

# APPENDIX F

## **Glossary of Terms and Acronyms**

**Mendocino County Rail-with-Trail Corridor Plan**

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## Glossary

**AASHTO** – American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials

**Accessible route** – In the ADA, a continuous route that is accessible to persons with disabilities.

**ADA** – Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; broad legislation mandating provision of access to employment, services, and the built environment to those with disabilities.

**ADAAG** – American Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines

**AGODA** – Draft Final Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas of 2009

**Bicycle facility** – A general term denoting improvements and provisions made by public agencies to accommodate or encourage bicycling, including parking facilities, maps, and all bikeways.

**Bikeway** – Generic term for any of several classifications of bicycle transportation facilities; includes bike paths, bike lanes and bike routes.

**BTA** – Bicycle Transportation Account

**Caltrans** – California Department of Transportation

**CAMUTCD** – California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

**CDB** – Community Development Block Grants

**CEQA** – California Environmental Quality Act

**DFG** – Department of Fish and Game

**DOT** – Department of Transportation

**EIR** – Environmental Impact Report

**FHWA** – Federal Highway Administration

**FRA** – Federal Railroad Administration

**IMBA** – International Mountain Biking Association

**ITE** – Institute of Transportation Engineers

**JMA** – Joint Management Agreement

**MOU** – Memoranda of Understanding

**MUTCD** – Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, a publication of the Federal Highway Administration that establishes a national standard for traffic control.

**NBDP** – National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project

**NCRA** – North Coast Railroad Authority

**NWP** – Northwestern Pacific Railroad

**O&M** – Operations and Maintenance

**Paved trail** – Paved surface, multi-use pathways.. Paved trails are proposed to meet the dimensional, geometric, and functional standards set forth by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD).

**Pavement markings** – Painted or applied line(s) or legend placed on any travel surface for regulating, guiding, or warning traffic.

**PUC** – Public Utilities Commission

**Rail trail** – A trail within a railroad right-of-way, encompassing either rail-to-trail or rail-with-trail.

**Rail-to-trail** – The conversion of abandoned railroad rights-of-way to non-motorized trails. Such trails may be public or private; free or requiring a user fee.

**Rail-with-trail** – Trail adjacent to, or within, an active railroad corridor.

**Right-of-way** – An easement held by a public agency over land owned by the adjacent property owners that allows the agency to exercise control over the surface and above and below the ground of the right-of-way.

**ROW** – See “Right-of-way.”

**RTP** – Regional Transportation Plan or Recreational Trails Program

**RTPA** – Regional Transportation Planning Agency

**RWT** – Rail with Trail

**SAFETEA-LU** – Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

**Segment** – A part or section of a trail.

**Shy distance** – A space along side or above a facility to any fixed object (trees, limbs, poles, signs, beams, walls, fences, guard rails or drop-off). Also referred to as horizontal or vertical clearance.

**Sight distance** – A measurement of the user's visibility, unobstructed by objects, along the normal travel path to the furthest point of a road or travel path's surface.

**SR** – State Route

**Stopping sight distance** – The total distance traveled from the instant a vehicle operator sights an object to the time the vehicle comes to rest. Perception time plus reaction time and braking distances equal stopping sight distance.

**Study area** – Defined area addressed by the analysis in a plan or study.

**Volunteer trail** – A trail that is locally used but not planned or approved by a jurisdiction or property owner.

**VTS** – Volunteer Trail Steward