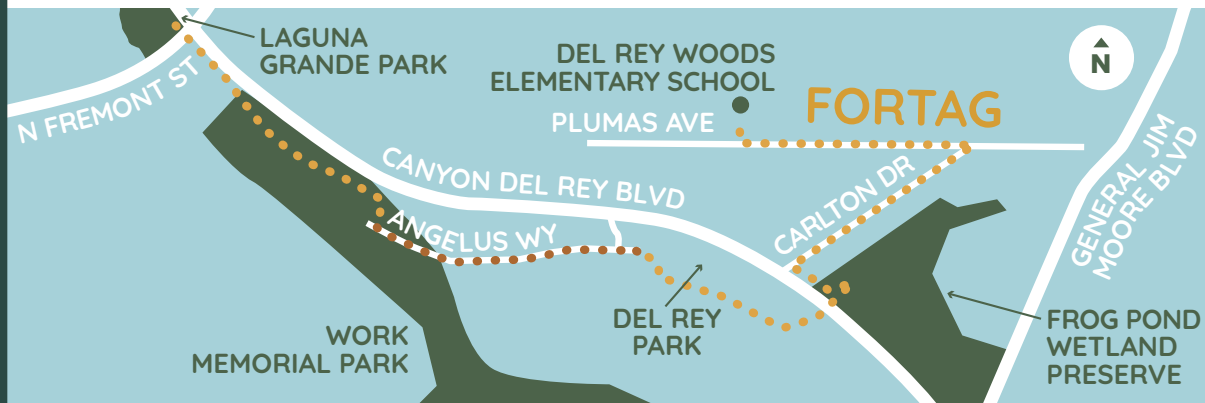




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This exciting project is the result of eight years of regional planning and outreach.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORT ORD REGIONAL TRAIL AND GREENWAY 2013-PRESENT



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PROJECT PATHWAY



In early 2013, two local university professors, Fred Watson and Scott Waltz, led the effort to envision what the greater Monterey area could look like if communities were connected to each other, the natural environment, and the historical Fort Ord lands in a way that gets us out of cars and interacting with the beautiful surroundings that our region has to offer. From this vision came the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) Project, as a 28-mile regional network of paved recreational trails and greenways connecting communities to open space.

2013



\$20M in funding for FORTAG is approved by Monterey County voters as part of the county-wide Transportation Safety and Investment Plan, Measure X.

2016



Cal State University Monterey Bay includes FORTAG in its final Master Plan Maps.



2017



TAMC is awarded a \$10.4M Active Transportation Program Grant to fund the construction of the Canyon Del Rey Segment. Obtaining this funding allowed TAMC to proceed with the design and construction of the project using Measure X and Active Transportation Program funds, which are dedicated to non-motorized projects.

2019

TAMC begins final design and outreach to develop the first phase of the project in Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, and Monterey. Initial concepts are refined to reflect community input from neighborhoods in Del Rey Oaks. Public meetings, focus groups, walking tours, and online engagement resulted in further trail enhancements.



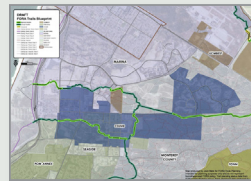
2021

2015

Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD) Board of Directors adopts a Five-Year Strategic Plan explicitly including support for FORTAG's mission in exploring site management opportunities for a "potential Marina-Seaside Trails Preserve."



Fort Ord Reuse Authority uses FORTAG as the starting point for its Trails Blueprint project and includes it in its draft Habitat Conservation Plan.



"The FORTAG project will enhance Del Rey Oaks residents' health by providing enhanced access and connectivity to several nearby natural and recreational treasures including Work Memorial Park, the Frog Pond Wetland Preserve, Fort Ord National Monument, the Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail, and the Pacific Ocean—making an already great walkable community even greater."

— Dr. Rafael Payan, PhD, General Manager, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District



The cities of Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, Marina, Monterey, and the County of Monterey approve a Memorandum of Understanding designating TAMC as Lead Agency for environmental review of FORTAG under the California Environmental Quality Act. (October 11, 2017)

The cities of Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, Marina, and Monterey, along with the County of Monterey, and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District certified the Final Environmental Impact Report and approved the FORTAG Master Agreement in 2020.



Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project

Draft Environmental Impact Report

TAMC completed an environmental review of multiple proposed alignments for the 28-mile trail, including some suggested by the community and agencies. This two-year process analyzed all alternatives using objective criteria and resulted in a single preferred alignment.