

2024 Local Coastal Program Update

# Beach and Coastal Access Questionnaire Report

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# Beach and Coastal Access Questionnaire

## 1.1 Introduction

The Beach and Coastal Access Community Questionnaire was conducted from April 10, 2024, to June 30, 2024, to provide community members and visitors an opportunity to share their input on the most valued beach and coastal features in Marina, identify any missing or improvable features, and gauge their knowledge of the public coastal access points available in Marina. The questionnaire consisted of 20 questions designed to inform the City about existing demographics, community needs, and how the Local Coastal Program (LCP) Update can include policy and programmatic measures to enhance access and amenities. To cater to Marina's diverse community, the questionnaire was conducted in English, Spanish, and Korean. It was available online at the City of Marina LCP Update website ([marinalcpupdate.com](http://marinalcpupdate.com)).

City of Marina staff shared information about how to take the questionnaire during the April 27, 2024, General Plan Community Workshop. City staff also distributed information through various channels, including local social media platforms, community bulletin boards, and city newsletters to ensure broad participation. A total of 101 questionnaire responses were received, reflecting a range of perspectives and experiences from Marina's residents and visitors.

The questionnaire responses discussed below represent an uncontrolled sample size of self-selected community members who are considered to be motivated and interested in the 2024 LCP Update. This can make it difficult to draw definitive conclusions based on the responses received. However, the insights gathered provide valuable information on community preferences and priorities regarding Marina's coastal access and amenities. The following is a brief summary of the responses received.

Respondents were asked to identify their three favorite things about Marina's coastline. The most frequently mentioned aspects were the natural, undeveloped state of the coastline, the quiet and uncrowded environment, and the scenic beauty. These responses indicate a strong appreciation for the existing natural conditions and a desire to preserve the coastline's current character.

Respondents also highlighted the need for better access points, wheelchair-friendly paths, and more amenities such as picnic tables, trash cans, benches, bathrooms, and fire pits. Additionally, there was a significant desire for more dog-friendly spaces, including off-leash areas and dog-friendly beaches.

Concerns about safety and cleanliness were prominent, with many respondents mentioning the presence of homeless encampments, trash, and general litter as factors that detract from their beach experience. Improved safety measures, increased patrols, and better maintenance were commonly suggested solutions.

When asked about undesirable developments, respondents expressed strong opposition to residential, commercial, and industrial developments, emphasizing the importance of preserving the natural beauty and ecological integrity of the coastline.

The questionnaire results indicate that the community values the natural state of Marina's coastline and seeks to balance preservation with improvements in access and amenities. These insights will be crucial in shaping the Local Coastal Program Update to reflect the community's preferences and enhance their beach experience.

## 1.2 Questionnaire Responses

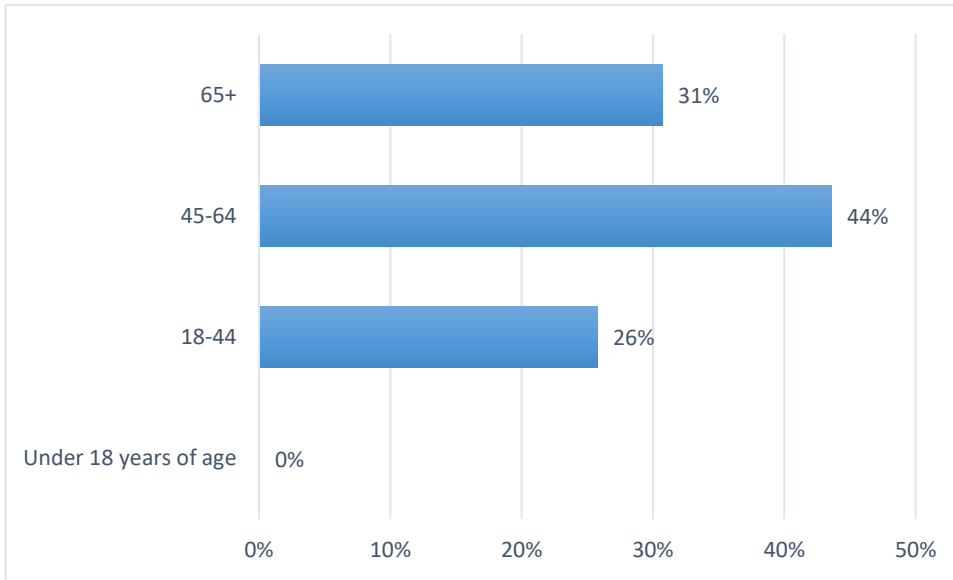
### Respondent Demographics

The City collected a total of 101 responses to the questionnaire. As shown in [Figure 1](#), respondents' ages range from 18 to 65 years and older. The fewest responses were from individuals aged 18 to 44 years (26 percent), while the majority were from those aged 45 to 64 years (44 percent). This indicates an underrepresentation of younger community members (under 18 years of age) and highlights the need for additional future outreach to target this group.

[Figure 2](#) illustrates which ethnic or racial group(s) respondents identified with and [Figure 3](#) illustrates respondents' annual income. Among the respondents, 65 percent identified as White, and 31 percent reported earning between \$100,000 and \$200,000 annually. Thirty percent of respondents opted not to disclose their annual income. Generally, the majority of respondents are aged between 45 and 64, identify as White, and earn between \$100,000 and \$200,000 annually.

[Figure 4](#) presents how respondents characterized themselves. Approximately 48 percent identified as seniors (aged 55+), 18 percent as female heads of households, 9 percent as people living with disabilities, and 3 percent as single-parent households. Additionally, 33 percent indicated that none of the choices applied to them.

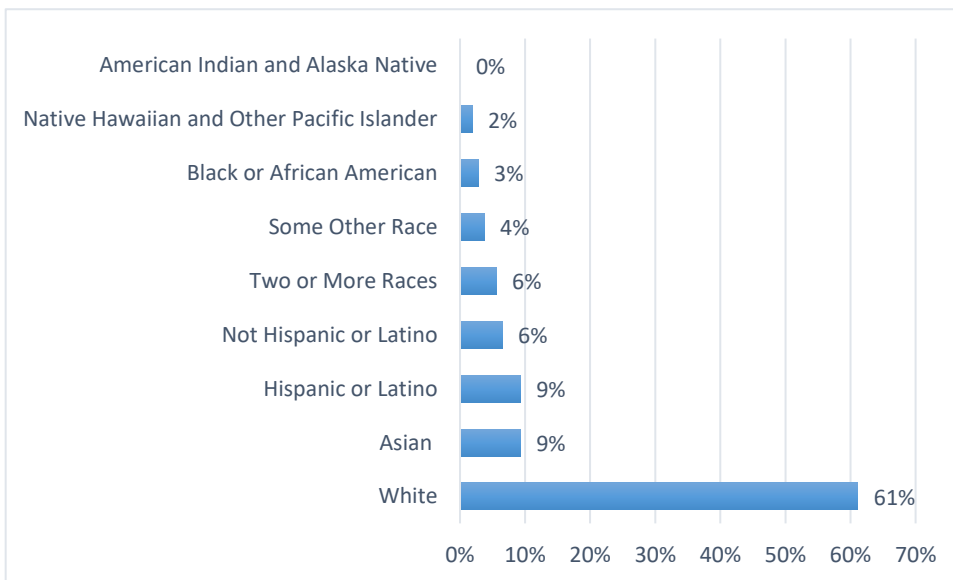
**Figure 1 How old are you?**



SOURCE: City of Marina, Beach and Coastal Access Questionnaire, 2024

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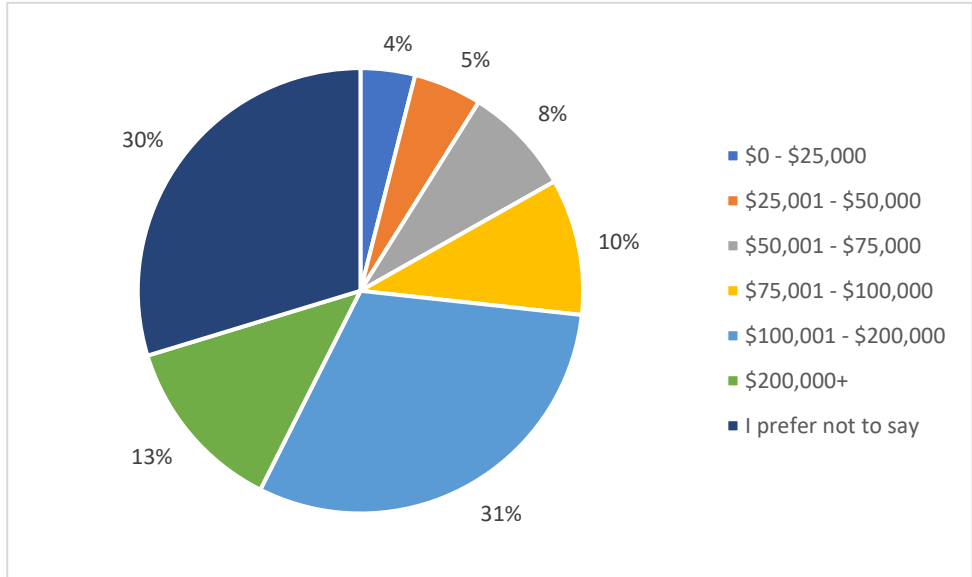
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SOURCE: City of Marina, Beach and Coastal Access Questionnaire, 2024

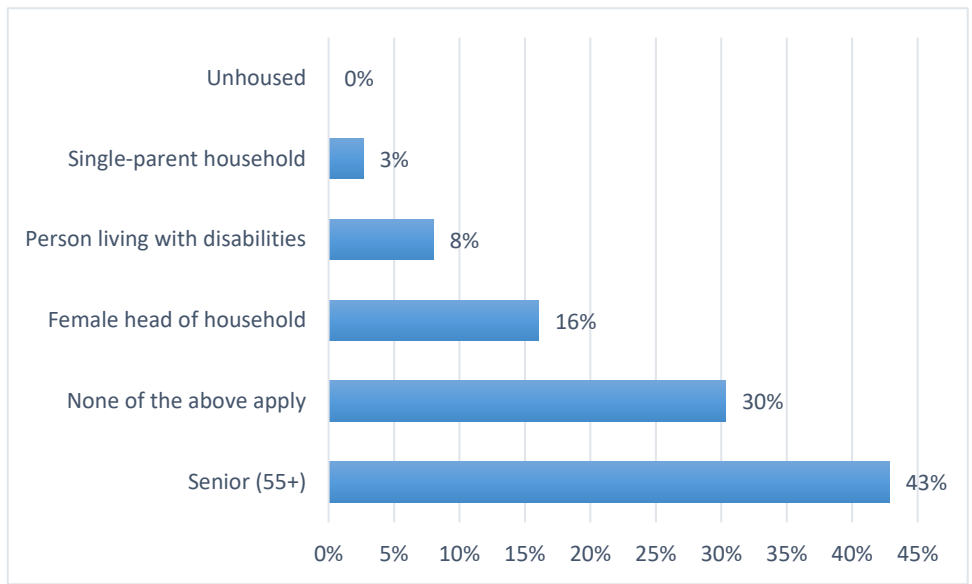
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**Figure 3** What is your annual income?



