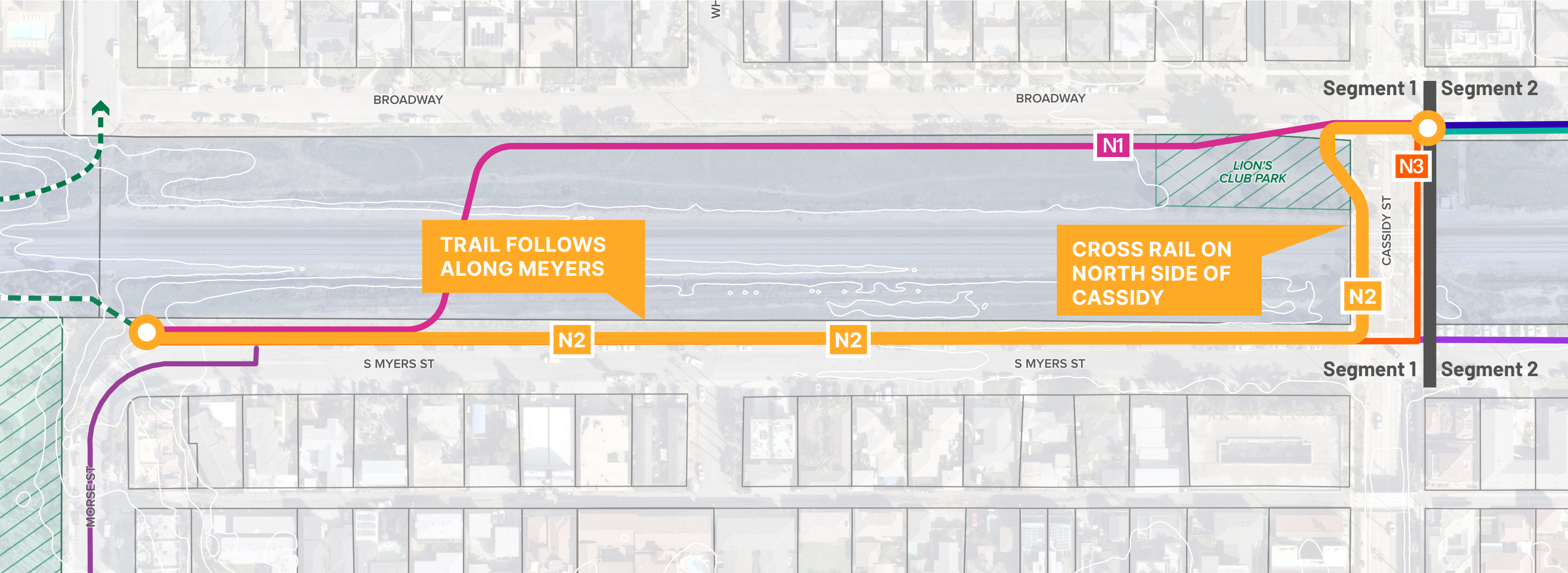
- **North Alternatives:** From Morse St/Buccanner Park through Cassidy St
- **South Alternatives:** From Cassidy to Coast Hwy/Carlsbad Blvd



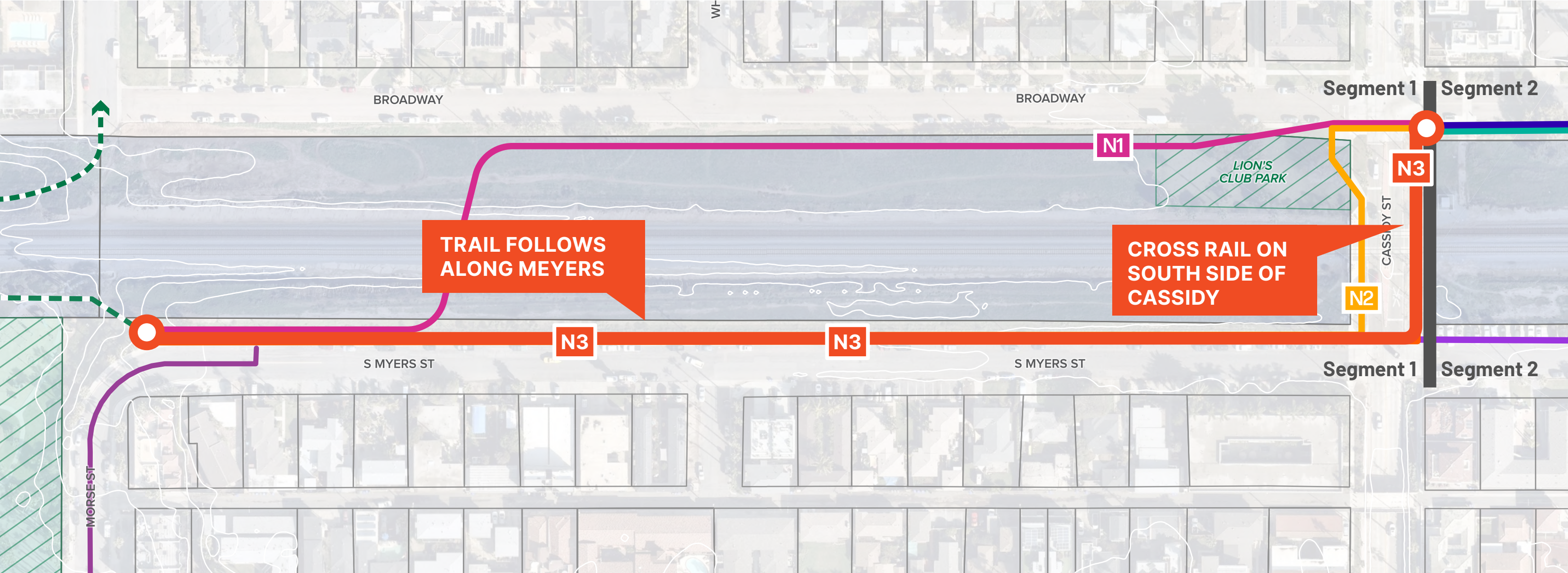
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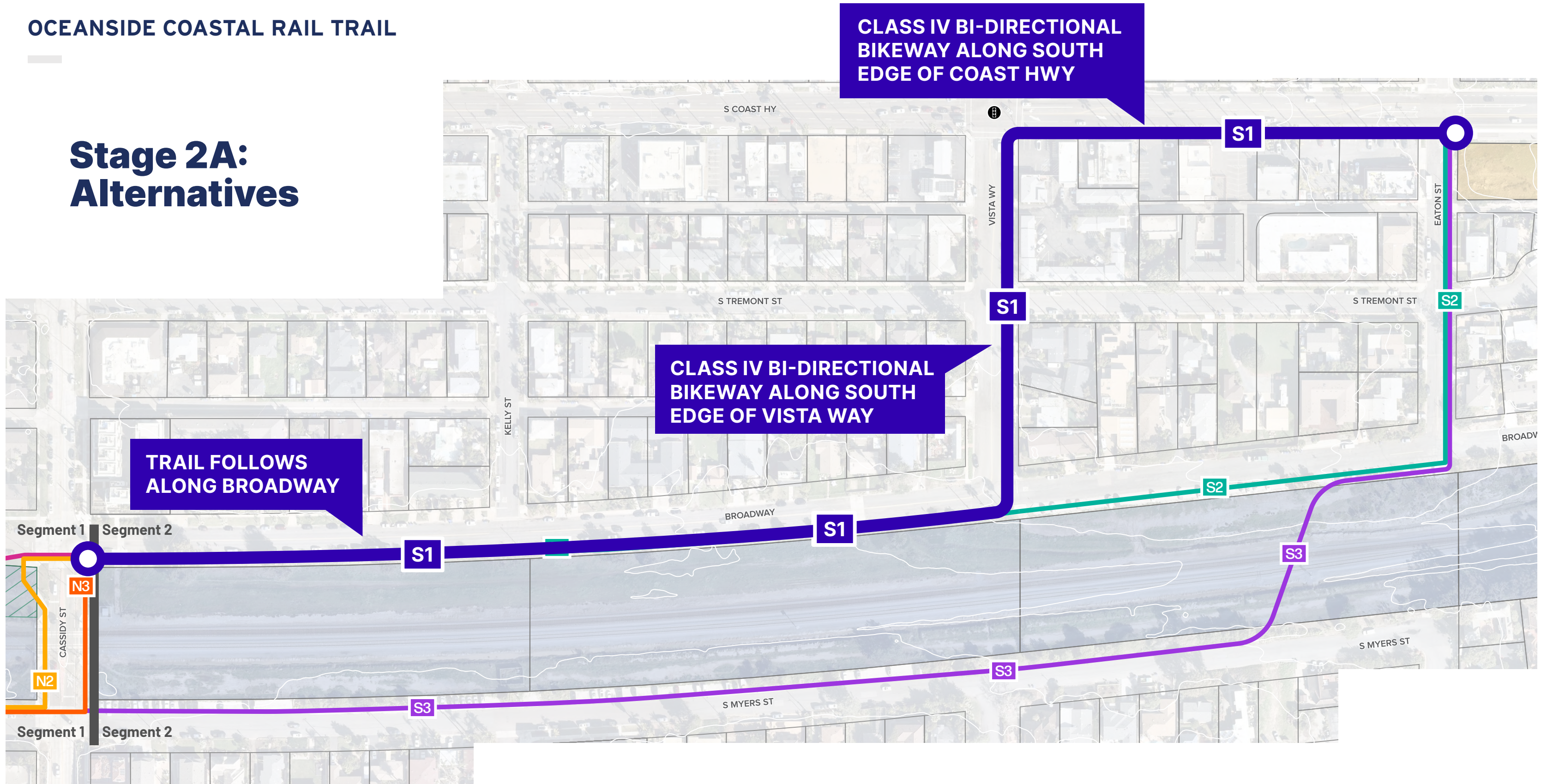
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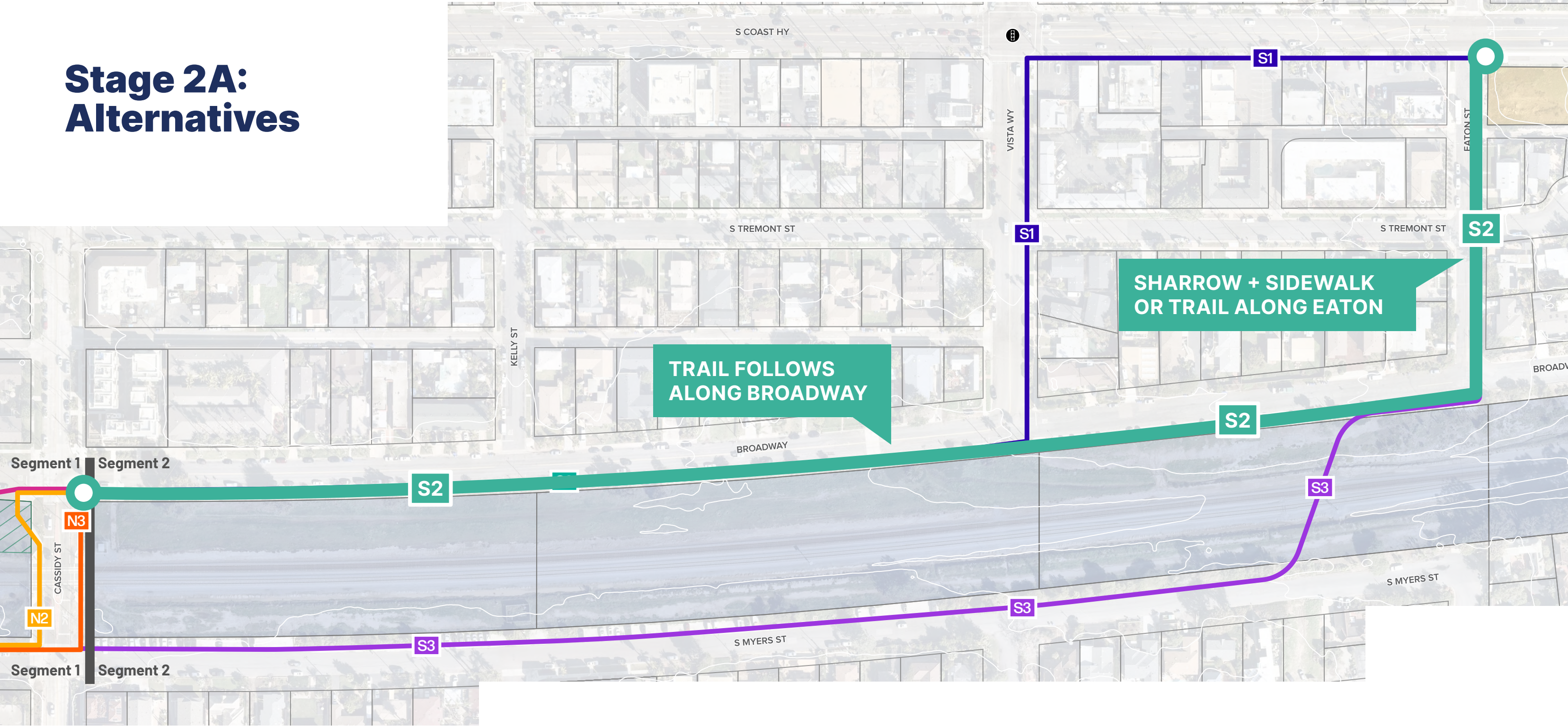
