

Aptos Village Pedestrian Survey Report, June 2017

Recently the Seacliff Improvement Association (SIA) conducted a survey to determine the interest in and need for a “Safe Passage to Aptos Village”. The 392 respondents to our survey overwhelmingly expressed a desire to be able to walk/bike from the surrounding areas to Aptos Village safely. The reasons cited for wanting to walk/bike to the Village were to: go to restaurants, attend events at Aptos Park and Nisene Marks, shopping, and patronize local businesses and services.

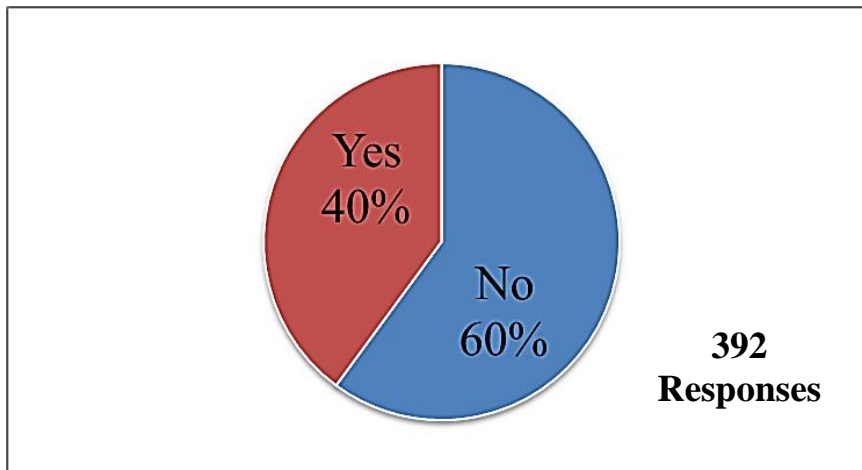
While 60% of respondents had not traveled by foot/bike to Aptos Village within the last month, 88% would do so if there were a safer pedestrian pathway. The hazards respondents identified include: narrow roadsides with no sidewalks, few crosswalks, traffic hazards, inadequate lighting and uneven pavement. The completion of the Village improvement project, adding businesses, restaurants, housing and services, will only increase the need for alternatives to driving.

Ensuring a safe way to reach Aptos Village and surrounding areas by foot/bike will help our residents and vacationers support our local businesses, improve traffic safety and reinforce the importance of maintaining the unique nature of our community.

Following are the survey results:

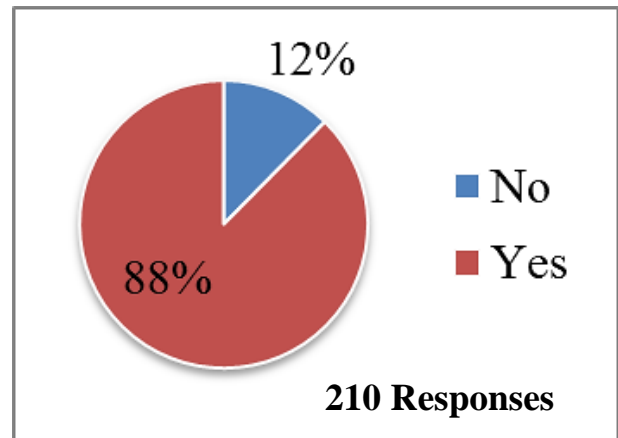
Survey Questions

Did you travel on foot/bike to Aptos Village within the last month?



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If you did NOT travel on foot/bike to Aptos Village within the last month, would you do so if there were a safer pedestrian pathway?



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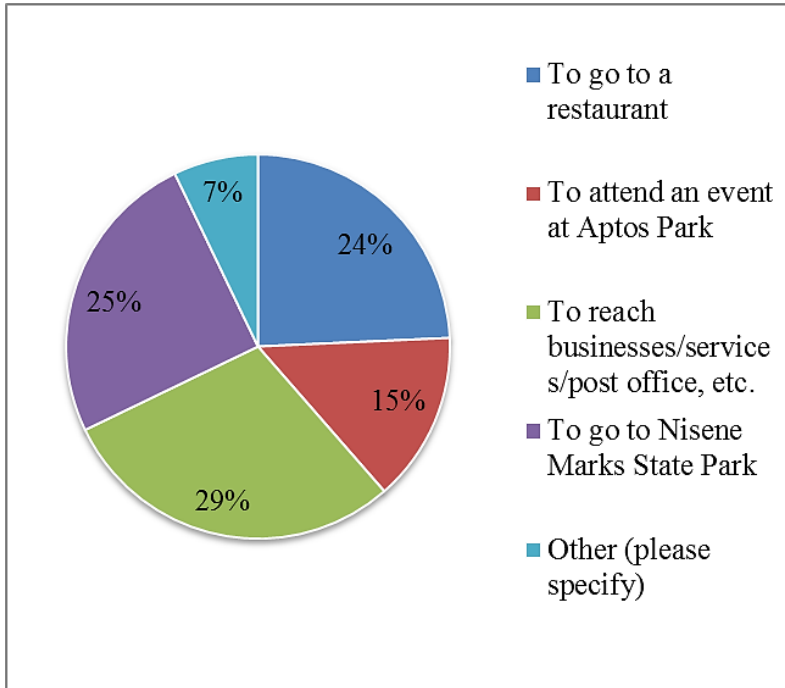
- No reason to go there
- maybe
- Have not been in Aptos yet this summer!
- Just to the Post Office
- No reason to go there except to obtain groceries and water; both require vehicle.
- Live too far
- We have walked there, but from our home above the cement ship, at our age it's likely we would drive. We have walked there once or twice, but mostly we drive there.
- Maybe
- My not biking or walking is not a function of safety.
- Live too far away
- I live on Cathedral Dr. I wish there were sidewalks to safely walk to the village.
- it is very treacherous to walk from Seacliff to Aptos village
- We don't go to the village as there isn't much there... and traffic is so bad.
- I'm scared I'll be hit by people coming off and going on the freeway at State Park.
- When I have walked to Aptos Village I took the railroad tracks with my dogs, there was broken glass, I was afraid my dogs feet would get cut. Also there were homeless encampments that were a concern to me as. Was walking alone.
- Yes, sometimes (particularly if walking to Cafe Sparrow, Au Midi, or the old hotel restaurant), but ONLY if the footpath were wide enough to be away from cars - or ideally not beside the road at all - AND if the street lighting were really good.
- A bike path that does not involve Soquel would make this easier!
- Rip up the train tracks and put in a bike/foot path.
- Would love to walk there
- We must create safe, environmentally friendly and aesthetic ways for the outdoorsy, active residents and tourists to walk or ride bikes!
- Every July 4th we walk the train trestles to Aptos Village from Seacliff. Every year we are absolutely amazed at how close the Village really is. We would prefer to use the trestle and rail right of way. By car, there are four lights and many stop signs between our home the village center.
- Spreckles is dangerous & steep for walking/biking.
- When the road construction over the creek is complete I will return to my regular routine of walking to Aptos village.
- There is not a safe path to the village.
- Sidewalk all the way down Center St. and then up Spreckles.
- I currently have to drive a detour out of my neighborhood to get out. I live in Rolling Green Estates. When Valencia Rd is open I do walk into the village at least once a month.
- I would also run