SOURCE: City of Marina, Beach and Coastal Access Questionnaire, 2024

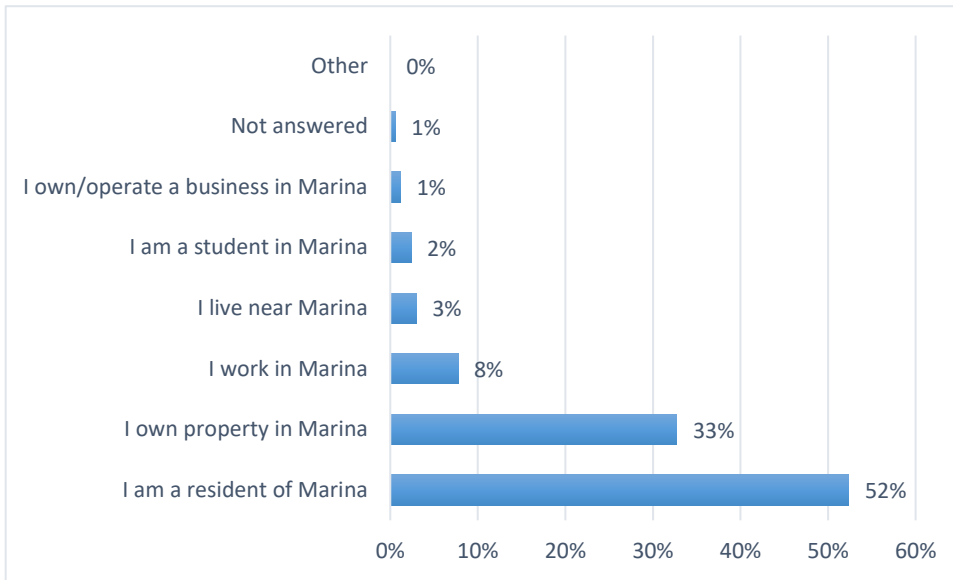
**Figure 4** With which of the following do you identify?



SOURCE: City of Marina, Beach and Coastal Access Questionnaire, 2024

Figure 5 illustrates the respondents' roles in the community. Respondents were encouraged to select all applicable options, so the results may include overlapping responses. The data shows that 87 percent of respondents are residents of Marina, 55 percent own property in Marina, 13 percent are employed in Marina, 5 percent live near Marina, 4 percent are students in Marina, 2 percent own or operate a business in Marina, and one individual did not respond to this question.

**Figure 5 Which of the following describes you?**



SOURCE: City of Marina, Beach and Coastal Access Questionnaire, 2024

Respondents were asked to identify their zip codes. Ninety percent indicated they live in Marina, with a zip code of 93933. Eleven respondents indicated they live outside of Marina in nearby jurisdictions, including Alisal, Salinas, Del Rey Oaks, Sand City, and some from further away in Santa Clara County, Santa Cruz County, and San Diego County.

## Beach Visitation Frequency

Figure 6 illustrates how often respondents reported visiting the beach. The data shows that 37 percent visit the beach two or more times a week, 26 percent visit weekly, 22 percent visit a few times a month, 9 percent visit a few times a year, 4 percent visit every few months, and 3 percent visit monthly.

## Preferred Coastal Activities

Figure 7 presents a word cloud illustrating the types of outdoor activities respondents enjoy on the coast. This question was open-ended, allowing respondents to provide written responses. The activities mentioned range from walking, hiking, botanizing, beachcombing, bird watching, whale watching, scuba diving, surfing, and enjoying the trails along the water to lunch breaks, biking, kayaking, relaxing with friends and family, habitat restoration, dog walking, picnicking, attending festivals, and photographing the coastline.







- Undeveloped / Natural: This was mentioned most frequently, emphasizing the natural, undeveloped state of Marina's coastline;
- Quiet / Not Crowded: Many respondents appreciated the peace, quiet, and lack of crowds; and
- Beauty / Scenic Views: The natural beauty and scenic views were also a common favorite.

The results indicate that respondents have a strong appreciation for the natural qualities of Marina's coastline, and highlight a desire to preserve the area's pristine environment and serene atmosphere. This suggests that residents value the coastline's current state and prefer to maintain its natural character rather than see it developed or commercialized. A full list of responses is provided as [Attachment B](#).

Additionally, respondents were asked to identify any outdoor activities they would like to see offered at the local beaches and coast that are currently missing. This question was open-ended, allowing respondents to provide written responses. Among the responses, the top three most common responses included the following:

- Access and Accessibility: Many responses highlight the need for better access points to the beach, wheelchair-friendly paths, and easier access to various areas;
- Amenities and Facilities: There are numerous mentions of wanting more amenities such as picnic tables, trash cans, benches, bathrooms, and fire pits; and
- Dog-Friendly Areas: A significant number of responses express a desire for more dog-friendly spaces, including off-leash areas and dog-friendly beaches.

These themes indicate a strong community interest in improving access and amenities at local beaches while ensuring they are welcoming to dogs and their owners. A full list of responses is provided as [Attachment B](#).

## Desired Improvements and Safety Protocols

Respondents were asked whether they had visited a beach or coastal area that they did not enjoy or that made them feel unsafe, and to specify what aspects they disliked or what made them feel unsafe. Among the responses, the top three most common responses included the following:

- Homeless Encampments: Many respondents expressed discomfort with the presence of homeless individuals and encampments near the beaches;
- Trash and Litter: Several comments mentioned the issue of garbage, broken glass, and general litter, contributing to an unsafe and unclean environment; and
- Safety Concerns: Various respondents highlighted safety issues, including feelings of vulnerability when alone, unsafe access points, and the risk of violence associated with homeless individuals.

This indicates that visitors to the beaches and coastal areas are significantly impacted by social and environmental factors, particularly the presence of homeless individuals, unsafe access, and litter, which can affect their overall sense of safety and enjoyment. A full list of responses is provided as [Attachment B](#).

To better understand how Marina's beaches and coast can be improved for safety and enjoyment, respondents were asked to specify what would make them feel safe and welcome in these areas. Among the responses, the top three most common responses included the following:

- **Increased Safety and Patrols:** Many respondents requested more park rangers, police presence, and regular patrols to ensure safety and monitor activities;
- **Enhanced Facilities and Cleanliness:** A frequent theme was the need for clean bathrooms, better parking, improved trash management, and overall maintenance of the beach areas; and
- **Better Access and Amenities:** Respondents expressed a desire for easier access to the beach, more parking spaces, and additional amenities like food vendors, seating, and accessible pathways.

This indicates that visitors prioritize safety and comfort while enjoying the beaches and coastal areas, highlighting a strong desire for improved management, cleanliness, and accessibility to enhance their overall experience. A full list of responses is provided as [Attachment B](#).

## **Coastal Development and Amenities**

Respondents were asked what types of development they would like to see excluded from the City of Marina's coastline. Among the responses, the top three most common responses included the following:

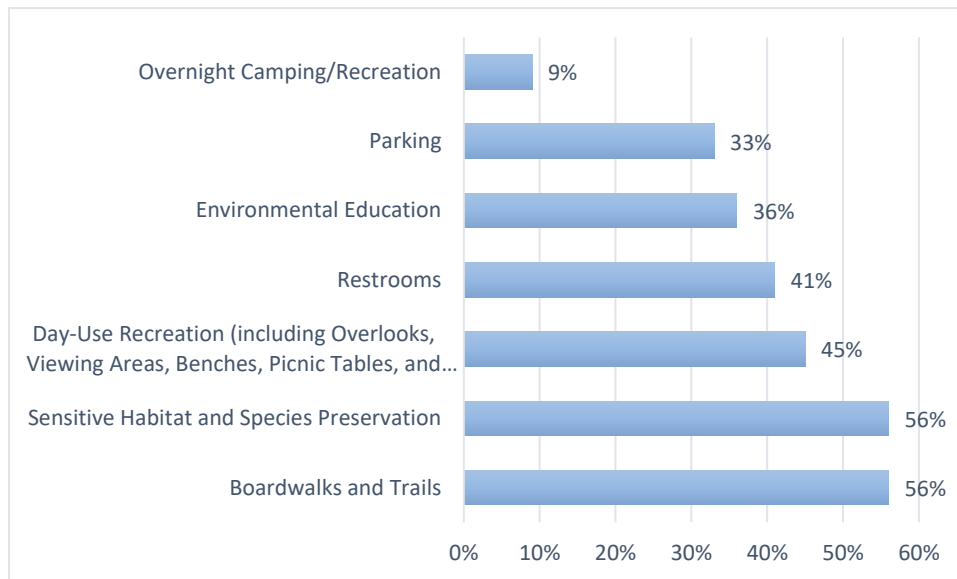
- **Residential Development:** Many respondents expressed a strong desire to prevent the construction of houses, condos, and any type of residential buildings to maintain the natural state of the coastline;
- **Commercial Development:** There was significant opposition to hotels, businesses, restaurants, and any commercial ventures that could disrupt the coastal environment; and
- **Industrial Development:** Respondents frequently mentioned the exclusion of industrial facilities, such as desalination plants, sand mining operations, and other industrial developments that could harm the ecosystem or visual appeal of the coastline.

This indicates a strong community sentiment favoring the preservation of the coastline's natural beauty and ecological integrity, reflecting concerns about overdevelopment and its potential negative impacts on the environment and quality of life.

