

NEW YEAR REPORT

This report was issued in January 2009 by TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee. TRAC's mission is to "Complete the San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond ..."

Richmond has 25 miles of San Francisco Bay Trail completed -- more than any other city on this planned 500-mile hiking and biking trail encircling San Francisco and San Pablo Bays.

Richmond's Bay Trail now links City, Regional, State and National shoreline parks -- Point Isabel Regional Shoreline, Eastshore State Park, four Marina Bay parks, Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park and Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline, as well as the Richmond Greenway and Wildcat Creek Regional Trail. It also connects neighborhoods with the shoreline and with each other, including Richmond Annex, Marina Bay, Point Richmond, Atchison Village, Iron Triangle and North Richmond.

Ceremonies in 2008 celebrated opening of the City's Boat Ramp Street shoreline access on Cutting Blvd., as well as the Bay Trail segment at the Trainmaster's building plaza in Point Richmond.

The following major advances were made in 2008 toward completing the Bay Trail in Richmond:

- **Port of Richmond received \$639,000 in grants and prepared construction documents for Shipyard 3 Bay Trail from Canal Blvd. to Point Potrero**
- **Auto Warehousing Co. agreed to incorporate Bay Trail improvements in Honda Port of Entry Project.**
- **East Bay Regional Park District prepared construction documents for trail from Wildcat Creek to San Pablo Creek & West County Landfill loop trail.**
- **Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency prepared construction documents for bike lanes on Hall Av. & Harbour Way South from Hall Av. to Hoffman Blvd.**
- **Bottoms Family Trust conveyed shoreline easement to City for trail linking Brickyard Cove Rd. to Point Potrero Marine Terminal**
- **Chevron agreed to convey easement to City for trail connecting Point Richmond with existing trail under Richmond/San Rafael Bridge.**
- **Point Richmond Gateway Foundation received \$17,600 grant to extend trail toward Point Richmond Historic District core.**

TRAC expects prior groundwork will result in construction of five to six miles of new Bay Trail in 2009! This will be a huge chunk of the 16 miles of San Francisco Bay Trail gaps remaining in Richmond. The attached map shows trail to be completed in 2009 and also describes planning and design priorities. The major challenges remaining are to connect Point Pinole Regional Shoreline and the Point San Pablo Peninsula with the 25 miles of Bay Trail already completed in Richmond.

TRAC appreciates your continuing support.

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