

To: Bay Trail Board of Directors
From: Laura Thompson
Date: September 30, 2014
Subject: Fall 2014 Bay Trail Board Meeting

We're looking forward to seeing you in American Canyon on Thursday, October 9th. Since we last met there in 2008, American Canyon and Napa County have been hard at work completing gaps in the Bay Trail and you'll have a chance to learn about this progress and see the newest section of trail. One of the four Bay Trail smartphone tours features the trail in American Canyon and we'll take a walk after the meeting to see what it's all about.

Mayor Leon Garcia and other local elected officials will welcome us to City Hall. We will provide a general overview of efforts to complete the **Bay Trail in the North Bay** counties of Solano, Napa, and Sonoma. These accomplishments would not be possible without the hard-working staff and elected officials at these local agencies.

The board will have a chance to weigh in on a bicycle-only public access proposal by the Bay Area Toll Authority and Caltrans for the **Richmond-San Rafael Bridge**.

CBS/KPIX and Bay Crossings have proposed a **media partnership** with ABAG/Bay Trail Project to promote the trail through third-party sponsorships. The board will discuss this proposal and provide feedback to staff as we continue our conversations with CBS/KPIX and Bay Crossings.

Finally, the board will consider the appointment of the following new board members: **Bill Keene**, executive director of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District; **Karen Langdon**, senior communications specialist with Kaiser Permanente Marin-Sonoma; **Maggie Wenger** of BCDC as an alternate to Joe LaClair; and **Sophia Recalde**, associate planner with the Solano Transportation Authority, replacing board member Sara Woo.



RSVP



2014 Fall Bay Trail Board Meeting
October 9, 2014
Noon – 4:00 p.m.
American Canyon City Hall
4381 Broadway Street, American Canyon

Please fax, phone or e-mail your availability by **Monday, October 6.** Indicate attendance for each option below.

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Name: _____

I will attend:

_____ Lunch (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM)

_____ Board Meeting (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

_____ Walk along the American Canyon Bay Trail / Experience the New Bay Trail Smart Phone Mobile App (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

I cannot attend: _____

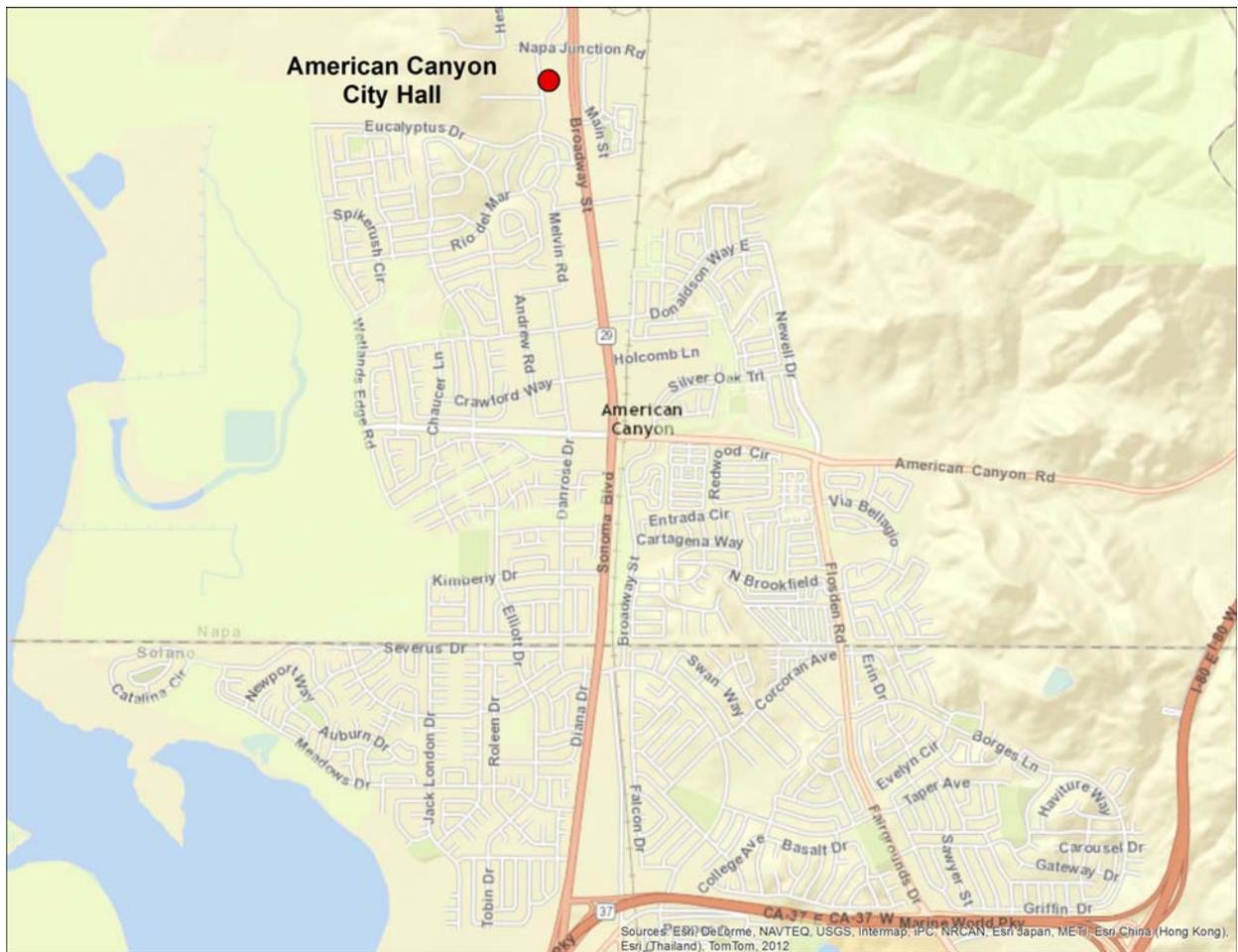
**American Canyon City Hall
4381 Broadway Street (Highway 29), American Canyon**