Figure 8 illustrates how respondents ranked the following topics: Sensitive Habitat and Species Preservation, Environmental Education, Day-Use Recreation (including Overlooks, Viewing Areas, Benches, Picnic Tables, and BBQs), Overnight Camping/Recreation, Boardwalks and Trails, Parking, and Restrooms. As shown, the majority of respondents identified Sensitive Habitat and Species Preservation, and Boardwalks and Trails as very important aspects of Marina's beaches and coast. These were followed by Day-Use Recreation, Restrooms, Environmental Education, Parking, and Overnight Camping/Recreation.

This reflects a community priority for environmental conservation and accessible, nature-oriented recreation. Additionally, while day-use recreation and restrooms are also important, they are secondary to habitat preservation and trails. Environmental education, parking, and overnight camping/recreation are considered less critical but still noteworthy. This suggests a preference for sustainable and accessible coastal amenities that enhance the natural environment and provide educational opportunities.

**Figure 8 Please rate how important the following topics are to you for Marina’s coast, where five is very important and one is not important to you.**



SOURCE: City of Marina Beach and Coastal Questionnaire, 2024

## Knowledge of Marina’s Beach and Coastal Access Points

Respondents were asked if they were aware of coastal access at Lake Court Drive in Marina. Just over half (52 percent) indicated they did not know there was coastal access at that location. In contrast, when asked about access to Dunes Drive in Marina, the majority of respondents (64 percent) confirmed they were aware of the coastal access there.

To further assess their knowledge of Marina's coastal access points, respondents were also asked to identify the locations of the four coastal access points. Forty-three respondents indicated that they know where the four coastal access points are, while 58 respondents indicated that they do not know. A full list of responses is provided as [Attachment B](#).

## Beach Preference in the Area

To gauge Marina residents' preferences for Marina's beaches, respondents were asked whether they visit Marina's beaches or prefer beaches elsewhere. Those who chose beaches outside Marina were asked to specify their reasons for preferring another beach despite living in Marina. Approximately 44 percent of respondents indicated they prefer Marina beaches, whereas 56 percent indicated they prefer other beaches. Among the responses, the top three most common responses included the following:

- **Preference for Other Beaches:** Many respondents indicated they prefer visiting other beaches such as Monterey, Carmel, and Asilomar due to better access, amenities, and dog-friendliness;
- **Frequent Visits to Marina Beaches:** A significant number of respondents mentioned they primarily visit Marina beaches, appreciating their proximity and suitability for activities like walking and picnicking; and
- **Access and Facilities:** Respondents highlighted concerns about accessibility and facilities at Marina beaches, often noting issues like steep access, limited parking, and the need for more amenities compared to other locations.

Lastly, respondents were asked if they had any specific comments or insights to share about coastal access in Marina. Among the responses, the top three most common responses included the following:

- **Improved Access and Facilities:** Many respondents emphasized the need for better access to the beaches, including paved pathways, stairs, and improved parking facilities;
- **Preservation of Natural State:** Several respondents expressed the importance of keeping the beaches clean and natural, avoiding commercialization, and protecting sensitive habitats; and
- **Information and Amenities:** Respondents suggested having more information available about coastal access points, visitor services, and community events, along with amenities like picnic benches and snack huts.

This indicates that respondents prioritize both accessibility and preservation when it comes to coastal access in Marina. They want improvements to facilities and pathways to make the beaches more accessible, while also valuing the natural state of the coastline and expressing concerns about potential commercialization. Additionally, there is a desire for better information and amenities to enhance the beach experience for both residents and visitors.

## 1.3 Summary and Recommendations

The analysis of Marina's Beach and Coastal Access Questionnaire highlights a community deeply invested in the natural beauty and tranquility of their coastline. Respondents overwhelmingly favor the undeveloped and scenic state of the area, with a significant portion visiting the beach frequently for various outdoor activities. However, they also express a strong desire for improved access and amenities, indicating that while they cherish the natural environment, they seek enhancements to safety, cleanliness, and overall experience.

### Recommendations for Implementation

#### Enhance Access and Amenities

- Develop accessible pathways and ramps to improve beach access, especially for individuals with disabilities; and
- Install necessary amenities such as picnic tables, trash cans, benches, and restrooms to promote longer visits and enhance comfort.

#### Preserve Natural State

- Implement strict policies to prevent residential, commercial, and industrial development along the coastline. Prioritize initiatives that maintain the area's ecological integrity and scenic beauty.

#### Increase Safety and Cleanliness

- Increase park ranger and police presence to ensure safety and monitor beach activities; and
- Establish regular maintenance schedules for trash collection and beach cleanups to keep the areas pristine.

#### Promote Education and Awareness

- Provide educational materials and signage about local coastal access points, environmental features, and conservation efforts. Consider creating a visitor-serving kiosk to distribute this information.

#### Encourage Community Engagement

- Organize community events and activities that promote stewardship of the coastline, such as beach cleanups and habitat restoration projects; and
- Involve local residents in discussions about future developments and coastal management strategies to foster a sense of ownership and commitment to preserving Marina's natural resources.

By addressing these priorities, the City of Marina can create a welcoming and sustainable coastal environment that meets community needs while preserving the natural beauty that residents cherish.

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1. How old are you?/ ¿Cuántos años tiene usted? / 몇 살이예요?

- Under 18 years / Menores de 18 años / 18세 미만
- 18-44
- 45-64
- 65+

2. With which of the following ethnic or racial group(s) do you identify?

¿Con cuál de los siguientes grupos étnicos o raciales se identifica?

귀하는 다음 중 어느 민족 또는 인종 집단에 속합니까?

- American Indian and Alaska Native / Indio americano y nativo de Alaska / 아메리칸 인디언 및 알래스카 원주민
- Asian / Asiático / 아시아 사람
- Black or African American / Negro o Afroamericano / 흑인 또는 아프리카계 미국인
- Hispanic or Latino / Origen Hispano o Latino / 히스패닉 또는 라티노
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander / Nativo de Hawái y otras islas del Pacífico / 하와이 원주민 및 기타 태평양 섬 주민
- Not Hispanic or Latino
- Some Other Race / Alguna otra raza / 다른 인종
- Two or More Races / Dos o mas razas / 두 개 이상의 레이스
- White / Blanco / 하얀색

3. With which of the following do you identify? Select all that apply.

¿Con cuál de los siguientes te identificas? Selecciona todas las que correspondan.

다음 중 귀하는 무엇에 속합니까? 해당되는 모든 것들을 고르세요.

- Senior (55+) / Mayor (55+) / 시니어(55세 이상)
- Female head of household / Hogar encabezado por una mujer / 여성 가장
- Person living with disabilities / Residentes viviendo con capacidades diferentes/desactivado / 장애가 있는 사람
- Unhoused / Desarzonado / 무주택
- Single-parent household / Hogar monoparental / 한부모가구
- None of the above apply / Ninguno de los anteriores aplica / 위 사항 중 어느 것도 해당되지 않습니다

4. What is your annual income? / ¿Cuál es su ingreso anual? / 귀하의 연간 수입은 얼마입니까?

- \$0 - \$25,000
- \$25,001 - \$50,000
- \$50,001 - \$75,000
- \$75,001 - \$100,000
- \$100,001 - \$200,000
- \$200,000+
- I prefer not to say / Prefiero no decirlo / 나는 말하고 싶지 않다

5. Which of the following describes you? (Check all descriptions that apply to you.)

¿Cuál de las siguientes características se describe? (Marca todas las descripciones que se apliquen a usted).

다음 중 귀하를 설명하는 것은 무엇입니까? (귀하에게 해당되는 설명을 모두 확인하세요.)

- I am a resident of Marina. / Soy residente de Marina. / 나는 마리나 주민이다
- I own property in Marina. / Soy propietario en Marina. / 저는 마리나에 부동산을 소유하고 있습니다.
- I own/operate a business in Marina. / Tengo/manejo un negocio en Marina. / 나는 마리나에서 사업체를 소유/운영하고 있습니다.
- I work in Marina. / Yo trabajo en Marina. / 나는 마리나에서 일해요.
- I am a student in Marina. / Yo soy estudiante en Marina. / 저는 마리나에 다니는 학생입니다.
- I live near Marina. / Vivo cerca de Marina. / 나는 마리나 근처에 산다.
- Other / Otro / 다른:

6. What is your Zip Code? / ¿Cuál es su código postal? / 당신의 우편번호는 무엇입니까?

7. How often do you visit the beach? / ¿Con qué frecuencia visitas la playa? / 얼마나 자주 해변을 방문하시나요?

- 2+ times a week / 2+ veces por semana / 일주일에 2번 이상
- Weekly / Semanalmente / 주간
- A few times a month / Algunas veces por mes / 한 달에 몇 번
- Monthly / Mensualmente / 월간

- Every few months / Cada pocos meses / 몇 달에 한 번씩
- A few times a year / Algunas veces al año / 일년에 몇 번

8. What types of outdoor activities do you enjoy on the coast?  
 ¿Qué tipo de actividades al aire libre disfruta en la costa?  
 해안에서는 어떤 종류의 야외 활동을 즐기시나요?
9. What are your three favorite things about Marina's coastline?  
 ¿Cuáles son sus tres cosas favoritas de la costa de Marina?  
 마리나 해안선에서 가장 좋아하는 세 가지는 무엇입니까?
10. Are there any types of outdoor activities missing from the local beaches and coast that you would enjoy?  
 ¿Falta algún tipo de actividad al aire libre en las playas y la costa locales que le gustaría disfrutar?  
 현지 해변이나 해안에서 즐길 수 없는 야외 활동 유형이 있나요?
11. Have you visited a beach or coastal area that you didn't enjoy and/or made you feel unsafe?  
 What didn't you like or what made you feel unsafe?  
 ¿Has visitado una playa o zona costera que no disfrutaste y/o te hizo sentir inseguro? ¿Qué no te gustó o qué te hizo sentir inseguro?  
 즐겁지 않거나 안전하지 않다고 느끼게 만든 해변이나 해안 지역을 방문한 적이 있습니까? 마음에 들지 않았던 점이나 불안한 느낌을 준 점은 무엇입니까?
12. What would make you feel safe or welcome on Marina's coast or beaches?  
 ¿Qué te haría sentir seguro o bienvenido en la costa o las playas de Marina?  
 마리나의 해안이나 해변에서 무엇이 당신을 안전하고 환영받는다고 느끼게 만들까요?
13. Are there any types of development you would like excluded from the City of Marina's coastline?  
 ¿Hay algún tipo de desarrollo que le gustaría excluir de la costa de la ciudad de Marina?  
 마리나시의 해안선에서 제외하고 싶은 개발 유형이 있습니까?