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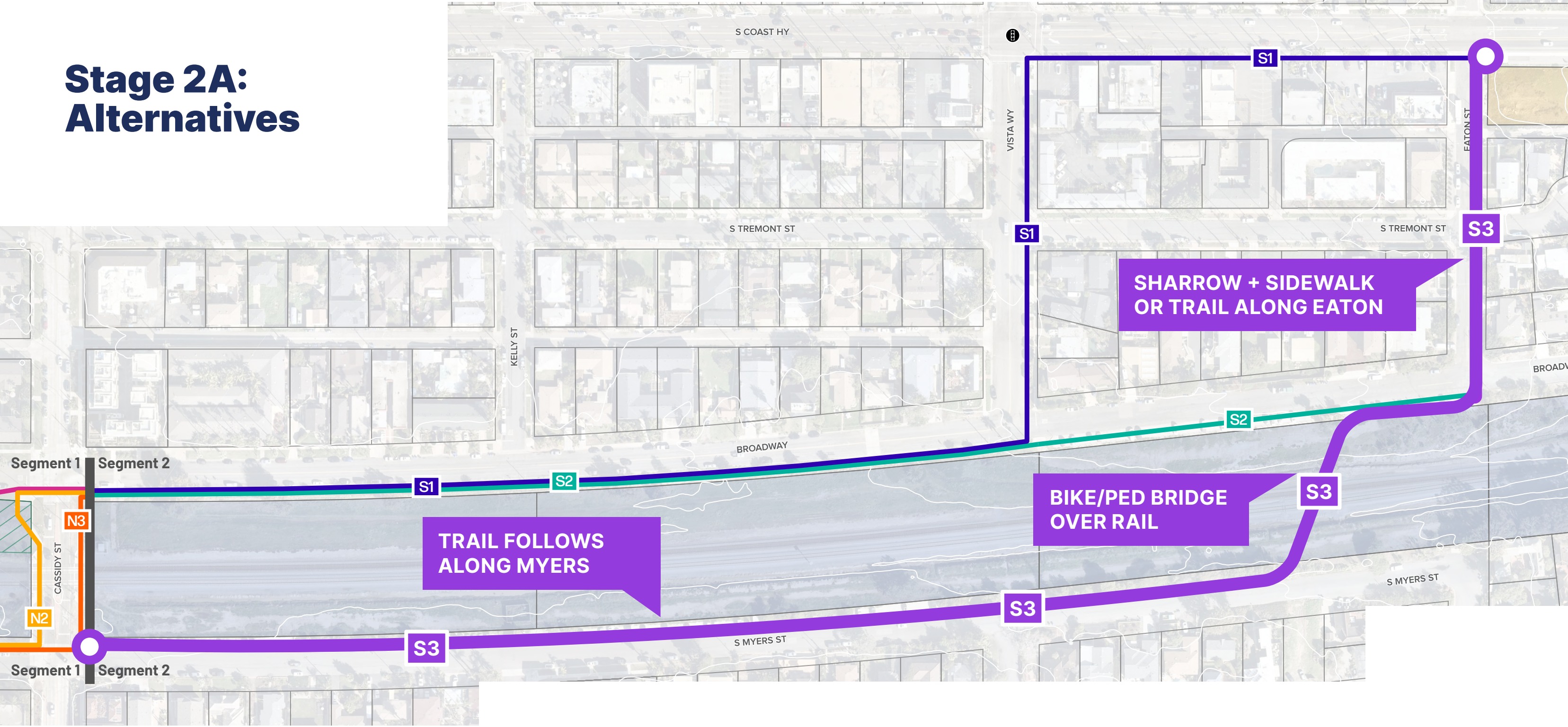
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Stage 2A: Alternatives



Stage 2B: Alternatives Analysis Criteria

- Preliminary analysis criteria were developed that align with project goals
- Important to make sure the analysis criteria reflects the key decision making factors for the project

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	Access & Mobility	Bike Network Connectivity	Frequency of connections to the surrounding low-stress bike network
		Consistent Trail Design	Ability to maintain a consistent trail-like experience from beginning to end
		Full Width Facility	The amount of space available to fit the preferred cross-section
	Trail Experience	Linear Park & Trail Amenities	Opportunity for trail amenities and/or linear park space
		Shade	Existing shade trees or available ROW to add consistent shade trees
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Stage 2B: Alternatives Analysis Criteria

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Next Steps

- Next community workshop
- Next TAC meeting