DIRECTIONS

Driving

American Canyon's City Hall is located on Broadway Street (Highway 29) between Highway 37 and Highway 12 near Napa Junction Road.

See Google maps for complete driving directions.





**SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FALL 2014 MEETING**

Thursday, October 9, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM
American Canyon City Hall
4381 Broadway Street, American Canyon

AGENDA

*The Board may act on any item on this agenda. Attachment included**

Noon	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Call to Order	Chair
	Introductions / Agenda	Chair/Board
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Adopt Agenda</i> • <i>Adopt May 15, 2014 meeting minutes*</i> • <i>Board announcements</i> • <i>Staff Announcements</i> 	
1:15 p.m.	City of American Canyon / Napa County Welcome	Mayor Garcia
1:30 p.m.	Bay Trail Board Candidates <i>Consider appointment and vote for new Board members Bill Keene of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District; Karen Langdon of Kaiser Marin-Sonoma; Sophia Recalde of the Solano Transportation Authority and Maggie Wenger of BCDC.*</i>	Board/Staff
1:45 p.m.	North Bay Overview* <i>Overview of recent Bay Trail accomplishments in Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties.</i>	Staff
2:00 p.m.	Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Public Access* <i>Discussion and board guidance on a proposed bike-only public access facility on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.</i>	Staff
2:30 p.m.	CBS/KPIX - Bay Crossings Media Partnership <i>Discussion of a potential media partnership contract with CBS/KPIX and Bay Crossings to increase awareness of the Bay Trail through third-party commercial sponsorships.</i>	Board/Staff
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn Meeting	

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**3:00 p.m. –
4:00 p.m.**

Walking Tour of the Bay Trail in American Canyon

A walk along the newest section of Bay Trail in American Canyon with an introduction to the new Bay Trail smartphone mobile tour.

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Spring 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
Novato Arts Center at Hamilton Field
May 15, 2014**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Attendance

Board Members

John Woodbury, Chair
Bruce Beyaert
Julie Bondurant
Ann Buell
Corinne DeBra
Leo DuBose
Jim Foran

Tom Huening
Bill Long
Judy Malamut
Pat Mapelli
Dave Mitchell
Rick Parmer

Guests

Arthur Bart-Williams, Canogle
Galli Basson, ABAG/Water Trail
Bill Keene, Sonoma County Agricultural
Preservation and Open Space District

Karen Langdon, Kaiser Marin-Sonoma
Maggie Wenger, BCDC
Betsy Wilson, State Coastal Conservancy

Staff

Laura Thompson, Project Manager
Lee Huo, Bay Trail Planner
Maureen Gaffney, Bay Trail Planner

Introductions / Agenda / Announcements

Woodbury brought the Board meeting to order and introductions were made.

