



# TUNITAS CREEK BEACH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## **PRESENTATION TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

February 2021



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# EXISTING SITE















# CORE VALUES



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The project improves the environment and leads to enhanced stewardship.



## EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Diverse and non-traditional communities are involved during project development.



## EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

History and nature knowledge are made accessible through meaningful interpretation.

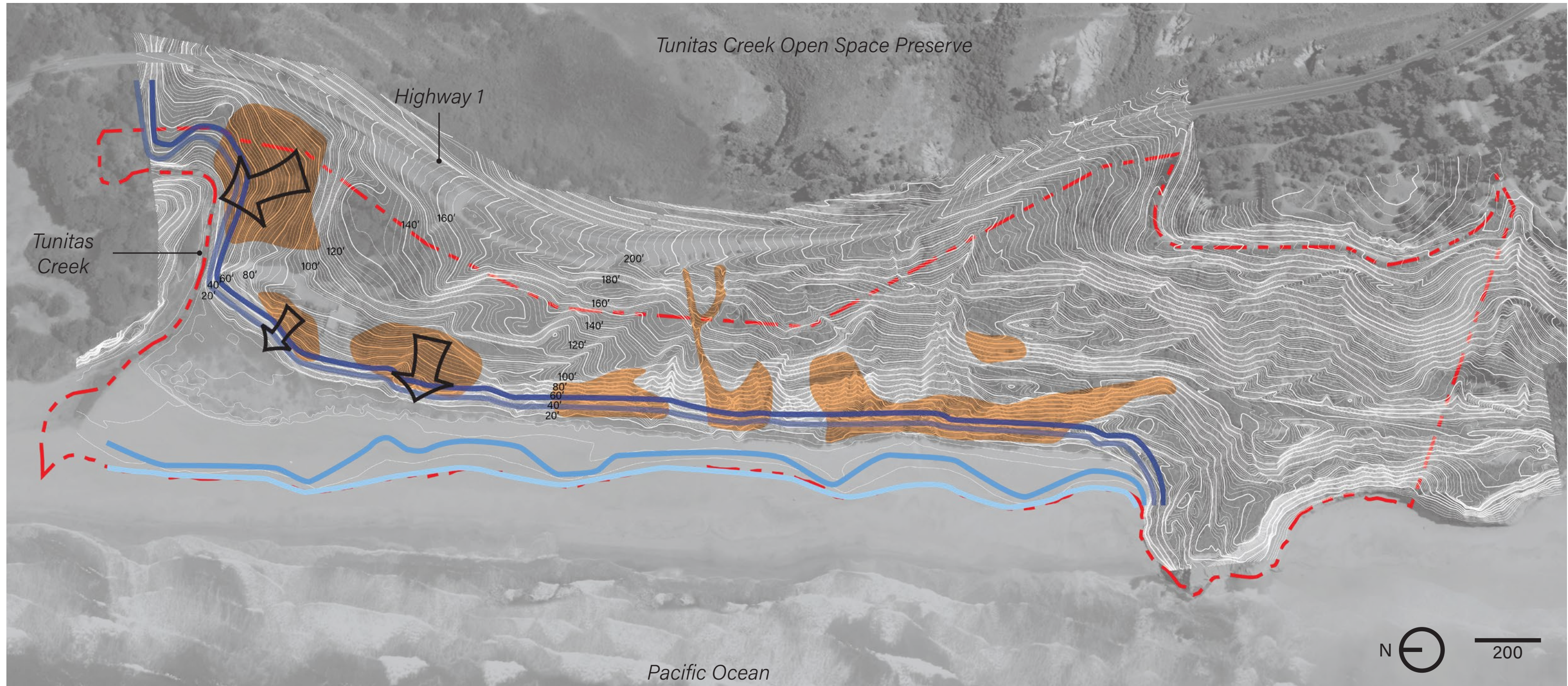


## OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

A variety of recreational experiences are available, from vista point to extended stays.



