



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Board Report

File #: RES 23-135, **Version:** 1

Consider adoption of a resolution supporting the designation of the proposed United States Bicycle Route 95 through the County of Monterey.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution supporting the designation of the proposed United States Bicycle Route 95 through the County of Monterey.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) established the United States Bicycle Route System (USBRS) in 2008. The Adventure Cycle Association (ACA) along with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) is developing a network of bicycle touring routes throughout the country.

The ACA manages the USBRS designation process nationally for AASHTO and has been working with local agencies to obtain endorsements for USBR 95. AASHTO has designated a bicycle corridor through Santa Cruz County to be identified as United States Bicycle Route 95 (USBR 95) that runs along the West Coast from Canada to Mexico.

The route continues from the County of Santa Cruz and the City of Watsonville, across the Porter Bridge onto Porter Drive and Salinas Road through Pajaro to Hilltop Road, onto State Route 1, towards Molera Road and Merritt Street through the Castroville area, towards Monte Road and Del Monte Road, through the City of Marina and other peninsula cities, through the City of Monterey, onto State Route 1 and onto Carpenter Street and Serra Avenue through the City of Carmel and onto Rio Road, and onto State Route 1 south towards the County of San Luis Obispo.

The route follows streets, roads, and bike paths in the County of Monterey, transitioning from the County of Santa Cruz at the northern boundary of the County of Monterey, traveling through Pajaro, Castroville, City of Marina, City of Monterey, and City of Carmel before traveling towards San Luis Obispo County.

The purpose of this designation is to provide guided routes for individuals interested in traveling along the California coastline or across the US by bike. According to the ACA, the USBR 95 designation will follow along much of the existing Pacific Coast Route through the County and will not require the County to install any new signs.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed the proposed route.

FINANCING:

There is no impact to the General Fund or Road Fund from supporting this designation.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This item supports the Board's efforts to encourage Economic Development through biking and tourism.

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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The following attachments are on file with the Clerk of the Board:

Attachment A - Resolution

Attachment B - Map