

# Conceptual OK For Pathways

Three possible pedestrian pathway sites have been given conceptual approval for development by the Santa Cruz City Council.

Some \$15,000 in federal Housing and Community Development funds have been allocated for the pathways, but the projects must first be approved by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The council conceptual approval was the first step to get HUD approval. Further, the projects are subject to an environmental impact review.

The sites are:

**SITE 1** - This pathway would be located on the northwest side of the drainage ditch which starts on Pine Street, between house numbers 329 and 323, and

runs to South Branciforte Avenue. It would continue to the Ocean Villa Bridge and San Lorenzo River levee, but this is recommended for construction as part of the Ocean View housing development and would not be included in the HUD project.

For the project from Pine to South Branciforte Avenue, an asphalt pathway 8 to 10 feet wide is desired, a width which would allow for walkers, joggers or bicyclists to travel side-by-side or pass in opposite directions.

A 10-foot easment would be required for this pathway from two property owners.

However, no property owners have been told in this case, or in the other two cases, that a pathway is being con-

sidered along their property boundaries, the council has been informed in a report by the city Public Works Department.

**SITE 2** - This pathway would be located parallel to Highway 1, on the east side, between High and Mora streets.

For this, about 180 feet of 10-foot easement would be needed from either the state, Holy Cross Church, or a portion from both, and the state's chain link fence would have to be relocated.

**SITE 3** - This pathway is really a set of steps at the west end of Barson Street, where it abuts the Broadway Laurel Bridge embankment. The property is city owned.

The stairway is to provide an easier and safer route for pedestrians going downtown from the east side of the San Lorenzo River.

Proposed is a set of concrete steps with a railing. The steps would extend from the cul-de-sac on Barson Street up the embankment and connect with the sidewalk on the Broadway-Laurel overcrossing at the traffic signal.

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