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Richmond Bay Trail Mid Year 2009 Report



RICHMOND STANDS OUT FOR HAVING 26 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.

The mile of new trail already built this year is a keystone in creating 15 miles of continuous Bay Trail connecting Golden Gate Fields in Albany with Point Richmond and the Ferry Point Loop encircling Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline.

An additional 3.5 miles should be completed by year end unless budget constraints prevent the State of California from meeting its grant obligations.

This will leave about 11.5 miles for completion of the Bay Trail in Richmond.

Major accomplishments during the first half of 2009

- One mile of new Bay Trail built;
- Construction documents prepared on another 3.5 miles of new trail;
- Ferry Point Loop trail guide designed and printed; and
- \$300,000 grant awarded to close gaps between Ferry Point and Shipyard 3 Bay Trail.

Bay Trail Gaps Closed on Southern Shoreline

A milestone was reached when the Richmond Community Re-development Agency (CRA) and Orton Development, Inc. closed the last Bay Trail gaps between Albany, Point Richmond and Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline.

The CRA installed bike lanes on Harbour Way South between Wright and Hall Avenues, as well as on Hall Avenue leading to the Harbor Master's office. Orton completed the Bay Trail along the Craneway frontage at Ford Point linking Lucretia Edwards Park with Harbour Way South.

Bay Trail Guides Updated & Completed

Richmond's Parks and Landscape Department installed dispenser boxes throughout Marina Bay and funded an update and new printing of the Marina Bay Trail Guide. A new trail guide was designed for the Ferry Point Loop by Jan Brown of Spoke-wise working with TRAC's Interpretive Subcommittee thanks to funding by the National Park Service, the Richmond Conven-



Craneway of Ford Building

tion and Visitors Bureau and Point Richmond Business Association. East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) generously funded printing of the new guide which includes Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline and the Shipyard 3 Bay Trail to be built later this year.

Gaps Between Ferry Point and Shipyard 3 Bay Trail

The City of Richmond was awarded \$300,000 from EBRPD Measure WW funds for design and construction work to close two Bay Trail gaps between Ferry Point and the new Shipyard 3 Bay Trail. These projects require about \$250,000 of additional funding for completion.





Kaiser Shipyard 3 Trail

The Port of Richmond completed construction documents and is ready to advertise for bids to build a new Bay Trail segment out Canal Blvd. from Seacliff Drive and around Point Potrero Marine Terminal to the whirley crane and SS Red Oak Victory.

Point Potrero is the site of historic Kaiser Shipyard 3 in the Rosie The Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park. Funding is in place to build most of this trail and its interpretive exhibits from competitive grants awarded. The trail staging area and portions of the 2.4 mile trail will be built as part of the Honda Port of Entry Project.

Wildcat Creek to San Pablo Creek Trail

EBRPD completed construction documents and is ready to advertise for bids to build a 1.1 mile stretch of Bay Trail connecting the Wildcat Creek Regional Trail staging area with San Pablo Creek and the West County Landfill Bay Trail. This trail will be built with funding from Measure CC and grants.

New Atlas Road Entry to Point Pinole Regional Shoreline

EBRPD retained a contractor to prepare bid documents and permit applications for building a bridge over the UP rail tracks for an additional entry to Point Pinole Regional Shoreline. This will improve access from Hilltop residential areas by providing a new park entry from the existing Class I Bay Trail along Atlas Road.

Bay Trail Linkage With Point Molate

Efforts continued toward closing the dangerous gap in the Bay Trail on the south side of I-580 between Tewksbury Ave. and the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge toll plaza



where an existing trail goes under the bridge toward Point Molate. The City of Richmond evaluated responses to its request for proposal to prepare needed studies and construction documents, and the City Council will be asked to approve a contract for proceeding with the work at a cost of about \$1.6 million.

TRAC filed a lawsuit with co-plaintiffs Citizens for Eastshore Parks and Daniel Doellstedt challenging the State Lands Commission's failure to require Bay Trail mitigation before awarding Chevron a new 30-year lease for continued operation of Long Wharf. The cost of designing and building this trail segment is expected to reach \$16 million.

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 and other information about the Bay Trail in Richmond, please visit <http://pointrichmond.com/baytrail/>.



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