# KEY CONSTRAINTS



## LEGEND

- |                     |                                           |                                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| ..... Property Line | Mean High Water (8.57')                   | Base Flood Elevation (36.0')                  |
| ↖ Landslide         | Mean High Water + Sea Level Rise (13.17') | Base Flood Elevation + Sea Level Rise (40.6') |
| Orange shaded area  | Eroded slopes                             |                                               |



# SUMMARY OF OUTREACH

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## **ONGOING GENERAL SURVEY**

Posted May 2020: Online survey with 350+ responses

## **PHASE 1 OUTREACH - INTRODUCTION AND ALTERNATIVES ASSESSMENT**

June and July, 2020: Online presentation and survey with 366 responses  
2,100+ video views

## **PHASE 2 OUTREACH - ALTERNATIVES REFINEMENT**

October 21 and 22, 2020: Online public meetings in English and Spanish  
October and November, 2020: Online presentation and survey with 519 responses  
(364 English and 155 Spanish)

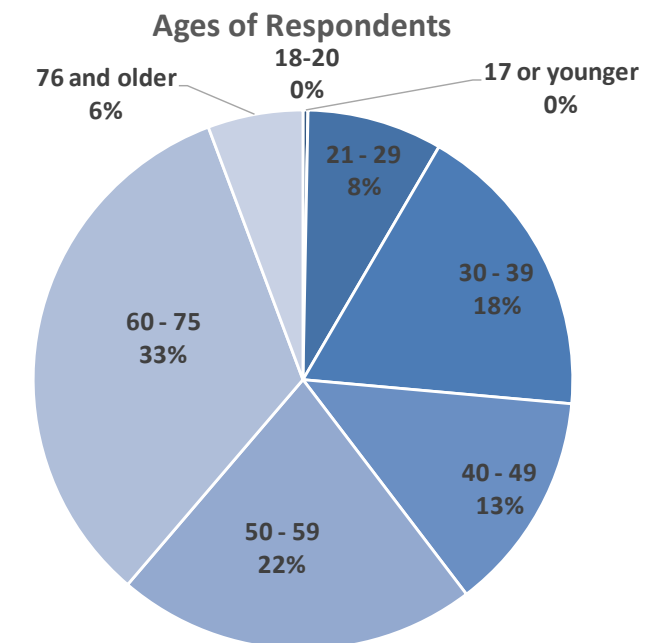
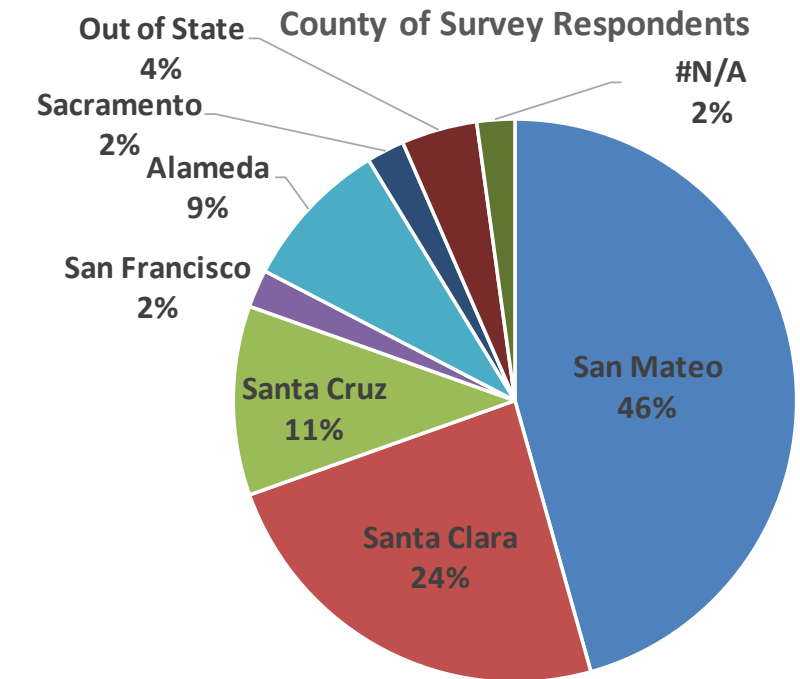
## **PHASE 3 OUTREACH - PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**

