



BAY TRAIL RICHMOND

MID YEAR 2024 REPORT



This Mid Year report by TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, celebrates TRAC's 25th anniversary and summarizes San Francisco Bay Trail progress in the City of Richmond (City). The City has 36 miles of Bay Trail completed, representing about 10% of the existing 355 miles of the planned 500-mile walking, jogging and cycling route encircling San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. Nevertheless, six miles of gaps remain in Richmond as shown on the report's last page map.

TRAC CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

TRAC was formed July 1999 with the Mission to:

- 1. Complete the San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond, assuring that it is linked to public parks and population centers and maintained in perpetuity and*
- 2. Promote use and enjoyment of the Bay Trail by all who live and work in Richmond and as a visitor attraction to showcase the City of Richmond's shoreline.*

[CLICK HERE](#) for a 25-year timeline of rolling out the Bay Trail in Richmond. The completed Bay Trail in Richmond tripled from 12 miles in 1999 to 36 miles today as a result of partnerships with the City, East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), the private sector and many other government agencies.

TRAC prepared grant applications bringing over \$12 million to the City of Richmond for planning, designing and building new sections of Bay Trail. The private sector built over five miles of Bay Trail and contributed over \$400,000 toward Bay Trail projects. TRAC produced three trail guides and over 50 interpretive and wayfinding signs installed along the Bay Trail. Only six more miles of trail to go!



POINT MOLATE BAY TRAIL OUT FOR BIDS!

EBRPD advertised for bids on June 7 to build 2.3 miles of Bay Trail along the shoreline north from the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge past Point Molate Beach Park to the Winehaven Historic District in partnership with the City of Richmond. Bids will be opened on July 11 for this estimated \$ 9.8 million project to be funded by the City and EBRPD. When completed in 2025, the trail will open up a scenic, historic stretch of San Francisco Bay shoreline where there is no public access other than at Point Molate Beach Park.

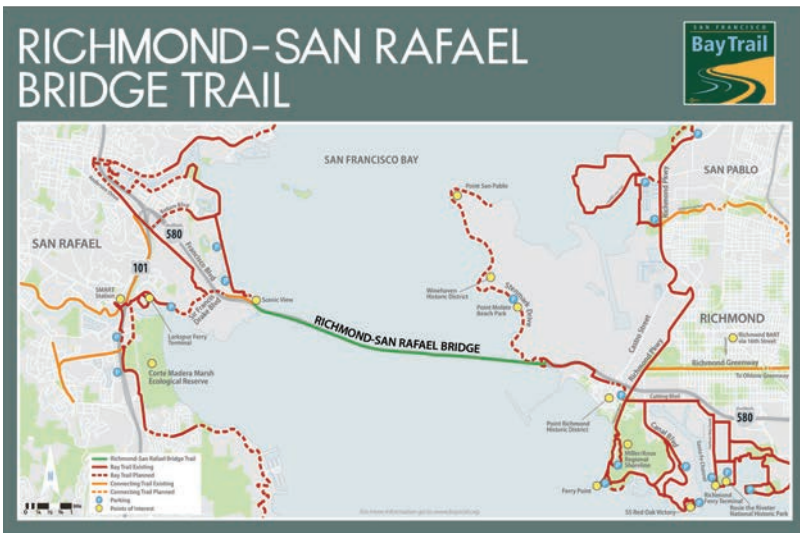
RICHMOND-SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE TRAIL

Bicyclists and pedestrians have enjoyed over 392,000 trips across the [Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail](#) since it opened in November 2109 as a four-year pilot project by Caltrans and the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA). Bicyclist usage is the highest of BATA's six State-owned toll bridges, including the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge multi-use Bay Trail. Caltrans filed a request to amend their Bay Conservation &

“There is an inherent legacy in trails – one that honors the past, enriches the present and provides a gift to the future.”

– Keith Laughlin, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy





Nevertheless, Caltrans and BATA plan to ask BCDC to allow closure of the trail four days/week and revert to its use as an automobile breakdown lane,. The proposal has provoked an unprecedented wave of opposition, including a:

- [letter signed by 70 local, regional and national organizations](#)
- resolution of the Richmond City Council and
- resolution of the San Francisco Bay Trail Project Board of Directors.

Development Commission (BCDC) permit to extend the trail pilot, and it may be extended to year-end 2025 as approved by BATA.

UC Berkeley’s Partners for Advanced Transportation Technology group produced an [“After Study”](#) on May, 8 2024 evaluating the impact of the pilot project. It concluded that the RSR Bridge Trail did not significantly increase traffic congestion, crashes on the bridge, crash clearance times or air pollutant emissions.

BCDC has authority to deny the trail closure proposal if they find that it would conflict with providing “maximum feasible access“ to the Bay.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign the petition to Save the RSR Bridge Trail.

FERRY TO BRIDGE PROTECTED BIKEWAY

The City installed a protected bikeway on Hoffman Blvd. and Harbour Way South between Hoffman and Wright Avenue as part of the [Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan](#) approved by the City Council in 2021. This results in 2-1/4 miles of protected bikeway on Harbour Way South, Hoffman & Cutting Boulevards where the Bay Trail detours inland around working ports and boatyards. Safety and directional signs remain to be installed for completion of the project.

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Thank you for supporting the 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 baytrailtrac@gmail.com.

- *To learn more about TRAC, the RSR Bridge and Point Molate trails, download maps and guides, etc, visit: <https://www.pointrichmond.com/bay-trail/>*

After Study Report Findings:

“... peak-hour travel times across the bridge have only increased by less than a minute... However, these impacts have not translated into significantly increased congestion upstream of the bridge compared to the 2015 to 2018 average conditions.”

“There is no statistical evidence that the bridge modifications are producing longer crash-related incidents or changing the location where crashes tend to occur on the bridge.”

“There is no statistical evidence that the modifications are increasing the time needed to clear crashes.”

“Available data do not indicate that the bridge modifications have had significant impacts on local arterials on the Richmond side of the bridge.”

May, 8 2024



Bay Trail

- Complete
- Incomplete

Connector Trail

- Complete
- Incomplete

- Water Trail site
- Water Trail site (planned)
- Parks/Open Space
- Water Bodies



Welcome to Richmond

Over 36 miles of Bay Trail linking a necklace of 12 shoreline parks

June 2024

