



Agenda

Bay Trail Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 17, 2014
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Metro Center, 101 8th Street, Oakland

The Committee may act on any item on the agenda

Agenda topics

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| 1:30 – 1:35 pm | Adoption of agenda and approval of 04/10/14 minutes* | |
| 1:35 – 1:50 pm | Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers | |
| 1:50 – 2:10 pm | Staff Announcements | |
| 2:10 – 2:45 pm | Emeryville Bay Trail Spine Realignment*
Consider adoption of a revised spine alignment in Emeryville between Powell Street and Shellmound Street. | Huo |
| 2:45 – 3:30 pm | 2014 Priority Tasks Mid-Year Status Report*
Staff will provide a mid-year update on priority tasks adopted by the Board for 2014. | Staff |
| 3:30 pm | Adjourn Meeting | |

* materials attached

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
ABAG MetroCenter
April 10, 2014**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance

Steering Committee

John Woodbury, Chair
Julie Bondurant
Ann Buell
Joe LaClair

Bay Trail Staff

Lee Huo
Maureen Gaffney
Laura Thompson

Guests

Betsy Wilson
Betty Moose

**ACTION: Adoption of 04/10/14 agenda and approval of 12/12/13 and 02/13/14 minutes.
LaClair moved, Bondurant seconded approval of the 12/12/13 minutes.
LaClair moved, Buell seconded approval of the 02/13/14 minutes.**

Yes Votes:

*Ann Buell
Julie Bondurant
Joe LaClair
John Woodbury*

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers

- Moose Announced that during March and April, the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center is presenting a series of community workshops about the local impacts of sea level rise.

- Buell Announced that the Coastal Conservancy board of directors approved the Sosquel Ferry Road to San Anselmo Court Bay Trail construction project at their last meeting. Two new Water Trail sites have been designated in Suisun City. The Water Trail is sponsoring

an Earth Day kayak cleanup on April 26 at Martin Luther King, Jr Regional Shoreline. In May, the Water Trail will sponsor another cleanup launching from California Canoe & Kayak in Oakland.

-LaClair Suggested an update to the full board of directors on BCDC's Adapting to Rising Tides program. A focused Parks Program analysis will be completed in June.

Staff Announcements

-Thompson Informed the Committee of Kurt Schwabe's photography exhibit and opening reception at Oakland City Hall on April 22, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Announced Bay Trail's nomination for Kurt under MTC's Excellence in Motion Award program. Bay and Water Trail staff will speak at four REIs around the bay in June and July about our regional trail programs. Priority Conservation Area grants were recommended for approval by MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee, totaling \$4.7 million for Bay Trail projects. The MTC and Coastal Conservancy will consider final approval later in the year. Board member Judy Malamut nominated the Bay Trail Project for a "Planning Landmark" award by the American Planning Association Northern Section. Winners will be announced on May 16. Boardmember Bruce Beyaert was the recipient of a Comcast Hometown Hero award that was promoted with a Contra Costa Times article and video. The Coastal Conservancy is scheduled to consider the award of a \$1 million block grant to ABAG on May 29.

-Gaffney On June 26 we will celebrate the 25th anniversary with the opening of the Hamilton Bay Trail and launch of a new Bay Trail mobile application with the Coastal Conservancy, City of Novato and the Marin Community Foundation. On June 7, National Trails Day, Bay Trail will be involved in two events: a Benicia State Recreation Area trail event and a trail clean-up along the Mill Valley-Sausalito Pathway. On Bike to Work Day, the Bay Trail brochures will be placed in all canvas bags handed out to riders and 500 Bay Trail map sets will be provided to lucky Bike to Work Day participants.

-Huo Several Bay Trail events are coming up in Richmond: April 16 press conference celebrating the donation of a 1-mile Bay Trail easement from Chevron to the East Bay Regional Park District; April 22 groundbreaking of the Breuner Marsh restoration and Bay Trail construction with special guest Congressman George Miller; May 24 National Park Service visitor center rededication, 25th anniversary event and launch of a new Bay Trail mobile application.