14. Please rate how important the following topics are to you for Marina's coast, where five is very important and one is not important to you.

Por favor Califique qué tan importantes son para usted los siguientes temas para la costa de Marina, donde cinco es muy importante y uno no es importante para usted.

마리나 해안에 대해 다음 주제가 얼마나 중요한지 평가해 주십시오. 5개는 매우 중요하고 1개는 중요하지 않습니다.

- Sensitive Habitat & Species Preservation / Preservación de especies y hábitats sensibles / 민감한 서식지 및 종 보존
- Environmental Education / Educación Ambiental / 환경교육
- Day-Use Recreation (Overlooks/Viewing Areas/Benches/Picnic Tables/BBQs) / Recreación de uso diurno (miradores/áreas de observación/bancos/mesas de picnic/barbacoas) / 주간 레크리에이션 (전망/전망 공간/벤치/피크닉 테이블/바비큐)
- Overnight Camping Recreation / Recreación para acampar durante la noche / 하룻밤 캠핑 레크리에이션
- Boardwalks/Trails / Paseos marítimos/senderos / 보드워크/트레일
- Parking / Estacionamiento / 주차
- Restrooms / Los baños / 화장실

15. Did you know there was coastal access at Lake Court Drive?

¿Sabía que había acceso costero en Lake Court Drive?

Lake Court Drive에 해안 접근로가 있다는 것을 알고 계셨습니까?

- Yes / Sí / 예
- No / No / 아니요

16. Did you know there was coastal access at Dunes Drive?

¿Sabía que había acceso costero en Dunes Drive?

Dunes Drive에 해안 접근로가 있다는 것을 알고 계셨나요?

- Yes / Sí / 예
- No / No / 아니요

17. Do you know where Marina's four coastal access points are? Where are they?

¿Sabes dónde están los cuatro accesos costeros de Marina? ¿Dónde están?



마리나의 해안 접근 지점 4개가 어디에 있는지 아시나요? 그들은 어디에 있나요?

18. If you are a resident of Marina, do you visit Marina's beaches or do you go elsewhere to visit the beach? If you live in Marina but go elsewhere to visit the coast/beach, what is the reason you prefer another beach?

Si es residente de Marina, ¿visita las playas de Marina o va a otro lugar para visitar la playa? Si vive en Marina pero va a otro lugar para visitar la costa/playa, ¿cuál es la razón por la que prefiere otra playa?

마리나 주민이라면 마리나 해변을 방문하시나요, 아니면 해변을 방문하기 위해 다른 곳으로 가시나요? 마리나에 거주하지만 해안/해변을 방문하기 위해 다른 곳으로 간다면, 다른 해변을 선호하는 이유는 무엇입니까?

19. Do you have anything else you'd like to share about coastal access in Marina?

¿Tiene algo más que le gustaría compartir sobre el acceso costero en Marina?

마리나의 해안 접근에 관해 공유하고 싶은 다른 내용이 있나요?

20. If you are interested in continuing to participate in the City of Marina Local Coastal Program update, please leave your email.

Si está interesado en continuar participando en la actualización del Programa Costero Local de la Ciudad de Marina, deje su correo electrónico.

마리나시 지역 해안 프로그램 업데이트에 계속 참여하고 싶다면 이메일을 남겨주세요.

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## Open-Ended Responses

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The following lists the open-ended responses received for questionnaire questions 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, and 19.

**Question 6:** What is your Zip Code? / ¿Cuál es su código postal? / 당신의 우편번호는 무엇입니까?

**Responses:**

92064	93940
93905	93955
93907	95951
93933	95062
93933-3314	N/A

**Question 8:** What types of outdoor activities do you enjoy on the coast?

¿Qué tipo de actividades al aire libre disfruta en la costa?

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**Responses:**

Hiking, walking dog, sitting in the sunshine, looking for cool rocks and plants
Gardening, Beachcombing
Beachcombing, looking for seaglass/shells, Bird watching, whale watching
walking, reading , observing wildlife, just lounging, the sunsets
Scuba Diving, Surfing, Walking Dog.
Kids build sandcastles, go in water, fly kites, scuba diving
Walk my dogs where possible, walk north of MSB to Dunes park
Walking
walking on the beach and walking on the trails along the water; relaxing looking out at the water
Walking, biking, bringing my elderly mother to sit on a bench or in my car for us to visit, food break
Walking, enjoying the natural beauty
walking
Walking
Kite flying, bicycle riding, trail hiking.
Beachcombing, kayaking, enjoying wildlife
Just walking and looking at the waves
Hiking, playing on the beach with family and friends, relaxing

walking if it's a sunny, warmer day.
Watching sunsets. Walks on beach.
Walking, Hiking, Climbing the Dunes
Walking on shoreline
Habitat restoration, removal of litter & non-natural weeds in parks, bicycling, hiking, botanizing, dog walking, festivals
Biking, hiking, lunch @ the beach, park w/ grandkids, pickleball
Biking, walking/hiking
Walking through dune habitat, laying in sand, having a picnic
Dog walks, bird watching, hiking, swimming, reading, relaxing
Walks and hikes along the coast
Walking
Walk, hike, fish, BBQ
Walking
walking biking
Walking, Whale/Animal watching
Cycling, walking, enjoying open spaces.
walking, jogging, surfing
Walking. Dog walking. Exploring. Picking up trash.
walking
Bike, walk, hike, bird watching
Picnic on the beach
Walking
Hiking. Walking on the beach. Bike riding. Picnics.
walking, reading, watching birds and marine life
Walking on the beach, driving to the coast and watching the waves from my car, walking my dog, meeting up with friends, used to love beach bonfires before they were banned
Bird watching, beach combing, walking on the beach, looking at the sunset
Walking along the bluffs
Walking, relaxing, playing in the sand
Walking, bicycling
none
Hiking, photography, wildlife viewing, watching hang gliders/parasailors and surfers
walking, relaxing, exercising, watching sea and wildlife
Dog walking, biking, beach walking, kite flying



Diving, walking, taking the dog, photography, tidepooling,
Walking
Walking, riding along the trail or on the beach
Hikes and walks
Walking, running, weather, watching wild life.
Eating, attending festivals
Skateboarding & Playing tennis, camping, bonfires, etc.
Walking, sunbathing, sand castle building, playing in the water, bike rides.
Hiking, kayaking, biking, outrigger paddling
Run to and on the beach. Sit and relax
Reading. Riding my longboard. Sitting on the beach. Walking in the beach.
Bike rides & walking. Watching the waves
Hiking, jogging and cycling
Walking
Biking, walking the trails, going to the beach, taking pictures of nature & grabbing food/drinks (if accessible)
Dog walk, hike, biking, sitting on the beach
Bicycle ride
Walking, exercise, fishing, biking, photography, nature.
Picnic
Walking on the beach
walking, watching for whales and sunsets
sitting and watching the ocean, take walks, play with the grandchildren
walking, hiking
Walking
Hiking and biking
Hiking, reading on the beach, swimming
walking
Walking, sitting at the beach, boogie boarding, swimming
Hiking
Walking, Reading
Walking
Walking
Beach volleyball, exploring tide pools, climbing dunes, walking/hiking, sand castles

walking on the beach
Biking, playing with the kids, walks, dog walks, water play, paddle boarding
walking, bicycling, hiking in dunes
Walking with my dog (on a leash).
Walking, standup paddling
Walking
Picnic, sunbathing, walking on the sand, watching the sunset.
walking along the beach and collecting sea glass
Biking, birding, walking and walking the dog, riding the rail cars
Walking, hiking, biking, beach combing
walking, hiking, birding, lounging outside with a good book/magazine
Walk
Photography, picnicking
walking
Walking my dogs, hiking, swimming, picnicking
Sunbathing
Walking/hiking,biking
Biking, swimming, paddle boarding, hiking, boogie boarding

**Question 9:** What are your three favorite things about Marina’s coastline?

¿Cuáles son sus tres cosas favoritas de la costa de Marina?

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**Responses:**

Marinas coastline is less trafficked by tourists
It's wild, less visited, love the colors of the dune environment
undeveloped, accessible from the Highway 1, visually stunning
Quiet, lots of birds, great for walks and sunsets
The expansive dune habitat and lack of development.
Natural landscape / no buildings, wide beaches with plenty of sand, constant breeze
The Beauty, Snowy Plovers, The opening to the monterey canyon
The waves, open beach and the scenery

The walking trails at Fort Ord Dunes State park are wonderful; beach is peaceful and not crowded at anytime; and is close to home
Clean air, in FODSP bike and walking road with no vehicles, easy access
Large portion is undeveloped. Native dune habitat. Trail
the peace and quiet
Birds...shells...picking up trash
Beach, Parks, Wildlife
Beach, dunes, wildlife
There are no 3 Favorites I love it all
Undeveloped with lots of open space, free (no cost), continuous dune habitat up and down the coast
How expansive it is.
Clean. No dogs allowed. Dramatic waves.
1) The dunes, 2) That it is open to the public, 3) That it is mostly preserved in its natural state
Natural, unobstructed beach
Wild, big, healthy
Beach
Clean, spacious, free availability
The views of the bay, the native plant habitat, the shore birds
Beautiful dune plant life, excellent birdwatching, excessive otters
Relatively uncrowded and surrounded by open space. Largely unspoiled.
The ocean view. Limited visitors. Clean air and sand dunes.
Undeveloped, open space with no buildings, walkable
It's wildness
not crowded
Proximity, soft sand, fairly easy access
State park's open coastal zone, bike trail and wide road through park for multiple uses. Access south to Seaside and Monterey.
lack of development, access to public
Clean beaches. Accessible. Beauty.
beauty, access, not crowded
Pristine, quiet
Natural
Free parking free, beach access, walking trails
Its beauty. Not crowded. Dogs are always on leash.
wide, wild, clean, empty