December, 2020 and January, 2021: Online presentation  
January 27, 2021: Online public meeting in English and Spanish



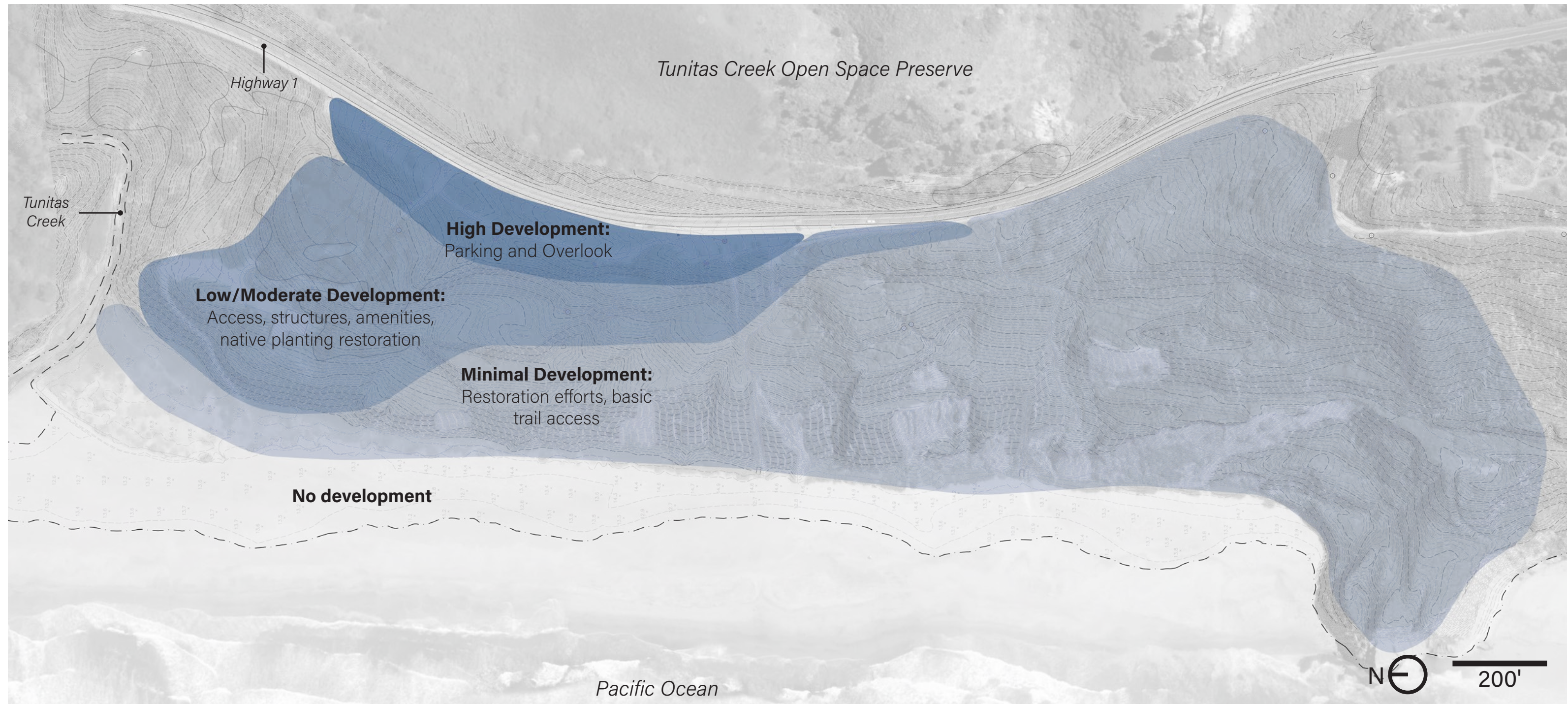
# OUTREACH RESULTS

- Nearly **900 total responses**
- Few responses to the Spanish-language survey in Phase 1, but the project team's partnership with Jose Aguirre of the Community Alliance to Revitalize Our Neighborhood (**CARON**) led to **150+ Spanish responses in Phase 2**.
- People come to Tunitas to **walk, relax, picnic, and enjoy views**.
- Main priorities for improving the Tunitas Creek Beach experience centered on **land/wildlife preservation and restoration, public restrooms, accessibility, and overnight security**.
- Respondents would largely like to **keep the site natural** but do see potential for improved accessibility, safer trails, and historical educational about the site.
- Many respondents were excited to see opportunities for **community stewardship programs, wildlife viewing programs, and indigenous peoples cultural events**.





# KEY TAKEAWAYS



Respondents are more comfortable with development at the top of the bluff rather than closer to the beach. The design team is using the above gradient to approach the updated design moving forward.