Agenda/Minutes

ACTION: Beyaert moved, Buell seconded adoption of the 05/15/14 agenda and 12/12/13 minutes. The agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.

Yes Votes:

Bruce Beyaert
Julie Bondurant
Ann Buell

Bill Long
Judy Malamut
Pat Mapelli

Corinne DeBra
Leo DuBose
Jim Foran
Tom Huening

Dave Mitchell
Rick Parmer
John Woodbury

No Votes: None
Abstentions: None

Board Announcements

- Parmer The State Parks Commission recently released the draft *Parks Forward* report for public review. The report addresses parks management, governance structure and policies and is potentially a model for the entire state.

- Beyaert Of the 10 miles of Bay Trail left to complete in Richmond, about half are between Pt Richmond and the Pt San Pablo Peninsula. The City of Richmond recently opened Pt Molate Beach Park and Chevron has committed to two more easements. About five miles of gaps are currently under discussion. Along Richmond's southern shoreline, UC Berkeley issued the final Richmond Bay Campus EIR that dismisses all comments with regard to the Bay Trail. WETA has issued a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Richmond Ferry Terminal, and no Bay Trail improvements are included as part of the project.

Staff Announcements

- Thompson Provided an overview of the 25th anniversary events taking place this year, including Kurt Schwabe photo exhibits, Bike to Work Day promotion, Richmond Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park event, June 26 opening of Bay Trail at Hamilton, launch of four smartphone tours and East Bay Regional Park District opening of Carquinez Scenic Drive in the fall. Announced the Bay Trail's winning of the American Planning Association, Northern CA Section, Planning Landmark Award with special thanks to Judy Malamut for compiling the application. Announced that a new Bay Trail block grant will be considered by the State Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors on May 29th.

- Gaffney As part of our 25th anniversary year, we had a commemorative Bay Trail fold-out map placed in all 37,000 bags for Bike to Work Day, as well as 500 map sets. On June 26, 4-6 pm the official opening of the Bay Trail at Hamilton will take place, working with Marin Community Foundation, several speakers. On June 6, National Trails Day, two events along the Bay Trail will be held at Benicia State Recreation Area and the Mill Valley-Sausalito path. A Regional Measure 2 recommendation of \$70 million was authorized to implement the path on the RSR Bridge; within

the same allocation was funding for a new trail segment in the Greenbrae interchange area.

-Huo Kicked off the Lake Merritt to Oakland Estuary feasibility study with a public workshop highlighting this important connection between the Oakland neighborhoods and the shoreline. The city plans for a one-year planning process with additional public workshops. More information is available on the Measure DD website. In Richmond, we celebrated a Chevron Bay Trail Easement dedication last month, located between the 580 corridor and Point Molate Beach Park. The groundbreaking for the Breuner Marsh restoration and the Bay Trail project was held on April 22. Working on the potential for allowing bike/ped access on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. TAM plans to open up a lane to traffic, requires connections at both sides of the bridge. Plays into the gap on the Richmond side, working with Chevron, Richmond and TRAC on a southern alignment. Now looking at which alignment makes sense and funding. May 24 Richmond event will be held with NPS. Launching the smartphone application covering the history of the area. Join us for food trucks, live music and a scavenger hunt. Finally, congratulations to TRAC for receiving an historic preservation award on preserving the Richmond shoreline. TRAC also received the Comcast Hometown Heroes award and video.

City of Novato Welcome

Pam Shinault welcomed the board on behalf of the City of Novato. She described community support as very high for the new Bay Trail and the wetland restoration project at Hamilton. The trail and the restoration area have become part of the Hamilton neighborhood. The City of Novato strives to promote "HEAL" (Healthy Eating Active Living) to enhance opportunities to increase active living. The City has had a presence here since 1996, through new development and hangar renovations, and has developed a robust recreation facility for this community and all of Novato. The Bay Trail is a destination and a great amenity for local residents and visitors.