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- Needs good sidewalk AND good street lighting.
- We were terrified when we walked from Seacliff over the State Park overpass, and were almost hit by fast traffic on the exit from highway one.
- I walk to Aptos Village once a year on July 4th. With the new Aptos Village I certainly would like to more, but right now it is too unsafe.
- Yes, I would. Would love to keep off the roads with my car.
- We go to the village often, but since we live by Seacliff, it's usually my husband that will bike there - but it's a bit dicey going down Soquel from State Park Dr. or Center to Seacliff to Spreckles - would be nice to have a better bike/walking path for those sections.
- There is a safe passage, owned by the people, and is off-limits: the RR tracks. No trespassing!
- Bike lane not safe to walk on the curves
- Traffic is obscene most of the day, plus Aptos has few sidewalks
- It would depend on the purpose of my trip, time of day and weather
- Roads are not safe for bikes through Aptos. Used to ride all the time
- Years ago, I walked from Cedar in Seacliff to Aptos Village at least twice a week.
- Valencia road bike lane
- Would love better sidewalk system connecting Seacliff to Aptos!
- Trout Gulch to Meadow Ranch needs a sidewalk/bike lane.
- Turn the old rail line into a bike path.
- I live less than a mile away and always think about walking to the village, but always drive because of safety reasons
- More sidewalks in Aptos in general would be helpful.
- Sidewalks and improved traffic controls would be nice.
- The Village has SO much potential, and it feels dangerous and intimidating to walk (or send our children to walk) due to poor pedestrian pathways. Our family would be thrilled if there were sidewalks/crosswalks, and the ability to get from one end of the Village to the other safely!
- There are no sidewalks in this area or bike lanes. It is very unsafe!
- I live on Treasure Island and would love to see a sidewalk all the way up to Soquel road.
- In the past, I've walked to the village with a bike and have found it difficult.
- There are no street light throughout Aptos neighborhoods and the streets are narrow. Walking after dark is a calculated risk. Walks to the Aptos Village would be limited to trips beginning and ending in daylight, which eliminates walking over for dinner.
- I would probably use the RR tracks if it was legal to do so.
- Thank you for asking!!
- There are more and more reckless speeders through our neighborhood that it is very unsafe to walk on Aptos Beach Drive & Spreckles Drive up to Soquel Drive.
- It would be fantastic if the old railroad tracks were converted to a bike and walking path. There is no question that we would utilize for multiple reasons into Aptos Village. Our not so little community is grid lock on Soquel Drive. Do not feel safe to ride a bicycle on the roads in traffic.
- It would be great to be able to walk there. As of now it is not safe at all -
- I never walk to Aptos Village because it is too dangerous.
- Assuming a level path or trail.
- Highway 1 ramps on State Park Drive are unsafe

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If you did travel, why did you go to Aptos Village (choose as many as apply):