Pristine and not developed. Sand dunes are always changing. Birds and wildlife are protected.
accessibility, not commercially developed, Marine Protected Areas
No one is there, no one is there and no one is there
It's wild, it's expansive
Quiet, wide open, marine life
beach
Undeveloped, wildlife/habitat preserve, hang gliders/parasailors
Not overly busy/crowded, dunes, close to my home
Wild, desolate, expansive
It's close, clean and accessible
The weather, and sand
Unfortunately, only the view because the weather is not great, and the trail needs a lot of upkeep.
The weather, the views, my boyfriend lives near by
Dunes, cleanliness (mostly debris free), proximity to town/shops/housing.
The seals, whale watching, collecting sea shells, the weather, the sights/views, and I also enjoy the parks
Fresh air, beautiful sight, the beautiful beach
Walking, sunbathing, sand castle building, playing in the water, bike rides on the nearby bike trail.
Beauty, not crowded, proximity
It's natural, no buildings or sand wall.
It's beautiful. The beaches are clean. It's not too busy at any one spot.
Proximity, nice beaches
Temperate weather, trails and easy access to beaches
Peaceful, not crowded
natural beauty/preserve, close proximity, bike trails
Close access, Fort Ord Dunes, bike trail
Undeveloped, few people, beautiful
Privacy, cleanliness, location.
Beaches, trails, rock and sand available beaches
How close it is, that it is pretty quiet, how clean it is
quiet, not overcrowded, can see Monterey and toward Santa Cruz
Weather is perfect, the closeness, not crowded except for holidays
the sand dunes, beach area, dog friendly places.
proximity, not crowded, natural


It's open, protected, and undeveloped (for the most part).
Pristine, peaceful, beautiful sand
few people, beautiful, view
The variety of coastal access
I like that it is a habitat for native plants & animals, its solitude, and it is a part of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.
Sandy beach
Natural beauty and the dunes
The birds, trails, natural sea scape
not crowded, beautiful, fun paths to get to the beach
It is difficult to get to the beach in Marina - I can only view from quite a distance
Beautiful, great trails, easy access
The dunes and vegetation, sun, water.
1) Not crowded. 2) Lovely waves. 3) Natural beauty.
Accessible and quiet plus they are sandy
Beautiful beaches, not so crowded and stunning sunset
Easy access, nearby parking, beautiful sunset
sandy beaches
You can walk for miles on the beach with very little reminders of humanity; you can enjoy seeing beautiful native vegetation and wildlife from lizards to whales; it is not overcrowded with people (yet).
It's mostly unspoiled. The dunes are gorgeous. It's not overdeveloped
accessibility, natural scenery, not too crowded
Eat at restaurant overlooking the ocean
It's close by, it's not over developed, it's clean
walking
Beauty, proximity, cleanliness
Tranquil, well protected, not crowded
Long beaches, dunes & not crowded.
Easily accessible, biking trail, dunes climbing

**Question 10:** Are there any types of outdoor activities missing from the local beaches and coast that you would enjoy?

¿Falta algún tipo de actividad al aire libre en las playas y la costa locales que le gustaría disfrutar?

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**Responses:**

There could be more child activities like small playgrounds and more benches and picnic tables.
No-just more access points
not really
Bonfire pits
No.
Boardwalk, food stands, bathrooms
There aren't any flat areas to do things like volleyball. You can't BBQ anywhere .. there are few if any picnic tables.
No
Places to sit for awhile to look out at the water; a pier to walk out on
Boardwalk that was at Marina State Beach that allows people to walk in the dunes without traversing the steep incline. Bike rentals
The Boardwalk should be repaired
being able to walk my dog on the beach in marina
Don't know
Night life activities
Greater accessibility 
No
No
Not much to do, since it's so often windy, foggy and cold.
As beautiful and inviting as it is, Marina beach is not walkable. Its steep. Uneven. That hill to get up and down. Would love to watch more sunsets from up above but that parking lot is tough. It would be so nice if something were designed to make it easier to enjoy. We talk about it all the time. Can we have bonfires? What a loss that was when Carmel stopped allowing that. There is nothing so dreamy as a bonfire on the beach.
No
Maybe a simple pier at the Marina State Beach. Would be a good visitor attraction.
Better bike facilities, better sitting opportunities
Fort Ord Dunes could use a circle walking trail w/out fences.
No
More accessible boardwalks and benches like Casa Verde beach
No
None that I can think of.
A walkable boardwalk that I could see the ocean from.
Trash cans, benches

No
no
Swimming
Dog beach. A little more parking.
no
Dog friendly
not that i can think of
Boating, kayaking
Yes
No
Sailing
keep it wild
Please continue to protect our pristine coast in marina
beach cleanup activities
Nuclear missile launches from submarines
Walking paths along or to the beach. They are not easily accessible.
No
no
I think Marina State Beach and Fort Ord Dunes are just perfect how they are. Looking forward to CEMEX disappearing for added coastal access.
fire pits
more opportunities for interpretive walks about local flora in dunes, restoration activities, plein air art
Huh? Weird question.
The access to the beach can be hard , especially with the access near Lake Drive and the Kennel, near the septic tank
NA
Beach yoga and meditation
Don't have an attraction like a harbor or a pier (I often visit Pismo beach for their pier/shops/downtown area).
Beach soccer
Camping & Bonfires are great but no beach allows it.
A boardwalk and beach shops. Tourist attractions. Beach night life opportunities.
No
Maybe a dog friendly area where they can be off leash.
No

More parking & better services. ie. porta potties, trash containers
N/A
No
Today there are very limited beaches that allow dogs, wish there were more spots to converse and have a social atmosphere, wish the beach was way more accessible and easy to get to via trails/underground walkways
Dog-friendly beaches
Hiking
Better access, fishing spots, boating, safe swimming, diving areas. Picnic tables, seating, easier access thru and over the dunes.
Fishing pier
No
No
no
More dog access to certain places
Dog friendly
Can't think of any.
N/A
no
Marina is missing a beach with access that has ample parking and clean restrooms similar to Monterey Municipal Beach access. Marina State Beach is not ideal for swimming access or children due to the steep hills and poorly maintained restrooms. Additionally, homeless people often set up tents at the beach or destroy the bathrooms making it unfavorable for family use.
I don't think we need organized outdoor activities at our beaches.
Sufficient parking
Access and safety
Kite flying areas
no
Access for anyone with disabilities - you can't really get to the beach in Marina. You have to go to Monterey or Pacific Grove
Camping would be awesome
Easier kayaking access
Leash-less dog area. I understand it would have to be fenced off to protect the habitat, but it would be great if a sizable section of the beach allowed this so that I don't have to drive to Carmel for this.
Nothing missing
Picnic tables
Access to coastal stores, restaurants or cafes with coastal views, ice cream vendors, snack and drinks availability.



No
Guided tours by naturalists
More parking and easier access to get down to the water, cleaner parking lots. Marina seems to be neglected compared to other beach areas in Monterey County
occasional sanctioned bonfires?
We do not want it too crowded
Some sort of path for wheelchairs
no
Camping
I feel the wind is too strong here, its a little hard to just sit and enjoy the beach
No
Bonfire rings, on the beach family activities such as movies, volleyball

**Question 11:** Have you visited a beach or coastal area that you didn't enjoy and/or made you feel unsafe? What didn't you like or what made you feel unsafe?

¿Has visitado una playa o zona costera que no disfrutaste y/o te hizo sentir inseguro? ¿Qué no te gustó o qué te hizo sentir inseguro?

즐겁지 않거나 안전하지 않다고 느끼게 만든 해변이나 해안 지역을 방문한 적이 있습니까? 마음에 들지 않았던 점이나 불안한 느낌을 준 점은 무엇입니까?

**Responses:**

It's usually just the homeless population that makes me uncomfortable
n/a
scary parking lot, trash on the beach, unhoused folks sleeping/encampments on the beach
Parts of Santa Cruz are full of homeless
Yes. Garbage, litter, broken glass.
Marina beaches near fort ord have rebar sticking out of the sand, homeless people are a risk of violence, rip tide zones with no lifeguards is unsafe
The pathways/walkways are either burried or in poor repair. Trails in some areas a difficult to walk.
No
No
Steep and unsafe access at Lake Ct trail
No
homeless people

No...pretty safe at 5.30am...no problems with can scavengers/homeless
The dunes behind Marina Del Mar, need more safety signs.
No
Nothing
No
Not enough parking and places to sit.
Animal excrement on beaches is gross.
The pit near the sand factory seems unsafe. The path to the beach from the coastal trail / end of Lake Court is washed out.
Derelict cars in beach access parking lots
No, always felt safe
I don't like the fences at Ft. Ord/Dunes state park. It block the view.
No
Not unsafe. But hard for me, disabled person to walk up and down sandy slope to the water at any of Marina's beaches, and hard to walk through dunes, Casa Verde beach much more accessible to me. I would appreciate more accessible/disabled parking.
Sand City's beach behind Costco has some debris that can be difficult to safely navigate
In Sand City there were individuals that seemed to be suffering from drug effects on the walkways along the coast. They made us uncomfortable.
Marina State Beach. The waves can be wild, sometimes. Parking is a challenge, as well.
Underpass between CSUMB and Fort Ord has graffiti and homeless encampments
No
no
No
Homeless camps. Especially abandoned but trashed areas
nm
Homeless camps toward Monterey
trash
Not safe to get to the beach, lack of easy access. Not disability friendly, someone with mobility issues cannot get onto the beach. Lack of parking at times.
No
No
No
no
I've been to beaches that have a lot of trash and broken glass and feel unsafe to walk on without shoes.
no

no
No
Sometimes an aggressive dog. Not very often
no
Too many people
Down Marina State Beach, closer to the quarry plant, there are homeless up hiding in the dunes and leaving spent needles on the beach :(
Sometimes when I am by myself down the beach, I feel a little vulnerable, since there are not many people around.
I have seen broken glass and used condoms/trash at some of the beach trail heads and that is unpleasant.
No
Hard to walk access to beach
I never felt unsafe, but it's disheartening how people let their dogs defecate anywhere along the trail or beach and don't pick up after them. Even worse when they bag up the feces, but proceed to leave the poop bag along the trail because there are no visible trash cans to deposit the waste in, but I believe this is a State Parks issue.
No
No - always feel safe in Marina
N/a
NA/
No
Yes. There was a couple in a secluded part of the beach. Unclear if they were homeless. No people nearby do turned back.
No
No
Two access points have fairly long walks from nearest parking. Limited or no parking
Need better maintenance of the access points to beaches
No
No
No
No
While the privacy is nice, there often is nobody around should there be a problem.
Homeless camps and homeless taking parking spaces to live at. Personal assault for parking in a space that was theirs. Dogs not on lease or not cleaned up after
No
Yes - Del Monte beach is uncomfortable with homeless camps, sometimes dead animals as well as sealife (I've found two dead dogs) and depending on the tide it smells worse than in Pacific Grove, or Marina.