Bay Trail Grant Program Review Criteria

Huo introduced the item and provided a summary of the discussion at the last Steering Committee meeting. The Committee considered staff's proposed changes to the score sheets and the grant application as well as the recommendation to not include separate sea level rise (SLR) or greenhouse gas (GHG) guidance documents. The Committee discussed the CEQA requirements that already address GHG emissions and that applicants will be covering this in their CEQA documents. The Committee requested that staff continue to explore opportunities to help applicants address SLR.

ACTION: Buell moved, LaClair seconded the staff recommended changes to the Bay Trail grant scoring sheets and grant application.

Yes Votes:

*Ann Buell
Julie Bondurant
Joe LaClair
John Woodbury*

*No Votes: None
Abstentions: None*

A16 Loop Trail in the South Bay

Thompson introduced the request for Committee consideration of a new addition to the Bay Trail alignment. The Alviso Pond A16 trail is an existing 3.8-mile loop trail that encircles a reconfigured pond managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as part of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge provided a letter of support for this addition. The Committee discussed the possibility of seasonal closures along this spur and the new addition to the alignment replacing possible future levee reconfiguration and trail shortening along the 9-mile loop trail in Alviso. The Committee also recognized the benefits of youth visits to the trail due to its proximity to the Environmental Education Center.

ACTION: Buell moved, LaClair seconded approval of the Alviso Pond A16 Trail as a part of the Bay Trail alignment.

Yes Votes:

*Ann Buell
Julie Bondurant
Joe LaClair
John Woodbury*

*No Votes: None
Abstentions: None*

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

MEMO

Date: July 9, 2014

To: Bay Trail Steering Committee

From: Lee Huo

Subject: Emeryville Bay Trail Spine Realignment Between Powell Street and Shellmound Street

Proposal Background: The City of Emeryville has requested that the Bay Trail Project approve a proposed realignment of the Bay Trail spine between Powell Street and Shellmound Street in Emeryville. Currently, the adopted Bay Trail alignment that is being proposed to be removed from the Bay Trail alignment runs through a driveway within the parking lot of the Four Points Hotel from the southeastern corner of the Powell Street/Christie Avenue intersection. The adopted alignment that is being proposed for removal then continues from the driveway intersection with Shellmound Street southward along Shellmound Street as a Class II bicycle facility with sidewalks to the intersection of Shellmound Street with Christie Avenue. Christie Avenue is an “L” shaped street that borders the western and southern edges of the Four Point Hotel block and directly connects Powell Street to Shellmound Street.

The City of Emeryville proposes to replace this adopted alignment with a new alignment that would be a separated Class I facility that runs along the eastern/northern edge of Christie Avenue. The proposed alignment along Christie Avenue would comprise of an off-street pathway with an 8-foot width dedicated for bicyclists and 5-foot width dedicated for pedestrians. The design would also include a 4.5-foot-wide strip of landscaping. This new off-street facility will be created by removing an existing sidewalk and a motor vehicle travel lane from Christie Avenue that is underutilized.

Rationale: The current adopted Bay Trail alignment forces bicyclists and pedestrians to share a hotel parking lot driveway without dedicated facilities. In addition, Bay Trail users on bicycles traveling northbound on Shellmound Street are currently forced to make an unsafe left turn from Shellmound Street to the hotel drive to continue on the Bay Trail alignment. This left turn from Shellmound is at a location that has no stop light or stop sign controls and there are no turn pockets for refuge on a high volume and fairly high speed road.

