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This was a final through-walk to confirm or change earlier findings.

Recommendations are below.

Segment names refer to the Midcoast Trail Table

Section 1: Mirada Surf West – Project nearing completion.

Section 2: Coronado & Highway 1 Intersection

Recommendations:

- **Improve access to pedestrian crossing for bicycles and strollers**
- **Make smooth and logical transition between Mirada Surf West trail and an improved walkway along the west edge of the highway**
- **Install bathroom and trash receptacles.**

Section 3: Joining Section – Surfers' Beach access

Recommendations:

- **Improve walkway along west edge of highway**
- **Need barriers for pedestrian protection**
- **Create boardwalk and ramp access to the beach – probably widen existing walkway. Possibly use south edge of ravine along use trail.**

Section 4: Surfers Beach Sidewalk

Recommendations:

- **Need path/access through the riprap to the beach, at the north end of this sidewalk**

Section 5: Surfers Beach Drop Off

Recommendations:

- **Create marked trail through RV parking lot**
- **Add bathroom and trash receptacles**

Section 6: Harbor 1 – South Interior Beach

Recommendations:

- **Trail complete – add signage**

Section 7: Harbor 2 – Open Space/Kayak Stand

Recommendations:

- **Improve existing use trail**
- **Add marked walkway for pedestrians to cross road from end of Beach House sidewalk to use trail**

Section 8: Harbor 3 – Parking Lot/Dock Restroom

Recommendations:

- **Create trail at edge of parking lot – if possible, re-stripe the parking spaces**
- **Or, use existing use trail just outside the parking lot**
- **Cut over at restroom to walkway over dock road and past Harbormaster's Office**

Section 9: Harbor 4 – Docks/Commercial/Parking

Recommendations:

- **Use existing walkway: add signage**

Section 10: Princeton 1 – Barbara's /Small Beach

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Recommendations:

- **Improve access to small beach at both ends**
- **For high tide access, use sidewalk but post signs “walk your bike”**
- **No easy route in this area – Barbara’s fish trap sidewalk is often crowded.**

Section 11: Princeton 2 – Capistrano to Prospect intersection

Recommendations:

- **go around edge of vacant lot (water side)**
- **Cut back to Prospect along Denniston Creek**
- **Alternatives: existing sidewalk, or the social trail**

Section 12: Princeton 3 – Prospect/Broadway Intersection

Recommendations:

- **Create better walkway past the curb cuts area – prohibit parking**
- **Create pedestrian protection at the corner – barriers**
- **Mark trail connection across Broadway to Princeton Ave.**

Section 13: Princeton 4 – Princeton Avenue

Recommendations:

- **Clean up old sidewalk behind the trees**
- **Stripe/sign the roadway**
- **Coordinate with any plans to improve/widen Princeton Ave. (DPW)**
- **Improve beach access at Columbia and Vassar road ends**

Section 14: Princeton 5 – West Point Ave.

Recommendations:

- **Start boardwalk at Harbor end of West Point- create boardwalk along marsh outer edge**
- **Improve beach access at end of West Point**
- **High tide alternate route: West Point Avenue along Pillar Pt. Access Rd. to Pillar Pt. Parking lot**

Section 15: Pillar Pt. Marsh 1 – Entrance Pillar Pt. Access Road

- **We do NOT recommend starting the boardwalk across the Marsh from the Pillar Pt. access road – too stressful for birds, and potentially damaging to the habitat**

Section 16: Pillar Pt. Marsh 2 – Access Rd. Curve

- **Cut back vegetation**
- **Add pedestrian protection (barriers) – BUT it’s not possible to widen this road**
- **Dangerous, but the only alternative at high tide**

Section 17: Pillar Pt. Parking Lot

- **Project in progress: improve lot , signage, and bathroom**