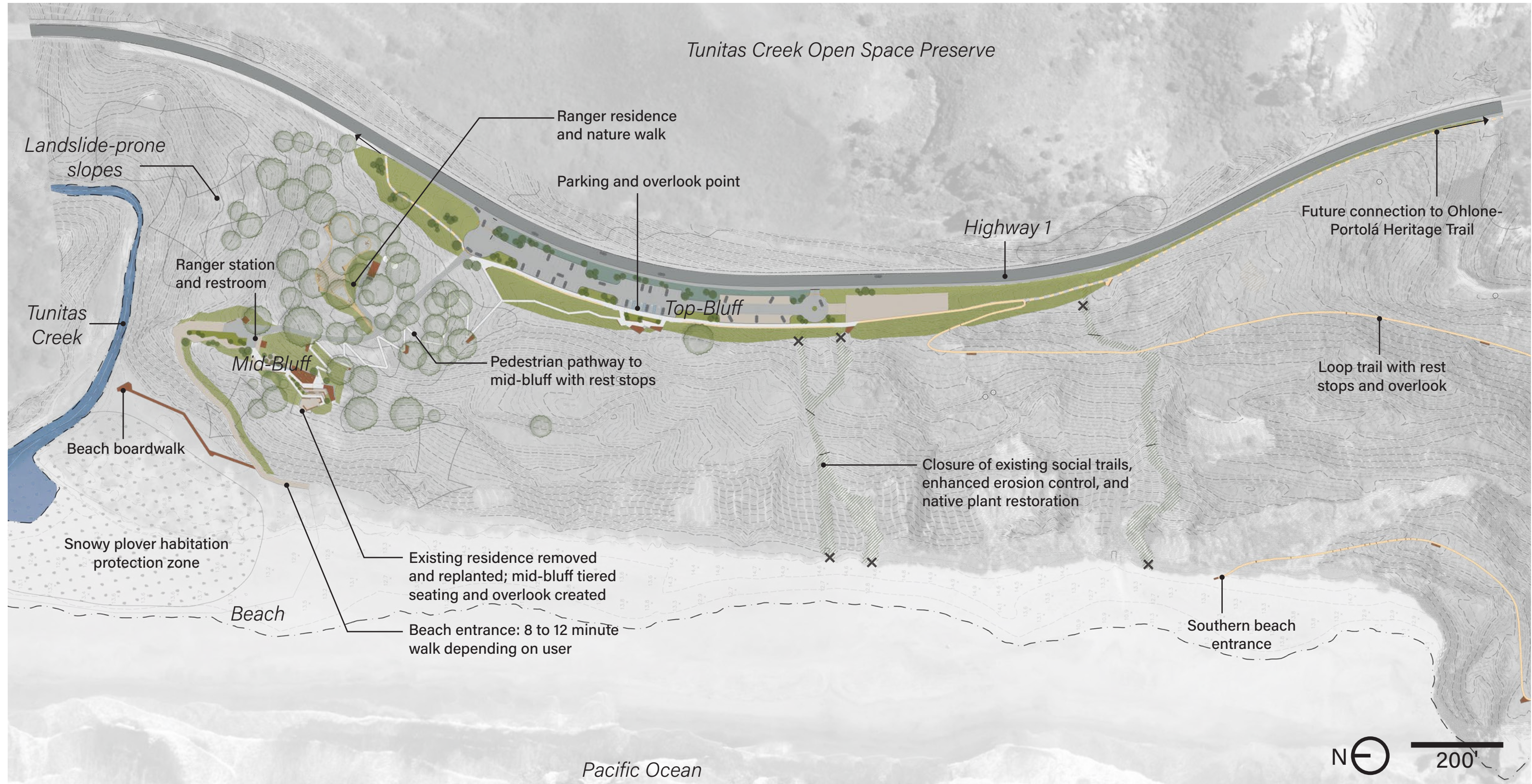
# OTHER PROJECT FACTORS

**In addition to public input**, the team needed to consider the following factors when revising the Preferred Conceptual Design:

- **Feasibility and cost** of implementation and management of proposed improvements
- **Time** needed to construct the improvements
- Impacts on **user experience**

