



THE BAY TRAIL IN RICHMOND

MID YEAR 2018 REPORT

This 19th Mid Year Report by TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, summarizes recent progress toward closing gaps in the planned San Francisco Bay Trail route and improving existing sections of the Trail in Richmond. The City now has 34 miles of Bay Trail, representing almost 10% of the existing 355 miles of this planned 500-mile walking and cycling path encircling San Francisco and San Pablo Bays.

Despite having more Bay Trail completed than any other city in the nine-county Bay Area, over eight miles of gaps remain. Most of the unbuilt trail is between Point Richmond and the Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor as shown on the map last page of this report. Successful passage of State Proposition 68 and Regional Measure 3 in the June election should help fund this work.

Ferry to Bridge Trail Upgrades

TRAC is working with the City of Richmond, Bike East Bay and the private sector to develop safe, welcoming and community-supported bicycling and walking connections with the new Richmond-San Francisco Ferry Terminal scheduled to open this Fall and Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Bay Trail to open next Spring. This is the objective of a \$276,000 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant recently awarded to the City by Caltrans on the basis of an application prepared by TRAC. The plan will include closure of critical gaps in the Bay Trail and connecting the western end of the Richmond Greenway to the Bay Trail. It also will provide safe pedestrian and cycling linkages with neighborhoods, schools, employment, recreational and cultural sites. This planning project is scheduled to launch with hiring of a consultant team in October followed by public outreach measures to ensure that all segments of the community will be engaged.



Meanwhile, projects are underway to improve existing sections of Bay Trail. The Contra Costa Transportation Authority installed major pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements to the spine Bay Trail crossings of Central Ave. and Rydin Road. Similar improvements will be made at the intersection of Marina Way South and Wright Ave. as part of the NOMA residential project, which also will provide buffered bike lanes on each side of Marina Way South. Harbour Way

South will get a separated two-way bikeway this year between Hoffman Blvd. and Hall Ave. as part of Industrial Properties Trust's light industrial building project and the Lumber Baron's new mill, showroom and office complex.

Point Molate and the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge



Construction is underway on two major Bay Trail gap closure projects as part of the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) [RSR Bridge Access Improvement Project](#). The Point Molate Bay Trail section between Castro Street and Stenmark Drive is scheduled to open in September. The Bay Trail across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is

scheduled for completion March 2019. The latter project involves converting the Bridge's top deck shoulder into a barrier-separated, ten-foot wide, bidirectional Bay Trail for use by pedestrians and cyclists traveling between the East Bay and North Bay with access via BART, SMART, ferry and bus services.

Heading North From Point Pinole

Scheduled for completion this year is a mile of new Bay Trail running north from the eastern side of East Bay Regional Park District's Atlas Rd. bridge. LDK Ventures has built 0.5 miles as part of their Bay Area Logistics Center now under construction to link with a 0.15-mile section built by EBRPD. One Corp LLC will extend this trail northward another 0.35 mile by year end as part of Pinole Point Business Park Phase III.

Charismatic Birds Enliven the Bay Trail

The City Council adopted a resolution designating the [Osprey](#) as the official bird of Richmond. The 15 active nests along the shoreline this year promise to fledge many more than last year's record of 23 young birds. A pair named Richmond and Rosie have been rock stars as viewed on Golden Gate Audubon's [HD webcams](#) while raising nestlings on top of the Whirley Crane next to the *SS Red Oak Victory*. Richmond's shoreline is a birding hot spot, including rare Bay Area sitings this year of White-faced Ibis, Red-necked Phalarope and Long-tailed Ducks.



Thank you for supporting completion of the Bay Trail in Richmond. Please share this report with your friends and neighbors, encouraging them to join the Richmond Bay Trail Network at no cost by e-mailing tracbaytrail@earthlink.net. For maps, a calendar of events and other information about the Bay Trail in Richmond, visit <http://pointrichmond.com/baytrail/>. Please follow us on Instagram @tracbaytrail and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TrailsforRichmond/>



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SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL PROJECT

Richmond

Bay Trail

- Complete
- Incomplete

Connector trails

- Complete
- Incomplete

P Parking

Parks/Open Space

Water Bodies

