



Joseph J. Albanese Inc. Awarded U.S. Federal Government Contract to Serve as the Prime Contractor for Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail

Groundbreaking held June 20, 2024

SANTA CLARA, Calif., June 26, 2024 — Joseph J. Albanese Inc., a leading general engineering contractor based in Northern California, is extremely proud to announce that it has been awarded the contract by the U.S. Federal Government to build a 7.5-mile trail segment of the [Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail](#). This 50-mile bicycle and pedestrian pathway along the coast of the Monterey Bay provides safe, convenient access to connect local neighborhoods with State Parks and local beaches. A well-attended groundbreaking ceremony was held at Wilder State Park on June 20, 2024.

“We are proud to have been awarded this contract for a trail that connects the community with this incredibly beautiful natural environment,” said Phillip J. Albanese, CEO of Joseph J. Albanese Inc. “We are thrilled to be part of providing safe access to the coastline for all who come to enjoy it.”

This 7.5-mile trail segment runs along the North Coast of Santa Cruz County adjacent to Wilder Ranch and Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument. This project spans from Wilder Ranch to the town of Davenport and includes improved access to parking lots at Bonny Doon Beach as well as a pedestrian crossing in Davenport.

“The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail is truly an amazing project,” said Melinda Berge, Senior Project Manager at Joseph J. Albanese Inc. “The coastline is one of the most beautiful parts of our community, and this project gives it the safe access it deserves.”

The Trail Networks system's "spine" will be the Coastal Rail Trail, a bicycle and pedestrian trail within the 32-mile Santa Cruz Branch Rail right-of-way, adjacent to the railroad tracks. The Coastal Rail Trail will serve transportation, recreation and interpretive uses for walkers, joggers and bicyclists as well as individuals with mobility impairments and their families. The rail right-of-way passes within one mile of half of the County's population and will provide access to 44 schools and 92 parks ([see map](#)). The Coastal Rail Trail will coexist with existing and future train service and abide by conditions set forth as part of the rail purchase.

About Joseph J. Albanese Inc.

Founded in 1955 by Joseph J. Albanese, Joseph J. Albanese Inc. is a family-owned-and-operated construction company that has been led by three generations of the Albanese family. The company's mission is to foster an environment of opportunity and growth for its team while deliberately leveraging the organization's experience to provide value to all project stakeholders on every job.

Focused on its core values of safety, people, quality and truth, the company has won numerous awards from Engineering News-Record (ENR), American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC), The Silicon Valley Business Journal and The San Francisco Business Times, including being named among the Best Places to Work in the Bay Area (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024), Top Family-Owned Businesses in the Bay Area (2019, 2022, 2021 and 2022) and Top Privately Held Businesses for the last 10 years. Based in Santa Clara, Calif., the company has regional offices in Idaho and Montana.

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