Homeless camps along the trails of the coast
Beach area at the end of Reservation Rd.
very high winds
No
Closer to Monterey, homeless encampments (temporary or overnight) and general vagrancy. Has not seemed to be the same problem in Marina.
no
Marina State Beach and Monterey Municipal Beach frequently have homeless tents set up. As a woman who often goes alone with my small children I frequently feel unsafe due to clear drug use present and full tents that I'm not sure who is in them. The bathrooms are often destroyed and I would not ever take my kids to them.
Yes. I often walk or hike alone at our local beaches. The presence of park rangers would be welcome.
N/A
Could be safer and the graffiti and homeless stuff needs to go
Family member needs safer steps down to the shore at Marina beach. Have clearer areas just for bikes away from walkers on all beaches in county. More benches.
yes, my family walked barefoot over the dunes off of Lake Ct. and on the way back, many of them stepped on "spiky" plants that were quite painful and difficult to remove from the bottom of their feet. also, the bathrooms are extremely disgusting/unusable at marina state beach.
I can't answer because we can't access the beach easily from anywhere in Marina
O
Yes, homeless on Seaside and Sand City beaches.
No
Santa cruz amusement activities, it felt tacky and cheap
No
No
homeless encampments
Sometimes tourists can be aggressive on their bikes and electric bikes or let their dogs run off leash.
Occasionally there is a lot of pot smoking and people sitting in blacked out cars. Sometimes transients that have approached me
no
No
No
No
Homeless population, litter (particularly related to alcohol and drugs)
No
No
No

**Question 12:** What would make you feel safe or welcome on Marina’s coast or beaches?

¿Qué te haría sentir seguro o bienvenido en la costa o las playas de Marina?

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**Responses:**

I'm not sure
I feel safe & welcome. I worry for the homeless that set up camp in the dunes.
a maintained wooden boardwalk with subtle lighting, nature signs, park rangers
More State Park trucks patrolling up and down the beach
Bike locks along the bike path/coastal access points.
Clean bathrooms, lifeguards, food vendors, community events (sandcastle contests, kite events, dog meetups, etc)
Better amenities, signage, areas set aside for play, bbq's, etc.
More parking
Unsure
Return of the boardwalk at Marina State Beach, repairing the parking lot broken concrete at Marina State Beach, better garbage enclosures to accommodate busy weekends
I feel safe
get rid of homeless people
Better lighting at the entrance to Marina State Beach. Repairing the wooden walkway....getting close to collapsing near the pond...soft spots.
No
I feel safe now
I DO FEEL SAFE
NA
Have more parking and places to sit.
Easier access getting up and down to the beach.
Walking paths to the beach that do not get washed out.
Occasional police patrols
Better bike parking/storage
Open space views
Maintain erosion area of Marina parking lot
See 11
I do feel safe at Marina's beaches

Occasional patrols by MPD.
More parking and a boardwalk in the dunes.
Formal parking, routine policing, lighting, cement or asphalt paths
Not sure
OK
Peace officer presence
Park rangers and bike safety patrols. More trash pickup even with more volunteers
a nicer and more pedestrian-friendly corridor to Marina State Beach on Reservation Rd. Currently no crosswalks and cars exiting/entering highway don't always look.
Homeless camps
clean and not crowded
Easy access to the beach, more lighting in certain areas
Easier access for seniors
Love them already, but not very accessible for wheelchairs
Dogs allowed on leashes.
Marina beaches feel safe but not the access road on Reservation RD.
I love marina beaches and feel safe here.
easy access, wide open vistas
Already welcome
More park rangers or staff monitoring activities
I feel it's safe
more parking spaces
Not having too many people
More state park rangers patrolling the beach line
Clean, well-lit entry points. Public transportation access. eBike or scooter rentals.
Already feel safe.
Improve access to beach near septic Tank and rail tracks
Upkeep of the area.
I feel safe on the coastlines
Welcome: street artists, food trucks, boardwalk along the beach (Marina State beach to Dunes with a shuttle bus to start/return from old marina downtown area!).
Lifeguards
Clean beaches, accessible parking, decent bathrooms.
Signage in dangerous areas, benches for sitting, garbage cans, lifeguards.

Monitoring of beaches to ensure safety
N/a
...
More parking
Well maintained pathways and parking
Easy walking access to coastline at Ford Ord Dunes
More accessible by walking vs driving. Better parking at local beaches, better lighting and facilities
Dog-friendly beaches (leashed)
Fewer coyotes, but they're also an important part of the ecosystem. Fewer abandoned buildings
Better access to the beach, services and safety.
Park ranger patrolling
I already do
Lifeguards or more Rangers - not because people should be encouraged to go in the water due to the rip tides but because they do it anyway, and allow their children too. You want to say something but they just ignore regular citizens.
Get rid of the homeless camps/garbage/needles, etc...
Parking lot lights, less trash, cleaner bathrooms, easier access down to beach.
Clean parking areas and bathrooms
I already feel safe and welcome.
I appreciate the rangers and other patrols along Marina's beaches.
clean up large areas of decomposing plastics washed up on shore
More enforcement that prevents homeless tents from setting up. I pay taxes in this community to be able to access the public properties and it's deeply disappointing to see law and bylaw enforcement fail to enforce decorum and public safety in those public spaces. Tents set up all along the beaches, parks and coastlines should not be allowed and more resources should be dedicated to either housing those people or providing a locations that doesn't impede everyone else who would like to use those public spaces. I've seen tents take over volleyball courts and surrounding areas so teams can't use the courts.
The presence and visibility of more park rangers
More parking. Easier access to the beach. More frequent police presence.
Cleanliness safety and accessibility
Alert system on trails if you needed help.
if the spiky plants could be removed from areas where people are walking without shoes, it would help the overall experience a lot. regular maintenance of the bathrooms at marina state beach would also be appreciated.
ACCESS - again there is no good, easy to access public access
They are ok
Clean beach, respectful people.
NA

Cleaner, too much debris and some old pipes stick out from the dunes, they don't look nice and make me feel as if it is likely to be polluted at times.
More parking spots at Marina Beach
Access to food, drinks, snacks and cafes/restaurants with nice beach views.
beach patrol
More rangers to protect the environment and remind visitors about the rules like keeping dogs on leash and not leaving trash or going off trail in sensitive habitat.
More rangers, better parking and patrols
no campers / people residing in park
Ongoing Police /Park surveillance will be good
Wheelchair access, picnic tables
I feel safe
Allow leashed dogs, life guard, vendors - just more consistent activity from city-approved entities
Maybe some amenities and more activities, for example bike rental
More park rangers
More family friendly activities such as a beach friendly play area for children

**Question 13:** Are there any types of development you would like excluded from the City of Marina's coastline?

¿Hay algún tipo de desarrollo que le gustaría excluir de la costa de la ciudad de Marina?

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**Responses:**

Less houses stacked up together. More affordable housing
Desalinization plant
Hotels, parking lots, cars on beach (Pismo beach), oil drilling, industry, billboards
NO MORE HOUSES - it is getting too crowded and the traffic is awful for our tiny two lane highway.
Development along shoreline.
No housing, limit it to food stands only. A high-scale eatery/bar would be nice, similar to Sea Harvest Moss Landing. Scenic parks would be great with seating and play structures for kids. Boardwalk like asilomar with walkways would be great. No homeless.
No Desal plants, Hotels on the beach, houses on the beach
The MTA bus lane
MST SURF bus!!
Return of vehicles on the road at FODSP that bikes and walkers now enjoy. Parking for large RVs. Hotels. Sandmining



No SURF bus lane should be paved.
no
Marina State Beach Doesn't need anymore development .
No
Shops, factories, fast food...keep it natural
ALL DEVELOPMENTS, they do not belong on our beach, it is there to enjoy it
No large buildings for any purpose!
Things that obstruct the view of the coastline.
Noting that would turn it into a santa cruz beach boardwalk. That would be too noisy and take away from the serenity of marina beach.
I'm opposed to any development except that which makes it accessible to the public. More restrooms along the coastal trail would be nice.
Please, NO SURF BUS LANE!
Industrial facilities such as sand mines and groundwater desal pipes and above ground facilities
N/A
No
Keep passive recreation mostly, no other buildings really. Maybe more restrooms or signs
Yes, we should retain the dunes between the beach and development and only develop behind the dunes or on the east side of highway 1.
This question lacks clarity. I think however that the SURF busway shouldn't be developed and will be happy if the CCC stops it.
No condos!
Houses, hotels, lawns/fields, structures
Everything! Except restrooms and boardwalks...
buildings
Hotels
Business and residential. Keep existing open space/coastline west of highway 1 free from development. Please!!!
no development, except possibly a boardwalk and benches like at Del Monte Beach
Businesses or homes on the beachfront.
homes, commercial buildings
SURF bus
Hotels, Businesses
Keep it clean and local
Overpopulation
All of them. esp. Desal plant. Keep the dunes and beach wild.

