

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARINA
ENDORISING U.S. BICYCLE ROUTE 95 THROUGH THE CITY OF MARINA

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of May 6, 2020, the Transportation Agency for Monterey's Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee received a presentation from Kerry Irons, a representative of the Adventure Cycling Association. This non-profit organization seeking to coordinate with State Transportation Agencies to establish regional and statewide bicycle routes such as the proposed Bicycle Route 95 through the City of Marina, and;

WHEREAS, Bicycle Route 95 is currently a national route for the West Coast of the United States traveling through the states of Washington and Oregon with a proposed extension down through California to San Diego. Of the 70 agencies along the route, 43 of these agencies have already expressed support for the designation, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed Route through Monterey County will follow the Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail, the 18-mile multi-use pathway that stretches from Castroville to Pacific Grove. The City Council support for the portion of the Trail within Marina ("**Exhibit A**") would join other Cities such as Sand City and Monterey in endorsing the National Route within California. Already a tourist destination for the City, the designation of the Coastal Recreation Trail as part of US Bicycle Route 95 would support the City General Plan and Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan in providing a walkable, bikeable, and healthy community, and;

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determines the suitability of a Bicycle Route for US Bicycle Route designation. An application by Caltrans is then submitted to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) for acceptance and official designation as a US Bicycle Route. Staff is recommending the City's support and endorsement for the Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail within the City of Marina to be part of the National US Bicycle Route 95, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Section 15378, the activities associated with this action do not fit the definition of a Project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability, and;

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact in supporting the Route designation. The designation also does not impose any restrictions on the use of the trail or impose any requirements for the City to post signage along the Route. Once the Route has received official designation, optional Route signage may be installed by each City who wishes to identify the Route in their area, and;

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$47 Billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourist. As a supporting City, Marina would stand to benefit both economically and environmentally for encouraging bicycle travel of the Monterey Bay coastline.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Marina does hereby endorse U.S. Bicycle Route 95 through the City of Marina.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Marina, duly held on the 7th day of July 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Berkley, Urrutia, O'Connell, Morton, Delgado

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

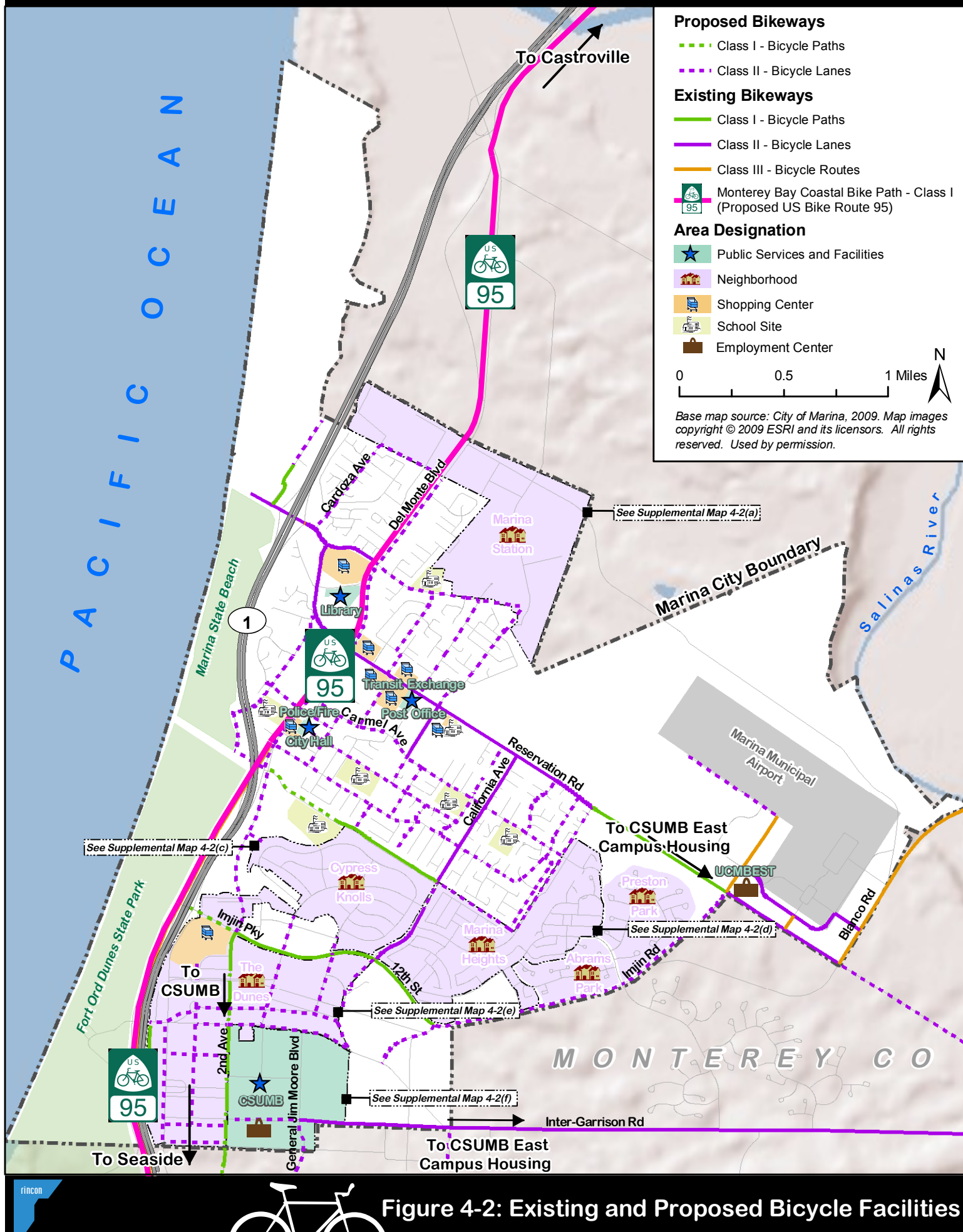
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anita Sharp, Deputy City Clerk



Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Marina City Council

City Council Meeting of
July 7, 2020

**RECOMMENDATION TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-,
ENDORING U.S. BICYCLE ROUTE 95 THROUGH THE CITY OF MARINA**

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council consider:

1. Adopting Resolution No. 2020-, endorsing U.S. Bicycle Route 95 through the City of Marina.

BACKGROUND:

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ANALYSIS:

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The proposed Route through Monterey County will follow the Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail, the 18-mile multi-use pathway that stretches from Castroville to Pacific Grove. The City Council support for the portion of the Trail within Marina ("**EXHIBIT A**") would join other Cities such as Sand City and Monterey in endorsing the National Route within California. Already a tourist destination for the City, the designation of the Coastal Recreation Trail as part of US Bicycle Route 95 would support the City General Plan and Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan in providing a walkable, bikeable, and healthy community.

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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Pursuant to CEQA Section 15378, the activities associated with this action do not fit the definition of a Project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact in supporting the Route designation. The designation also does not impose any restrictions on the use of the trail or impose any requirements for the City to post signage along the Route. Once the Route has received official designation, optional Route signage may be installed by each City who wishes to identify the Route in their area.

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CONCLUSION:

This request is submitted for City Council consideration and possible action.

Respectfully submitted,

Edrie Delos Santos, P.E.
Senior Engineer
Public Works Department
City of Marina

REVIEWED/CONCUR:

Brian McMinn, P.E., P.L.S.
Public Works Director/City Engineer
City of Marina

Layne P. Long
City Manager
City of Marina