

Project Description La Costa Beach Access

Site Address: 21728.5 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265

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Project Site:

Located in Malibu, CA, at 21728.5 Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) at Rambla Vista, this project is a public vertical access way to Carbon and La Costa Beaches. The project is intended to implement the Coastal Conservancy Act of 1976, Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, the Coastal Zone Protection Act of 1996, and the California Coastal Act. The project site includes two parcels (APN 4451-004-031 and APN 4451-003-033).

The project site is bounded by PCH on the north, and the intersection of Carbon and La Costa Beaches to the south. Directly east are private residences fronting La Costa Beach. Immediately west of the subject parcels are private residences fronting Carbon Beach. See site photos. The project site is the only visual access to Santa Monica Bay for a distance of almost two miles to the east and over one mile to the west.

The project site consists of a narrow sand and cobble beach currently separated from PCH by chain link and metal fences, and various riprap boulders on a narrow shelf of soil. The project site is bordered by on-street parking along PCH. A standard curb and gutter exists along this street frontage, but no sidewalks have been installed. Street drainage is provided by a break in the curb at the easterly end of the subject site. Just west of the property line on the south side of PCH is an on-street bus stop operated by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Agency (MTA). Directly across PCH to the north there is a residential neighborhood served by PCH and Rambla Vista Street. Farther west, on the northeast corner of Carbon Canyon Road and PCH, a fire station is operated by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Proposed Improvements:

A stepped ramp and stairway provide vertical access to the beach, and small pedestrian plazas and built-in seating provide a space for visitors to enjoy the beach. These elements also provide year-round access for those with compromised mobility, or when weather conditions prohibit physical access to the beach. A new sidewalk facilitates circulation along the length of the site. The design responds to sea level rise by providing additional shoreline protection for PCH and through the creation of a public space that is on grade with PCH. A small building at the west end of the site houses restrooms and storage. Site amenities include: trash/recycling, water fountain, lighting, bicycle racks, and signage. The materials palette is composed of concrete, steel, and wood (ipe). Access is not controlled by a gate or fence.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) will be responsible for the management of the site, including trash removal and litter pick-up, repairs, and maintenance.