The proposed alignment along Christie would solve both safety issues by creating a Class I facility that is separate from motor vehicles. In addition, the turning point at Shellmound Street and Christie Avenue will be a stop light controlled intersection with a timed pedestrian and bicycle cycle. With the completion of the Eastern Span Bay Bridge Bay Trail, bicycle and pedestrian volumes have increased through Emeryville, and this realignment will serve as a critical Bay Trail segment that provides a safe and attractive connection from the Bay Trail along West Frontage Road in Berkeley to the Bay Trail on the Bay Bridge and to the Bay Trail along Mandela Parkway.

Local Support: The proposed Bay Trail realignment along Christie has been identified as a potential future Bay Trail alignment in both the City of Emeryville's General Plan adopted on October 13, 2009, and the City of Emeryville's Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan adopted on May 15, 2012. In addition, Emeryville City Council passed Resolution No. 14-59 on May 20, 2014, officially requesting the proposed Bay Trail realignment along Christie Avenue.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission awarded a \$550,000 grant to the City of Emeryville on June 27, 2013, to implement the proposed bicycle and pedestrian facilities on Christie Avenue. Bike East Bay and the East Bay Regional Park District have indicated support for this project.

Environmental Review: The proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Christie Avenue has been determined to be categorically exempt under Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines, and the City of Emeryville filed a Notice of Exemption for the project on July 10, 2013.

Significance of Realignment: This request to relocate the Bay Trail is a minor change in the Bay Trail alignment and will improve both safety and the user experience for bicyclists and pedestrians along the Bay Trail in Emeryville. The proposed realignment is not controversial or significant enough in scope to necessitate full Board action.

Staff recommendation

Staff is recommending approval of the City of Emeryville's request to realign the Bay Trail along Christie Avenue between Powell Street and Shellmound Street and to remove the current Bay Trail alignment through the Four Points Hotel and between the Four Points Hotel driveway and the Shellmound Street/Christie Avenue intersection.



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July 3, 2014

Mr. Lee Hou
Bay Trail Planner
ABAG
101 8th St,
Oakland, CA 94607

RE: Request for Realignment of the Bay Trail in Central Emeryville

Dear Lee:

The City of Emeryville requests realignment along Christie Avenue of the Bay Trail from its existing alignment in a hotel parking lot to a Class I facility on the northern edge of Christie Avenue between Powell Street and Shellmound Street.

Please find attached documents supporting the City's request for the Christie Avenue Bay Trail Gap Closure and Realignment in Central Emeryville. As you are aware, in January of this year Emeryville was awarded local Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee funds to improve a key segment of the Bay Trail and address a gap in Class 1 facilities through proposed improvements to Christie Avenue between Powell Street and Christie Avenue. In accepting the award the City Council endorsed the realignment from a parking lot that is striped for only east bound travel to off road improvements along Christie Avenue, south of the existing alignment by Resolution 14-59 (Attachment 1). These improvements are depicted in Attachment 2 to this letter. Prior alignment as depicted in the Bay Bridge Path and the proposed realignment are depicted in Attachment 3 and photos of the proposed path area and existing area are in Attachment 4

We look forward to the Board's adoption of this realignment and working with you for a successful project. Please contact me at 510-596-4382 or aevans@emeryville.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Amber Evans
Community Development Coordinator

Attachments

1. Resolution of the Emeryville City Council
2. Proposed improvements
3. Proposed Re-Alignment
4. Revision alignment in Bay Trail in context of Bay Bridge Trail

RESOLUTION NO. 14-59

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Approving The Conceptual Plan For The Bay Trail Bicycle And Pedestrian Improvements on Christie Avenue Between Shellmound Street And Powell Street And Requesting That Said Alignment Be Designated As The Official Alignment Of The Bay Trail Between Shellmound Street And Powell Street.