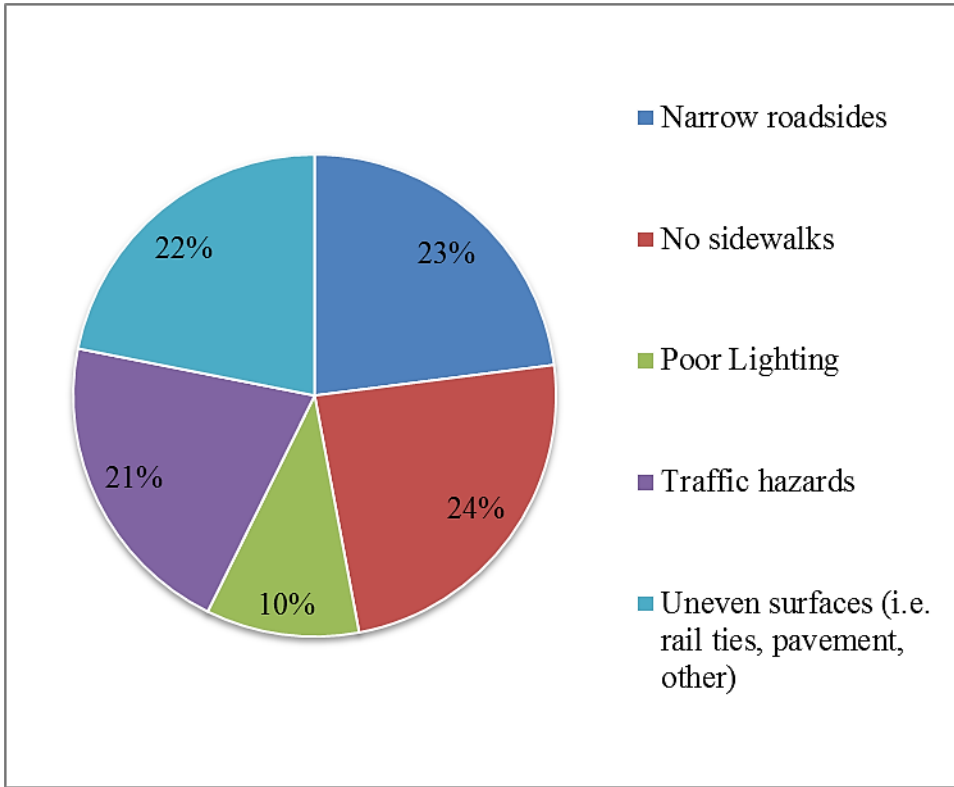


Other (please specify):

- Daily walk
- Exercise by walking
 - Groceries
 - Shop
- Pick up mail
- Post Office
- Riding through by bike
 - Just for some exercise
 - Just walking
- To go to work
- Make copies at PrintSmith
- Safeway, Art Store, JiuJitsu
- Walk the dog around Aptos Village
- **TO GO TO MARIANNE’S ICE CREAM PARLOR & FOR ROUTINE DOG WALKS**
 - To visit a friend living in the townhouses on the same road as the entrance to Nisene
 - To walk my dog and see the neighborhood
 - Also passed through Aptos in route to west-side locations
 - Just for fun. Ended up stopping at a local cafe and rode back home.
 - Go to the Aptos health food store

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During your travel to Aptos Village, what did you experience? Check all that apply.



Comments:

- Aptos Creek Rail Bridge is a very hazardous way to cross the creek. Foot can slip in between rail ties. Walking along the edge isn't much better since there is only a cable handrail and you walk on metal grating.
- Barriers on railroad trestle are flimsy. Very nerve-racking to walk over the deep ravine using either the grate or the railroad ties.
- Cars driving way over the speed limit. An almost total lack of crosswalks.
- Cars not aware of bikes going under bridge where bike lane disappears; also true at state park and Soquel Drive intersection. I usually cut through Safeway parking lot to avoid the intersection at Soquel/State Park Drive
- Disappearing bike lanes forcing me out into traffic. No bike parking near Cafe Sparrow or the bank
- Fallen trees
- High volume of speeding, reckless drivers who are unaware of pedestrians.
- Homeless scary person
- I DON'T MIND MOTORCYCLES EXCEPT FOR THE IDIOTS RIDING STUPIDLY
- Impatient, self-absorbed drivers

