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DATE: April 24, 2024
PROJECT TITLE: Mill Valley-Sausalito Path Signage Installation Project
PROJECT LOCATION: Mill Valley-Sausalito Path, Marin County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: Marin County Parks (MCP) is proposing to install signage on the Mill Valley-Sausalito Path and the Charles F. McGlashan Path. The purpose of the proposed project is to aid in creating safe, welcoming, and responsible public access to the paths by providing increased public access and safety information. Pathway signage types include entry sign structures, a directional wayfinding post, path ID signs, and site ID signposts. The proposed project would consist of three replacement sign structures at existing locations (Sycamore Avenue, McGlashan Path-South, and Almonte Boulevard); four new signs on existing posts (Almonte Boulevard, Pohono Street, McGlashan Path-North and Miller Avenue); two new entry structures (E. Blithedale Boulevard and Gate 6 Road) and four new signposts (Gate 6 Road, Almonte Boulevard, and Bayfront Park entries) for a total of three replacement signs and eleven new signs along the multi-use pathway. Entry sign structure installation would include a custom sign frame with graphic panels on an above grade 19-inch height by 24-inch square concrete pedestal and 30-inches deep and 24-inches wide concrete footing. Concrete footings for new signposts would be approximately 30-inches deep and 18-inches in diameter. Typical installation would include new concrete footings, aluminum posts, signage, and site clean-up.

Implementation of the proposed project would occur in 2024 and would be conducted by contractors.

During construction, ground and soil disturbance would be minimized to areas of signage removal and to locations receiving new sign structures and posts. Site disturbance methods will minimize impact to surrounding areas and will consist of digging holes for extraction of existing sign structures or for installing new concrete footings. The project is anticipated to disturb approximately 31 square feet of ground and add approximately 96 cubic feet of total concrete. Work areas would be restored to pre-project conditions after implementation of the proposed signs. Construction is anticipated take approximately 60 working days. Construction equipment may include the use of a mini excavator, power hammers or drills, power post hole augers, power vibrators or plate compactors, small batch concrete mixers, and pickup trucks. Erosion control best management practices will be implemented to reduce pollution, erosion, and sediment migration during construction. Construction would also avoid any flooded portions of the pathway during times when water is present within the work area, and the proposed project is anticipated to have no direct impact to adjacent waters and wetlands. The project is located within the Bay Conservation and Development Commission’s (BCDC) 100-foot Shoreline Band jurisdiction and is therefore subject to BCDC’s regulatory permit authorization and conditions included in the permit.

No blockage, detours, or closures of any portions of the pathway would be required during construction activities. Both Mill Valley-Sausalito and McGlashan paths would remain open for public access during the implementation of this project. Equipment access along the path would be from main entries at E. Blithedale Boulevard, Sycamore Avenue, Miller Avenue, Almonte Boulevard, Shoreline Highway, Pohono Street, and Gate 6 street locations. Sign implementation would not affect access to adjacent properties or roadways and would only be isolated to locations adjacent to the pathway. Construction equipment, storage, staging, and vehicles would not impede any access to the multi-use path. There may be temporary traffic-type barriers or delineators erected to protect the project areas and pathway users. Overall, there would be minimal impacts to pedestrian, equestrian, and bicycle traffic for the duration of the proposed project.

15311: Accessory Structures. The proposed project consists of the placement of on-premises signs which are accessory to the existing multi-use path. The proposed project is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code 6026.
Section 65962.5 or within an officially designated state scenic highway and nonetheless would not affect scenic resources including trees, historical buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resource. Implementation of the proposed project would not result in cumulative impacts; result in a significant effect to the environment due to unusual circumstances; or change the significance of a historical resource.

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