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2013, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) awarded a \$550,000 grant of local Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Bike and Pedestrian funds to the City of Emeryville for the Christie Avenue Bay Trail Gap Closure Project; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2014 the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Aliquot Associates Inc. for engineering design services for said Project; and

WHEREAS, Aliquot Associates, Inc. has completed a draft Conceptual Plan for the Project and it is ready for approval by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, said draft Conceptual Plan generally includes the following:

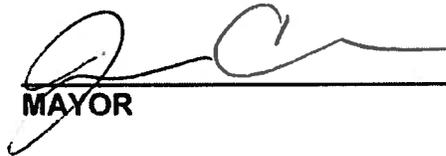
- Separated travel lanes for bicyclists and pedestrians,
- 5 foot wide concrete sidewalk for pedestrians, an 8 foot wide asphalt concrete path for cyclists, and a 4.5 foot wide (minimum) landscaped storm water planter,
- A landscaped bulb-out and a new pedestrian crosswalk leading to Powell Street Plaza across Christie Avenue,
- a new cross walk on the north leg of the intersection of Shellmound Street and Christie Avenue,
- a dedicated left turn pocket on northbound Shellmound Street for cyclists to access the new Bay Trail on Christie Avenue,
- Elimination of the median island on Christie Avenue at Powell Street in order to accommodate the proposed pathway width and the minimum driving lane width,
- Modifications to the traffic signal at Shellmound Street and Christie Avenue to include bicycle traffic signal heads and to allow for the bicycle signal phase to occur at the same time as the existing all-pedestrian phase and to prohibit right turns on red during the all pedestrian bicycle phase for northbound Shellmound Street, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Emeryville hereby approves the Draft Conceptual Plan for the Bay Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements on Christie Avenue between Shellmound Street and Powell Street, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and further be it

Resolution No. 14-59
Emeryville City Council
May 20, 2014
Conceptual Plan Approval
Bay Trail Gap Closure Project- Christie Avenue
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RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Emeryville hereby requests that said alignment be designated as the official alignment of the Bay Trail between Shellmound Street And Powell Street.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held May 20, 2014.



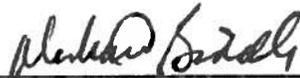
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY CLERK

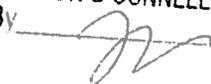


CITY ATTORNEY

CITY OF EMERYVILLE
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FILED
ALAMEDA COUNTY

JUL 10 2013

PATRICK O'CONNELL, County Clerk
By  Deputy

TO: Alameda County Clerk
1225 Fallon Street
Oakland, CA 94612

FROM: City of Emeryville
1333 Park Avenue
Emeryville, CA 94608

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Christie Avenue Bay Trail gap Closure Project

Project Location: Christie Avenue, between Powell and Shellmound Streets

City: City of Emeryville **County:** Alameda

Project Description: Multiuse Class I pathway on the north side of Christie Avenue between Powell Street and Shellmound Street.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Emeryville City Council

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Emeryville Department of Public Works

Exempt Status: _____ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15628;
_____ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
_____ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
xx _____ Categorical Exemption. State type and section numbers: Section 15301(c)
_____ Other:

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is exempt under CEQA pursuant to Section 15301(c) which applies to minor alterations to existing public facilities, including highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amber Evans, Community and Economic Development Coordinator II
City of Emeryville Economic Development and Housing Department
(510) 596-4382

Signed by Lead Agency:

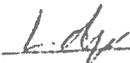


Name: Charles S. Bryant Title: Planning and Building Director
(510) 596-4360
Date:

Date Received For Filing With Alameda County: _____

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF POSTING. Pub. Res. 21152: I certify that a copy of this document was posted at the Recorder's Office, Oakland, CA, for the period prescribed by law.