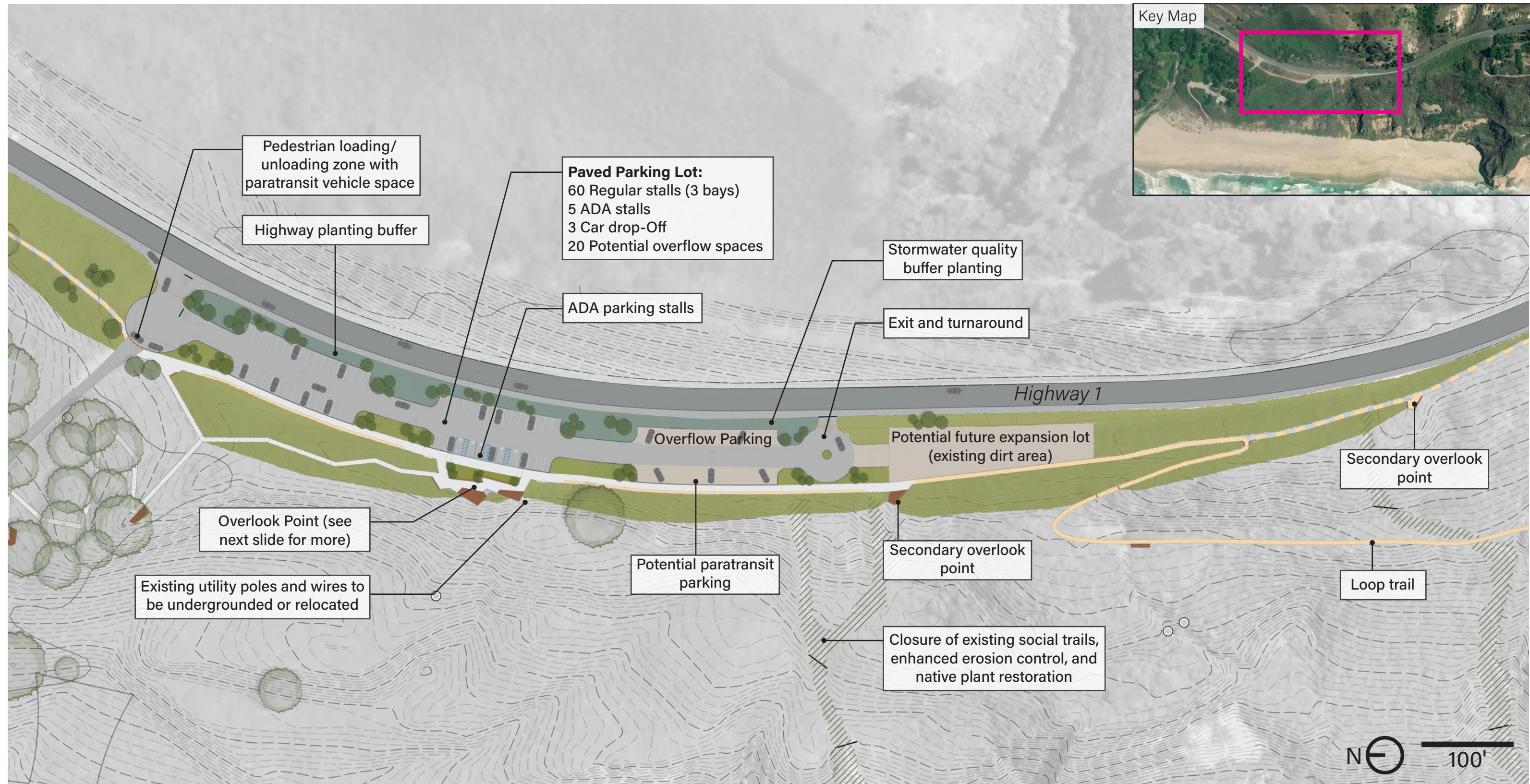


# PREFERRED CONCEPTUAL DESIGN





# PARKING CONDITION





# TOP-OF-BLUFF OVERLOOK POINT



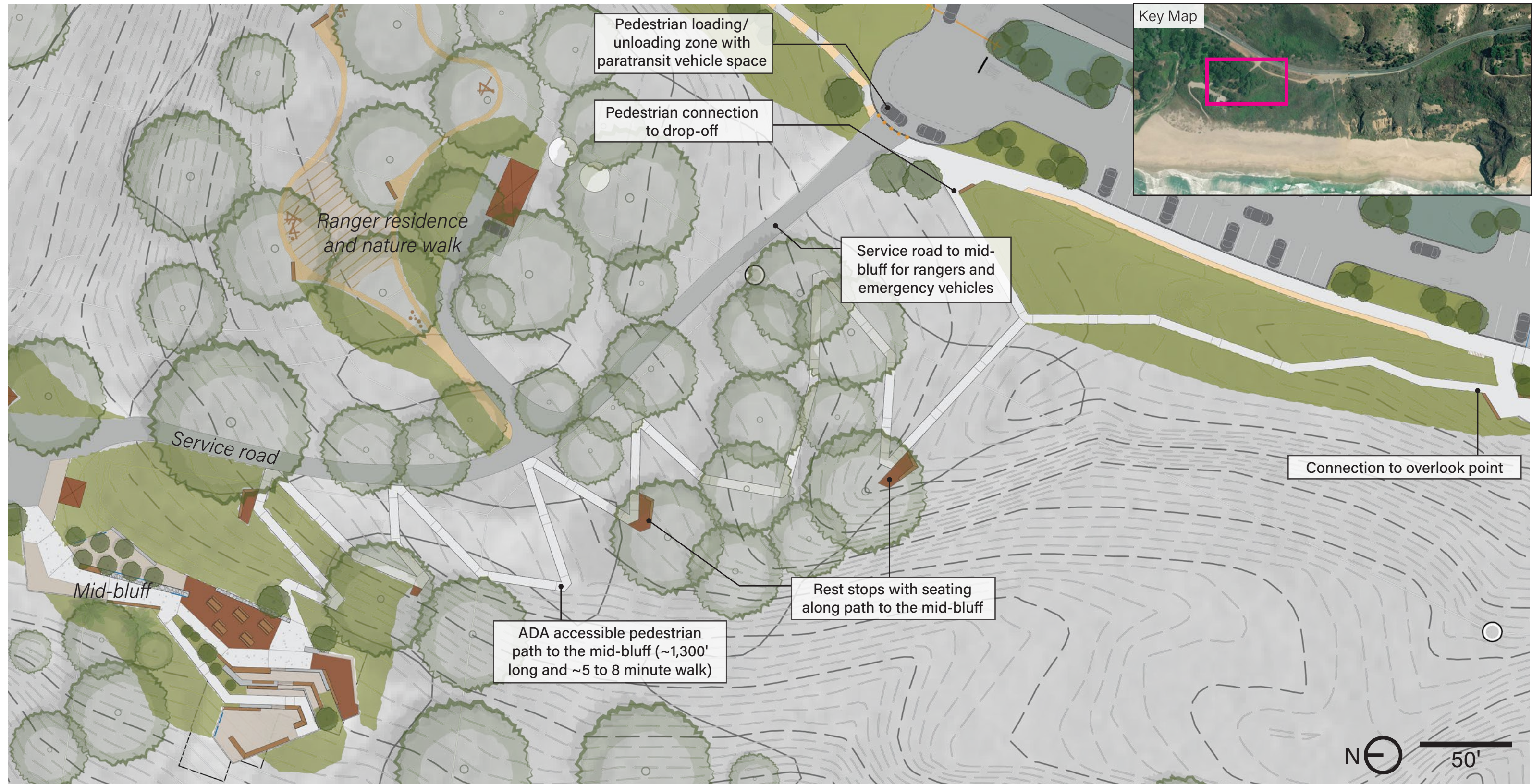
- ① Indigenous Peoples land acknowledgment plaque
- ② Seating areas
- ③ Existing planting to remain
- ④ Paved walkway
- ⑤ Pedestrian access to mid-bluff
- ⑥ ADA Parking
- ⑦ Existing utility poles and wires to be undergrounded or relocated