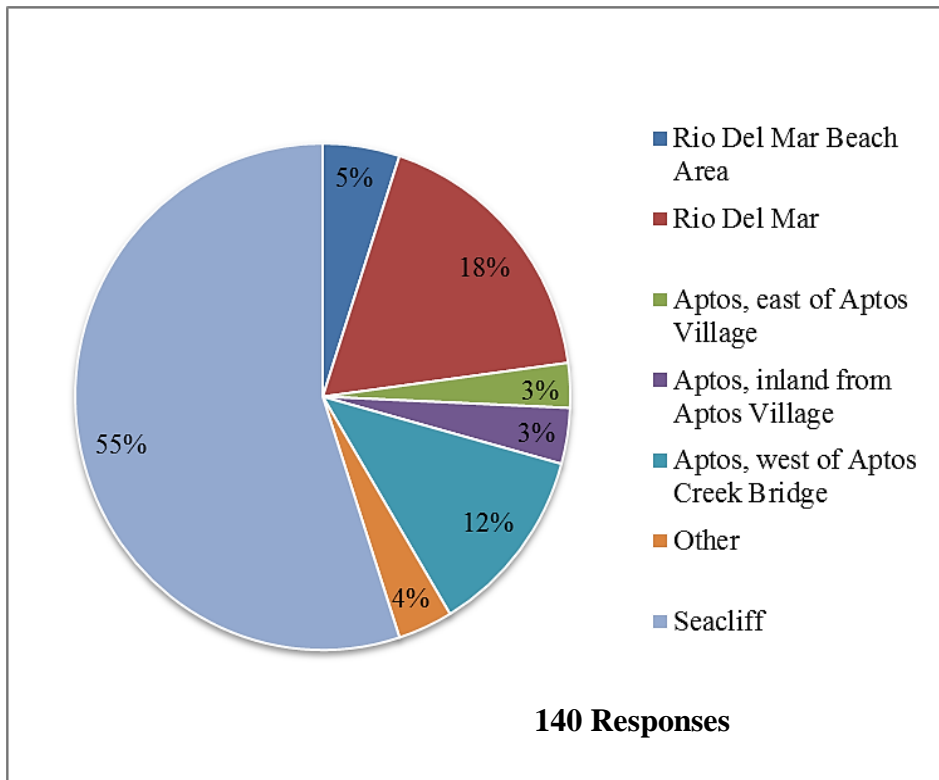
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- Incline
- Is this survey geared only towards negative issues? I rode the main street, Soquel Dr., and some parts were narrow (under the bridge), but otherwise it was fine.
- Lack of basic roadway safety. The Freedom Blvd/Highway 1 overpass (where the Green Lanes were recently installed) was designed and constructed without any attention to the criteria enumerated in Caltrans's Safe Intersection Guidelines. The west-bound freeway entrance should be a sharp (er) right angle to SLOW the motor traffic. The Green Lane across that area is a whopping 180 feet long, causing motorists to either swerve to the right or the left of bicyclists negotiating the overpass's incline. In the other direction, the bike lane is set on the right-hand side of the roadway, when in-fact, the Pacific Coast Bike Route and 95% of bicyclists make a left turn onto Soquel Drive to head westward toward Aptos. This causes cyclists to cross two lanes of 45mph traffic to get into the left-turn pocket, while trying to monitor the motorists from the exit of Highway 1, from their right. Very unsafe, and completely ignores Caltrans's Safe Intersections Guideline.
- Limited cut-through passages between various business or civil areas; large parking lots do not have convenient, marked pedestrian pathways; not enough safe places to cross Soquel Dr.
- Motorists not giving me 3-feet of room when they pass, motorists exceeding posted speed limits
- Mud & weeds making it slippery
- Need a crosswalk at the 4 way stop where Center joins Aptos Beach
- Needs protected Bike Paths
- No Bike Lane
- no direct trail
- No easy access from ocean side of Hwy 1
- No separate turn lane into Nisene which is dangerous for bikes. Cars do not respect people crossing there.
- Nothing to be alarmed about. I've walked in many places in the world, especially Europe. There should be a sidewalk on each side of State Park Drive's freeway bridge.
- poorly maintained bike lanes
- Poorly marked crosswalks, having to walk in the bike lane once you get past Cafe Sparrow
- Railroad tracks on what could be a wonderful pedestrian/ bike path.
- Scary on a bike with kids coming down that hill on Soquel at the railroad trestle
- Sketchy people hanging around railroad tracks behind The Little Owl and the parking lot between Vapor and Bay View Hotel.
- Some spots are poorly lit when I walk my dog at night along Soquel Drive towards Aptos Village. I think maybe there needs to be something done to make the crosswalks more clear/safe/illuminated where the old KFC in particular and also at the corner of Soquel Drive and Spreckles Drive.
- Soquel Drive between Cabrillo and State Park is a freeway - see below.
- Speeding cars
- Speeding drivers

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- Speeding motorists
- Terrible bike support - no bike parking outside Cafe Sparrow, was forced into traffic multiple times and also was almost doored
- Unfriendly people on the railroad tracks
- Unsafe drivers
- We need to connect the library with the new crosswalk on Soquel Dr. Currently it's a crosswalk to nowhere.
- We would love to have a sidewalk from our Rolling Green neighborhood of 135 houses to Aptos Village. Would walk there every day to shop.
- Wouldn't even think of walking at night - far too dangerous!

From where did you travel to Aptos Village?



Other:

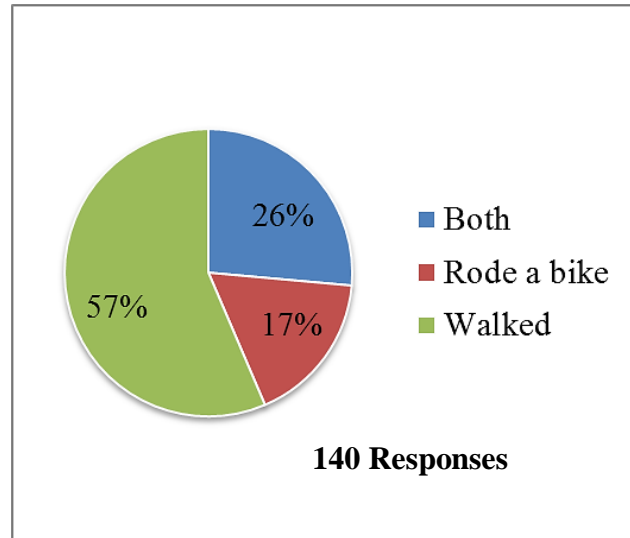
- Seacliff and Mesa/Ledyard
- La Selva Beach
- Seascape
- Soquel
- Village Creek Rd.