Executed at _____ COUNTY CLERK
Oakland, CA

Date 3/10/13 By  Deputy

Proposed Christie Avenue Bay Trail Ped-Bike Path

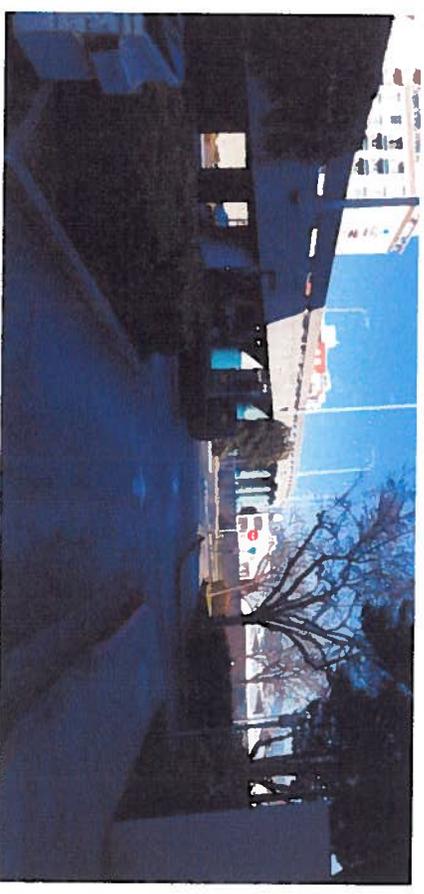


Class 1 Facility Proposed Location:

Proposed path will be built along sidewalk and nearest travel lane



Existing location is one directional back alley:



MEMO

Date: July 9, 2014
To: Bay Trail Steering Committee
From: Laura Thompson
Subject: 2014 Mid-Year Priority Tasks Update

At the Board's December 2013 meeting, ten priority tasks for Bay Trail staff were adopted for the 2014 calendar year. These tasks were based on Strategic Plan objectives that the Board determined to be important to focus on in the coming year. Staff has been working on these tasks and the following summary highlights the progress we've made as of mid-year 2014.

1) Manage active planning and construction grants and work with the Coastal Conservancy to award grants under a new funding allocation

Strategic Plan Objective 1(a): Award and administer grants to implementing agencies for all aspects of Bay Trail development

A new \$1 million block grant was authorized by the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors on May 29, 2014. The Conservancy-ABAG contract is in draft form and will be signed in July. Over \$1.3 million in projects have been identified as eligible for these funds that last through the end of December 2017.

Forty-one projects have been awarded under our current block grant; twenty-five are complete and \$135,355 is left to allocate from this block grant.

2) Expand partnerships with private corporations for specific gap closures

Strategic Plan Objective 2(a): Explore opportunities for private funding and partnerships

Our 25th anniversary fundraising efforts have resulted in \$22,000 in corporate donations to the Bay Trail non-profit to support our events and project promotion. Donations were received from Cargill (\$10,000); Kaiser (\$6,000); Comcast (\$4,000); and PG&E (\$2,000).

In the South Bay, Google has agreed to finance surface improvements to nearly 4 miles of Bay Trail along levees in Mountain View, Sunnyvale and behind Moffett Field.

We are also considering a promotional arrangement with Bay Crossings and CBS to feature businesses located along sections of the Bay Trail alignment on television and through other promotional formats. This effort could open opportunities for new private sector partnerships. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

3) Participate in *Adapting to Rising Tides* focused working groups and provide input on climate action plans

Strategic Plan Objective 3(a): Assist regional partners in assessing and addressing the impacts of sea level rise on the Bay Trail

At the June Bay Trail Board meeting, Maggie Wenger of BCDC presented an overview of the Adapting to Rising Tides project as it relates to shoreline public access. Staff continues to be involved in this regional effort and is engaging in focused workshops along the East Bay shoreline.

4) Complete revision to the Bay Trail Design Guidelines

Strategic Plan Objective 3(c): Refine the recommended Bay Trail design standards regarding width, signage, surfacing and other aspects of trail design and development

In the second half of this year, staff will initiate an RFP and detailed work program to develop expanded Bay Trail design guidelines.

