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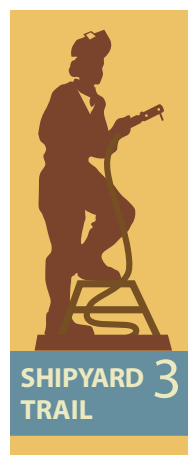


This 14th New Year Report by TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, highlights 2012 achievements and describes plans for completing the San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond. Starting in January 2000, these reports centered on a map showing the 30 miles of Bay Trail to be built. This report presents a new format because the 10.8 miles of gaps remaining are focused in only three areas, i.e. the Ferry Point Loop, Point Pinole Regional Shoreline and between the Plunge & Point San Pablo. Richmond now has more than 31 miles of Bay Trail in place -- exceeding all other cities on this planned 500-mile hiking and biking route encircling San Francisco and San Pablo Bays.

2012 was marked locally by solid progress across all phases of work required to close gaps. This included obtaining trail easements, planning alignments, preparing environmental impact reports, designing trail sections, building new trails and celebrating their completion. Last but not least, \$2,074,000 in new funding was obtained to conduct the above work.

### 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Trails Completed 2012



##### Shipyards 3 Trail:

The Port of Richmond finished the 2.0-mile Shipyards 3 Trail as part of the Honda Port of Entry Project. Leading to the SS Red Oak Victory in Point Potrero Marine Terminal, this trail has been in the works for more than a decade in cooperation with the Bay Trail Project, the National Park Service and TRAC. Most of the funding was provided by \$857,000 in grants secured by TRAC.

Historic Kaiser Shipyards 3 is a centerpiece of Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park featuring a complex of WW II ship building facilities. The Shipyards 3 Trail includes engaging sculptural exhibits interpreting the role of Richmond's shipyards during WWII, a spectacular hillside overlook and viewing platforms flanking historic ship basins.

Wildcat Marsh Trail: East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) celebrated completion of the Wildcat Marsh Trail connecting the Landfill Loop Trail with the Bay Trail along the Richmond Parkway via Wildcat Creek Regional Trail. This was made possible by West County Wastewater District providing land for the trail built with EBRPD Measure CC & State Proposition 84 funds.

## Planning & Permitting 2012

**Point Pinole Southern Connection:** EBRPD advanced its Marsh Restoration & Public Access Project on the former Breuner property south of Point Pinole Regional Shoreline (PPRS). A key element of the project is the 1.5-mile Bay Trail connection between Goodrick Ave. and the Bay View Trail in PPRS. The project's Environmental Impact Report was completed, and Richmond's Questa Engineering was selected to prepare information for regulatory approvals and bid-ready construction design.



EBRPD is assembling grant funds to supplement \$1.975 million in Measure CC and WW funds for completion of this expected \$8 million project in stages during the 2013 - 2015 period.

**Plunge to Richmond/San Rafael Bridge:** The 5.5-mile spur trail running from the Plunge through the Point Richmond Historic District to Point Molate and around Point San Pablo to the Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor represents more than half of Richmond's uncompleted Bay Trail. The keystone for closing this gap is a planned one-mile section linking the bus stop at Castro St. & Tewksbury Ave. with the existing trail under the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. Currently there is no pedestrian access to Point Molate, and the bicycle-only route along the freeway shoulders and exit ramps is dangerous. This Bay Trail connection will provide safe, convenient and inviting bicycle and pedestrian access to Point Molate and Point San Pablo.

The project is ready to move ahead with environmental review and final design through Caltrans' project approval process with assistance by Questa Engineering under contract to the City's Engineering Services Dept.. The City Council approved the local consensus trail alignment, and Contra Costa Transportation Authority awarded a \$200,000 Measure J grant to reimburse Caltrans for its participation.



Conceptual Design of Bay Trail Flyover SE of Bridge Toll Plaza

**Richmond/San Rafael Bridge to Pt. San Pablo:** Chevron has committed to provide trail easements to EBRPD over shoreline lands between I-580 and Pt. Molate Beach, as well as between the City's Point Molate and Point San Pablo properties.

EBRPD's Board of Directors awarded a \$45,000 contract with Richmond's Nichols Consulting Engineers to develop a preferred alignment and legal description for this 1.6-mile trail easement.

## Construction Design 2012

**Ferry Point Loop:** This 4.4-mile trail encircling Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline is one of the most scenic and historic recreational sections of the San Francisco Bay Trail. The City of Richmond's Engineering Services Dept. is finalizing design documents in preparation for bid advertisement to [close three gaps](#) totaling 0.83 miles on the Ferry Point Loop.

The section between Shipyard 3 Trail and Brickyard Cove Rd will open up 0.27 mile of new shoreline. A second section will connect Dornan Drive with the trail now ending at the western end of Brickyard Landing. The third section will provide a safe connection between the Ferry Point tunnel and Cutting Blvd.

The main sources of funding for this \$1+ million project are an EBRPD Measure WW Local Grant, State Proposition 84 Bay Trail grant and Cosco Busan oil spill settlement funds allocated to the City of Richmond for damages to shoreline recreation.

## Construction 2012

**Point Pinole Eastern Connection:** EBRPD designed a new Bay Trail entrance for Point Pinole Regional Shoreline from the end of Atlas Rd. and built a ramp for the western end of a new bridge to be constructed over UP railroad tracks.

## 2013 PRIORITIES

### City of Richmond:

1. closing three gaps in the Ferry Point Loop.
2. obtaining approvals and completing construction design for trail between Castro St. and existing trail under the bridge.
3. including Bay Trail improvements in plans for ferry terminal.
4. planning Bay Trail from Richmond Parkway to EBRPD's new Point Pinole Bay Trail at end of Goodrick Ave.

### EBRPD:

1. begin building Atlas Road bridge for completion in 2014.
2. obtaining approvals and completing construction design for trail connecting Goodrick Ave. with Point Pinole.
3. executing San Pablo Peninsula trail easements with Chevron.

### Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory:

1. incorporating new Bay Trail entries at ends of S. 32nd and S. 46th Streets in plans for Richmond Bay Campus.

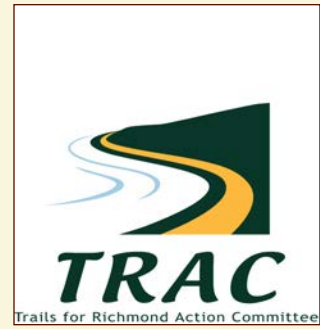


## Kudos In The News!

Richmond's Bay Trail accomplishments and attractions were featured in articles published by the Contra Costa Times, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco Examiner and Richmond Confidential. The California Coastal Conservancy's report "Celebrating 15 Years" of its Bay Area Conservancy Program lauded Richmond's Bay Trail in stating:



"The City of Richmond boasts over 31 miles of Bay Trail – the most of any city along the planned 500-mile San Francisco Bay Trail route. Portions of Richmond's formerly industrial shoreline are now spectacular places to walk, run, ride a bike, launch a kayak or birdwatch."



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