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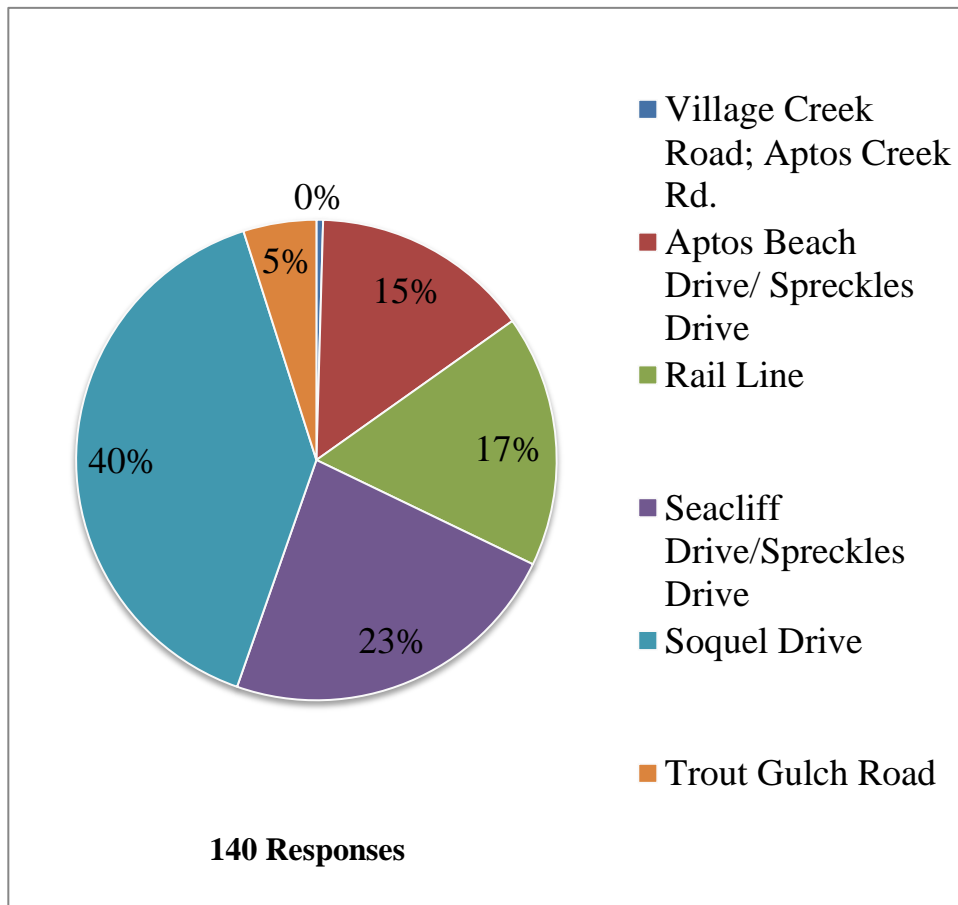
Did you walk or ride a bike?

Comments:

- 5+ mile trip one way.
- And drive
- I answered wrong before. I drove.
- Or sometimes drive to Rancho Del Mar from my house to meet people and then walk.
- Ran instead of walked
- Run
- Terrible bike infrastructure
- Would have done both if the road was open. It isn't safe for the kids to ride bikes down Trout Gulch, though. We need a sidewalk.

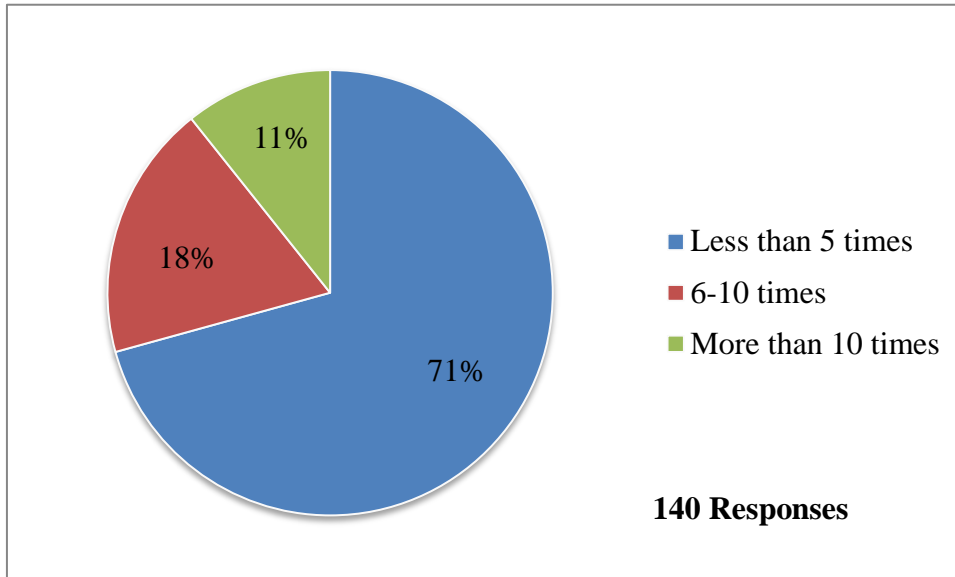


What route/path did you use on your visit to reach Aptos Village? Check all that apply.



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How many times within the past month did you travel on foot/bike to Aptos village?



If you travelled on foot/bike to Aptos Village share additional comments here:

- A foot and bike path would help.
- A path from Seacliff to Aptos village for walking and biking would be a priority
- Bikers must be on high alert due to narrow roads with no shoulder/bike lanes. Riding past cars parked on the street is especially dangerous.
- Crossing the Hwy 1 on and off ramps along State Park Drive are dangerous.
- Disinclined to ever do it again - will stick to driving or walking
- From Seacliff I would definitely enjoy taking a trolley on the tracks to Aptos Village and Capitola Village as well.
- Good luck trying to get our County Supervisor to do anything. Please notice that there have been scant few bicycle and pedestrian improvements in the 2nd District. While the 1st District has successfully drawn funding from the MBSST Funds and SCCRTC for the rail/trail route from the Boardwalk to Davenport, There's been funding allocated for a bike/ped bridge over the San Lorenzo River. There's even been 1.5 million (combined MBSST & SCCRTC) for the area between the Yacht Harbor and 7th Ave. The 3rd District Supervisor pulled funding for Soquel Drive green lanes, the 4th District got funding for construction of the rail/trail from Walker Street to Lee Road (which is redundant since there's already a bike lane along that area of Beach Street). Meanwhile, our Supervisor has left cyclists and pedestrians to fend for themselves with NO bike lane or sidewalk along Beach Street from Lee Road to San Andreas Road where traffic is posted 40mph. He also voted for the alternative "Segment 17B" for the MBSST which takes cyclists and pedestrians OFF the rail road bed, and instead, redirects them ON to Beach Street and along San Andreas Road where they can continue to be injured and killed by motorists. I suggest

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your group contact the Community Traffic Safety Coalition, contact person Theresia Rogerson at Theresia.Rogerson@santacruzcounty.us.