I don't want to see any development on Marina's beaches. Maintain access at the designated entry points but don't add development. You could improve the connection sidewalks from central marina to the beach access points - great nicer pathways/sidewalks/trails that make it pleasant to walk to and from the beach.
ALL commercial development
everything
Any building that restricts public use.
Yes. No retail or food establishments. Keep it like it is!
no
All types of development
Houses! RV parks or campground! There are too many houses for sure --> our highway cannot handle it.
Keep the dunes wild!
Any and all development. Leave our beaches alone.
Houses so near
NA
Tall buildings that block the view
CALAM Desal plant
Further information needed, examples
NA/
Cal Am Desal plant.
Housing, hotels, golf courses, camp sites
Anything interfering with the space between the existing roads and the beach. For example, I love the old train lines and handcart. I would not want that converted to bus lines.
No
Less housing without additional infrastructure including better traffic corridor onto Hwy 1. Current plans don't address the freeway access bottleneck on Imjin
The coastline should remain as natural as possible
No
encourage development as long as it's not creating hazards to preserve wildlife habitats to an unreasonable degree, impacting the view of the ocean & putting our water supply for the city at high risk
Not sure
All non-essential development
Housing, hotels, business that pollute the water and environment.
Homeless camps
All. No houses, hotels, restaurants, camping, etc. Leave it be please.
neither residential nor commercial should be on our coastline. As more development occurs on the east side of hwy 1 there is less and less natural soace or area for deer, rabbits and coyotes. Additional our

beaches are nesting grounds for birds and harbor seals which should not be disturbed by hoards of people or development.
Developers on the beach, keep them on the other side of Hwy 1
n/a
exclusive non-public developments
Any construction. There's an old California saying, "If you don't surf here. don't develop here." The bay is a protected sanctuary. This should also apply to the coastline.
Anything physically or environmentally disruptive to the current ecosystem / coastline.
hotels and residential
Would not like to see anything that creates a significant negative impact to the environment
I'd hate to see any housing or commercial buildings.
N/A
Cement factory and ugly things
Keep Marina beach from becoming a tourist attraction, leave as is except make more views and access to shoreline.
no
no camping
Commercial ventures, large scale ones at least.
Residential, commercial and industrial buildings.
Do not develop the Marina coastline with buildings. Leave it in its natural state.
Houses, hotels, amusement parks
No
More parking space close to the beaches.
NO urban development, firepits, picnic tables, BBQ pits, camping, etc
The CalAm deal plant would be horrible. Also, would not like the bus line to Monterey near the rec trail because the rec trail is a way to ride your bike or walk while enjoying nature and views of the beach. We already have to tune out the freeway and adding buses right there would probably completely kill the vibe. Also the bus project would destroy the rail car business which I really enjoy having in Marina.
Desanilization plants , bus lines, building
ones that bring too many people at one time ( keep it clean, keep it natural)
Leave the sand dunes as is
Commercial
don't know
No
N/A
Keep desalination plant out of Marina, remove Cemex buildings.
No

**Question 17:** Do you know where Marina’s four coastal access points are? Where are they?

¿Sabes dónde están los quattros accesos costeros de Marina? ¿Dónde están?

마리나의 해안 접근 지점 4개가 어디에 있는지 아시나요? 그들은 어디에 있나요?

**Responses:**

I don't know
No-I know of the Beach Drive access near thee water company office and the one near Imjin at Fort Ord.
No, just two - Marina State Beach, and Ft. Ord state beach access
yes
Fort Ord Dunes State Park; Lake Court Drive; Marina State Beach; Dunes Drive.
Marina Beach
Lake Dr., Marina Ft. Ord State Park, Marina State Beach, MPRPD trail across from RV park.
Dunes, Reservation, Lake, 9th
Lake Drive; Dunes Drive; Marina State Park; Fort Ord Dunes State Park
FODSP, Marina State Beach, Lake ct, Dunes Dr
Lake ct., Marina State Beach, sanctuary, Dunes habitat path
no
Yes...Actually, I think there are more than four. There's suppose to be access through the Sanctuary on Dunes Drive... sign is long gone...part of legal settlement from many years ago.
No
Marina State Beach, Ft Ord Dunes State Park, the trail past Sanctuary & RV parks
Dunes Dr., Reservation Rd, 1st Street at Ft, Ord. I do not know of another.
Marina State Beach, Dunes Drive, Ft Ord State Beach
No.
Nope
Marina State Park, Fort Ord Dunes State Park, Lake Drive/Lake Court, Marina Dunes Preserve
Fort Ord Dunes, Dunes Drive, Lake Court, Marina State Beach
Lake court, Fort Ord Dunes State Park, Res. Rd/Marina St. Beach, Dunes Drive - MPRPD preserve
Reservation, Dunes, ?, ?
Yes
Fort Ord, Lake court, Marina beach, dunes

I know at least three: Reservation Road/Dunes Drive, Lake Court, 8th street, the Fort Ord trail access (unless that's Seaside?)
Nope
Not sure.
Yes
Fort Ord, Beach Rd., Dunes Drive, Lake Court Drive
ft ord dunes, lake st, marina beach, by RV place
Marina State Beach (Reservation Road), Fort Ord Dunes State Park, Fort Ord Dunes Trail
Marina state beach. Dunes rd. Lake court. Regional Park north of marina state beach
nm
Not familiar with names
Lake Drive, Dunes Drive, Beach Drive/Reservation, The Sanctuary, Fort Ord Dunes
Yes
No
Marina beach, dunes beach, by the rv campground
No
no
End of street past the sanctuary, by the water district with parking lot, and of lake Dr, state park entrance
no
Lake Court Drive, Dunes Drive, Reservation Road, Ft Ord State Park, Salinas River Bird Sanctuary
No
Fort Ord, Reservation Rd, Sanctuary, Lake Court Dr
no
Beach/Reservation Road, Lake Court, Dunes Drive, and Sanctuary Beach Resort (but let's keep that last one a secret)
Dunes Drive, Lake Court, Marina State Beach and 8th Street
Ft Ord Dunes Park (by the VA) and the two access points by the Sanctuary Resort!
This isn't supposed to be a test, let's stick to the questionnaire.
No
Lake court, Dunes drive, MSB, and MDP
No
Yes, river loop trail, state beach, lake court drive, ford ord dunes.
No
Marina state beach, Reservation Road, Dunes drive, and Del Monte blvd
No

No
Yes
Fort ord beach. Dunes public beach.
I do now
Fort Ord, Marina State beach
Dunes Dr, Marina State Beach, Lake Ct, Fort Ord Dunes
I'd have to look them up. Know of two I frequent regularly
Reservation Road, 8th St
Reservation, lake Court, dunes, sanctuary resort
Yes.
No, dunes, marina beach
The street Walmart is on.
No I don't know four access points.
No
Sadly I don't
Lake court drive, dunes drive, reservation, by the VA facility
West of the VA Hospital (9th St), end of Reservation Rd, Marina State Beach (Lake Dr. access), and the 4th...not sure.
Fort Ord, Dunes State Park, Lake Court Dr
I know of two
Dunes, lake court, fort ord
No
No
No and there needs to be direct access from Seahaven neighborhood that is really the only access that matters
Near VA on 9th, near Sanctuary
I guess not. Lake Ct, Marina State Beach, and Fort Ord are the 3 I knew of
yes
Yes - I think so
Yes.
No.
The two above + reservation road and divarty street
I know 2 access points
Reservation Road and Ford Ord Dunes State park.

No
Fort Ord Dunes State Park, Reservation Rd, Sanctuary beach, Marina State Park
Dunes Drive, state beach parking lot, Ft Ord Dunes State park
no
I think
No
Marina Beach SP,
IDK
No
I know of 2
No

**Question 18:** If you are a resident of Marina, do you visit Marina’s beaches or do you go elsewhere to visit the beach? If you live in Marina but go elsewhere to visit the coast/beach, what is the reason you prefer another beach?

Si es residente de Marina, ¿visita las playas de Marina o va a otro lugar para visitar la playa? Si vive en Marina pero va a otro lugar para visitar la costa/playa, ¿cuál es la razón por la que prefiere otra playa?

마리나 주민이라면 마리나 해변을 방문하시나요, 아니면 해변을 방문하기 위해 다른 곳으로 가시나요? 마리나에 거주하지만 해안/해변을 방문하기 위해 다른 곳으로 간다면, 다른 해변을 선호하는 이유는 무엇입니까?

**Responses:**

I don't know too much of marina beaches. So I end up going to Monterey.
Honestly, we usually go elsewhere. Carmel River Beach, Asilomar, or PG
Pebble Beach, = beauty, Carmel Beach, = dog walking, Asilomar = beauty
I am a resident and go to Marina Beach
N/A
Typically asilomar or Carmel beach or Carmel river beach. Sand is better, water is calmer, tide pools and rocks at asilomar, bathrooms at both Carmel beaches, alcohol allowed at Carmel beach
Better trails and paths, walking for our dogs . we often go to Del Monte, Asilomar, and Carmel
Monterey, ease of access and more parking.
I enjoy going to our Marina beaches.

I often go to Asilomar because of the boardwalk. I go to Carmel River State Beach for the easy access and the lagoon for birding. I go to Ribera Rd beach access in Carmel for the trails.
Mostly MSB but I will take family and friends to other beaches. Limited parking and steep access to the water.
because other beaches allow dogs
Pretty much just use the Marina State Beach.
Yes, I visit Marina beaches, I like other beaches because of convenience to exit from beach way.
Primarily Marina but Asilomar, as well
Yes, Marina Beach
Mostly we go to Marina beaches because they are close. Sometimes we go to other areas like Carmel River State Beach because wave action is less intense and it's safer for kids. Sometimes we go other places for variety
I go to beaches that are warmer and don't have wind and fog.
We go to Del Monte Beach. It flat and walkable.
I mostly visit the beach in Marina.
I visit Fort Ord Dunes State Beach nearly every day
Almost always Marina beaches. If elsewhere cuz a friend wants to do eat/drink at Beachside restaurant
We go to the beach often in Marina -Lunch -Sunset, we visit Lovers' to surf
Marina 1st, Various others on occasional usage
I go to casa verde beach more because accessible.
I am not a resident of Marina. My husband lived in Marina for several years and when I moved here we moved to Monterey. We still occasionally go to the Reservation Road/Dunes Drive access point and that was his favorite when we lived nearby. Our favorite beach is usually the one that is closest to us at a given time.
Both
I will go to Carmel Beach because it's easier to walk and see the water. Parking is difficult there, though.
Long sand trails are needed to access beach which reduces use
Sometimes elsewhere...harder to walk at Marina Beach for me, colder, and worse restrooms.
here mainly
Carmel Beach, Carmel River State Beach, Del Monte Beach, Asilomar. Marina beaches can be a bit more challenging to access due to the dunes, long access trails and sand is soft and not conducive to taking long walks, more for lounging, picnics, and fishing.
Access for dog walks. More parking.
Del Monte Beach has safer currents for when I go in the water
We use dog friendly beaches in Monterey and Carmel
Marina beaches also Salinas River, Zmudowski
Easier access, dog friendlier areas
Warmer and less wind and fog