San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Update

Ann Buell and Galli Basson provided an overview of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Program, including major board themes such as safety, outreach, partnerships, publicity and local support.

Sea Level Rise and the Bay Trail

Maggie Wenger provided an overview of Adapting to Rising Tides (ART), addressing the future of Bay Area communities, infrastructure, ecosystems and economy. ART is focusing on the shoreline area between Emeryville and Union City, encompassing 74

miles of Bay Trail. There are three focus areas in the East Bay: 1) Bay Bridge touchdown; 2) Oakland/Alameda, Oakland airport area; and 3) Hayward shoreline, including part of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project. Wenger described the vulnerabilities of the Bay Trail as well as other land uses in this area. She emphasized the importance of connectivity in order for the Bay Trail to continue as a functional transportation corridor. The governance structure for Bay Trail is complex and maintenance is key for the regional functionality. A collective effort is necessary to address the impacts of sea level rise and preserve recreation and transportation areas. Several strategies have been put forward to preserve a high quality Bay Trail. 1) Traditional levee, at least 15-16 feet high, with Bay Trail on top; 2) Horizontal levees, shallow levees that preserve habitat on one side, not as high above developed area; and 3) Make room for the Bay, retreating inland to get out of the way of the bay and incorporating the Bay Trail along the new shoreline.

Wenger emphasized the importance of Bay Trail leaders participating in conversations about how to protect communities and preserve shoreline access, and to keep track of what is happening around the bay as jurisdiction make decisions.

Bay Trail Board Candidate

Thompson introduced Betsy Wilson, a project manager with the State Coastal Conservancy, as a candidate for board membership and a member of the Steering Committee. Wilson gave the board of directors an overview of her work and interest in serving the project.

ACTION: Huening moved, Bondurant seconded confirmation of Betsy Wilson as a member of the Bay Trail Board of Directors. The vote was approved unanimously.

Yes Votes:

Bruce Beyaert
Julie Bondurant
Ann Buell
Corinne DeBra
Leo DuBose
Jim Foran
Tom Huening

Bill Long
Judy Malamut
Pat Mapelli
Dave Mitchell
Rick Parmer
John Woodbury

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Bay Trail staff presented Ann Buell with a gift and thanked her for four years of service to the Bay Trail Project as a Bay Trail Steering Committee member and as our project manager for the Conservancy grant program.

Walking Tour of the Hamilton Field Bay Trail

Arthur Bart Williams, CEO of Canogle, led a group of board members and staff on a walking tour of a portion of the Hamilton Bay Trail to showcase the new companion smartphone audio tour, developed by Canogle and Doug McConnell of Convergence Media.



SONOMA COUNTY

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION
AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

September 24, 2014

Ms. Laura Thompson
Bay Trail Project Manager
Association of Bay Area Governments
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Ms. Thompson:

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit this letter to you today for consideration of an appointment to the Bay Trail Board of Directors. Having attended your last Board meeting and several of your recent events, I have come to understand what an incredible asset the Bay Trail is to our Bay Area citizenry. I was particularly impressed with the event at Hamilton for the opening of the Hamilton Bay Trail segment. There are not many recreational amenities along the bay in that area, and I can see how important that new segment will be to Novato. I was also pleased to learn through my attendance at the Rosie the Riveter Event that you can actually access the Bay Trail from Point Richmond to Emeryville virtually uninterrupted. This is an incredible accomplishment.

In addition to my interest, I do believe that my qualifications for appointment are solid. My work experience includes more than 16 years in public service in Sonoma County working on high-level water supply and recreational projects. The last 6+ years of my work have focused on protecting valuable open space lands in Sonoma County as General Manager of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District. During my tenure, the District has completed numerous recreational projects, including a number of trail projects including acquisition and development. Through this experience, I have gained a comprehensive understanding of the recreational landscape for Sonoma County and would bring this expertise to your Board. I also bring an organization that is led by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors acting as the District's Board of Directors. It is my intention to make the Bay Trail a focus for my Board in the coming years.

