

# City Manager's Weekly Update

January 17, 2020

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Engineering

We are scheduled to begin construction of the [Coastal Rail Trail Segment 7 – Phase I Project](#) on Tuesday, Jan. 21. The 1.2 mile long segment will run from Bay Street/California Street to Natural Bridges Drive. Construction is expected to be completed in about eight months, by the end of summer 2020. [Read the construction details including traffic impacts.](#)



Friends of the Rail and Trail will be hosting a groundbreaking celebration for our [Coastal Rail Trail Segment 7 – Phase I Project](#) on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 1-3 p.m. at 402 Ingalls Street along the alley next to the rail corridor. We hope to see you there!

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
FRIENDS OF THE  
**RAIL & TRAIL**

**Westside Rail Trail  
Segment 7 Phase 1**

**Groundbreaking Party!**

**Celebrate Progress.**  
Saturday January 25 from 1-3 PM

Hosted by Santa Cruz Mt Brewing Co. 402 Ingalls St - at the alley along the rail corridor.  
Co-sponsors: Ecology Action, Bike Santa Cruz County

- Valet Bike Parking provided by Bike Santa Cruz County
- Live old time string band music
- Food & Beverages

[www.railandtrail.org](http://www.railandtrail.org)

### **Resource Recovery**

Confused about Recycling? Passionate about Zero Waste? Ready to share what you learn? Join the City's [Master Recycler Volunteer Training Program](#). Classes begin in February with applications due Jan. 22.

Participants will receive hands-on training from City staff and other local waste professionals and experts. Graduates emerge as community champions who will educate and empower friends, neighbors, schools, businesses and local groups in helping to mitigate the largest Santa Cruz (and nationwide) recycling problem of contamination. [Read and see more.](#)



Our new Waste Reduction Assistant will be speaking at 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Coffee, 1001 Center St. in Santa Cruz on Tuesday, January 21, from 5-6 p.m. Her focus is how to “Recycle Right” in Santa Cruz.



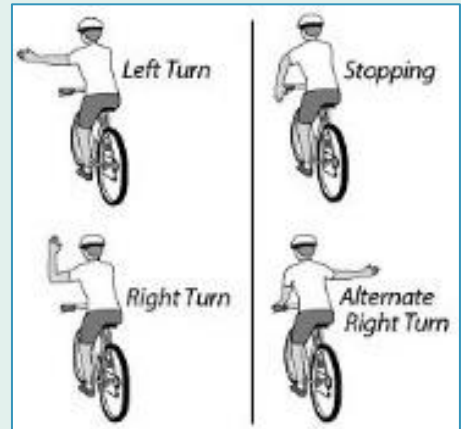
### **Transportation Engineering/Community Relations**

Over 21% of downtown employees have logged nearly 29,000 miles in alternative commute trips through our [GO Santa Cruz](#) program. Incentives to reduce their single-occupant car use include free transit passes, bike locker cards and discounted JUMP bike memberships. Read all the details including sign-up info for downtown employees in our Santa Cruz Waves article: [Downtown Employees Give GO Santa Cruz Program Thumbs Up for Commute Alternatives](#)





Bike lights are more important than ever this time of the year. See other tips to help keep you safe while cycling in this week's Street Smarts videos in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).



### **Wastewater Treatment Facility**

The facility shut down this past Wednesday to allow for maintenance work on the secondary treatment part of the process. From 5-9 a.m. we closed the influent gate and continued to allow the flow from the County to enter the treatment facility. Emptied out-of-service tanks were used as 'temporary storage pockets' to fill during the shutdown while flow was backed up slightly into the sanitary sewer collection system. As soon as it was safe to enter the confined space, our mechanics jumped in and removed and replaced an in-house pre-fabricated aeration pipe. Flows were allowed back into the treatment system at 9 a.m. without any adverse impacts to the community. Our master mechanic was able to design and fabricate the intricate pipe for a perfect fit ensuring smooth removal and replacement.



After the facility shutdown, we drained and cleaned the various flow ‘temporary storage pockets’ in the primary sedimentation basins.