5) Meet with state legislators to share Conservancy/Bay Trail grant program accomplishments and cultivate legislative champions

Strategic Plan Objective 4(b): Develop legislative champions at the state level

Staff created 18 customized Bay Trail legislative packets for the state senators and assembly members representing shoreline districts. The packets outline what has been accomplished with Conservancy funding since 1999 and include: a breakdown of projects awarded in each district; number of miles constructed; and the remaining miles and funding necessary to complete the gaps. We participated in an ABAG-sponsored legislative reception in Sacramento on February 26, 2014 and Maureen participated in subsequent meetings with several legislators where she shared the Bay Trail packets. Follow-up meetings in district offices will be arranged this summer.

6) Continue to implement the Bay Trail Marketing Plan

Strategic Plan Objective 5(a): Develop a Bay Trail Marketing Plan

Bay Trail staff continues to host a regional events page highlighting trail walks/bike rides and gatherings around the bay. The 25th anniversary has served as an effective promotional tool and we will continue to reach out to new audiences through our events and mobile applications.

7) Complete regional sign plan installation

Strategic Plan Objective 5(c): Work with implementing agencies to ensure that all developed segments of the Bay Trail are signed, and in a consistent manner

An RFP for sign fabrication has been drafted and will be released this month. Re-stocking our sign inventory will enable us to distribute more signs to local agencies and special districts for installation along completed portions of the trail.

8) Work with local agencies, Ridge Trail and other partners to host events and promote the 25th anniversary

Strategic Plan Objective 5(d): Encourage individual and group events to draw attention to the Bay Trail

Promotion of the 25th anniversary started in February with Kurt Schwabe's **Walking the Bay Trail photography exhibit** and reception, sponsored by MTC and the Bay Institute, at the Bay Model in Sausalito, followed by another exhibit and reception at Oakland City Hall in April. **KQED** featured an article about Kurt and the anniversary in their blog in April. In May, all **Bike-to-Work Day** participants received a free Bay Trail fold-out map and a lucky 500 received a full map set in their bike bags. On May 14, the Bay Trail Project joined the National Park Service in celebrating the rededication of the **Rosie the Riveter Visitor Center and the Bay Trail 25th Anniversary**. George Miller and other dignitaries participated in the event. We supplemented the event with live music, food trucks and a scavenger hunt with prizes donated by local businesses. The **Rosie the Riveter smartphone tour** was also launched at this event. The **Contra Costa County Times** and **Kaiser** ran stories about the event and the new tour. The Bay Trail celebrated **National Trails Day** on June 7 with a trail cleanup in Mill Valley. On June 26, a **new 2.7 mile section of Bay Trail** officially opened at the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Area in Novato with a ribbon-cutting event hosted by the Marin Community Foundation. The **Hamilton Bay Trail smartphone tour** was also launched at this event. The July-September 2014 issue of **Bay Nature** magazine highlights the Hamilton Bay Trail opening in a feature article. In addition, a **joint Bay Trail-Ridge Trail advertisement celebrating the 25th anniversaries** of both trails is featured in the same *Bay Nature* issue. The current issue of the League of Women Voters' **Bay Area Monitor** features an article about the Bay Trail's progress over 25 years. More events are planned to launch **two more smartphone tours** in Napa/American Canyon and Alviso. In addition, the East Bay Regional Park District is planning to officially open the **Carquinez Scenic Drive** section of the Bay Trail later in the year.

9) Create a mobile application for destinations along the Bay Trail

Strategic Plan Objective 5(e): Develop attractive and effective promotional materials using traditional and new technologies

Made possible through a \$50,000 Explore the Coast grant from the Coastal Conservancy, our consultant team (Canogle and Convergence Media) has completed two of the four Bay Trail smartphone tours planned under this grant. The Hamilton Wetland Restoration Area and Richmond's Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park feature numerous stories available to the public while they stroll along the trail. Up next: Napa/American Canyon and Alviso will be launched in September/October.

10) Find funding to redesign the Bay Trail website

Strategic Plan Objective 5(e): Develop attractive and effective promotional materials using traditional and new technologies

Funding has not yet been secured to complete a wholesale redesign of the Bay Trail website, but webmaster staff changes at ABAG may present opportunities for an improved site.