Lastly, having lived in the North Bay my entire life, I understand and believe that the completion of the Bay Trail and other regional trails is of paramount importance for our future generations. Having a prominent role in leaving a legacy of this kind will be an incredible cornerstone of my professional life. Thank you

again for the invitation to be considered as a Board member. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this appointment further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Keene". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bill Keene
General Manager
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

May 12, 2014

Laura Thompson
Bay Trail Project Manager
Association of Bay Area Governments
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: San Francisco Bay Trail Board of Directors Letter of Interest

Dear Ms Thompson,

I am writing with sincere interest in joining the Bay Trail Board of Directors as a representative of Kaiser Permanente Northern California.

The Bay Trail's focus on providing accessible recreation opportunities for Bay Area residents of all ages and interests directly aligns with Kaiser Permanente's mission to improve the health of our communities and our Total Health brand.

The trail's many segments provide stunning settings where individuals and families can enjoy their favorite outdoor activities, as well as promoting commute alternatives and environmental education with "green" benefits for all.

The health-driven focus of our two organizations, and Kaiser Permanente's extensive Bay Area presence, creates a natural partnership for spreading the word about this growing network of trails and recreation areas encircling our beautiful bay.

I would be honored to represent Kaiser Permanente on your board and to participate in making the Bay Trail vision a reality. I look forward to literally "walking the Bay Trail talk" by exploring trail segments and expanding my personal trekking portfolio.

As a proud Northern California native (San Francisco born), I love finding new ways to share in and show off our beautiful region. Learning about the Bay Trail "up close and personal" is a perfect, personal fit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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January 7, 2014

Laura Thompson
Bay Trail Project Manager
Association of Bay Area Governments
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Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Ms. Thompson,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the San Francisco Bay Trail Board of Directors. I have been a utilitarian and recreational cyclist for nearly 10 years and have advocated for bicycle and pedestrian access, facilities, and safety in the Bay Area and beyond. In addition, I am an Associate Planner at the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) where I work with local jurisdictions in Solano County to advance priority bicycle and pedestrian projects. Currently, the STA is partnering with the San Francisco Bay Trail and the Napa Valley Vine Trail to evaluate a gap closure opportunity in Vallejo that could eventually connect the two trails.

I value the work the San Francisco Bay Trail is doing with communities throughout the Bay Area to complete a high quality recreational trail encircling the Bay. Given my personal and professional experience, I believe I can make a positive contribution to the Bay Trail Project. I look forward to learning more about the Project and working with Bay Trail staff and the Board to move the project towards successful completion.

Best Regards,

Sofia Recalde

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9/25/14

Bay Trail Board of Directors
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Bay Trail Board of Directors,

I would like to express my interest in becoming a Board Member alternate with the Bay Trail Project as a representative of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

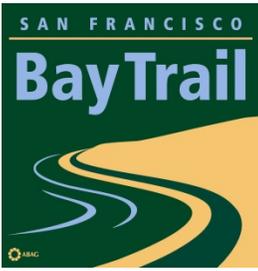
I have worked in the planning division at BCDC for two years, first as a NOAA Coastal Fellow and now as a coastal plan analyst. I have worked with park districts and communities in the East Bay to preserve and improve shoreline recreation and public access in the face of sea level rise and storm events. BCDC has a long history of approving (and requiring) public access along the Bay shoreline. Our partnership with the Bay Trail Project is integral to coordinated, high-quality shoreline recreation for the entire Bay Area population. I look forward to working with Bay Trail staff, the Board of Directors, and other partners to develop and maintain sustainable trails around the region.

In addition to my professional interest in the Bay Trail, I am a bike commuter and frequent user of the Bay Trail. I will attend the October 9th board meeting to introduce myself and answer any questions about my background or role on the Board.

Sincerely,



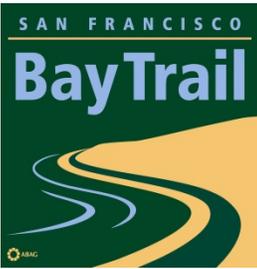
MAGGIE WENGER
Coastal Plan Analyst II



To: Bay Trail Board of Directors
From: Maureen Gaffney
Date: September 30, 2014
Subject: North Bay Progress Update

Progress on the Bay Trail in the North Bay has seen significant progress over the last decade. A major realignment in 2009 brought the Bay Trail back to the Bay and off of inland high-volume highways such as 12, 121, and 116. Sonoma Baylands, in place for almost ten years, is about to be joined by a new 2.5 mile segment of trail associated with the Sears Point Restoration Project. A new 1.2 mile segment is currently under construction near the Butler Bridge along the Napa River, and spectacular new segments of trail at the Napa Plant Site are part of our Canogle mobile phone tour.