- I commute by bike to Dominican (6 miles each way) but also walk to shopping and dining in the village from Seacliff.
- I don't find it to be problematic
- I don't think it would be easy to walk from Seacliff to Aptos Village. No room along the side of the road.
- I look forward to the planned improvements to the roadway, sidewalks and traffic control that are part of the current Aptos Village project. I think it will make it safe for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
- I would be happy to join in any and all efforts to create safer bike and pedestrian routes in Aptos as this is a huge passion! I should be able to bike or walk to the store with my children safely!!! It is less than a mile away and yet I have to drive because it is so scary!
- I would love to shop at New Leaf on my Bike!
- I would ride along the railroad tracks if it were legal and safer than using the streets
- It is Imperative to have places that we can walk to and from and feel safe while doing so. I feel that there are so many cars, that traveling by foot or bike can be dangerous. We need sidewalks, and even pavement.
- It's a very congested area to get into Nisene Marks and the traffic can back up considerable and for walkers and especially cyclists it's dangerous and it makes drivers cranky to cross the trestle, it's so narrow.
- It's insane to me that there are no sidewalks on Soquel. My dogs and I are always about 14 inches away from fast moving cars. In the places where there are sidewalks, there is no maintenance in terms of the bushes and trees. The sidewalks in many places are totally overgrown and you have to step into the road to get around them!!
- More CHP needed on this end of Soquel especially with Mar Vista Elementary school. People reach speeds close to 50MPH and run the stop light in front of the fire house. Please slow down. Thank You.
- Motorists routinely drive over the speed limit and sometimes into the bike lane. It is hazardous to pedestrians and cyclists. Gesturing to slow down only results in acceleration and gunning the engine. I have taken to waving in a friendly fashion at every car, which garners about 80% response of slowing down (for whatever reason).
- My daughter walks home from her bus at Aptos library and has to go through the park instead of using the shorter Spreckles drive/Aptos beach drive route because of the narrow roadways and the unsafe footpaths.
- One must beware. No one stops at pedestrian walkways. I was almost hit Day before yesterday. This is the most hazardous at Beach Drive/Rio. No one stops at stop signs, speeding!
- Please add protected bike lanes and bike parking
- Please consider putting a safe sidewalk with a railing on the curve so that many from the Trout Gulch area can walk and bike to Aptos Village. Thank you.
- Please convert the unused rail corridor into a multi-use trail!
- Poor crossing areas when cars merging onto freeway on State Park when we are heading from Seacliff Dr. all the way to Soquel Dr.
- Rail trail to me would make the access for the wide majority of people because of the ease to walk/bike. Safest and flat.

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- Really need more safety with people not in cars. But that is all around in Seacliff as well
- Removed the railroad tracks and pave so that people may move safely and effectively to neighborhood events/ businesses!
- Rio exit over Hwy 1 is safer than at State Park b/c of crosswalks and lights to negotiate the on and off ramps. At the least, we need these safety features. The BEST solution to arrive safely to Aptos Village via the rail trail.
- Route to Aptos village is not too treacherous other than stop sign at Seacliff and Spreckles, as many cars rush through the 3 way intersection
- Since the railroad tracks are not being used for trains, would be great to have it upgraded to provide a safe route to bike or walk across.
- Soquel Drive between from Cabrillo is 25mph, 35mph, 25mph, 35...stupid because everyone just goes 40mph! And 5 lanes??? Because the freeway wasn't widened - oh it was - but the lanes were added to Soquel Drive! Bad.
- Speeding Cars using Aptos St and Bernal St as an alternative route from Soquel to Trout Gulch - become very dangerous since certain portions of both streets have no sidewalks.
- Spreckles Drive is dangerous and one of the only way to get to the village - improvements or access via the train tracks would be a big plus
- The tracks would make an awesome walking and biking path
- The two paved routes available from Seacliff to Aptos Village are State Park Dr to Soquel, or Seacliff Dr East to Spreckles. These routes are difficult, unfriendly, and very dangerous. The rail corridor provided a safe alternative. I look forward to the new Aptos Village. I would walk/bike there more often if I had easier access to the rail corridor.
- The walked Aptos Village is completely dangerous it is unfortunate we have no suitable walkways
- There is no safe way to get to Aptos Village - the easiest and most safe method is by car 😊
- Used to walk the rail line to Safeway/Vessey Drugs with my great grandma who lived on North Avenue when I was a kid. Still have a house there and walk the rail line. But now there are homeless camps (with people/their nasty dogs), no lighting, graffiti on the old Poor Clares wall, trash, needles, human and dog feces, urine, etc. that litter the place--especially the place on the rail line that is closest to the freeway overpass which links rail line to back of Aptos Village by sketchy trail through bushes/fence. Walking the tracks is dangerous in and of itself (because of the train), but the danger is compounded by vagrants. We report constantly to the Sheriff's office, but they can't do much other than to tell them to "move along" until a real crime is committed. So if we're going to make it walkable/bikeable and convenient to residents the vagrant problem needs to be addressed as well. This (vagrants in residence) was not a problem 40 years ago and I do understand times have changed. Let's do something about this—it would enhance the neighborhood, reduce traffic and increase property values. Also the roadway at the north end of North Ave is full of potholes—I understand that this is County property (almost positive, but please check)—this is yet another example of how user-unfriendly the roadways are for ped/cyclists.
- Walking along our roads to Aptos Village is not safe. Even if there were adequate sidewalks and lighting and safety measure, the route from the beach and Seacliff would still be too steep for some to climb. The rail line is still the safest and best way to cross the freeway from Seacliff and Rio Del Mar. Crossing Aptos