Existing Site Conditions



# PEDESTRIAN ACCESS





# MID-BLUFF FEATURES



- ① ADA accessible pedestrian path to the mid-bluff
- ② Overlook to beach and southern bluffs
- ③ Tiered seating space, interpretive panels, and overlook point
- ④ Picnic Area
- ⑤ Grove and seating area with interpretive panels
- ⑥ Access driveway for rangers and emergency vehicles
- ⑦ Ranger station and storage area
- ⑧ Public restroom
- ⑨ Restored native planting
- ⑩ Access to beach



Existing Mid-Bluff Conditions



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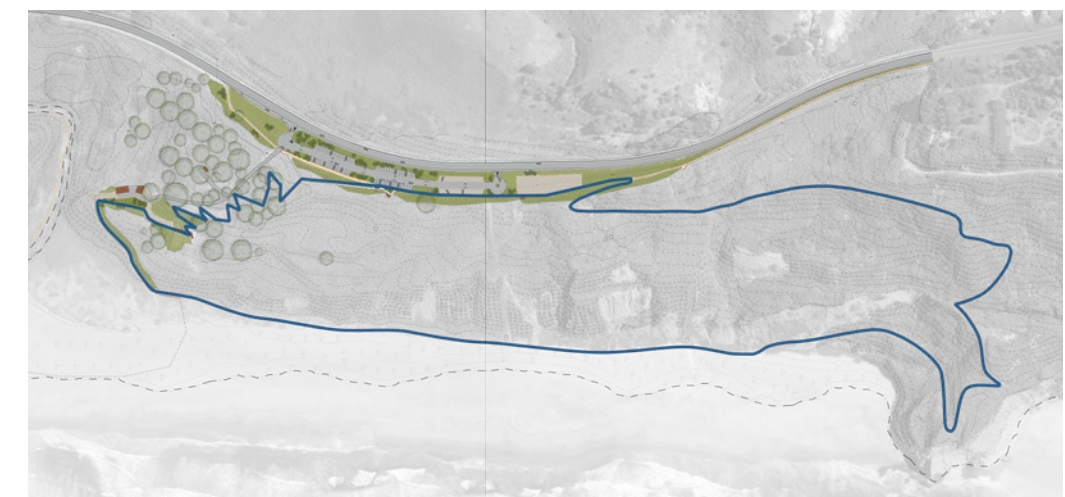
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Existing Mid-Bluff Conditions



# TRAIL SEATING AND OVERLOOK



Full Loop Trail Around Tunitas Creek Beach



Next steps for the Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project:

## **SPRING AND SUMMER 2021**

Prepare environmental document consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act

## **FALL AND WINTER 2021**

Complete final design and permitting, including additional outreach

## **WINTER 2021 AND SPRING 2022**

Contract bidding, award, and commence construction

## **SUMMER 2022**

Construction

## **SPRING 2023**

Park Opens