I love all the local beaches. Sometimes I go other beaches as easier beach access. More sea glass in Monterey.
Only when I want to walk my dog on the beach
I go to the beach off Reservation or Lake Drive 2 times a week.
Regularly visit my marina beaches to walk and sit on sand, but also go to casa verde beach and lovers point for kids to play in the water, and to Carmel beach to see lots of people
different birds, different coasts, tidepooling requires rocks & algae, variety
I really don't care for the beach as far as 'visiting'...too much sand, not enough shade. I live about 1/4 mile from the beach and totally enjoy the fresh air and the fog!
More accessible with kids and older family members. Access to restrooms is easier
Change of scenery
visit Marina Beach
We love our local beach.
Depends on the weather - I alternate between Marina State Beach and Carmel or Carmel River Beach
n/a
I visit Marina's beaches.
Accessibility
I visit Marina Beach and other beaches. I follow the weather and unfortunately, Marina is usually cooler than other beaches.
Not a resident
Visit Marina beaches 4-5 times/week. Monterey wharf & lovers point 1/month. Travel to Pismo beach 1/quarter. Rarely visit (keep it) weird Santa Cruz .
I don't live in Marina
I like to go to Carmel beach.
Mostly just Marina
Elsewhere frequented by more people
Sometimes seaside,
I go to Marina beaches
Yes
I enjoy variety of coastal views
Go to Casa Verde because it's easy walking access to beach, bathrooms, and parking.
Very seldomly go to Marina beaches. Typically go in Monterey where its more accessible, ample parking, allow dogs, more lively, have facilities and a hotel for food/beverage
Have been to Marina State Beach and Fort Ord Dunes. Like to go to Carmel Beach because it's dog friendly.
Marina beaches or Carmel Beach
I often visit Marina's beaches. But access for some seniors and disabled folks is rough at best. I do go to other beaches at times that offer better access and recreational opportunities and facilities.

No parking available go to seaside by hotel
I visit our beach but prefer the access of the beach in Seaside but the treatment plant because you can walk right onto it. Our beach access is steeper.
access, parking, walkability
I go to Marina State Beach daily
Dog friendly, easy access to beach, beautiful sights, clean, safety.
Dog friendly
I live in Marina and visit the beach here. The only other beach I've walked/used would be around the Monterey Wharf.
50% Marina (mostly Dunes State Park), 50% Monterey for easier access, better swimming, better restrooms
Marina, Monterey and PG
Almost always go to Monterey, Pacific Grove or Asilomar due to poor access to beaches in Marina and not suitable for children
I'm a resident of Marina, but I don't frequent its beaches. I prefer Asilomar and Pacific Grove as I used to live there. I feel the Marina beaches are too remote. I had a bad experience many years ago that made me wary of ever going alone again. I also think beach access and parking lots could be improved.
Easier access to the beach. More parking.
I live in Marina and go elsewhere. Because Carmel beach has nice sand and it's better
If I'm with spouse we prefer Pacific Grove/Lover's pt. Because of better trails closer to water. Too hard to get to shore in Marina and fear of high tides.
Both. Go to Carmel beach often for the beach volleyball and other beaches for a change of scenery/better weather.
If we actually want to go to the beach we go elsewhere because access is quite difficult if you have any physical limitations
Both.
Both. No.
I go to Carmel for the leash-less dog beach.
Monterey beach has less waves so I prefer to go there, it is also easier to access
I sometimes go to Lovers Point in Monterey / Pebble Beach
Elsewhere. Enough parking space availability, no hiking to the beach, easy access, access to snacks, drinks, ice cream etc.
Yes. Easier access
Both. We go almost daily to Fort Ord Dunes. We go frequently to Reservation Rd Beach, And occasionally to Sanctuary Beach and Marina Dunes. But we also frequently go to the rec trail in Monterey, PG, Asilomar.
I sometimes go to PG or Carmel because they are cleaner, feel safer and better parking
warmer temperature, more sun
Both
We visit both for variety.
not a resident

Go to Monterey - allows dogs, more people walking on the beach so I feel safer
Less windy in pacific grove beach and more trees/shades along the trail, also more business along the coast in other area
Visit both Marina and other beaches in the area, for variety
I live in Marina and visit lovers point in pacific grove because the waves are small child friendly, there are easily accessible bathrooms and a park walking distance from the beach

**Question 19:** Do you have anything else you'd like to share about coastal access in Marina?

¿Tiene algo más que le gustaría compartir sobre el acceso costero en Marina?

마리나의 해안 접근에 관해 공유하고 싶은 다른 내용이 있나요?

**Responses:**

It would be nice to have a little snack hut in one our marina beaches
Probably more naturalist information about the features of our unique coastline, picnic benches, parking and facilities would encourage me to visit more-although I only knew about 2 of the 4 access points in Marina...
Free parking is perfect, don't change it.
Please do not develop it or allow any more campgrounds
Most of the access is very far from the shore and the trails are not improved or easily accessible.
Lots of opportunity, highly suggest building parks with play structures - could have multiple of them. Advertise community events. Allow food vendors like lovers point grill. Plenty of benches and walkways like asilomar.
We need to take better care of our beaches and make them more accessible to residents and tourists.
No
Easy access to beach
Our beach access and our beaches are not promoted as an economic benefit to our community in bringing tourism to Marina. Need a visitor serving kiosk somewhere in Marina that provides info about our beaches and Fort Ord National Monument.
Access should be improved. Stair cases, boardwalk, etc
allow dogs
No
No
Please don't let it get commercialized
No, and it is nice that there are no Dogs on the Beach,
I love having coastal access! Invasive ice plant removal is needed in many areas to protect sensitive habitat!
no

Love that it's clean. Love the no pets allowed. Love the sunsets. Love the rugged . Just so hard to access. The parking and no paths or trails.
I'm concerned about being able to safely access the beach from Del Monte Ave after the Surf Busway is built. I usually walk along the coastal trail from Del Monte, then cross the train tracks to access the path to the beach.
Please DON'T ruin the coast with an unnecessary surf bus lane
I love our beautiful coast!
Make access friendly
No
Individual filling out survey did not complete this question.
We are very lucky to have great coastal access that is maintained well! Thank you.
Our city staff and city council should be aggressively protective of our coasts. Many of the cities to the south have stopped certain developments because they would ruin their coasts or blight the natural views. I have not seen that same level of protectionism in Marina.
Please preserve our dunes by using boardwalks.
Paved pathways (simple) would help improve access. Also, safe and free parking
No
no
The beaches and water are beautiful, but challenging to access compared to other local beaches.
Please, please protect open coast. Limit bus /transit access/ plan
nm
NA
I strongly feel that we should have access for people with disabilities
No
More beach activities and events
No
The pathways are difficult to traverse
Keep it wild and clean, have more trash cans near parking areas, and organize cleanup days. Make access convenient, and put signs showing access roads.
I love that our coastline is not developed, and that our values as a community are to protect our natural resources.
Make beach access maps/signs more accessible. on the website, signs on roads, Facebook page, etc
the nuclear missile launches would be cool...
No
I like that it is low key. If you want more services, there are plenty of choices available nearby.
no

Wild and undeveloped beaches are becoming more and more rare along the Central California Coast which threatens rare and sensitive species and habitats. We have a rare opportunity to preserve it, be thoughtful stewards of it on into the future, and leave a lasting legacy for generations.

It is natural and I love it

Glad you all are putting some thought into this!

Don't mess it up.

No

Again, I believe State Parks is who has jurisdiction over this area. But because the city is showing interest in improving the coastal area of Marina, I hope you all share the information you all are collecting and collaborate in the efforts to improve our coastal area. Marina is rapidly growing, but the city has been looking tired for several decades. I'm glad that the City is looking to improve our community as I strongly believe we are quickly becoming the coastal town to live in.

No

It a gem and I like it! So much potential if city council wants to explore it.

No

NA/

Marina is beautiful.

Keep it pristine

Keep it clean, keep it natural. Thank you!

The Fort ord beach access is difficult to navigate even as someone in their mid 20's. It isn't impossible but it would be nice to have a path that isn't half washed away.

No

No

No

No

No

None

Finding the right balance of public access and privacy is key.

No

No

Marina needs to provide significant control and guidance to ensure our beaches remain clean, safe, and welcoming to wildlife which is what makes our beaches more special than many others.

Need to keep them clean after the holidays...tourists come and leave all their garbage everywhere

n/a

Stairs in hard to access areas

I'm grateful to the city for being mindful about beach access, and hiking and biking trails. I would like to see some kind of a map that shows where all of the hiking/biking trails are within the city limits (besides the existing Ft. Ord footprint trail map).

I greatly appreciate how special our coastline is and how well it has been maintained.

no
na
No
Allow business activity like coffee places, restaurants, etc.
Make it nice like Carmel beach the nice homes in Seahaven pay WAY too much in property tax and have nice homes that deserve a much nicer Marina coastline without homeless and druggies and junkies
Need safer, less steep access for those with disabilities or joint issues.
No
I look forward to better access for ALL to the beach.
No
No.
No
No
More costal access information would be helpful
Parking needs to be improved. There are not enough parking spaces close to the beach.
Not at this time
Marina beaches are enjoyable because of their more natural state. I worry that making them more accessible will result in the habitat destruction you see along the coast at PG which is supposed to be a preserve but people show up with tents, kegs and tons of plastic. We already pick up tash daily at Fort Ord Dunes State Park, especially following a weekend of tourists. It's hard to balance accessibility with preservation. Besides the trash, it is concerning to see so many people wandering off trail in snowy plover habitat and of course many with dogs off leash. I think more accessibility requires more supervision by rangers or naturalists. Good luck!!
More trails and parking would be nice. Ada access. Cleaner and patrolled.
no
No
No
no
No
Cool business along the coast would be fun, fine dining, brunch place, coffee shop etc.i think the such business will allow people enjoy the view and nit exposed to string wind.
It is important to have multiple access points to the beaches
No