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Creek isn't safe neither on the rail line nor on the tiny bridge. A pedestrian bridge next to the road would be much safer.

- Walking anywhere around the Village requires caution
- Walking at night from Bella Vista or Persephone towards the library is super dark and unsafe. I feel unsafe and that the road has no proper sidewalk or lighting for pedestrians. I love being able to stroll home to Seacliff from dinner. It's so refreshing to not drive and be able to have a glass of wine safely. During daytime walking with kids across the On/off ramps is hary kary.
- We are always alert when walking around Aptos. The area can be congested with cars, bikes, children and pedestrians walking. It can be hazardous at times due to lack of crosswalks and sidewalks.
- WE LOVE SEACLIFF!
- We love walking to Cantine, Burger, and Starbucks from our home near Cabrillo College.
- we need a path to Village for bikes and people to walk away from traffic
- We need ped/ bike safety. We don't have it.....
- We need to do more to address speeding and reckless drivers along Soquel Drive. There was already one cyclist killed last year further towards Soquel Village. I think speeding cars combined with narrow bike lanes are a deterrent for some would-be cyclists.
- We should remove the train tracks for the time being and install a simple path.
- Why can't the rail corridor be converted to a recreation trail? Even if it is an interim step toward a rail and trail kind of solution. The tracks won't support a modern commuter train and would have to be removed anyway.
- Would appreciate a safer walking route to Aptos Village.
- Would be nice to be able to bike the rail line into Aptos village...
- Would love a trail along the old rail line!
- would love friendlier bike lanes/safe bike parking as well as a nicer walking experience
- Would love more sidewalks or walking paths
- Would love to see some crosswalks with flashing lights as they have in Soquel Village. I feel really nervous crossing by foot at Soquel and Trout Gulch Roads. Many people don't seem to realize the pedestrian has the right of way in CA.

If you did NOT travel on foot/bike to Aptos Village within the last month share additional comments here:

- A footpath beside, but separated from, the railway going over the freeway, would be attractive. Going downhill, under the freeway, then uphill is not attractive for those of us getting older. Being able to walk to the post office would also be nice.
- As an avid cyclist, I see foresee many safety issues once the newly Aptos Village is completed.
- Bike lanes would be most helpful.
- Can the train tracks be repurposed?
- Doesn't feel safe in current state

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- Especially if it was not in an area where there are also vehicle fumes (not just the safety issue)--away from traffic in other words.
- Frustrating that there's no safe way to walk or ride a bike in Rio Del Mar. I have to compete with the cars. We have no sidewalks. Especially Rio Del Mar Boulevard going down to the beach.
- Hundreds of other cities have spent time and money on such paths and they are very successful. The country/city must plan and install this for the good of our area. The RR tracks corridor is an obvious place to install a bike/walking path. It's a gift to make the best of!
- I always walk from my house on Estates Drive (by Farm Bakery) to the 4th of July parade and walk back. I walk my dog to Resurrection church many times but I feel that it's unsafe to walk any further.
- I do not feel that it is safe to walk to most of the Seacliff and Aptos shopping areas due to lack of sufficient sidewalks, paths, etc. Given our environment and moderate weather, we could benefit from more pedestrian opportunities.
- I have 2 young kids in a double stroller and it would be nice to walk on a sidewalk or pathway wide enough to accommodate that. I worry about what to do with narrow sidewalks or worse, no sidewalks especially with the freeway Soquel has become (speeding and reckless driving, it's everywhere now). Would be great to have a safe path to ride bikes too, anything to avoid driving.
- I live in Rio Del Mar, just off Hwy1. If it was safe to walk or bike ride along Soquel to Aptos Village I would.
- I live in west Seacliff and would use a safe path to walk or ride a bike to Aptos village.
- I live off Valencia Rd and haven't been to the village since our road closed January 23rd. Can't wait for repair work to be completed so I can go back....
- I live very close to Aptos village, but am unwilling to walk or bike due to dangerous (and very strenuous) conditions. I would much prefer to walk or bike there than drive.
- I miss the freedom of being able get the exercise I used to when things were safer
- I walk a lot but do not feel safe on the tracks so I drive to Aptos village which is only about a mile from my house. Too much traffic on Soquel.
- I would absolutely bike or walk or run of here were safer pathways. Look at boulder, CO. They have bike paths all across town and then are very well used by all!
- I would like safer biking from my home near the Rio roundabout to Deluxe Foods, but there is no continuous sidewalk and not much of a bike lane.
- I would love to be able to walk to Aptos Village if there was a safe pedestrian path.
- I would love to walk to the village. I would be thrilled if there were a safe pedestrian route
- I'd love to be able to walk there along the nice, level railroad tracks corridor. Any chance of getting just this little part of the trail done in the near future. The traffic has gotten pretty bad on Soquel going through the Village, even BEFORE the new condos & businesses are in place. Walking & biking will be necessary.
- If there were a safe bike/pedestrian path to the Village, it would be a much preferred mode of travel than car (from Seacliff there are 4 lights and many stop signs, it takes 20 minutes sometimes!). The rail line is the obvious, safe route. It is sick that it sits unused (except by derelicts). Don't even think about squeezing one of those laughable 'green' bike paths on the street. They are NOT safe and will not get people out of cars. Walking over State Park and through Rancho Del Mar is way too long and is a hardship. The rail line is the obvious choice because it is somewhat level. We can't wait for the boondoggle train to NO Where (if it went over 17, I'd be interested). Aptos Village NEEDS this artery, especially during construction. Good Luck!
- I'm disabled but I support the idea of a path.
- It would cut down on traffic in the village & no parking hassles, plus we love to walk!