Mechanics disconnected the primary electricity cogenerating engine so it could be transferred off-site for its annual preventative maintenance rebuild.



We are replacing the gas line that feeds the anaerobic-digester-produced-gas (methane) to the gas-chilling equipment before it is fed to the electricity cogenerating engines. During this repair the facility is unable to utilize the methane gas for electricity generation and is burning off the excess gas. (Carbon dioxide is the released product from burning waste methane gas. It is environmentally safer to release the carbon dioxide than the far stronger methane gas.)





## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Ken Wormhoudt Skate Park - Skate Bowl coping replacement

Parks recently partnered with builder Mike Greenwald at Frontier Skate Parks to replace the heavily used skate bowl coping at Ken Wormhoudt Skate Park. Through capital improvement funds, we were able to tackle this much needed safety upgrade to the iconic Wormhoudt skate bowls.



*"Everyone is talking about it and we have been seeing skaters from far away trekking over to sample the new digs. Much appreciation and respect for all your work in getting this project done. Looking forward to ..."*



**Join Parks & Recreation on Saturday, January 18 from 10:30-11:30am to celebration the re-opening of Ken Wormhoudt Skate Park bowls.**

Learn about the new and improved bowl coping from Frontier Skate Parks. Light breakfast will be served.

## **MLK Day March for the Dream and Resource Fair 2020**

**Monday – January 20, 2020**

Louden Nelson Community Center will host speakers and resource fair as part of the March for the Dream 2020.



## **Santa Cruz Symphony's *Catharsis* at the Civic Auditorium Saturday – February 1, 2020 at 7:30pm**

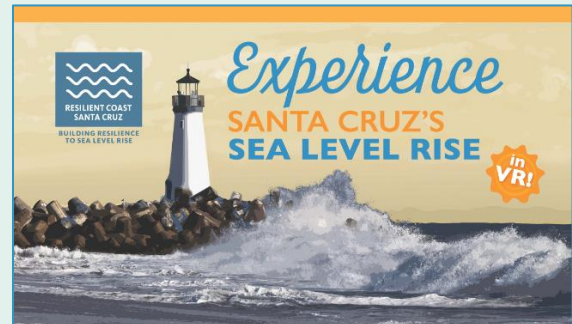
Mahler's Symphony no. 5 begins with the most famous four notes since Beethoven's 5th, includes his greatest love song, the Adagietto, and charts the course from inner agony to ecstasy of the soul. [Tickets available.](#)



## LIBRARY

### **Learn Through Virtual Reality • Sea Level Rise Explorer**

The Sea Level Rise Explorer is a virtual reality experience that immerses users in modeled representations of how sea level rise impacts, such as coastal flooding and coastal erosion, might affect the beaches and bluffs in Santa Cruz. The experience is available in both English and Spanish. So come down to the Downtown Library before February 20th to try it out!



Just visit the downtown library's information desk and inquire about participation. Library staff will assist you with the simple process, which takes approximately 10 minutes.

Learn more at <https://www.santacruzpl.org/news/permalink/992/>

### **Pros and Cons of the State Ballot Measures**

**Saturday, January 25th • 10:00 am - 12:00pm**

**Downtown Branch Library • 224 Church St.**

Pros & Cons of the March and November State Ballot Measures. Come hear the arguments, both for and against, the statewide propositions to be voted on during the November 3, 2020, General Election. Santa Cruz County Clerk, Gail Pellerin, will also give a presentation on county election system changes and information. Pick up a copy of the League's Easy Voter Guide.



Program hosted by the Santa Cruz County League of Women Voters

### **Family Literacy Fun Day • Celebrate Positive Parenting Awareness Month 2020 in the library with your family!**

**Saturday, January 25th • 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

Learn about other local services and supports for children and families. Every family will receive a free book provided by First 5 Santa Cruz County and a chance to win prizes! Get Triple P parenting tips and tools, enjoy Storytime with librarians, and participate in arts and crafts and other fun activities.