There are currently two feasibility studies underway with Bay Trail grant funding in the North Bay—the Bay/Vine Trail Study in Vallejo and the Kimberly Park Study in American Canyon. Bay Trail staff will update the Board on these two grant-funded studies as well as the grant funded Napa River/Bay Trail construction project. Staff will outline the status of the rest of the gaps in the North Bay from the relatively simple—bike lanes on Las Amigas and Stanly Cross Road—to the more complicated and long-term projects like Highway 37, Fagan Marsh, Vallejo Sanitation District levee, Skaggs Island and Vallejo Bluff.



To: Bay Trail Board of Directors
From: Laura Thompson
Date: September 30, 2014
Subject: Richmond - San Rafael Bridge Public Access

MTC and the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) are working with Caltrans and two CMAs, the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) and the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority (CCTA), to facilitate significant changes on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. On October 3, Bay Trail staff will meet with MTC, BATA, Caltrans and other stakeholders to discuss BATA's current proposal. If we learn more at that meeting, we will share new details at the October 9 board meeting. We are seeking input from the Board of Directors on this issue.

Proposed vehicle lanes changes

As of now, it is our understanding that MTC and BATA are working with Caltrans to convert the shoulder on the eastbound lower deck of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to a "peak period use lane" during commute hours (approximately 3-7pm). During non-commute hours, the lane would be off-limits to traffic and, like today, reserved as a breakdown lane. Vehicles on the westbound, upper deck of the bridge will continue to travel on two vehicle lanes.

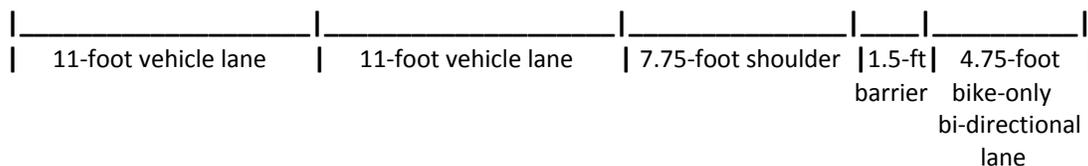
Proposed bicycle access

As part of this project, BATA would like to accommodate non-motorized traffic on the span. The current proposal is to reduce vehicle lanes on the upper deck from 12 feet to 11 feet; reduce the existing shoulder width from 12 feet to 7.75 feet; install an 18 inch-wide movable concrete barrier; and allow for bi-directional bicycle-only access (no pedestrians allowed) within a 4.75-foot path on the north side of the bridge during commute and non-commute hours.

CROSS SECTION OF OPTION UNDER CONSIDERATION

The current proposal calls for a 2-way bicycle-only lane on the north side of the westbound (upper-deck) of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. The lane would be bi-directional and 4.75 feet wide.

The total bridge width is 36 feet.



Once a proposal is agreed on, both projects are expected to be implemented in 3-to-5 years.

Bridge Approaches

Modifications will need to be made on the approaches to both the Richmond and San Rafael sides of the bridge to implement this proposal. Our board discussion will highlight the improvements to bicycle/pedestrian access that are necessary on the Richmond side of the bridge to allow for non-motorized access to the bridge and to the Point San Pablo Peninsula.

Overall Implications for the Bay Trail Project

The public access facility proposal on the bridge does not include pedestrians. Our legislation, SB 100, clearly states our mission to complete a trail for hiking and bicycling. Our policies direct us to provide access to the greatest range of trail users and allow for unconstrained access on bridge structures. All other toll bridges that provide access (Dumbarton, Golden Gate, Bay Bridge East Span, Carquinez and Benicia-Martinez) allow bicyclists and pedestrians on the span. Staff would like the board to consider and discuss the overall implications of the proposed non-motorized access on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to the Bay Trail Project and its ability to fulfill its mandates.