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- Make the railroad tracks a walking and biking path from Seascape to State Park drive.
- Making our community walkable is very important to me. Walking is such a pleasure and if it's made more safe, more people would be doing so.
- Maybe a pedestrian bridge on South Side entries?
- On the old rail line?
- Please support pulling up the tracks and repurposing the old rail line as a walking/biking path. It connects everything to each other in our county including Aptos Village where I work.
- Rip up the train tracks and put in a bike/foot path.
- Safe pedestrian and bikeways are needed
- Safer pedestrian features at Hwy 1/State Park Interchange should include updating the design of the ramp intersections with so cars have to slow down before turning onto State Park and wider sidewalks on the overcrossing. Along Soquel Drive: Better delineation of pathways or wider sidewalks for pedestrian especially across the creek
- Several steep hills and narrow busy streets with no bike lanes or sidewalks between our house and Aptos village... would love to be able to use the rail corridor!
- Spreckles would be my route but there is no sidewalk and little to no space on side of road to safely walk. Need to cross Spreckles 2-3 times to use bridge walkway, then to have space on other side, then to be seen around turn.
- The future Aptos Village with all the additional traffic will be an even more dangerous walk/bike from Seacliff without a designated, safe pathway.
- The Spreckles under-crossing is just too dangerous to walk.
- There a school so close by it would be so great for the neighborhood if there were a sidewalk from the culvert to the village. Also in the village itself if it had more walkable sidewalks.
- There are no sidewalks and the walk is not suitable for kids.
- There are virtually no sidewalks or crosswalks in Rio Del Mar (I live at Kingsbury & RDM Blvd). Cars constantly drive well over the speed limit and you are taking your life into your hands walking anywhere. That being said, I walk a lot in the neighborhood and along the esplanade and would be thrilled to have - and would frequently use!! - a safe pedestrian route to Aptos Village!!! Very excited about the new Village development and hope to spend more time there.
- There is not safe way to walk or ride a bike from Seacliff over or under highway 1
- There's no way to get to the village on foot or on a bike that isn't dangerous. Spreckles doesn't have an adequate space for either pedestrians or cyclists. Alternatively, using the rail road tracks (accessed from Sandalwood Drive) is also risky. All that separates you from Soquel Drive are wires attached to a series of posts. Between the wires, there is just a gap! I don't know of any other way that is safer. It would be great to have safe pedestrian and bicycle access!
- Turn the rail into a trail!!
- We need sidewalks/ safe walking paths from Valencia school to Aptos village. It was one of the key agreements that Ellen Pirie made in the original rounds of community discussions when the Aptos village was first proposed. It is not safe to walk or ride a bike along the road-- it is too narrow, winding, and cars go too fast. The risk of an accident is so huge. Please make this happen!! I am a 27 year resident of the rolling green estates neighborhood. I have participated in the Aptos village planning meetings and believe that the project needs to include the sidewalks to Valencia school that were promised.
- We own our house and have lived in "the Flats" for 13 years. We, other residents and lots of tourists staying down here would walk to the center if there were a sidewalk and lighting under the Spreckles overpass and continuing down to the little bridge at Moosehead. Right now it's not safe at all to walk along there. Thank you!

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- We used to walk there all the time when you could walk through the condos and enter right around Erik's deli. I wish the county could buy a little slice of their parking lot and let us through again. For people who can't do hills, this would be perfect.
- We usually only go to the Post Office...
- We were terrified when we walked from Seacliff over the State Park overpass, and had a very close call with a fast car exiting from Highway One. We have tried walking on Spreckles under Highway One, but also had close calls with drivers. So because there is no safe way to walk, we drive to Aptos Village instead of walking, We would prefer to walk, but it's not worth the risk of being hit by a car.
- We would definitely use a walking or bike path to Aptos village. We would love it!!
- What do you consider as Aptos Village? Rancho Del Mar shopping center that is almost 1/2 empty, or the shopping center where Bay Fed is or the one with Outside In? Definition of Aptos Village would be helpful
- With Nisene Marks SP adjacent to the redeveloping Aptos Village and Seacliff SB adjacent to Seacliff Village with its soon to be completed upgrades, a safe pedestrian path between the villages makes sense for both residents and tourists.
- Would be great to have a more pedestrian friendly walking path to village. Perhaps a rail trail?
- Would go all the time if there was a safe way to get there!
- Would love a walkway on current railroad tracks, pedestrian only.
- Would love to have a safer trail so my teen can walk toward the village
- Would rather address Seacliff pedestrians